



# **Pastor Jeon's Sermons**



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## Preface

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## **The Symbol of Redemption in Creation (Gen.1:1-5)**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### **Introduction**

1. As we know, Genesis is the revelation of creation because chapter one reveals the event of God's creation. But we can see the symbols of redemption in the creation revelation for creation is the womb of redemption. It means that although we see the several symbols in it, actually we are suggested the reality of redemption or, the character of redemption. Why? Because the Scriptures is only the special revelation, that we can be saved out of miserable sins

2. I find six symbols in it. Among them today I shall think of the first symbolism, the Light in verse 3, "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." The first creation of God was the light. The light, "or" in Hebrew is the original light separated of the sun.

Job 38:19-20 "Where is **the way to the dwelling of light**, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you

may discern the paths to its home?

Ish 30:26 Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

Act 26:13 At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun that shone around me and those who journeyed with me.

According to above passages we see the light of all lights in the first creation. What is the light? Who is the light?

**First, the Light is the foundational light that points Christ, the source of all things.**

1) Ma or is different to sun. It is the light of visible light and invisible light, the light of our conscience, the light of all truth, and the light of all ways and all life. John 1:1- 5 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that were made. In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness

have not overcome it. “Christ is the light. This is a metaphor but actually John points the source of all light in the world and in the coming world. What is the light? Who is the light? He is Jesus Christ. So Apostle Paul interpreted that the light is Jesus Christ. Col1:15-17 says,” He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Therefore, the Christians have the reality of the light when he accepted the Lord as my Lord, “Jn 5:24 says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” And he became the light of world that was moved into the life out from the death. Who is the great light? Jesus Christ. Who is the reflected light? All Christians are the light who is depended on true light, Christ.

2) Today many people do not know the light in their lives. Sadly many Christians do not see true light but see the false light. Somebody accept that money is my light, power is my light and honor is my light and health is my light. Really we admit some part among them but we know that real light is Jesus Christ. Real light is the word of God.

Cambodia is the blind that cannot see their future in her heart. As Badimaow, a blind man, they need to open their eyes to see all things.

How did he open his eyes? When Jesus true light passed away him he shouted to Him with faith?

He knows his miserable state. He believed in the power of Jesus. It means that Jesus can do everything in their lives. And He approached to Jesus positively. To know, to believe and to approach is only method to be opened his eyes. In this semester if you can see the light in your heart. Your life shall be changed by the power of God.

## **II. Second, Elohim God, who means the majesty, created the light.**

1. Verse 3 God is Elohim God. What Moses used Elohim than Jehovah stressed the one who cannot be compared with the idols? He is the God of personality that is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Father God speaks, the Son God was the Word itself that was spoken, and God the Holy Spirit is the executer that applied the spoken word to everything and made them relevant. It was depended on Christ who became the time and space of history. Just like the magi saw the great star, the Christian who has the true light has a real blessing because they live by means of the power.

Here we can see that the light come out of trinity God. Actually the light pointes Father God, son Gad and Holy Spirit God. So the Scripture reveals each person Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as the light metaphor or, the action of the light.



(Jn1:5-6) God is the light. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

(James 1:17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

(Jn 8:12) I am the light of world. “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

(Ephesian 4:7-9) “Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)”, the fruit of the light is goodness, righteousness and faithfulness. What do you think of the fruit in Christian life? I think that they are works of Holy Spirit. When Holy Spirit works in our lives surely the abundant life must be revealed.

2) This symbol of redemption, the light was created first in the world by God’s word. So Ma Ol points Christ of foundation of redemption. All Christians are very happy persons because they have the reality of Ma Ol. He knows the source of all knowledge and all wisdom. So He can overcome every suffering in his life by applying them in the light.

Actually what is the biggest problem in our lives? It is the state that does not abide in the light. So he lives in the darkness. So we have to should see my light in the light of the Lord and in the light of the Word of God.

In this semester what is the purpose of your studying? It is to see the light and see t your neighbor in the light.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved students,

Whenever we read the Scriptures, let's see the light, whenever listen to the word of God, let's go the light. Please approach to the light.

### **Let's pray.**

Dear Lord, We thank you for your wonderful grace to us. We thank you for your special gift, the light, Jesus Christ. Make us followed to the light very well. During our studying provide wisdom insight to know you and your truth.

I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **A Redemptive Symbol of Expanse (Gen 1:6-8)**

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven’s and there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

*Let’s pray*

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for your wonderful grace in this semester. Open our eyes to know you and your truth. Give us your illumination to know the redemption in Creation. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

Introduction:

- 1) At the last week, we had thought that the light (or) is a redemptive symbol in creation. Today, we think that another symbol, “expanse “or, “firmament” or, “sky”.
- 2) What does the creation of expanse at the second day reveal in redemption? Of course, this was fulfilled by the hovering work (unfailing love) of the Spirit of God.

## **First, the expanse is the space that was divided between the heaven and the earth.**

1. In verse 7 “expanse”, “*rachia*” in Hebrew, means “atomosphia” or, “skis” as a mirror(Job 37:18) and canopy (Is 40:22)“that points a grand empty space which shall be filled with something. And also in verse 6-7 (separated) “*badal* (to make distinction between clean and unclean)” reveals the creation action of God. Generally the term was used at the discerning action between clean and unclean for sacrifice offering (Lev 20:25). God’s creation action to make expanse consisted of dividing and harmonizing between the above water and the under the water that revealed the character of biblical salvation. Actually in every area Christ entered into, the movement of separation and union has been happened by the work of Holy Spirit. (Gen. 3:15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”, and in 5:24 (Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.). These passages reveal two elements those are, separation and union in the redemption of God. Gen 1:6 reveal the same pattern of salvation in Gen 3:15; one point that God put the expanse between the upper water and the lower water, the other reveals that God put the enmity between the snake and the woman. This suggested the God’s manner of redemption that is, as God put the cross

to separate between Satan and His people. It is one of God's redemption manners.

2. What do you think of it? In your life, don't you have any sins, Satan's work? The Scripture said that if we have a lie in our thought, already we are a servant of Satan. Ex. Long time ago, my teacher, Dr. Yun Sun Park emphasized "If anybody has one percent of lies in his ministry, the Holy Spirit shall stop his wonderful things. "Without the work of Holy Spirit, our ministry is nothing. So we have to follow the truth, the word of God, the true words. If you want to have God's grace, throw away all lies in your heart and cast your life on the truth. Then God shall cause wonderful event in your life in your ministry.

As we know, look at the calling of Isaiah. When he saw Christ on the throne, he soon confessed that "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"(Isaiah 6:5) He wanted to feel strongly the separation from uncleanness and to unite with God. Isaiah 6:7 says "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." This is true grace. Now God is searching for such thing in us. We need a *badal* event in our life and Holy Spirit works the thing in our heart.

Ex. Look at the Pentecostal event? After they heard of Peter's sermon suddenly they wanted to separate from their sins and to unite with

Christ and his merit. Then they received the wonderful grace of Holy Spirit. Our school should pursue to this line. Acts 2:38 “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**Second, the firmament that divided the upper waters—the clouds—and the lower waters—the ocean—also was the background of the life of all kinds of fish and birds**

1. Verses 20-21 say, “And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.). It reveals the detailed love of God who takes the responsibility for clothing, feeding, and lodging His creatures. And also it reveals a deep significance that God warned against the idolatry of materials and made them seek daily food by living a God-centered life.

The gospel is great space in our day. Return to the gospel, then you shall be saved, your family shall be gotten wonderful salvation. So Jesus Christ knocked the door of Cambodia. Open the door of your heart. It means to repent and accept the fact although you do not know the fact very well. In Cambodia we see a grand space of natural world

in 26 provinces. If you call his name Brea Jesus, you shall be saved out of your sins and be enjoyed his great banquet, any time any place. (Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.)

An Ethiopia eunuch was separated from his past sins after listening to the gospel of Philip and he received the grace of God and was baptized and returned to his country with heavenly delight. Acts 8:39 says “and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.” We need this joy in our study life. It is different to the artificial joy that does not come from true salvation. Do you have it? Check it up in your life.

### **Third, in second day, what is the reality of redemptive symbolism?**

1. It points the character of salvation or, the character of the recreation by separation and union. Then God reveals first the character of salvation through the symbolism, those are, dividing action and uniting action. In other word, true salvation should be separated of Satan, the darkness and be united with Trinity God. This is Moses’ revelation, Jesus’s revelation and apostolic revelation.

1) Moses pointed two things in Gen. 3:15(I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” and Ten Commandment described such truth obviously to us. Ten

commands teach the separation against any idols, Satan and the union with only God with your heart and your life. This is true image of our salvation. Finally it shall attain to Immanuel in Christ, who was filled with grace and truth.

2) Jesus proclaimed the salvation in his people in Capernaum synagogue, “and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Lk4:17-21) From the passage we see that true salvation has two elements, those are; separation and union, the work of *Badal*. It means that separation between darkness and light and union with God the anointed one, Jesus Christ. What is true salvation? Finally we abide in Christ, Immanuel.

3) How about Apostle’s teaching? Apostle Paul proclaimed two things for true salvation, those are, separation and union. He proclaimed the more complete state of salvation



II Corinthian, 6:2 says, “Behold For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you. “Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Roman 16:20 says, “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. Christ broke the head of Satan, now the seeds of woman, the church shall break the head of Satan. This is his assurance. His assurance must be ours.

So when we live in dark day, we want to enjoy the grace. We should separate with Satan and his affairs and unite with Christ as oneness that anything cannot separate out of them. Now we see the wonderful salvation.

This fact is appeared again in Apostle John, and Apostle Peter.

In IJn1:5-8 John stressed the obvious separation between darkness and brightness in our salvation. And also he concluded as the union with Christ for true redemption. “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

And in II Peter 1:3, Peter pointed that true image of redemption shall be united with God. So we had been changed into divine nature. Already we participate into the character of God, those are; righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. So in the world we can live as the light of the world, the salt of the world in Christ. We cannot admit the secular method, the secular purpose, the secular joy and the secular happiness.

Why? Because we know that every thing under the sun shall be emptiness. Nihil. But everything on the sun shall be meaningfulness in Christ.

Therefore we want to establish the kingdom of God on the water, on the fire and on the field any time and any place positively.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints, in our studying, first of all, we have to check up our separation to darkness, our union with Christ. Among us if we have different goals, we have to pursue the abundant salvation. Then we shall find our true vision, our true mission that we can devote ourselves to. Do you have the purpose in your heart as your banner? Return to the Scripture, the word of God. And unite with Christ in this time you can find wonderful light and the marvelous world. May the grace of God be with you!

## **The Appearance of Dry Land (Gen1:9-13)**

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Introduction:

1. Today we find the other symbol of redemption in the text. Although the creation was an event in history but we can read the reality of redemption in the creation that God made the dry land (earth) out of the deep water. In a short word, the creation of continents that was floated out of deep water also reveals the character of redemption, those are; the separation, the union of salvation. Verses 9-10 say, “And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earthed and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And

God saw that it was good.” This event revealed a redemptive symbolism, as the character of salvation. What is it? True salvation is to be delivered out of our own sins, just like the dry land was appeared out of deep water. Already we saw the redemptive symbols in the creation event; those are; light (*or*), expense (*rachia*). Now we see the other symbol, the appearance of dry land out of the water. This picture shall reveal in the event of Noah’s flood judgment of our salvation. It is the deliverance from deep water of sins, again. As Gen. 1:3 the Spirit of God was hovering on the surface of the water for creation out of chaos, confusion and darkness and created the masterpiece. This picture revealed the more obvious character of redemption. Such expression was revealed in several passages in Psalms as metaphors. For example, chapter 40: 1-3 says “I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from *the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog*, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. “

The Psalmist reveals that true salvation is the deliverance out of the total corruption as the deep water, the chaos state.

In such meaning the event reveals the feature of redemption as a pictorial revelation. What is the character of redemption? It is deliverance from total corruption as the deep water. Here, of course, we

see two divine redemptive elements, separation and union. The dry land was separated of the deep water and the dry land stood firm on the water independently. As Israel was rescued out of the Red Sea through the separation action was happened by the almighty power out of the water.

What is other reality of the redemption in the text?

**First, the deep water represents the world and its evil sin.**

1. The appearance of dry land was a unique creation that pulled the land laid in the water in a state of confusion and emptiness. It seems to be an obvious symbolism that God saved us out of the abyss of death and curse because of our own sin. God who saved us out of the waters of evil sins is the only savior who can save us out of any troubles.

2. Here the appearance, “raah (to see) “means “a state to be revealed”, “to be showed”, as a great rock hidden in the water, was risen from the reduced water, or, the land in the water was advised because of irresistible power from the ocean. So Elohim God rejoiced exceedingly as he saw. This symbolism makes us thought the clear event of Christian’s salvation, those are, regeneration, new creature, and holy people etc. So Paul sometimes shouted out the wonderful fact in using “behold” (ICorin 5:17, II Corin 6: Rev3:20) “It is worthy word.” (I

Tim 3:1) So we assure that the appearance of dry land in the water is a redemptive symbolism.

## **Second, God rescued us by His word.**

1. The word that God spoke was the main tool of creation that the Trinity God used. Verse 6 says, “And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.” Through his command (amar –utter, say, declare), God made all kinds of plants live on the earth. Here, all kinds, sort, means the gender. The word of God that made the gene of all plants was both the seed of the nature and the essence of conscience and the revelation of salvation, the Scripture. This word is the life of the Christian. Jn 6:55 says, “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”

2. Now according to same pattern, God wanted to raise the wonderful things in the church by accepting the word of God, the Scripture. Look at the works of the New Testament in the public ministry of Jesus! For example, John 2:1-11 reveals a picture revelation that Jesus changed the water into the wine. How could Jesus make it? By his command He worked it. His word is the tool to create wonderful event. Fill the water into the six jars, and bring it to the master of feast. Then the water was changed into the high quality wine. Furthermore, we know more important event in the changed heart of two disciples towards Emmaus

town. When Jesus explained the happened event from the death to the resurrection of Christ, their heart was burned by the word of Jesus. This was the creation word. So we believe that the Scripture is the words of creation.

3. So when we are fallen down into troubles, we should accept the word of God as creating words in order to be free out of them. In Christ God already commanded to us, “let the dry land appear!”- Be free out of your sins!” “The little man, your sins have been forgiven! “His powerful word works in us most effectively.

**Third, God made the land that became the background that all plants grow up abundantly.**

1. Verse 11 says “And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. “. Actually the dry land suggests the redeemer, Christ because he is the background of all believers’ lives as the source of their lives.

Do you believe that Jesus is the only source of everything? David stressed that the Lord is my shield, my fortress, my rock, my power and my helper. In the New Testament the apostle Paul assured that the only Christ is his shield. (Rom 8 :) Really the apostolic benediction was depended on the source.

So what we know, the redemption includes abundant elements, those are; the only absolute rescued event from all sins and abundant spiritual blessing, and the redemptive life of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

2. As we consider, the creation action of God that He pulled the dry land out of the deep water included separation action between the dry land and the deep water, the action providing the background that all living creatures can survive and the harmonizing action to control every creature. So biblical redemption is so abundant, any time any place. So Paul who saw the abundant world in Christ could request to God that the church need the spirit of revelation to know God, to know inheritance and the resurrected power in Christ. (Ephesian 1 :) Why? Because only Christ is the source of all abundant grace. (Eph. 1:22-23) and he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.)

Conclusion:

1. As we considered several symbolism in Creation events, or, expense, and dry land pointed the reality of redemption. They made us thought two elements of redemption action of God, those are; separation and union, moreover they reveals abundant source and background and power to understand the reality of redemption.



2. So we whenever meditate creation event in Creation chapter, genesis, we praise and thank God because of the abundant redemptive grace in Genesis. And also we live in humble obedience to God.

## **The Gifts of Salvation (Gen1:14-19)**

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

### **Introduction:**

1. The creation of the fourth day that God made the lights in the sky was the masterpiece of hovering spirit. (The presence of God). By these lights, four seasons, years and days and nights are controlled automatically.
2. When God created them through separating action and uniting action of God. verse 14 says “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. “ and verses 17-18 say “And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule

over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. “.

3. Here, we can find again the redemption as the recreation consisted of separating action and uniting action of God. In other words, God put the lights on the expanse to separate the days and the nights, and also the sun and the moon rule over the days and the nights. To rule over them reveals to be connected by the relationship between Lordship and servant ship. However such actions were developed by setting the lights on the proper seat. “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens”.

4. Just like the gifts of Holy Spirit, the first creation included much gifts in all areas. The fourth day suggests the abundant grace of salvation to us. True salvation was always positive, not negative or passive by revealing kingship and Lordship in their roles. It makes us thought the kingship of God and the servant ship of his people.

**First, the sun, the moon, and the stars have no divine character.**

Historically, worshipping of the sun, the moon, and the stars came out of ignorance of their original purpose that they control the rhythm of the life. They are just the simple creatures of God (14). “And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night.” Their light focuses on the earth and controls the time. (15) “And” let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light

upon the earth. And it was so.” As we know, A Egyptian god was the sun and Baal was the god of the sun. Now the African worships the sun, the moon and the stars as gods because they did not follow the view of biblical creation.

How is the state of Cambodia? We observe such things in their culture and custom. What is their god? Buddha and snake and something. They have wanted to depend on the several symbols that expressed the absolute power. Rom 1:22-23 says “Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.” According to the Paul to worship the nature they shall replace their creator as corrupted images. Finally they shall be destroyed by the condemnation of God. So whenever we see the sun, the moon and the stars, we should remember our creator, Elohim God, and praise him thankfully for giving the proper seat that can control the great circulation in the natural law to his wonderful creatures. And also we have praised the creator for his considerable abundant redemption in us.

**Second, the silence of the role of the stars makes us inclined to focus on the creator (16).**

1. He made us lived in the spiritual law that the sun can be submitted for our redemption. (Joshua 10:13, Ish.38:8) The Christians who are saved out of sins by faith lives in Christ, who is a brighter light than the

lights of creation. Salvation and gifts of Holy Spirit were covered by the shadow of creation.

And also, when we see the regular moving of the stars, we learn the providence of God through the grand controlling power. Really God's lead, protection and his ruling wisdom is so surprised. In our lives his providence, invisible hand of God consistently, continuously works toward one purpose the complete redemption. As Calvin confessed the man who believes in the providence of God live in the marvelous comfort. One of my church members visited to me at the other day. She was moved to the other place for some problems. Then I thought that if she knows the providence of her God. She endures and enjoys that situation by expecting God's grace. Rom 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. " Do you believe in it?

**Third, these symbols of fourth day reveal the gifts of salvation, the unique gifts of Holy Spirit.**

1. Our salvation is very abundant in all areas for arriving to the purpose for the glory of God. So the regenerated Christian has his natural gifts in Christ's salvation through the separating action and uniting action of Holy Spirit to accomplish the decreed of God in the world.

2. Paul explained the gifts of Holy Spirit. What are they? I Corinthian 12:28-31 says “And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. “Although they are different character in them they focuses on the only oneness, those are, Christ and Christ’s virtue. So we should accomplish our salvation according to the work of Holy Spirit.

So Paul stressed that we should fight against the carnal desire to follow the desire of the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:5-8 “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh are hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Galatian 6: 16-17 says, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. for the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”

## Conclusion:

1. Our redemption shall appear the fruit of Holy Spirit, the redemptive ethic through separating action and uniting action.
2. Finally God shall restore his image in our lives as the feature of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.
3. So we should pursue the lead of Holy Spirit to product the fruit of Holy Spirit. Our faithful God surly accomplish his purpose, the restoration of God's image.
4. Now our study and our sacrifice shall be used by God for the purpose. May the grace of God be with you?

Let's pray.

## **Organismic Redemptive Revelation (Gen 1:20-23)**

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

### **Introduction**

1. The creation of the fifth day that was related to the second day was related to all kinds of fish and birds. Here, what does it reveal to us? Then it was consisted of a grand organized system that makes us thought the redemptive organismic character, the harmony between righteousness and love in Christ and the union between salvation and deed. God wanted to reveal a great, organismic system between God and man through the mirror of organized system of all creatures.
2. What are they?

**First, other living organisms in contrast to the life of plants were made (20).**



1. The grace that God prepared made us concentrated on the abundant healing of redemption (Ezekiel 47:12). “and on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.” The picture of creation explains the contents of the redemption. And also the redemption was depended on the creation. God’s wisdom was revealed the variety and unity in natural laws, the system of plants, through the living creatures progressively and gradually to us because all creatures were created by God in order to reveal the glory of redemption. So the Psalmist of Ps. 19:1-4 observed following expression, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day today pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, “He in the inspiration of Holy Spirit, sang the variety and unity of organismic revelation in the creation and redemption. Finally he observed the organismic, abundant character of the special revelation for our redemption. “In Christ, general revelation was kissed with special revelation as the law was met to the gospel each other. So the Christian do not despise the development action of the culture and civilization in the world. Rather they enjoy the harmony

between general revelation and special revelation. Actually it is the goal of God's economy.

So, when we explain the truth well, soon return to the character of organism that creatures reveals. In the book of Job we find such character soon. When Job was fallen into the confusion for the tribulation, although his three friends and Elihu explained to prove the direction of his solution with many sayings, they could not help him, then God pointed organismic stream of the natural law and the organismic activities of several creatures.(Job38:) Then when Job was persuaded the truth of his trouble issues, soon returned to the original position, repentance and faith that is the fear of the Lord.

**Second, It suggested that the first creation makes us expected the new creation.**

1. Because *bara* in verse 1 revealed again here (21). The progressive development points to the role of symbolism representing the renewal of redemption (II Corinthians 4:16). Of course it is the work that the hovering Spirit accomplished in revealing the more abundant character of redemption and the prefiguration of organismic stream of redemption, the new creation. The creation of the fourth day shows the living stream of second creation. So we learnt the stream of redemptive revelation appeared through lots of abundant evidences in

natural system. So we cannot claim to ignore any evidences of abundant redemption.

**Third, God who blessed to them was appeared first here. (22)** God himself blessed them in order not to think that living creatures have a self-supporting function in them. The man who has true wisdom concentrates on the creation order and learns them in humility.

The psalmist who found the depth of creation and recreation sang the Lord and praised the Lord for His eternal goodness and love in PS 107:1.”Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! “. Paul also claimed that God concealed his divine character, power in all things that they cannot help praising Him and singing in Roman 1:20-21. The term, here, “said” suggests the pre-incarnated Christ (Jn1:3). Of Christ, then we cannot help but praising the mysterious redemption. We who were saved out of our miserable sins appreciate his goodness and his love. We also learn thanksgiving and humility because such action must be the response of all creatures.

## **God's Image (Gen.1:26-31)**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

### **Introduction:**

1. Basically, the man was made into a unique being in contrast to other creatures because the man was created to resemble the image of God. The meaning of being created in God's image is not by external elements but inner elements, that is, the character of God: righteousness, mercy and faithfulness (Ephesian 4:24 and Mt.23:23). So God revealed his characters in all creatures or, the world, especially revealed his will through man. However the corrupted man cannot reveal the image of God but the image of Satan. So the man who becomes dark with sin shall be restored only by believing in Christ through faith and gradually they shall be changed in the Holy Spirit.

2. Today, the transformation of culture and the social reformation without the restoration of God's image may be a certain word-play. True reformation and new transformation should be depended on the restoration for the lost image of God. When we reveal the image of God

one by one in both our purpose and in our lives, it shall be the way to succeed. The Creator God who created all things wanted to reveal the glory of God by revealing His image. Among them, making the copy that resembles God aimed to reveal the character of God and to be filled with his character in the world.

The Scripture explains the reasons that the man should pursue the image of God, as followings

**First, because it is an example of the actual life (Gen1:26).**

1. The creation of his image means to make them in his character: righteousness, mercy, and faithfulness. The metaphor of treasures that John saw the Son of Man who was sat on the throne reveals his character: the jasper points to his holiness, the carnelian his righteousness and the emerald his faithfulness (Rev 4:2) according to Dr. Yun Sun Park.

2. What is the actual example of our lives? God who we cannot see wanted to reveal his image in the man. Image (*tserem*) is resemblance of an original thing. Just like a copy, the man was created as the divine character being by God. The image of God does not point the external part but the spiritual part that concentrated on the ethical aspects, in the relationship with God. So we claim that the man by nature resembles intellectually, emotionally, volitionally and spiritually. Before the corruption the man loves the truth, mercy and righteousness. But after

that he hates them because they lost the character because of their sin. Actually the image of God is the example of all creatures to reveal divine character on the earth. All creatures should live by the criterion of the example to reveal the glory of God.

3. After we are changed as image of God, new creature in Christ we are the standard of the world, although we have some struggles in many areas. Holy Spirit has worked to resemble God's character in every area consistently. Finally God shall accomplish a complete person at that day in revealing twin reality of divine character.

Our ministries are existed for this reason. This is our goal of our lives. Today we want to restore God's image in our personal life and in the community life.

### **Second, it is the power to accomplish the purpose of God.**

1. Three missions: the birth and the prosperity in occupying the earth, and the power to rule all things in Gen 1:27 did not come from the man but from the character of God. So we should take care of the image of God in us within the family, the society and the world by faith. The Holy Spirit came to work on this mission in the world.

2. When God created the man who is the most masterpiece of his creation, he used two method, those are "*bare*" that means to make something out of nothing and "*ash*" that means to make something out of something. When He made them imitated God's image, although

they were created out of something, actually they were nothing and they were secondary material. So the man cannot follow the auto onus (humanism). His most happiness must keep the humility for original emptiness. Why did God use this term in making the man? Because God wanted to teach the truth to us. When the man obeys the creator unconditionally, he shall keep the eternal life. So Paul understood the first creation presupposed the new creation in Christ. The principles of redemption should be revealed by the creation picture.

3. To keep God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in our live is the power, the wisdom and the methodology to achieve God's purpose.

So the new covenant stresses that to imitate the Lord is the purpose our lives.

### **Third, it is the best blessing to us.**

1. After he finished creating all things, the first work was to plant His image to the man as the first blessing. So man got the authoritative position that rules over all things. Therefore we should respect the position that participated into the divine character and sustained it faithfully.

2. In creation, Elohim God taught that true blessing is not the rich material, the precious jewelry, the highly position, the good environment, the physical health and the special place but only God, the

creator. So when the man walk with God, it is the real blessing, furthermore, when we are united with God, it is just the blessing itself because it is the eternal life. This is the ultimate goal of our redemption and the main purpose of redemptive history. So we enjoy this blessing in Christ Jesus.

### **Conclusion:**

The Scripture says the restoration of God's image continuously in many verses. The lost image of God shall be restored in Christ's grace. And the restored image also shall be God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness because it was the core of God's economy planned at the trinity council in the beginning.



## **Look at the work of lifted Lord (Acts 1:1-5)**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, [2](#)until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3](#)He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4](#)And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; [5](#)for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### **Introduction:**

1. As Genesis is the historical document, the book of the Acts is the historical document. Genesis's creation aimed to the recreation of the book of the Acts. Why? Because Genesis's creator is the re-creator to make recovered world. And also in the public ministry of Jesus, we see the lowed Lord worked before his resurrection, here, we see the lifted Lord who worked in the Spirit. Luke, who had known such fact very well in the illumination of Holy Spirit, described that in verse 33 “He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs,

appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” In summary, the resurrected Lord proclaimed the same message about the kingdom of God to the disciples. What did the lifted Lord proclaim? He revealed the many evidences of his resurrection and proclaims the kingdom of God. And He has ordered that the disciples should wait for at Jerusalem to receive the baptism of Holy Spirit and the power of Holy Spirit.

2. So we see the ministry of pre- incarnated Christ in Genesis and the ministry of incarnated Christ, and also we see the ministry of lifted Lord in book of Acts.

In other words, we see the fruit of redemption produced through the resurrection of Christ.

In this time we think what the Lord stood at the highly position worked in the introduction of the book of Acts.

**First. He worked at standing firm at the highly position.**

1. Verse 3 says “He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” From those passages we find how wonderful event is the Lord’s resurrection. Because the event is the turning point to divide between the ministry of his lowed position and

the ministry of his lifted position we should concentrate on it. What did he prove at that time? First, he proved his resurrection. Because His resurrection is the foundation of redemption the Lord proclaims the fact to his disciples. Now he proclaims the new creation to the world.

2. Now we stay in the new creature and new life by accepting Jesus's resurrection. II Corinthian 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation's the old has passed away; behold, the new has come. "

The resurrected Jesus had worked two kinds ministry for 40 days in the earth. What did he do?

1) He appeared himself to his disciples to plant his assurance in their hearts that they in the future may proclaim the gospel to the world.

Finally they devoted themselves to God as witnesses of resurrection; just like Jesus proclaim the message to the world. Then the lifted Lord worked in them by the power of Holy Spirit.

2) He taught about the kingdom of God more obviously. Although the text did not mention of the contents, we can guess that Jesus prepared them to write the Scripture. Through their training time for 40 days they were equipped by the inspiration of Holy Spirit to write the Scripture. This is the work of the lifted Lord in the world.

3) Now we read the word of God that the Lord was incarnated by the Spirit. Really we assured that 66 books was inspired by God for us by teaching, rebuking, correcting and edifying with righteousness to make us been completely. So we follow the lead of the lifted Lord every day. So we enjoy the glory of lifted Lord, the victory of the lifted Lord anytime any place. So we cannot feel to go Jerusalem now because we know his resurrected evidence and their fruit in our lives by meditating the word of God.

### **Second, He proclaimed the kingdom of God.**

1. Verse 3 says, “[3](#)He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”

As we know, Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God in the public ministry. Mt 3:2 says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. “This was the main message of his public ministry. As we examine his message and his ministry, we find that he focused on both “already has come” of kingdom of God and “not yet” kingdom of God.

In the Lord’s Prayer he taught “thy kingdom come”. It means the complete kingdom that shall be accomplished by his second coming event. It pointed the future kingdom. However our Lord stressed that the kingdom has come to the earth by his first coming. What are the

evidences? To drive out Satan by his word, to heal wicked disease people, to appear his supernatural power and to teach the mysterious feature by the wisdom of Holy Spirit proved that his kingdom has come in his people and in the world. So we see many evidences of the kingdom of God in the New Testament.

Now resurrected Jesus explained the kingdom of God. What is the feature of the kingdom? Before resurrection he worked in the low position, the limited space but now is different. After his resurrection Jesus worked in lifted position. It means the work in the Holy Spirit. So we can read the kingdom of God was revealed more progressively, more detailed organismic method in the time of the church.

So we see the evidences of kingdom of God that appeared in the ministry of church. As we know, we find the special features of the kingdom of God in the early church. Acts 2:42-47 says, “and they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all

the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. “The church learnt the word of God, gathered passionately, prayed eagerly, proclaimed the gospel and had the intimate fellowship one another. Among them the most important thing was to be taught by the apostles.

Where is the kingdom of God? It must be the heart that obeys the word of God humbly.

We who are learning the Word of God enjoy the kingdom of God, the Lordship’s peace and kingship’s authority. So we are very happy in our lives. If you have no such experience, you have some anxiety in your heart to attain at the place. Way? The kingship of the kingdom is executed by the lifted Lord in the Holy Spirit. So we should check up this point.

As Paul asked to the Ephesian church, “And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” and he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them,

and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all. (Acts 19:2-7)” This text does not point some separation between to believe Jesus as my Lord and to receive the Holy Spirit. Rather it stressed the obvious evidences of the work of Holy Spirit in the church. In other words every Christian should enjoy the grace of Kingdom of God, those are; heavenly peace, supernatural delight, eternal hop and unfailing love in his life and his ministry. Why? Because our Lord works in the lifted position in us.

In Cambodia also we see the kingdom. We see the fire of Holy Spirit, the stream of Holy Spirit at lots places. Although the country is filled with the idols, finally the kingship shall rule over all the people through the works of God’s men. So we should obey this calling in the name of Jesus.

### **Third, He ordered to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit**

1. Jesus revealed the method that accomplishes the work of kingdom of God.

Verses 4-5 says, “[5](#)for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Why did the Lord order it to the disciples? Already they were born again by accepting his word and by calling for him as his Lord. Should they receive the Holy Spirit again? No it does not mean such thing. It

pointed that the work of the lifted Lord shall be executed by Holy Spirit. So they should become the men of Holy Spirit. Actually the Holy Spirit of regeneration is the same of the Holy Spirit of the kingdom of God.

So Our Lord commanded to receive the baptism of Holy Spirit. The baptism pointed the power of Spirit for revealing the kingdom of God in the earth. Elk 24:48-49 says, “you are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. “In the church history, puritan preachers admitted the unique character of Holy Spirit in their ministries. They had longed to receive the power in their ministry.

So they liked to long the outpouring of Holy Spirit in their lives.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,

We now follow the lifted Lord in our lives. So we expect his wonderful work in our lives. So we admit that the kingship of the kingdom of God rule over our world, our country and our lives. The king of kings shall appear the wonderful blessing to our ministry.



Today let's go to follow the lifted Lord as his lead. Then we can taste the wonderful peace, delight and living hope and marvelous dream.

## **The Roll model of True Church (Acts 2:42-47)**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **Introduction**

1. The lifted Lord has worked in the church continuously on the earth. In other words, the resurrected Lord works in the Holy Spirit. When the Baptism of Holy Spirit descended on the early church at the upper room of Mark, the event proclaimed the lifted Lord to the world by the power of Holy Spirit. As the Lord promised to his disciples, the Holy Spirit proclaimed Christ, as the head of the church, as the lifted Lord, as the resurrected Lord and the ascended Lord to the world. So we believe that the church of the Lord was baptized by Holy Spirit on the Pentecost day once of all. Actually after that event, the church has

been growing up by the power of Holy Spirit to arrive to the length of Christ. As every electricity instrument is connected by the electric power, every Christian is related to one another by the Holy Spirit.

2. According to such power, the early church revealed the image of Christ on the earth. In other words, the presence of Holy Spirit was hovering on the church to be created to God's image, those are, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

3. The text revealed a role model of Christ's church in the world in several obvious feature. This is a sample the church should reveal to the world. Until the end of the world. This is the model of true revival, the image of the true church that the Lord has wanted to establish in the world.

4. After we finish some process we shall serve the church of our Lord by revealing such examples. What are they?

### **First, there was the apostolic teaching.**

1. Apostolic teaching means teaching of word of God because the Apostles were appointed by Christ directly as witnesses of Christ's resurrection and as foundation of church. Their teaching was accomplished in making the canon of Christianity by the providence of God. So in the later day, the church could discern everything according to the standard of apostolic teaching. This fact was applied at the early church directly. According to Apostolic teaching, the church revealed

main features in the world. “ “In other words, the church concentrated on five character, teaching, and fellowship, praying, serving the poor and proclaiming the gospel to the world.

2. Abraham told to the rich man fallen into the fire hades, “Listen to Moses and the prophets in the earth. If anybody does not accept them although a risen person proved the miracle fact, they never believe in it. Here, they pointed the Scriptures. As we know, Peter and John and Andrew were amazed at seeing transformed Jesus. Then they did not know what they asked to Jesus in ecstasy. Then the wonderful scene was disappeared, suddenly a voice from the heaven was provided totem “you should listen to his words.” What it is? It means the Scripture. Later Peter understood the fact in I Peter 1:21-22.

When we serve the church, we should be careful to treat to the Scripture. So we should focus on preaching ministry. Without understanding the Scripture we cannot serve the church faithfully. So Paul warned to Israel leaders, In Rom 10:1-4 “Brothers, <sup>a</sup> my heart’s desire and prayed to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes“. Their passion aimed on their own

righteousness. So when we serve to main issues in the church we have to pour out our passion to the ministry to establish the will of God. Then we can enjoy the purity and the delight in every area.

**Second, they devoted themselves to main spiritual activities according to the words of God.**

1. Verses 42-44 say “and they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.”

Here, we find that their passionate devotion were followed to four special actions, those are, Apostles’ teaching, the fellowship, the participating the communion and praying. In other words, they concentrated on these things with passion of Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had led to the world of grace to reveal Gods glory.

Today the church should be checked up according to the same criteria in Christian meeting and their ministry. If our concern will be put to the other areas except such four elements, it is very dangerous and very corrupted actually. The contemporary church inclined to the secular concern in following applicatory life in the society, in despising the

obedience of the Word of God, in compromising with the world stream. Historically if the church lost the standard, soon they were declined to the corruption.

In Cambodia church we have to worry about that point. From ourselves, we have to devote ourselves to four points in our daily life, in our studying life. Although we are very busy to follow our studying subjects, we have to offer our passion to four themes. So when we serve our ministry, we should make our congregation to be study the Scripture, to pray habitually, to fellowship with love in truth and to live the godly life of cross- centric congregation. Then the lifted Lord shall pour out the wonderful revival to us. This is our goal in our lives.

As we know, as the lifted Lord worked to the ignorant congregation through preaching of Peter that consisted of prophesy of Christ in the Old Testament and his biblical interpretation and his sharpen application of that words . Then the congregation listened to Peter's preaching and cried to the preacher, "What shall we do?" This is the evidence that the lifted Lord worked in their conscience. And Peter gave a master key of gospel " "What was that? It was the repentance and faith (Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.") Later such two points were appeared at the teaching of Paul ( Acts 20:20-21) "how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching

you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.“ Our lifted Lord stresses two points in the his church, in their heart. Now our Lord wanted to work such revival in our lives, in our school.

Our alpha must be repentance and faith and also our omega must be two things. Repentance (*metanoia*- change of mind, and faith (*pistio* - assurance fidelity). First of all, we should become the specialist of repentance and faith in our heart. In other words, it means that we have to become a man of responsibility and faithfulness. This is the wonderful miracle that our Lord expects now in us.

### **Third, they experienced the grace of Kingdom of God in the church and in the family.**

1) Verses 43-47 say, “And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.  
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2) What do you find in these passages? We find same signs that the resurrected king has worked since his ascend event, in another counselor, the Holy Spirit. Why could we claim it? Because we see the several fruit of God's kingdom in them. What are they? They saw some signs of Holy Spirit in them, on them and with them. First, they saw "awe heart". Second, they saw many wonders and signs. Third, they saw the destroyed humanism in them, Fourth, they saw the passionate gathering, the glad heart, the generous heart, praising with rejoice and adding the church number. First, the work of the Lord, Second, the signs of Kingdom of God. First, the repentance and faith,next.The work of Holy Spirit. They focused on the Lordship and the servant ship. This is reformed line, reformed faith. As we know, the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking but righteousness, peace and delight in Holy Spirit. Now we see the signs in the church.

3) Do you have such fruit in your heart? Do you taste such fruit? Although you are stay at any situation, any place, you should examine such things because it is a checking list, number one. Although our school stays at any situation, our goal should not be changed. We want to establish to keep sound doctrine, sound faith as the early church did.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints,



Our lifted Lord is working in our church, in Cambodia and in our heart, in our thinking and in our ministry. Let's follow the revival revealed in the original church.

Let's pray.

Lord. We thank you for your wonderful grace to us in the Word. Make us seen the role model of true church. We want to learn repentance and faith in our heart. Especially make us learnt responsibility and faithfulness in our lives. Make us seen the lifted Lord Jesus Christ who works in Holy Spirit. I prayed in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Event of Spirit-outpouring of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

### **Introduction:**

1. The descend of Holy Spirit was very unique event happened once of all in the history, just like both the cross- death of Christ and the

resurrection of Christ were once of all in the history.

2. So New covenant should be stood firm on these events and the effective could be revealed in the church absolutely. As we know, as Paul understood the reality of these events rightly, those are, the death of Christ is the church's death, the resurrection of Christ is the church's resurrection (regeneration) and Christ's ascend is church's complete victory. Ephesian 2:4-6 says, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, *made us alive together with Christ*—by grace you have been saved—and *raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*,

3. Why did the descend of Holy Spirit happen? It points another coming of the resurrected Lord in the Holy Spirit. So the Work of Holy Spirit is the work of the lifted Lord. John 14:18-21 says "'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet *a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me, and I in you.* Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. "Do you know that meaning? This is not the second coming event. It means that the lifted Lord come in the church in Holy Spirit. So the Pentecost event should be revealed more wonderful, powerful reality in the church in order to

accomplish the redemptive prefiguration in the Old Testament as one of most powerful mode, the center of redemption.

4. Here we think two things about the Pentecost event.

### **First, The providential meaning of the feast of the Pentecost**

1. What is the Pentecost feast? It was called for the first harvest day in Israel. It was the feast of the first barley harvest, and for after 50 days from the Passover feast it was kept. So it was called for the Pentecost feast. Or it was called the seven double seven feast according to the counting days.

2. Then why did the Holy Spirit come to the church at this day? In 14:26 says, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” This was the will of God in his plan. God wanted to reveal the abundant fruit of redemption through the Holy Spirit, in contrast of the Old Testament fruit. Although the Old Testament revealed the small fruit of Holy Spirit in the veil of many symbolisms, the New Testament reveals the abundant fruit. And the redemptive fruit of Holy Spirit shall be produced in the church gradually and progressively.

3. Really the work was revealed in the ministry of the Acts. The

same events in the community were happened repeatedly. Again the apostle's meeting was filled with Holy Spirit by God's answer of their urgent request To God. And the family of Cornelius, and 12 persons of Ephesus region. And wonderful delight in evangelism was experienced as the Philip ministry.

**(Acts10:44-45)** “While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles”

**(Acts 19: 3-7)** And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all.

**(Acts 8:39)** “And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.”

These states proved the wonderful fruit of Holy Spirit, the new covenant. True repentance and faith were happened in the event. And their life was changed by the Holy Spirit. After the event, the eschatological day was revealed at that day. The marvelous work was happened in that day as the prophets and Psalters proclaimed in the old covenant.

So we can claim that this day is the eschatological day in God's plan.

### **Second, the presence of God was revealed in the day.**

1. Here we can see phenomena, fire and storm (wind). These symbolisms to reveal the God's presence, just like the work of the re-creation was accomplished by the presence of God, hovering of Spirit. The action pondering the darkness, chaos and emptiness was revealed here. Actually the fire and storm points the presence of God. To ruling state over that place, the kingdom of God, Immanuel. As the result of redemptive work the lifted Lord was accomplished in that day.

2. Then we see many sings in that room. 1) Fear 2) signs 3) power 4) supernatural grace. Praising and thanksgiving and proclaiming. The gospel.

3. This presence of God, we need that in our lives. Then God himself shall accomplish his salvation in that day.

**Third, the lifted Lord came to the church in Holy Spirit to accomplish our salvation in our lives.**

The Hovering Spirit worked in the first creation by using much symbolism in six days. Light, expanse, dry land, organismic system of all living creatures, natural law and God's image reveals the reality of redemption re-creation. Now the same spirit more obviously revealed his reality by using strong sings to the church. This is r creation grace. We live in the completed grace in redemption at the eschatological day. The work enlarged to the world. We can see the universalism in the world.

So As Paul shouted the wonderful reality we can say “behold, this is the day of salvation.” If anybody calls for his name the wonderful race shall be come to him.

Do you have this assurance in your heart?

According to such criterion we have to serve Christ in the name of Jesus.

**Conclusion**

1. At the Pentecost day the presence of God started hovering work in the power of Holy Spirit, it was the obedience of the Word of God, and also we have to expect the truth through our meditating of his words.

2. My beloved saints, please approach to the abundant place in the name of Jesus. You are new creature, so you can live the presence of God in the real temple, the real sanctuary and the real Eden. We have to enjoy God's presence symbolized by the stone of fire, every jewel in Eden and the living water from the throne of God. Actually we no longer need that symbolism, but we need reality of wonderful redemption of God. We need only Jesus Christ in Holy Spirit.

Let's pray.

Heavenly Father We thanks God for your wonderful grace. Provide us your grace to follow your precious word. Make us discern your word in our lives in the Holy Spirit. Strengthen your people with your powerful grace to glorify you. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## **The Work of the Life (Acts 5:12-26)**

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the

captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

### **Introduction:**

1. The Lifted Lord, Jesus Christ worked eagerly in much persecution in the suffering time. So the church that was the body of Christ was experienced the eternal life in such situation. The life points the reality of the tree of the life at the Garden of Eden. The lost life was restored by Christ’s resurrection and his working in Holy Spirit in the church. So The Christian lives in the powerful life even the tribulation day.

2. The text reveals that after the Pentecost day the church was happened more wonderful events in the Holy Spirit. How could these events be happened in the text?

### **First, our lifted Lord rescued his people with his almighty power.**

1. After the apostles were released out of the prison by the supernatural grace of God executed by the angel of God. 18-20

says, “ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out “Who opened the door of the prison? God opened it. First God opened our door we can open our door. It means that God’s salvation come out of God. God has initiative in all salvation. This is unique feature of God’s salvation. As we know, the first gospel, Genesis 3:15 says, “I will put enmity between you and seed of woman.” Before Zacharias accepted Jesus into his home first, Jesus approached to him. And also before the Samaritan woman accepted Jesus as his Lord Jesus should passed over her. “And he had to pass through Samaria”(4). Actually the work of an angel was the work of the lifted Lord as he promised to his people to keep on them eternally.

2. And the angel of the lifted Lord commanded, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” Our lifted Lord focused on the words of the life, the gospel. Why? Because only the gospel can provide the eternal life to us.

3. We believe that our lifted Lord prepared the master key to open our present door. Already he gave the key to us to open the door of heaven ( Mt 16: And also he invites to us to use that key in our lives, “ask, seek and knock (Mt 7:7-9) In our school life we have to learn using that key to solve our troubles.

As we know, when Peter was arrested and stayed in the deep prison in

order to kill him at the next morning. Then what did the church do? They had prayed eagerly to the Lord. A time God sent an angel to him to rescue him out of the prison. The Scripture said, “The doors were opened automatically by the almighty God. This is the power of church prayer.

Our student life we need such experience. Pray to God, and then He shall help you.

**Second, Our lifted Lord wanted that they proclaimed the all the words of the life.**

1. What is the main ministry after our Lord as resurrected out of his death? He wanted that he proclaimed all the Word of the life. What are all words of the life? Of course, it is the Scripture. All words include many themes those are, incarnation, death, resurrection, ascend and second coming. In a word, it is Christ who was depended on the redemptive history stream. Although they consisted of many symbolisms and many types in the revelation we have explain them to understand Christ and his salvation. So we devoted ourselves to learn the Scripture, to obey them in our lives and teach them to our church.
  2. This is our main message that we should proclaim to our neighbors. Our day should hear all Words of the life to keep our godly life.
- Ex. Recently in America Valley Community church took yearly

conference for contemporary pastors. 5000 pastors were participated into that. I saw that the news, that many reformed scholars, Fergerson Sproul Truman and Reform seminary professors. Do you know what the theme of that conference is? The contemporary church confronts to the inerrant issue of the Scripture.

In Cambodia mission field what is the important thing? It is the view of the Scripture. We should proclaim all Scripture; we should prepare to teach all the Scripture to our neighbors.

**Third, our lifted Lord worked through his faithful servant for his healing ministry.**

1. The healing event of the Apostles was the same to the Lord's. Verses 15-16 say "so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed." Among that passage we can find wonderful grace "They were all healed". It is not that Peter has almighty power. He was very weak. Our lifted Lord worked through him. So his healing event was the same of the Lord's.

2. So we expect that our lifted Lord work some wonderful event in our life and in our ministry through us. So we should listen to his words in our heart in silence.

Conclusion:

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## **The Fearful Heart Holy Spirit provides in us (Acts 5:1-11)**

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

Introduction:

1. What feature does the church that receives Holy Spirit have?

First, verse 3 says “But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?“. The early church community disappeared egoism and covet but had the neighbor- centric stream, God-centric life and did not claim his own property right and had consciousness of the stewardship that claimed God’s Lordship in order to fill the necessity their neighbors.

In such reviving state, Satan attacked to a family as a certain lie. The sin of Ananias and Sabbirah was deceit. The reason that they could not confess their weakness and their dishonest is that the root of their pride operated horribly. Peter claimed that Satan worked in them. To remove the root of deceit and to serve faithfully the Lord is to follow the work of Holy Spirit. The artificial self-boasting and the white lie is the result of Satan’s work because he is the father of all false.

Second, Sabbirah also was fallen down into the seat that they tested the Spirit of the Lord. (9) The spreading power of false made a home fallen down into the destruction. The spirit of truth works always through Christ and his gospel- centric thought and judgment and decision. We have to pray that whenever we treat to the Scripture that the Spirit of truth wrote we need to long such expectation and hope.



## **The Fruit of Stephen's martyr ( Acts 7:54-8:3)**

What does the example of Stephen martyr teach us?

First, the scene of Stephen's martyrdom, where he was stoned to death for preaching "Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit" (55), makes our hearts beat. Such a difficult task was only possible through the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Being full of the Holy Spirit refers to a state in which the Holy Spirit, who has already come, dominates and controls the spirit, which is the seat of my designated righteousness. Sometimes it was likened to fire, a dove, and water. We cannot do anything without the guidance, protection, and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

Stephen's bold testimony of the gospel in front of evildoers was possible because his heart was controlled by the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is my lifelong wish and should be my top priority in prayer.

Second, the reason the apostles also sought the filling of the Holy Spirit to give a bold testimony while being threatened was because they knew the way for the work of life to occur. The fire of the Holy Spirit in the early church burned through persecution. The kingdom of God expands and becomes global through the passage of suffering. This is because the Lord's church, which is in suffering, is destined for revival.

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## **Wheat Grain Faith (Acts 7:44-53)**

God achieves His goal through faith in the grains of wheat.

First, highlighting biblical characters is a tool for revealing the revelation of Christ, not heroization. Stephen was able to see Christ in the flow of history as he enumerated the history of the Old Testament. This means that he could see Christ visible through symbolism and typology. Of course, this is known through the Holy Spirit. “The Prophet”. “Temple” and “Tabernacle” are both completed by Christ. Christ is the absolute only prophet, the resting place of his people, and the only temple where God sits. There must be Christ-centered reflection on every event.

Second, David's wheat faith began with a heart that connected with God. A life that protects the heart well is wheat faith. Fellowship and union with God were the ultimate goals of his life. And like Moses, he was humble. Whenever his life was in danger or he suffered the greatest shame from Shimei's curse or Saul's trick, he believed in God's hand of providence and escaped the temptations he was prone to fall into. He also believed that the true temple is not just a building, but within Christ and the heart that serves Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:16) Grain faith is nothing other than a life of attending Christ in the temple of the heart and

obeying Him. Let us achieve new history with this faith.

## **Paul's courage (Acts 9:23-31)**

What do we find in the text that describes the greatness of the spirit of faith?

First, the Lord who appears on the road and personally speaks and makes us a bold preacher is the God who reveals Himself. (29) He is the one to whom we must testify boldly. We must gain the courage of faith by examining, "Am I bold in sharing the Lord I have met, or am I shy?"

Second, Paul boldly testified about the Lord. (27,29) It was through the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God that the persecutor became a bold witness. Paul's courage to testify zealously even in the midst of those who tried to kill him is not his own strength, but the strength of the Holy Spirit. Through Paul's conversion and Barnabas' edifying work, God's church was established in peace, had the fear of the Lord, and received comfort from the Holy Spirit, increasing in number. True revival comes from a change in one person. Even in this chaotic new year, let us live as Christians who wholeheartedly pursue our spiritual well-being.

## **The Hand of the Lord (Acts 11:19-30)**

What did the Lord do to expand the church?

First, He worked with the hand of Providence. The opening of the gospel to Gentiles happened through those who suffered. Those who were scattered due to the martyrdom of Stephen reached Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch and preached the gospel only to the Jews. Afterwards, some people from Cyprus and Cyrene preached the gospel to the Greeks, expanding the church. No one can control the hand of the Lord who builds the church. God's hand at work even in hardship is truly amazing.

Second, it appeared through faith in the Lord Jesus. The faith of the Greeks proved that the grace of the Lord is universal. Judaism, which was not destroyed by Stephen's martyrdom, was destroyed through a few unknown people. The hand of the Lord is always revealed through faith.

Third, it was revealed through a good heart. Barnabas, who was sent from the Jerusalem church, confirmed the grace of the Lord and advised him to stick to it with a firm heart. He went to Tarsus, brought Saul to the church in Antioch, and taught him for a year, showing his kind hand.

We must humbly fulfill the Lord's will in the new year, conscious of the hand of providence that is stronger than miracles.



This is because the Lord's church expands like this.

## **The Word Heard (Acts 14:1-18)**

The miracle of miracles is understanding the Word. How did the miracle in the text happen? First, a miracle occurred while listening to the Word. Longing for and faith in the Word is the mother of miracles. When we read the Bible or listen to a sermon every day, we must unite our faith and experience grace. (9) When we listen to a sermon, receiving the living word of God is itself a miracle. We must place emphasis on listening to the Word.

Second, we challenged ourselves to believe in the problem.

Although Paul gave a direct command to the lame man, it is clear that he relied on the name of Jesus. He commanded the mountain in question, just as Joshua commanded the sun, and just as he commanded Peter's body of Tabitha. This is an application of the Lord's promise that if you command this mountain to be thrown into the sea with faith, it will be done. If you address real-life problems with faith, you can experience amazing things. (9-10)

Third, after the miracle occurred, I managed it well. Paul and his group clearly distinguished themselves from God by saying that they, too, were humans when being treated by God. God is God and humans are humans. When this distinction is unclear, we become corrupted and leave God.

## **Evidence of grace (Acts 16:19-40)**

What evidence is shown by those who have received the Lord's grace in any situation?

First, the work of the Lord suddenly took place in the people praying and in the places where they prayed. This is because the Lord worked through the hard barriers of reality. That history happened through an earthquake, the bonds that bound everyone were loosened, and the prison gates opened naturally. Even if reality is difficult, the Lord can work as much as he wants. He must not distrust His high numbers.

Second, Paul revealed his Roman citizenship for the sake of the gospel. We must learn the truth from his appearance, which is wise as a serpent and pure as a dove. Above all, we meet God when we believe in the Lord Jesus. The gospel that Paul preached is that if you believe in the Lord Jesus, you and your family will be saved. The jailer's family, who believed in the Lord Jesus and were baptized, came to believe in God. Because we know God only through the Lord Jesus.

Third, great joy comes to those who receive the gospel. Paul, who is filled with peace even in the midst of miracles, focuses on receiving the gospel rather than on the miracles. He believes that only the gospel allows the heart of the believer to experience the joy of heaven.

## **Paul's Management (Acts 19:21-31)**

How can you plan like Paul did in Christ?

First, believers also need a plan and must make a plan. Moreover, we must have the luxury of making plans even in times of tribulation. When establishing an evangelism plan for the evangelization of Asia Minor, Paul looked into Macedonia and Achaia. He visited Jerusalem and received confirmation of his gospel through exchanges with the original apostles, and hoped to spread the pure gospel to future generations. He further promoted the evangelization of Rome. It is aimed at. We saw that the evangelization of Rome, the world capital, would lead to world evangelization. This is because Paul's management was based on God's management.

Second, the life of a believer is a management within this management. We must dream, practice, and live for the ministry of gospel witness anytime and anywhere. Let us establish a management plan for gospel witness in the new year.

## **Example of Endurance (Acts 21:27-36)**

Living faith must be followed by perseverance. How did the apostle set an example of endurance?

First, when Paul went up to Jerusalem after completing his 1st to 3rd missionary journeys, he was arrested and severely punished, and God allowed him to be protected through the hand of his commander. It is a wonderful hand of God. It was God who immediately moved the heart of the commander who received the report of Paul's execution. (31-32)

Second, we endured the sins of the Jews who opposed Christ. (30) The sin of blaspheming the people, the law, and the temple was the sin of the Jews who killed Christ through hypocrisy, and is still our sin that prevents us from receiving Christ on the cross. Even though Paul was threatened with being flogged and arrested, he climbed up the stairs and used it as an opportunity to defend his gospel. As he said, the gospel was more precious than life, and his heart burned with the testimony of the gospel. Paul, who was fluent in two languages (Greek and Hebrew), used this time as an opportunity to evangelize the gospel. The gospel I believe in has the power to save me from every situation I face. Let us not be ashamed of this gospel, but endure like the apostles and testify boldly.

## **The Power of Apostolic Ministry (Acts 28:1-15)**

How was the power of the gospel revealed?

First, God revealed that it was because of the Gospel that Paul and his group were protected for three months after arriving at the island of Melide. The incident of not dying from a poisonous snake bite, being healed when laying hands on hands, and receiving food through the consideration of local people were all attributed to God. It is a manifestation of the power of . Finally, when Paul saw the Roman brothers coming out to meet him, he gave thanks to God and gained courage. As if I saw a small cloud rising, the God who works together for good is my God.

Second, Paul's healing power was revealed through the laying on of hands and prayer. Following Paul's example of acting in faith so that the power of the name of Jesus can be revealed, the church must demonstrate that power wherever it goes. This is the power that flows from Christ, the head of the church. Like the belief of the spirit suffering from hemorrhage, we can believe that we can be healed just by holding on to the hem of the Lord's clothes and apply His name to all problems. The power of apostolic ministry is ours.

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What were the characteristics of the early church that received the Holy Spirit?

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## Complete Healing Grace (Jn 5:1-17) 3/17/2015

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, *“Do you want to be healed?”* The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, *“Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”* And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, *“See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”* The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing

these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “*My Father is working until now, and I am working.*”

## Introduction

1. We have many areas that we should be healed. There are intellectual area, emotional area, volitional area and spiritual area. We have some troubles in our thought for our ignorance. We have some struggles in our emotional area for unbalancing personality, and we have changeable attitude for our weak volition. Especially we have much suffering in our spirit for our dirty conscience.

2. Just like a chronicle disease patient who had been fallen down in the darkness for 38 years, we find to live in thenon-sensitive state in our lives. Then we are frustrated by such things.

Today text reveals the way to be healed by Jusus ‘s power. What are they?

**First, When we meet Jesus personally, weare healed completely.**

1. Verse 9 says, “And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.” Although he went to the lake Bethesda to be healed his disease by some miraculous power. Verse 7 says “The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am

going another steps down before me.” It means that it was a myth in Jewish custom to be healed to the only first person who entered into the pool as an angel stirred up the water. Really it was so a ridiculous rumor. He hanged his neck to the unreliable rumor. Actually this is the healing of this world. In the world no body is able to be healed completely before his sin is not cleaned. If you want the complete healing in your life, first of all, you should meet Jesus personally In your life. Do you have met Jesus personally?

2. The man could not enter into the pool first because he was very weak. So he might be frustrated because of his impossibility. Our Lord knew the frustration point in his heart very well. Then the Lord came to his place on the lake and personally asked “*Do you want to be healed?*” It was not a question, “what do you want?” His question was very easy, like a question that demands the answer of yes or, no. Jesus touched his real desire to be healed. If our Lord asks directly such propose to you, what shall you response to Him? We should answer our desire very obviously to Him. This is one of the main ways to be healed in our lives.

3. Then the patient answered “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” It suggested his healing desire, his answer of yes, and he explained his strong desire in detail in his heart, those are, his deep desire, his present impossibility, his failure to some contest. However

he had an unchangeable desire to his healing that God provided as a great grace. Actually if we have a certain strong desire in our deep place, it is God's grace. We have to pray according to this desire. Then God shall accomplish his will. I John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

4. After he met Jesus personally in his life at the first time and communicated each other, he could answer to God's will in his life. He responded more strongly in expressing his desire obviously. This was true faith to be able to receive God's grace. Just this faith made him changed into a complete person.

5. We should have such faith in our heart. We should be response our true desires to the Lord. "I need your wisdom, your mercy and your powerful healing power. But I cannot do it. I cannot control my bad desire. Please help me." Especially our studying time need to learn such faithful communication with the Lord in our reading the Scripture, mediating them and obeying them.

Recently we feel the hot climate in our feeling. Actually I respect our students because our students are studying the difficult subjects in the strong training. I see your struggling heart in your assignments. Then we can ignore the studying principles, our calling of God, our faithful attitude and true desire. In this time we have to do the faithful

confession to the Lord personally. Then our Lord shall work in your weak points with his wisdom and his authority.

**Second, he was healed completely by accepting Christ's  
proclaiming in his heart.**

1. Verses 8-9 says, "Jesus said to him, *"Get up, take up your bed, and walk."* And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked."

Here, we can find God's healing work by proclaiming the Word of God. What did the Lord execute for his healing? He demanded his obedience. "Jesus said to him, *"Get up, take up your bed, and walk."* In a short word, he worked through the word, as he said directly when he created all creatures. "Let there be light," "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." His words had wonderful power, mysterious grace, and marvelous working wisdom. We believe that the healing power shall be revealed by proclaiming the Scripture. So we love the Scripture for it is wonderful channel for God to work in our lives.

Then as Jesus command to him and his weak points ,“ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.”, immediately, he was healed completely. The Scripture did not mention his obedience attitude and his humble heart and his passionate devotion. Simply it said “he was healed, at once.” This is the word worked to him as a created work, as God worked in the chaos, the deep darkness. Actually this event revealed that Jesus was the creator of human soul and body. The creator worked mysteriously in his soul and his body system with the supernatural power that we cannot measure as the result he was stood up, took his bed and walked and proclaimed Jesus as the only healer, the son of God.

2. In our life we need to accept his word in our situation. Although you are very miserable state about your several areas, receive his order, his command, his rebuke and his guide, then God provides wonderful grace to you. Ex: If you need financial problems, first seek to him and his kingdom of God, then God shall keep his promise to you.(Mt 6:33)

Korean church executed three things, those are; tithe life, keeping Sabbath day and reading the Scripture. From today if you decide in your heart these things, God shall keep his promise.

**Third, his complete healing was completed by keeping his presence heart faithfully.**



1. After he was healed dramatically, our Lord managed his salvation completely. verse 14 says, “Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, *“See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”* Although his physical healing was important in his life, more important thing was the healing of his soul. In other words, the Lord focused on the issue of committing sin. The Lord knew that the sin made physical miserable state and more sins made him more seriously. Our Lord wanted to purify his soul by fighting the sins.

Although we do not know that his 38 years diseases came out of some unique sins, we know that our sin could make us very seriously in our live, in our soul and in our environment. So we need to manage our heart by the prayer and the Word of God.

2. In our Christian life, we have to take care of our souls in order to keep the grace of God. We should fight against to commit sins until shedding our blood in our lives.(Heb12:4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood ) Although we are very suffering time, we have to enjoy the grace of God.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Do you have sick areas in your life? Follow God’s direction

2. First, you have to meet Jesus personally. And accept Jesus as your Lord. And also accept his any word, and obey them

unconditionally, then God shall work in your heart. Moreover he worked in your soul to overcome to commit sins. Fight against sins until shedding the blood. Especially expect the work of our creator in our lives. Confess your true desire to God, then, God shall make wonderful event in your life because he prepared everything in Christ.

### **Let's pray.**

Dear Lord.

We thank you for your wonderful word. Provide your grace to us to keep your word. Make us fought against to commit sins. We want to keep gracious heart in our lives. Strengthen your people with your right hand to follow your way. Especially heal our heart, our countries in the name of Jesus. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **The Humble Lord ( Mt 21:1-5) 4/3/2015 ( Friday)**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, **‘The Lord needs them,’** and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, **‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”**

### Introduction:

1. Our Lord , Jesus Christ served his family for 30 years, and he served his public ministry for 3 years. The last 1 week of 3 years was called for suffering time in the providence of God severer than the other time.
2. Traditionally Palm Lord’s day is a memorial day of the event that Jesus entered into the Jerusalem to bear his cross. Verse 1 says, “Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples.” Intensely Jesus wanted to enter into Jerusalem to accomplish a prophesy of Zechariah who

activated at 400 years ago. It shows the accomplishment of redemption by cross suffering to the world.

3. So In the process of entering Jerusalem we can see the important truth about the complete redemption. What are they?

**First, he revealed the greatest king intensely.**

Verse 5 says, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Here, “the daughter of Zion” means the chosen people, that is, the church. And in the prophesy, “ who is your king”? He is the messiah that is, the Son of God. For Jesus accomplished his redemption by his own death for his people. Jesus Christ is the messiah, that is, the king of kings. Only he is the king who sat down on the eternal throne. How did Christ as the king revealed the features of his kingship in their lives?

As Ish 9:6 says , “For to us a child is born,to us a son is given;and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called 1)

**Wonderful Counselor, 2) Mighty God, 3) Everlasting Father, 4)**

**Prince of Peace.**“ According to the verse, the Messiah had four features those are, the eternal king, the almighty powerful king, unfailing love king and universal king. So “the action to enter into Jerusalem (Zion, the holy mountain and the throne)” proclaims that he

is the king to save his people out of their miserable curse. And the voice of Hosanna (Lord, save us) pointed his kingship for the salvation.

Really in this event revelation we can find his kingship for accomplish the redemption in the revelation. Who is the real king in the history in the past, the present and the future? Jesus Christ is the king. Later John saw the reality of the symbolism. Rev 19:11-16 reveals“ Then I saw heaven opened, and **behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.**

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And **the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. “The king who rode on the white horse, the other white horses followed him. the powerful sword came out of his mouth, It means he accomplished his redemption with his word. The kingship of messiah shall be fulfilled with his word, his order and his proclamation. At the last Lord’s day in his public ministry, we established three cell churches at the outside.

What did we do? We proclaimed the word of God, the tool of kingship by faith. Then our king, Jesus Christ works in our ministry.

The text proves another kingship again to us. When Jesus himself prepared every means for the entrance of Jerusalem, he ordered to two disciples that they shall bring two donkeys. Verse 3 says, “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘**The Lord needs them,**’ and he will send them at once.” then we find the authority of his word, So Obedience of his word is to reveal his kingship, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. When his word works in it, we can find his presence, his authority his control as the king of all things.

When we serve the church we have to love his kingship in every life. Then his powerful word shall work in it. And we shall see the marvelous victory of glory.

Who is Jesus our Lord? Only he is the king of king who works with his word. Do you believe in it?

### **Second, he is the humble King.**

Verse 4 Interprets to this event,” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “This is a prophesying of the prophet, Zechariah about his manner of the messiah to come to the world. In that passage He rode on the donkey’s kid. Why? Because he was

humble. “Verse 5 says, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘ Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.””

1. ” What does it point? It is his humble heart. What is humble heart?The humility points the state that he gave up his identity. (Philip 2: 5-8) “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” He made himself to be empty. It means the self-denial. Although he is God in substance. He made himself descended to low place by himself. This is the meaning of humility. Nobody imitates His humility because only he can do it. Divine humility. Finally his humility was revealed on his cross. Although he has several stages it pointed the cross.

2. We have to ride on the donkey because we can get God’s grace from the humble Lord as Isaiah teaches us, “ Ish 57:15 says, “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: **“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”** This is the great principle to

get his grace. And also James stressed that “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”(James 4:6)”

3. Most man complain his miserable state in his situation. But if you stand firm on the humble seat, give thankfulness to God. Then the Lord shall lift you out of that place. If you seek real power in your life go to the low place then God shall make you lifted up by his grace.

### **Third, he came into us to make us enjoyed the redemption.**

1. When we follow him, we shall enjoy his wonderful grace. The redemption of his people should be accomplished by God’s power. So God claimed “I will put the enmity” (Gen 3:15). It means only almighty God can fulfill the redemption. So in the history God revealed his powerful salvation to the world. Really two elements of true salvation, the separation work and the union work come out of the power of God. But the power was revealed by the humble manner of God, the presence of God. The Scripture reveals the fact by many manners and many types. For example when Israel was died in the wilderness by being harmed by the fire serpent, God directed to hang the bronze serpent on the pole. Then whoever looks at it was risen by God’s power. Why did God make the bronze serpent? God suggested that He stressed to save his people by the channel of humility. So Christ should come into the world as the manner of a sinner.



Hebrew 2:16-18 says, “For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” In other words, he used the manner of humility.

The king of power should come by the manner of the king of humility. Although he could ride on the white horse, he rode on the colt of donkey as the humble king. So only He could save us out of miserable sins because he replaced the wages of our sins on his body. He died on the cross with every suffering in Spirit and his body. His death replaced our death. His death made us been alive in our lives. This is the way of our redemption. So we are saved by his humility. So his humility is the power of his voice in humble heart.

2. And also his humility was the methodology to serve the Lord and his church. How can we serve the church very well? Humility. First, humility, second, humility and third, humility.

Although we can do his humility in or ministry we have to resemble it by his grace. Holy Spirit shall accomplish the humility in our heart. So we intensely have to stay in the low place. Then Kingship of Christ reveals through it. Look at the Scriptures. When did God’s power reveal

in their lives? When they listened to The Word of God our Lord worked in our lives.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints, our Lord Jesus came to the earth in manner of humility for our salvation. His kingship was expressed in the humble manner. Although he was king of kings but he rode the colt of donkey. This is the methodology to accomplish his redemption and also this the main point the Lord want to lead us to complete his plan. We should seek that our church shall be filled with the humble heart, humble manner and humble grace in our lives.

Let's pray.

Dear Lord.

We appreciate you for your wonderful grace in your manner to accomplish your salvation for us. Make us followed your kingship in the servanthship to restoration of your image in our lives. Lord, make Cambodia to resemble you to appear your fruit in every area. Make them to see the real humble grace in Christ. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Urgency of Gospel Evangelism (Mt 12:22-30) 2015.4.28 ITCS**

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Clean, Open, Provide, Lead Pray in the name of Jesus Amen.

Introduction:

The text reveals the urgent character of gospel evangelism. It means that to proclaim the gospel is the most urgent ministry in our lives. Although earthquake, storm and warfare are very urgent in the earth, to proclaim the gospel shall be more urgent thing. Why? Because the king of the kingdom of God had come into the earth. The Scripture says God's kingdom in the future, (Mt 6:10 "Your kingdom come,"), but the text emphasizes that the kingdom of God had come into the earth. Verse 28 says, "But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." As we know, also Mt 3:2-3 says, "'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" It points that the kingdom already had come because the voice of wilderness was shouted out to prepare the way of messiah. And also Paul emphasized that this is the day of salvation. (II Corin 6:2 "For he says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.") So we have to response such urgent events positively. Why should we have the spiritual tension in our lives?

First, the demon were driven out of our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

1. Verse 28 says, “But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” And also verse 22 says, “Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw.” The Lord explains that it was the obvious evidence that the demons were taken away by Holy Spirit. In other words, it reveals that the kingdom of God already had come in the world by coming of the king. And it means that Jesus is the king of the kingdom and the kingdom works among us. It means that we should have some tension. If we know the fact, we should response with great tension.

2. Whenever Satan works in us, we feel darkness, chaos, emptiness, confusion actually. Then the king who comes to us in such situation shall change them. The Old Testament showed the event as several manner and several symbolisms to us.

Genesis 1: 2 says “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” the dark state before creation suggests the result of the Satan’s work but the work of the Spirit had changed them.

And also Gen 8:1 says “But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And **God made a wind blow** over the earth, and the waters subsided.” Here, we can exchange the wind into Holy Spirit because **Luhack** in Hebrew can be interpreted to two meaning. Holy Spirit worked to be exchanged the

chaos state into brightness, the orderly world. And also Zechariah 1:8 says, ““I saw **in the night**, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing **among the myrtle trees in the glen**, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.” Here, the work of redemption was happened in the dark valley. When the angel of the Lord presented in the myrtle tree among the valley of death, the work of salvation was happened. These things reveal that the presence of Holy Spirit came down to us, the demon shall be driven out by the power. As the light came to us, darkness, confusion, emptiness and chaos shall be disappeared. (Jn 5:24) “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

= We should feel the urgent consciousness in the day the kingdom's king came upon to us. Our lives had such tension to proclaim the gospel is more urgent tension because the king had come, the devil was driven out in the name of Jesus. May the spiritual tension be with you in our studying time.

**Second, because the strongest has come, we have to have great tension.**

1. As we see, verse 29 says, “Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. “ Christ who was the king

of kingdom came as the strongest king. One who controls the power of the air made a person been a blind, deaf man. The power was marvelous. Then the one who was stronger came to him and bound him with more power. Who is our Lord? He came as the strongest who bound the strong one, demons.

We can trust him with whole life and get wonderful freedom and heavenly comfort. Already such event was happened in the Abraham's life in the Old Testament. In Genesis the chapter 15, *Elshaddai* God revealed as the stronger one to frustrated Abraham. Then God revealed as the strongest with righteousness of faith. The real strong thing is the righteousness of faith. The faith that trusted to *Elshaddai* God is Abraham's power.

And we see the another evidence in Dan 7:13("I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him."). Here, the son of man shall offer his people, his power and his nations to God. Just the one like the son of man is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2. What is the strongest thing in our lives? Who is the strongest in our world? The text points that Jesus Christ , the king of kingdom of God is that one. So when we understand Christ and his gospel, we shall become a strongest person in our lives. When we meet many strong

enemies we can overcome them with gospel. It means that as we understand the gospel we can become a strongest Christian. Why? Because Jesus Christ is the strongest. Look at the apostle Paul at Philippians 4:13. He confessed that he can do everything in the one who provides the power.

3. In Cambodia, we meet many strong things, those are; money, pleasure, dance and enjoying the culture, etc. And in our studying time we meet many power, knowledge, wisdom, insight, struggling time etc. But we see the strongest one, our Lord. So in the tension we can enjoy his wonderful peace.

### **Third, we should gather with the Lord in our state.**

1. We should take care of our tension very well. How can we take care of them? We should gather with the Lord. Verse 30 says, “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.” As Pharisees complained the ministry of our Lord. “But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” They could not handle such stress. Then Jesus emphasized this points. It means that every day we should be faithful to a small thing in our lives with the Lord. Just like Enoch walked with God for 300 years in begetting his children. We have to gather with our Lord. As Ruth gather small grain in the field for her mother-in-law, finally she entered into the genealogy of Messiah.



2. Especially, when we meet some troubles we should go to die with Christ as Thomas said, Jn 11:16. “So Thomas, called the Twin,<sup>b</sup> said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” Actually the way of truth is so strange in our lives. When we die with it, we can live but if we can live, we may die. Jn12:24-25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. “

### **Conclusion:**

We live at the place of tension in the earth. But we need spiritual tension. Why? Because we know our present time, we know that the kingdom of God came into the earth but not yet. Then we should follow the direction of the Lord. Moreover we should gather with one heart to glorify God.

### **Let's pray**

**Dear Lord, Open our eyes to see the kingdom and God and his king as the strongest. Lead us to know Christ in this semester. Provide wisdom knowledge and insight by the illumination of Holy Spirit.**

**I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Forgiveness of the gospel (Jn 8:1-11) May 8. 2015 ITCS chapel**

“but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, **“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”** And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Clean. Open Provide and lead Pray.

**Introduction:**

1. Today I want to think of God's forgiveness through the text. The text revealed the wonderful truth of forgiveness.

Verses 3-4 say, "The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery." Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

Then If he said to kill her, he shall commit Roman law (for at that time Roman military ruled over them.) , but if he answered "no" to stone to her, he shall commit against the Law of Moses. Jesus might be a false prophet. Then Jesus said **“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”**(7) Everybody could not cast stone to her because they realized any sins in their heart. After they left from that place, the woman stood up at that place alone.

Verse 10-11 say, "Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, ***"Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."*** How wonderful declaration to her it is!

2. Forgiveness of gospel is freedom we should enjoy always in our lives because Christ forgave all our sins eternally. Although we committed any sins in our lives, we should enjoy the grace of forgiveness. How can we enjoy the grace of forgiveness?

**First, we should assure that only Jesus can forgive our sins.**

1. Verse 11 says, “And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go...” How could Jesus declare that he did not condemn you? Because he is the savior, he could proclaim “go” to her. This is like the grace that after Adam and Eve committed sin and as they trembled for their guilt feeling and shamefulness, soon God provided the grace in Gen 3:15, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” As this woman was trembling before Jesus and the crowd, Jesus declared to “go” that is, “be free”, “enjoy God’s forgiveness.” “her ugly sins was cleaned by God’s grace.” Without any price she received

As we know, when Jesus was visited by four persons who brought a paralyses in the bed, He declared that Mt 9:2 says ““Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And also he added, “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”(6) He claimed that only he can forgive our sins. We believe that only Jesus Christ can forgive our sins. Actually he claimed that he is only the savior who could save all sins out of every miserable state. So all sinners should go to him to clean up their sins.

2. Do you have any sins, any conviction and any distress? Do not be afraid of them. Now go to Jesus. Then only he shall clean your dirty sins and shall pardon them eternally. If you commit any sins and realize them, do not hesitate, directly go to him and confess your sins to him by faith, then you shall have wonderful forgiveness.

3. Ex: Really this woman was very miserable, very shameful. All people criticized her and cast stone to her. Then Jesus covered her completely by his death. So He proclaimed his remission to them. Hebrew 10:10 says, “And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” And also Heb. 10: 19-22 says, “Therefore, brothers, since *we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus*, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.* “

**Second, Jesus paid to pay our all debts of our sins on the cross.**

1. Sin is like debts or, wage. So sin shall bring the death. Remission (redemption) needs to pay the same price to compensate the price. So Christ should be lifted up on the cross for all debts of his own people. This is the reason of his death. Because his death we received

his wonderful forgiveness without any payment. So Jesus could declare, “Neither do I condemn you; go”.

2. In Luke 23:34 Jesus could demand to the father. “And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”(Lk23:34) Why? Because he accomplished God’s redemption and he were sufficient of Father’s requirement, complete righteousness by his death. So if we by faith confess our actual sins to Him, surely he shall clean up our heart completely.(I Jn 1:9) “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

3. Many people misunderstand the atonement teaching in the Scripture. Without compensating any price, our sins were pardoned automatically because God has the sovereignty power. And they think that whatever he will do, he can do everything. However the Scripture emphasizes the substitution.

4. As we know Ish 53:5-6 says, “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” In the other word, because of his suffering and his death we can get eternal freedom and living life and resurrection power in our lives. So the Apostle Paul decided that he wanted to know Christ and his cross in his life than any wisdom and any miracles.

5. So we should understand that our grace is very valuable price for marvelous price were paid to it. So we have to consider our grace precious. Furthermore, when we received any favor from our neighbor, we should be afraid of it for any sacrifice of our neighbors. This is God's way. As we know, look at Abraham's attitude to Ephron of the Hittite tribe about buying Machphella cave for the burial place of his wife, Sarah. Then Ephron stressed that he wanted to give it without any price to Abraham. Then Abraham paid all price to him. "Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, "But if you will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there." Ephron answered Abraham,(Gen23: 13-14)" He did not like to get some favor without any reasons. In Christian life we should learn this philosophy. We should admit that my freedom come out of my neighbors' sacrifice.

**Third, we who received forgiveness should keep his grace.**

After Jesus proclaimed her forgiveness, soon Jesus exhorted her "Do not commit sin." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."(12)

1. It means that she should live in the truth, "do not adultery." And "be faithful in your life.



As we know, the adultery means to break the faithfulness between our neighbors. It is related to the idolatry very closely. Every idolatry people is fallen down into the spiritual adultery. So true Christian loves the truth, the word of God, because only the Scripture is the truth, the faithful word that come out of faithful God. After we received freedom, forgiveness from God we should keep the way of truth. “no sin no more”. What is the truth? It is Christ and his word, the Scripture. Jn14:6, Jn 17:17 define the fact obviously to us. So Reading it, meditating it, obeying it and studying it are the way to sustain the truth. Then we can overcome every sin. So James emphasizes, in James 1:25, “But *the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty*, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but *a doer who acts*, he will be blessed in his doing.”

We have to hate any sins and fight with them. Furthermore, we have to fight against any sins in our actual life. We have to hate it, we should fight it practically with our whole power. Now, if you have any sins in your lives, soon remove it out of your heart. And keep your heart with God’s truth and God’s grace. So we should pray and praise God. Do not make empty room in your heart. Fill your heart with Holy Spirit and the word of God. Unless we stay in empty room, seven evil shall attack us, Mt 12:43-45 says, “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it

says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

The grace of forgiveness demand our responsibility to live faithfully. So Paul stressed that we should not receive God's grace without any meaningless.( II Corinthian 6:1)

### **Conclusion:**

When we serve the Lord, we should find our strong enemy in us. What is it? It is our sins. When we realize to commit sins, we should confess our sins soon, to God by faith. I Jn1:9 says, " If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. " What is the faith? It is to accept Christ and His merit as mine. Jesus Christ, our Lord died on the cross for us 2000 years ago. By faith after we repent our sins, we should praise the Lord for his forgiveness. Our meeting should be filled of pardoned sinners by faith to Christ's death and His redemption. Then our Lord shall provide wonderful grace to us. May the grace of God be with you all.

Let's pray

Dear Lord

We thank you for your wonderful forgiveness grace. Pardon us for our sins. Clean our dirty heart by the blood of Jesus Christ. And also make us to follow the way of truth always. Make us fought against sins. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Suffering for God's Glory (Jn 9:1-12) May 15 2015 ITCS

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "***It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.*** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

### Introduction:

1. We live in the world of much suffering those are; diseases, financial problems, relationship issue, chronicle sickness etc.

Then If we don't understand the meaning of our suffering, we shall be frustrated for our ignorance and shall be wondering in our lives.

Generally the people thinks that every suffering comes out of our sins, our fault and our relative persons as the text points to us. Verses 1-2 says "As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Although the disciples of the Lord followed Him for several time, they could not understand true meaning of suffering. Then our Lord obviously told them, **"Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."** It means that God wanted to reveal his glory by his suffering. It means that his suffering had been given to reveal his wonderful glory in the world.

In present life we can despise our suffering time, our distress time because we was tempted by the secular teaching, that is, every suffering comes out of our sins or, our parent's sins. As the result we may live as the negative attitude and the complaining heart to God and our neighbors.

What meaning does our suffering give to us?

**First, His salvation includes to solve our suffering.**

1. As the disciples asked a reason of his lasting suffering that a blind man had possessed and claimed to come out of his sin or, his parent's

sin, Jesus ignored their stereotype thought. It means that their salvation included the absolute solution of every suffering. Rom 8:28 “And we know that *for those who love God all things work together for good*, for those who are called according to his purpose. “ As we received salvation by accepting Jesus as my Lord, we shall receive complete rescuing out of every suffering. Acts 4:19-20 says “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord**, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,” This is our wonderful salvation. According to the gospel, our all suffering and all problems should be solved by Christ. Where is your suffering, your severe issue? Remember the solution of your issue! Give thankfulness to the Lord.

2. So we can overcome our suffering any time, any place because His salvation should contain our suffering. So we can walk in our suffering time as Paul did. “Not only that, but **we rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because *God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us*.“(Rom 5:3-5). Because we know the secret of our suffering, we can trust God in our heart among them. Suffering makes endurance, endurance character, and character hope. It means God’s perseverance that God takes responsibility for our

salvation from beginning to the end. So we can thank in the suffering time in our lives.

Ex: Look at Job, who was one of our role model of overcomers of severe suffering. As continuous temptation of Satan approached to him, those are: the destruction of his property, the break of his family and the demolishment of his body, He could overcome every suffering because he depended on the Lord and his consistent providence. Job 1:20-22 says “Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.”

3.If you have any suffering in your life, you should expect God’s wonderful grace because our salvation had already cleaned up all our issue. We can do all things in Christ.(Philippian 4:13)

### **Second, Suffering makes to obey the word of God faithfully.**

1.The man loves disobedience for his original sin. Always our sinful desire lives against God and his will. Then suffering makes us to obey the Word of God.

The Siloam blind man obeyed Jesus’s command. Verses 6-7 says “Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the

saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing." How did he obey easily and devotedly to go to the lake and to clean up his eyes? I assured that His long time suffering influenced to his obedience. As we know, he could say any excuses to Jesus. "I cannot see some way to reach the pond." "Are you kidding to me?", "How can my eyes be opened even washing my eyes?" "It is so unreasonable!" etc. especially Jesus attached mud with the saliva on his eyes. But he did not say any things. Only he obeyed the order of God exactly. This is the most beautiful action in his life.

What is the most beautiful thing in this world? It is obeying thought, obeying action and obeying decision. Adam and Eve lost these beautiful things. But Jesus, second Adam, revealed the beautiful action for accomplishing our salvation. He got his excellent position and made his own people been excellent position. How could he get such blessing? By the suffering of his cross. Heb 2: 7-8 says, "In the days of his flesh, Jesus<sup>a</sup> offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. "Suffering made him been obeying man.



As we know Ps 119:67 and 72 say “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.” So we can be not afraid of any suffering because it made us given wonderful benefits and any blessing. What is the blessing? It is to obey God and the word of God.

What is the goal of our ministry and our direction? It shall become a man of obedience to the Scripture, the word of God. It means that God accomplishes completely his redemption through suffering.

### **Third, suffering accomplishes God’s work relevantly.**

1. After the blind man was healed by Jesus’ grace, what did he do? Verses 10-11 says “So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” Even though many people criticized his event to make them not to obey Jesus as their savior, he proclaimed the gospel to the world. Even he received several compromised demand, He proclaimed his assurance obviously to them. Jn 9:29-30 says “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, **this is an amazing thing!** You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.” Among them he thought very strangely to them. It is very strange, To accept Jesus as your savior. It is very, very natural

decision, very exact attitude. If any body do not accept Jesus as his Lord, it is very ridiculous thing, it is very strange thing. What do you think of it?

As our God, Jesus Christ claimed his meaning of his miserable suffering for God's work, God's glory, really His heavy suffering made it, God's glory. What is it? Through his suffering, God worked, the Word of God worked for healing ministry, Furthermore his suffering was the important tool declared the fact that Jesus was the creator, the provider and the redeemer. Among much proclamation he proclaimed gospel strongly to the world. "Jesus is real Sioam, Jesus is the creator, the healer, and the savior to shine the heavenly light, "*or* (Gen1:3) ". Do you believe in it?

**2.** Do you understand the real power of your suffering? If you obey the word of God in your dark place, the living God works in you. How about your suffering, those are, disease, struggle, bad environment and wicked relationship etc.? Surly our pictorial revelation, the text emphasizes to go to your creator, to your savior and your provider and to obey his word unconditionally in your heart. Then you can get much benefits of your suffering.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

Do not be afraid of any suffering, any distress and any struggles. Go to Christ, your creator. Your suffering shall be changed into your benefits. Your suffering endurance, character, hope. May God' grace in your life be with you.

Let's pray. Lord, Appreciate for, provide, open I pray it Amen.

## **Remember the fifth command ! ( Exodus 20: )**

### Introduction

According to Vos's observation, Ten Commandments is not related to the Israelite nation, but to all the world people. It means that it is the foundation of every laws in the mankind, those are, family, political, civic law, government and natural law etc. So we understand what ten commandments teaches rightly, we can live the most beautiful life that was filled of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness in the earth.

According to such preposition we can review the true direction of the fourth commandment. “ “

In this time we want to understand it to proclaim the gospel to the world. What is the fourth commandment?

First, It is the commandment of positive mode. The others made of negative style, “do not commit, but this command reveals “ “. Why does the command reveal positive affirming command? Because it is the foundation of every commandments practically.

Second, it is commandment that produced three, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

Third, it is promised commandment of blessing.

## Good Shepherd (Jn 10:7-13) 5/20/2015 ITCS

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am **the door of the sheep**. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am **the door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly**. I am the **good shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

### Introduction:

1. Who is Jesus? Apostle John says that he is the Word, the creator, the life, the way, the truth, the fountain water, living water, the light, the true vine etc. Here, John 10 reveals that Jesus is “the door of sheep”, “the good shepherd”, and “the abundant life” by using the metaphor.

2. As we know, the metaphor is a method of expression to explain a main theme by comparing with some similar things. For example, the text shows us that Jesus is compared to a shepherd or, the door or, the

life. Why did Jesus claim that he is the door of sheep and the good shepherd and the abundant life? Why did Jesus use some metaphor? Because the contents is not abstract fact but abundant reality he enjoyed to use such method. As Jesus reveals to you, do you know Him? When we know Jesus more or more , every area of our life shall be filled with grace and truth. Who is Jesus?

### **I. Jesus is the door of the sheep.**

1. The first metaphor is the door of the sheep. Verse 2 says, “So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am **the door of the sheep.** “ Why did Jesus compare himself to sheep’s door? Now, Jesus claims that He is the only way for his own people to get the salvation out of miserable sins and to get the daily spiritual food from him. Verse 9 says, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

2. According to the Israelite situation, when the sheep stays on the grass at the day time and at the night time they return to their fold. Then the shepherd made his sheep entered into the fold through one door And he lies down on the door seat as a door to take care of them easily. So the sheep can come in and go out through him. Then the shepherd check up his sheep to feed some food, their health state. Just like the door of sheep, Jesus is the only way that every Christian should be taken care of every day. Everything should be checked up by him for sheep’s

life.(food, body state, dung state, harmful state etc) Now Jesus stresses that we should come back to Jesus for our salvation and should be examined by the Lord for our sustaining life, moment by moment, day by day.

Ex: Ps 23 says these points obviously. What is that? Eating pasture, drinking water, walking in the valley of death, fighting to the enemy and being taken rest in the future etc. were securitized by Jehovah,our shepherd.

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Who is your door, your way in your daily life? Jesus Christ is your only way. So when we have some chance any time, any place, come back to him directly. He is waiting for you. He prepared all things for you. He invites you to there. Rev 3:20 says, “ Behold, I stand at the door and



knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” Mt 11:28-30 says “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

= As we know, many Christians misunderstands the real meaning of taking rest in their lives. Although they slept in deep, they do not enjoy the real rest in their heart because of confusion, chaos, darkness and much anxiety. Now Jesus emphasize that he is your way, your rest , your real peace. He exhort that come to me, abide in me.

As I lied on th bed in hospital because of my weakness, then I prayed to the Lord according to the Psamls 139:1-8 , “***O Lord, you have searched me and known me!***

***You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.***

You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.”

Then I remember to get the peaceful grace in my heart.

After you finish your semester you should go to the way, Jesus Christ,  
the door of shepherd, Surely he shall provide you proper grace to you.

## **II. Jesus is the good shepherd.**

1. Second metaphor is that Jesus is the good shepherd. Verse 11 says I am the **good shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. “What does it mean?” Jesus is the best leader in our lives. Jesus is shepherd we are his own sheep. The metaphor reveals the relationship between Jesus and us. It relates to our obedience. Why is he the good shepherd? Jesus emphasized that he shall love his sheep unending love, he shall protect his own sheep, he shall feed the best food to them and he shall die on the cross and he shall make his sheep arrived to the eternal house surely.

2. Really, historically our shepherd, Jesus died on the cross 2000 years ago for our salvation and rose out of his death for leading us to the heaven. Now He works in us as good shepherd in Holy Spirit.

3. In our lives many bad leaders to kill us by many snares are working now. Who are they? Bad teaching and false teaching. Then we should listen to only the trustful voice of good shepherd.

4. How can we discern the good shepherd or the bad shepherd in our lives? The Scripture is the only standard. Any time any place we should pursue the voice of good shepherd through the Scripture.

5. In our struggled studying time we shall follow the good shepherd, and our whole life should follow the voice of good shepherd. Then we can enjoy wonderful protection and amazing grace in our present life. We who receive the best love of good shepherd praise Him give thankfulness to him in our heart.

### **III. Jesus is the abundant life.**

1. The last metaphor is the abundant life. Verse 14 says, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,” 10:10 says , “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.** “ Do you understand that passage? The first life is eternal life that is salvation and also what is more abundant life? It points the abundant life, the overflowing delight, the fullness of holy Spirit, the abundant word of God, and the powerful life etc. This is the goal of our shepherd, Jesus Christ. So we can say that our life purpose is to enjoy the abundant life in our lives. What is the abundant life? it is the contents of life. overflowing delight, more than conquering life, and the heavenly eternal life.

2. So we should claim this promise in our lives, studying, working, taking rest time and any suffering time. We should experience such life

in our lives. We need to experience the door of sheep, the good shepherd and the abundant life. Remember Jesus is my good shepherd, the only way and the abundant life itself.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Who is Jesus? What is Jesus? Many people follow money, pleasure and beauty as their shepherd. Yesterday, my church experienced such event. A church member got a accident in front of church door, his parents arrived at the church to participate into the Lord's day worship, Then my church student took off suddenly a auto by passed way on that road and hit him and he was fallen down on the road. Soon go to the hospital. Ten his all parent and relative persons participate into our service. We are very surprised at the state. After we commit all thing to the Lord we had worship

2. Jesus Christ is your door, your shepherd and the abundant life. Afternoon we visited to the house to encourage them. Then His parent said, continuously we attend to our worship. Although my boy got accident in his leg. When I heard that confession I thanked to God for our shepherd lead it.

Let's pray.

Heavenly Father, Clean our unbelief by the blood of Jesus Make us to follow our way, our good shepherd and our abundant life Jesus Christ.

Strengthen us to obey the word of God. I pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Seeing the glory of God ( Jn11:38-44) 5/24/2015**

“Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Telos: You can participate into God’s glory by believing in Jesus as my resurrection, by believing Jesus as Messiah (Lord and savior) and by obeying his command positively.

### **Introduction:**

Christian life is to see the glory(power, blessing and way) of God. It means that we participate into his glory. After the Christians will die, they shall go and see the heaven, the house of our father, and shall participate into his glory.

1. The text reveals a sample that we can participate into the glory of God and see the glory of God in the world. As we know, the text was the resurrected event that Jesus happened in the cave (tomb) that the dead body of Lazarus was stored at Bethany in the province Judah in Israel 2000 years ago. What does Jesus teach how to see His glory in the earth?
2. When three disciples saw transfigured Jesus on the mountain as they participated and seeing into the glory of Jesus's identification as the son of God. The text reveals such wonderful promise, "if you believed, you would see the glory of God" (39) If you want to see the glory (the power, the grace, the resurrection and eternal blessing) follow the teaching of the text.

**First, by believing in Jesus as my resurrection, we can see the glory.**

Verse 40 says, "Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Here the text suggests that the Lord had told it to Martha. Verse 25 says, "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." It means that "Do not afraid of it, only believe in me." Then although Martha met Jesus and confessed his faith to Him, she abided in spiritual darkness. In one word, she did not believe in Jesus and his promise truly in her heart. Why? Because she concentrated on

the present sorrow and the present worse state. It means to stay in the only reasonable things. Her present worst state made is spiritual eyes become dark, confusion, frustration and unbelief. So she could not see the glory of God that was hidden in the promise of the Lord. So our Lord emphasized that he is the resurrection and the life. This word means Jesus is the source of blessing, power, wealth and honor etc. in all things. Here, resurrection is to rise out of death, recreation, restoration, salvation and redemption, And also the life is the eternal life. If we possess Jesus as my Lord in my life already we see the glory of resurrection, the eternal life. So we can claim that Jesus is my resurrection my life, my power and my Lord.

Do you know the meaning of believing? Believing means seeing, It means as we trust on the Lord, we see him and his glory in our heart. So believing the heart is very important and very wonderful.

Do you have true faith in your heart? Hebrew 11:1 says that faith is assurance and conviction.” Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. “ It is true confidence. It points the main channel to see the glory. In our Christian life, we have to concentrate on believing Christ and His word. If we believe in Jesus already, we see the glory and we enjoy the glory in our heart.

As you know, As Northern Israel was surrounded by Syria military in the Samaritan city. All people were afraid of it. And also Elisha’s



servant, Kehasi did not see the glory for his dark state of his eyes. Then Elisha prayed that his servant saw the glory to the Lord, his eyes were opened to see more strong angels stood up behind Syria military and the glory. Do you have such spiritual eyes in your lives?

We have to ask to make our heart opened to the Lord to see the glory.

**Second, by believing Jesus as Messiah ( Lord and savior), we can see the glory.**

Next, to see the glory of God we have to believe in Jesus as my messiah, Messiah means the anointed with the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament three positions were anointed by God. , Kingship, Priesthood and Prophet. So we know Jesus have three positions to accomplish the redemption. For three years he controlled Israel as the king and offered his blood to God as the high priest and also he proclaim the Word of God as the prophet to the world. In the other words, It means that we admit Jesus as my Lord and my savior in any place, any time. When we eat, when we work, when we sleep, when we stay in the suffering and when we stay in the good place, we should admit Jesus as my Lord and my savior. Then we see the glory.

1. As we know, a leprosy man approached to Jesus in Mt 8:2 “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean. “ With his humble heart he asked his problem to Jesus. Jesus gave mercy on him and touched him

and proclaimed ““I will; be clean.” Soon he was healed completely. He saw the glory of God in his life.

When we pray our issues to the Lord by believing on Jesus Christ as my savior and as my Lord. Then we can see the glory of God.

**Third, by obeying his command positively we can see the glory.**

1. Do you want see the glory? Now obey the word of Jesus positively. Although Jesus can do all things by his power, he want that we participate into the glory by faith. Look at the text we can find three things to participating into the glory. What are they?

1) Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”

2) The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Why did Jesus command such obedience? Although Jesus could de all things completely, he demanded to obey two things. Why? Because Jesus wanted that his people participate into his ministry to get the glory of God and to see the glory of resurrection. So he demand little things. So we need to obey the command of the Lord.

If you want to join into the glory of resurrection and eternal life in your actual life now obey his word. Surly you can see the wonderful grace.

**Conclusion.**

My beloved saints, We need to see the glory of God, the power of God, the holiness of God and the healing of God. As the text teaches us to believe Jesus as our messiah and obey His word. Then we can participate into his glory. In our Christian life we have to see God's glory.

## **Our standard is God's holiness ( Lev 11:45)**

“For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” (Lev 11:45)

Telos: you must keep holy because it is the goal of our calling and our ministry and it is our standard.

### **Introduction:**

John Calvin pointed that the Christian should exhibit a melody of God's justice and a harmony between God's righteousness and our obedience. In a short word, it is to attain to the standard of holiness. Really his observation must be depended on the Word of God. As Leviticus 11:45 says, “For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy”, we should focus on that standard in our whole lives. Without having holiness, no happiness, no delight and no peace. Without having godliness, darkness and destruction exit in our lives.

So God requires that the redemption does not stay only in the abstract place but should be applied in the actual lives to us. Today text reveals the reality obviously to us. “You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” Why should we pursue the standard in our everything?

**First, Because holiness is the purpose of our calling, we have to pursue it.**

1. Although we seem to do everything in our own volition, finally our every thing shall be controlled by God's eternal will. All things in the world shall be accomplished according to God's plan, our sanctification by his hand. So we should exercise to attain the goal of holiness.

2. Ephesian 1: 18 says "having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, " According to Paul's teaching, every Christian have the hope of God's calling. Here the hope means goal or purpose. When God call for us , he has the wonderful goal, that is holiness as the ultimate goal in our whole life. Acts 20: 32 points that the complete church is the holy assembly. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance **among all those who are sanctified.**"

3. God's calling does not aim to become a man of great ministry but a man of great godliness. So we have to clean up external elements, moreover we should clean up our internal elements, sound doctrine and sound life.

Ps 15:1-5 says, “O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

and speaks truth in his heart;

who does not slander with his tongue

and does no evil to his neighbor,

nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

in whose eyes a vile person is despised,

but who honors those who fear the Lord;

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

who does not put out his money at interest

and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.”

Who can stand firm on the holy mountain? The Psalmist points the ethical elements. It means the men who passed the standard of holiness. They should be holy for God is holy. As we know, in Exodus 24:9-11, seventy elders in Mosaic day sat down before God and ate manna, in the presence of God. Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.” Only

holy persons could participate into the holy place and took divine fellowship with holy God. Just the goal should be ours.

4. So we should not give up to attain our goal but we should exercise our godly life in everything in order to possess the godly character, those are; righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and gentleness. ( I Tim 6:11) What is your goal of God's calling? It is to attain to holiness as God's one.

### **Second, Holiness should be the goal of our ministry.**

1. When God call for us God to accomplish Holiness of our work. So the Lord demands that his people should become perfect as the Father did.

(Mt 5:48 "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.") Why does he request perfect to us? Because only the perfect person can serve holy ministry in every area. So we should go to the place, holy ministry.

What does holiness mean? *Kadosh* ( Holiness ) in Hebrew means to separation out of the others. As we know why did God command that Levi tribes should be separated out of the other tribes? They had no any heritages in Israel. They should serve only the tabernacle matters. Their

inheritance is God, Himself. They should serve the offering matters for Israel. But God guaranteed their all lives. This is holy ministry.

When we are called for God's property, we all were separated by God for God's ministry. This is the meaning of calling. So Paul I Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you<sup>b</sup> are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? "

The others points that we are the field of God, the ambassador of God and the inherience of God. So we should serve the Lord for holy ministry faithfully.

Why Eli was died by God's discipline? He sat down on the chair." As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years."(ISam 4:18) "At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.(3:2)" We can find several times as such expression. Ps 134:1-4 says "Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!" Here, the priest should serve God while standing in his ministry. Why did he sat down in the holy place? Because he was corrupted in his heart and despised holy attitude, standing state,



Nadab and Abihu were punished by God's hand because they failed to bring the other lamps because of the drunken state. As the priest of gospel, we should devote our lives to holy ministry, godly ministry, godly study, godly serving and godly relationship. Our Spirit, Holy Spirit shall lead us to that place by his wisdom, his power absolutely. We believe in it.

Sometimes we meet some struggled issue in our lives. At that time we should not follow some rumor, human method, we should follow God's goal, holiness.

### **Third, We should pursue holy methodology in our lives.**

1. Why did God this goal this man in our ministry? God wants to use holy method to accomplish his will in every area.
2. As we know, the Scripture stresses how to do, how to accomplish and how to achieve. I means that God wants to use holy methodology.

Babel tower- Why did Trinity God prohibit the work? Because their motive, their method, and their desire were very wicked. They tried to accomplish it by the human method. "And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the

whole earth.”(Gen11:3-4) We see that every human goal and human methodology shall be destroyed by God eternally. New age movement, postmodern thought and human religions and human culture shall be demolished by God’s will.

Our school want to follow this line, reformed theology and it’s faith, sound doctrine, sound life. So we should learn divine methodology, understanding word of God and the faithful prayer.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints, We have studied our subject in this semester until now with our own best things before God. I appreciate you for your faithful attitude, your passionate heart to follow this goal. And also I want to encourage you for your obeying heart, your humble heart in this semester. I assure that our living God shall bless you in you and our future. Moreover today, we should review our present position, holiness, (our character and our ministry and our methodology that God points to us.

Let’s pray.

## True Offering (Jn12:1-8) 6/10/2015

“**1**Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2**So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. **3**Mary therefore **took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.**(E) The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4**But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, **5**“**Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?**”(S) **6**He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. **7**Jesus said, “**Leave her alone, so that she may keep it<sup>e</sup> for the day of my burial.**(E) **8**For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

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1. Mary's devotion- took, anointed, wiped
2. Judas' sin – he criticizes Mary's devotion, Jesus's acceptance – hypocrisy

3. Jesus accepted her true worship. His devotion served Christ's burial.
4. Our every devotion should serve Christ's redemption.
5. First worship Christ, next serve our neighbor(the poor)

## **Introduction**

1. In Christian life learning true offering, true devotion and true worship is very important because it reflects the state of our faith. When we observe the character of any offering that we offer to God, we may evaluate the level of our faith very well.

Although anybody is estimated as one of the great Christians, if he is not faithful to his offering attitude, he must be very miserable life of Christian. Why? Because offering life proves the actual state of his faith. Does it mean that he offered much money to God? No. What is it? According to the Scripture, much money is not much offering and little money is not little offering. It stresses that it is not donation or, contribution. True offering is a sacrifice that God accepts. Such secular reasonable criteria are not different to the biblical standard.

Ex: one day, Jesus had watched out an offering box in a synagogue. A rich man put much gold money and silver money into the box, but a poor widow put two coins into the box. It was very miserable. Then Jesus taught to disciples about true offering. Jesus declared that this woman put more offering than the rich. Why? Because the rich man put his part into the box, but the miserable widow put all her things in

her daily life. Before God, much offering consists of his devotion, his living sacrifice life and his true love to God. Moreover the text stressed this truth again by teaching true offering to us.

What is true offering? The text reveals an event that teaches true offering to us. After Jesus raised the dead Lazarus out of his tomb, his sisters, Martha and Mary prepared a banquet for Jesus and his disciples in their house. Then Mary anointed on Jesus's head and washed his foot with her hair. Then Iscariot Judah criticized Mary's devotion, Verses 4-6 says, "**4**But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, **5**“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” **6**He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. “ Then Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it<sup>c</sup> for the day of my burial. **8**For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

Here we can find what real offering, real devotion and real worship is obviously. In our lives when we always worship to God, we have to remember this teaching. What is true offering and true devotion?

**I. It is to devote the best thing in ours to the Lord.**

Here, Mary offered her most valuable a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, to the Lord. How much is it? It was 300 denarius (a man's salary one year= 2400 dollars). Then the Lord evaluated that she offered much offering. True offering should include the offered himself as Cain and Abel.

Ex: Cain and Abel learnt true worship from their parent, Adam and Eve. We can think that they offered at the same altar, the same place, and the same time and with same method to God. But their result was different. Genesis 4:4-5 says “and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, [5](#)but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. “God looked at the offering and the offered. So we have to check up our offering in worship time, our praising, and our ministry. True offering is to offer our own best thing to the Lord. Did you offer your best thing to the Lord in Christian life? Then our God shall remember them and bless the best present to us.

Ex: Livingstone's offering - As we know when Livingstone was a boyhood, in England, he participated into church worship. As an offering bag was brought to him, suddenly he put his head into the bag for he has no money in his pocket. The others were surprised at his silly behavior. Later he became the first Africa missionary to God's calling. Living God remembered his true heart offering. What is true offering? It is to offer our true heart to God.

## **II. It is to offer ourselves to the Lord.**

Judah criticized Mary's devotion and Jesus's action that accepted Mary's anointed offering. Mary's devotion was revealed two elements of devotion. 1) She offered herself to Jesus – her honorable body was used by the Lord. 2) She offered the best gift to the Lord. – 300 denarii value was poured on Jesus one time. It seemed to be meaningless for temporary effective of the perfume. Then Jesus pointed that ““Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” Now Jesus taught that true offering should be offered only the Lord. To offer something to Jesus must be primary in our lives.

Judah's thought came out of his sinful desire, the corrupted heart. Although he considered the poor persons deeply, actually he inclined into his covet. John comments that he was a thief to steal some money out of a moneybag.

As Cain was angry because of his unaccepted offering, Judah was fallen into the sinful desire because of his wicked motive in following Jesus.

Here, we have to learn that true offering should be to offer first of all to Jesus himself. After that, we can serve our neighbors in Christ very well. So Paul emphasize that after salvation we should offer the living sacrifice to God. ( Rom12:1-2)

### **III. It is to focus on the death of Christ.**

1. The Lord says “Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it<sup>c</sup> for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” True offering is true worship. So the man who was saved out of his miserable sins should offer himself to God to proclaim the salvation to the world.

Judah could not understand true meaning of the worship because he was not born again in his life. We should offer ourselves, our precious money and our whole life to God, our salvation should be only the motive to offer true offering. What is the basic unit of true offering? It is tithe. Malachi 3:10 says, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. “Why does the Scripture stress that point to us? Because true offering is connected with the foundation of our salvation, Christ’s death we have to keep faithfully before God.

### **Conclusion:**

True devotion shall bring about wonderful events those are; the Lord shall be glorified, the offered himself shall receive wonderful grace from God. Now the Lord search for true offering and true worship in



the earth. Although you are very poor, you can offer wonderful present to living God.

If we want to become a rich man in every area in our lives. Please follow the Scripture direction. What is God's promise to the true offered? It is to pour out wonderful grace to us in our whole lives. II Corinthian 9:8-9 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

1. if you want to become a rich man in every area, obey this command in your life. May the blessing of God be with you?

Let's pray.

Heavenly Father.

We thank you for your wonderful truth, true offering true blessing.

Make us decided to obey this command for your glory.

Provide your grace to obey your word.

Although we are poor in our lives, make us become to provide many things to our neighbors and the entire world.

I pray these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

## **Another Helper** (Jn 14:16-21) June 23 2015 ITCS chapel

**16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,<sup>f</sup> to be with you forever, **17**even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be<sup>s</sup> in you. **18**“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21**Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

### Introduction:

1. We always have the thankful heart to our parents because they begot us, and after our birth, they have helped us until we become an adult.

The Christian needs much help in our Christian life just like our parents did. As we know, our God has provided wonderful grace, those are; the common grace and the special grace to us. Do you know your best helpers in your life? Jesus Christ is my helper and also Holy Spirit is another helper. Verse 16 says, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever,” Here “*parakletos*” in Greek means “/pará, "from close-beside" and /kaléō, "make a call")

– properly, a *legal advocate* who makes the right judgment-call because *close* enough to the situation.” Holy spirit helps us in our heart , the most intimacy place.

2. I confess that until now God has provided wonderful grace to me to teach my subjects in Cambodia. My health was more recovered in our ministry much. And also my power was recovered to teach my subjects for long time. Although I did not experience special events in my Cambodia mission, I have enjoyed my ministry. And also when I served my church at the last Lord’s day. I visited to church members and my neighbors and proclaimed the gospel to them. Then I felt that I am very happy, I am a blessed man. I think that Holy Spirit helps me, guides me into the truth and also leads into abundant life. I praise to Holy Spirit and appreciate you for your prayer and your warm love of me and my ministry.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

### **First, He is the third person of Trinity God.**

1. Verse 16 reveals the intimacy relationship of three persons in Trinity God. Son God asks to father-God, Father-God listens to the request of Son-God,

He send Holy Spirit-God. It is a united relation. We believe that as the Father-God, the Son- God, the Holy Spirit is God. As father-God, Son-God is the creator, Holy Spirit God is creator. As Jesus is the creator,

the provider and the redeemer, Holy Spirit is the provider, the redeemer and provider. Genesis 1:2 says, “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Here obviously the Holy Spirit operated in creation. In the New Testament the Spirit operated more stronger than creation time. So we believe that Holy Spirit works in our lives as re-creator, redeemer.

2. Verse 16 says, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.” This was Jesus’s saying to his disciples before Jesus died on the cross and his resurrection. This is wonderful promise according to the prophesy of Joel prophet.

1) After Jesus ascended to the father, he shall ask to the father, The Father shall send the son to us. So Holy Spirit shall replace the ministry of Jesus. It means that resurrected Jesus works in the Holy Spirit. In such meaning, Paul says, “the Lord is the Spirit.” The Spirit who descended on the church on the Pentecost day as the Spirit of Jesus he lead the church into the world of truth.

2) As we know, Jesus died on the cross and rose out of his death and ascended to the heaven. After that, Holy Spirit came to the church (us). So now we live in the Spirit, with the Spirit and on the Spirit. We obey the Spirit, as we follow Jesus in our lives according to the Word of God, that is the Scripture.

3) If we accepted Jesus as my Lord, already Holy Spirit works in our heart, he came in my heart. This is the meaning of being born again by Holy Spirit.

4) So generally we do not ask that the Spirit come again to me. Why? Because we have Holy Spirit in our heart. After he came in me he has dwell in my heart eternally. So the Apostle did not teach to get the Holy Spirit again to solve several issues( arrogance, division, adultery idolatry and spiritual confusion in the Corinthian church. I Corinthian 3:16-17 says, “Do you not know that you<sup>b</sup> are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? [17](#)If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple“. What does it mean? Holy Spirit lives in my heart. So Paul called our heart for the sanctuary. If we make our heart been dirty, he shall be destroyed by God. So we have to be careful of our ministry, our lives, our thought and our fellowship because the church is the sanctuary of Holy Spirit.

5) Ex: As you know, As Paul was sent from Anthioc church for evangelize the minor Asia and proclaimed the gospel at an island, Cyprus, the chief of that island tried to listen to it and to accept it. Then Elymas (Bar-Jesus) a magician exhorted that Sugius Paulus did not believe in Jesus. Then Paul who was filled with Holy Spirit rebuked him. Suddenly he lost his sight. If anybody opposites against the work of Holy Spirit, he shall be destroyed in his life.

6) Do you welcome Holy Spirit in your heart? Do you obey the direction of Holy Spirit? Think of it? Basically any sin, any secular thought must be against Holy Spirit. We should accept the help of Holy Spirit in humble heart. If he points our sin in our heart we have to repent to God.

Who controls our heart, our life, our school and our church? We believe that Holy Spirit leads us for the glory of God.

### **Second, He is the Spirit of the truth.**

1. Verse 17 says, “even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

1) We call for him as Holy Spirit because he is holy. What does holiness mean? It means the separation of the other. As Holy Spirit works in our heart we can be changed into holy heart. So when we accept Jesus as my Lord, then the Spirit works in us for separation out of secular things, all deceiving things and for union with the truth of God, the Scripture words. Just like the separation between the light and the darkness, and as the light come into us, darkness was disappeared immediately.

2) If we feel the dirty state in our hearts and know our sins and confess our sin to the Lord by faith, Holy Spirit works in our heart to clean up defile states. Then he provides faith in our heart. This is the

work of Holy Spirit. We know that faith comes out of hearing the word of God. Actually when we listen to the Word of Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit provides “believing heart to the truth( the promise, teaching, example)” to us. Jn 16:13 says, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” This is the role of Holy Spirit.

2. If we are wandering in our heart for our present suffering, then Holy Spirit leads us into the truth. If we commits sin before God, and struggled in our heart in the darkness, the Spirit cried out for our weakness. Rom 8:26 says “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words.” Then Holy Spirit illuminate us to know our reality in the light of truth. The Truth is Christ, Word of God and Holy Spirit. Especially He makes us reminded the Scripture. Jn 14:26 says, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

In our Christian life we need his help to know, the truth about several issues, those are; health, marriage, money, relationship, and more understanding.

Ex: Look at the ministry of Philip, One day the Spirit guided him to a mission. The Spirit commanded him to go to Gaza the wilderness, to proclaim and to baptize him. Then, a Eadiophia minister read the scripture, Ish. 53: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” (Acts 8:32-33)

3. When he was struggled to understand the meaning in his heart. Holy Spirit works in Philip as well as the minister at the same time. The minister realized true meaning of that passage by Holy Spirit and also Philip explained the true meaning, Christ Jesus in the Scripture by the power of Holy Spirit. The Spirit of the truth worked in them to lead into the truth.

4. So we have to wait for his work in our lives – meditating, praying obeying. So Jesus Christ leads us to the truth through the Holy Spirit now. So we need long such grace in our heart to know the truth more by more.

### **Third, He is the another helper.**

1. Another version translated “he is another counselor”. Counselor means helper. If we are frustrated in our heart for any problems, we need some helps. At that time, remember the help of Holy Spirit. Ask it



to him. “ Holy Spirit , help me.” If we have big issues before us, then we have to ask the help of Holy Spirit. Then he shall open our eyes, he shall provide delight, grace and power to overcome them. Why is the Spirit another helper? Father God planed our redemption, Son God accomplished it and Holy Spirit applies the salvation to his own people. He is the Spirit of application.

2. As you know, in Genesis 17: Hagar was frustrated because of her owner, Sarah’s oppression after she was wandering at the desert. She and her son Ismael were very trouble. At that time, He cried out on the wilderness. Then God watched out her and she was answered the promise of God’s protection. Her eyes were opened to see the supervising Lord. Suddenly she saw the fountain water before her. Who did work for her to know God? How did she know God? Holy Spirit made her known God.

- In our Christian life we have to expect another helper, Holy Spirit’s work in our lives those are; working, studying, ministry and our future.

As the pillar of the fire and cloud followed Israel for 40 years on the wilderness, Holy Spirit works in our heart until the end.

Verse 18-20 promises, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will

see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

Do you understand this verse? It is not second coming of Jesus, but Holy Spirit descended in the church. The resurrected Jesus works in the Spirit in us and in the church. Now we enjoy grace, wisdom of another counselor.

As I participated into IEche conference at that other day, I found that our school was very important place in the south-east area, because I made sure that most theology and faith were inclined into the pluralism, pragmatism, post modernized. It means that sound doctrine was threatened by such secular methodology. Dr. Ezra had suggested the reformed theological wisdom and methodology to them by his frequent speaking. Then I think that we have to prepare reformed theology and faith faithfully in our thinking and our lives. We have to go Cambodia, another country to proclaim reformed faith and reformed life to them. I assure that Holy Spirit want to do it.

In Acts chapter 16:6-9 reveals “ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to

Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” At that time, Paul had a great vision to evangelize the minor Asia, Rome and all the world. How could he have the vision? It was the calling of the Spirit of Jesus, Holy Spirit led him towards Europe. What is your vision, your dream for Christ? Although our school has some uncomfortable environment, but we assure that our student have good chance to study, to practice. Holy Spirit called for you, go to the Cambodia, Myanmar and China and India. (Act 1:8) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

#### Conclusion:

My beloved saints, we have to give thankfulness to God for his wonderful gift, another helper, the spirit in us. We have to obey his command through the Scripture. And we have to aspire the wonderful grace of Holy Spirit in our heart to know his truth in every area. So we have to afraid of the work of Holy Spirit. We have to serve his work with trembling and divine fear.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your wonderful gift, Holy Spirit in us. Make us enjoyed the truth of Holy Spirit through the Scripture. Strengthen our school with your righteous right hand for your glory.

Remember our chancellor, our chairman, our professors, our instructors and our all students ( present students and graduated students).

Especially, strengthen leaders to lead our school in your will. Oh, Holy Spirit, come into our heart with your gracious truth to obey your word and to proclaim reformed theology and faith to all nations by the power of Holy Spirit. I pray these things in the name of Jesus.

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