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## **Sermon 1 The Day God blessed (*Gen2:1-3*) 9/15/2016**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on **the seventh day** God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on **the seventh day** from all his work that he had done. So God blessed **the seventh day** and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

### **Introduction:**

1. First of all, we praise the Lord for his wonderful grace and his amazing love to ITCS. To you who started the fall semester 2016, may the wonderful grace of God be with you. In this semester I want to treat the precious truth in my chapel time in Genesis chapter two. As my first message I want to talk about Sabbath day to you according to Genesis 2:1-3.

2. Until now I have kept the Sabbath day in my life according to God's commandment with my best heart before God. But in this mission field I have some burden not to keep it faithfully for my ministry. However, although we have any troubles for this issue in our present lives, we should find the proper best one in order to keep this word.

In the text we find that proclaiming of God that the Sabbath day is the day of blessing focuses to keep the day of blessing faithfully by following the example of God. When the man keeps the law, he shall

escape out of the darkness but shall enjoy the true rest. To prohibit personal affairs, those are, the recreation, their foot and to honor the day and to keep the day of the Jehovah are our wonderful blessed activities on the earth. (Ish 58:13 “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;”)

Above of all, that Sabbath day is the day that his people should be gathered at the church. Why are we gathered at the church together? John Calvin said that the work for six days should be prohibited and the door of the heart should be opened by thanking to God in memory of the creation and the recreation. “Then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Ish 58:14) Now we think of the promised command of God and should enjoy the abundant blessing. What purpose did the establishment of Sabbath day have? What shall we do at the Sabbath day?

**First, we should remember the creation of God.**

The term “the seventh day” in the text that was remarked 3 times was distinguished by six days. It means that at that day, God accomplished

to be filled every space of the sky and the earth with His **love and faithfulness**. So Ps 8:1-3 says, “O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is **your name** in all the earth!

You have set **your glory** above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy  
and the avenger. When I look at **your heavens, the work of your fingers**, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,”

Why did the Psalmist praise God’s majesty? Because he found  
wonderful love and unshakable faithfulness in the mirror of all creature.  
When he appreciated all creatures in his heart, he felt God’s love and  
His faithfulness in inspiration.

As God set all things in the proper place, God prepared every best  
grace for their redemption that is the purpose of God’s creation.

= In this semester we should praise the Lord, Jesus Christ by meditating  
His love, his mercy, his faithfulness and his righteousness at every class  
and every chapel and the personal studying time. Then we can enjoy  
the wonderful Sabbath grace. Then we can feel to enjoy God’s blessing  
and God Himself.

Ex: Whenever I served the school I have learnt that God shall lead our  
school, although we have some trouble time in our teaching ministry,  
studying ministry and pastoral ministry. Especially God sent many  
students to our school by the sacrifice of students and professors and

sponsors. We should praise to God because of that facts. God prepared everything for us to glorify God. In your studying time at your school you should enjoy the Sabbath grace in your personal life by meditating his creatures

As Psalmist felt that as he saw the fall, he thought that it is the fall of the Lord, and also as he saw the mountain he thought the holy mountain of God that was filled of his presence. Ps 42:6-7 says “My soul is cast down within me;

therefore **I remember you**  
**from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,**  
**from Mount Mizar.**

7Deep calls to deep  
at **the roar of your waterfalls;**  
**all your breakers and your waves**  
have gone over me.

8By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life. “.

Then we enjoy God’s redemption revealed in creation. Without understanding the Word of God, we cannot enjoy the creation grace. And also without uniting with the truth in the Scripture we cannot taste amazing grace. Moreover in the Sabbath day **we have to enjoy the meaning of creation.** As Adam before his depravity, enjoyed the

presence of God in Garden of Eden, we should enjoy the rest in Christ, the real Eden.

**Second, it focuses on the spiritual rest.**

1. The spiritual state of God's people that have some problems in the six working days shall be solved by concentrating on the worship through the relationship with God, we can solve our troubles. In the Sabbath day, the rest is more important than six working days because it is the resource of all activities in our lives.
2. What is the spiritual rest? In a short word, it means "peace and joy in Christ." According to Roman 12: 3 it pointed the changed heart that follow the will of God. "Do not be confirmed this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind.**" This is the spiritual rest. If we have changed heart to follow the will of God, we shall be the happiest person in the world. As we know all religions in the world, Buddhism, Islam, Hindi and Confucius pursue the happiest life. But they do not know true happiness. Do you have such happiness (hedoism) in Christ Jesus?
3. Here, we have exact answer for this issue. If we obey his command, the principle of creation, surely we shall reach to the spiritual rest in the world. Actually according to many Christians the Sabbath day was busier than usual day; by teaching and serving because they served much works in the Sabbath day at the church but they enjoy the

heavenly joy in them. This is our experience. After the preacher finished his preaching ministry he enjoys the full grace in his heart.

4. God wants to give this rest to us in the chaos world. So when we worked for 6 days in the world, we should keep the Sabbath day in our lives more and more. Why? Because this is the essential function in our normal life.

5. Somebody wants to compromise with the world to keep this command because of the several situation those are; custom, tradition, relationship and false assurance. But the Scripture said simply that “Remember your Sabbath day and keep it holy. “

Ex: In a South Korea church, a communist soldier ordered to a Korean pastor, “Bring this pig on your shoulder to carry to the other place on the Lord’s Day.” He threatened the pastor intensely to make him committed the command. If you disobey my command, I shall kill you by shooting. Then the pastor denied his request for the command of Sabbath day. He was died for Christ for this issue. This is the way that our church has kept in the Lord’s Day. But we have many excuses in our lives. What do you think of it? Do you keep the wonderful command, the blessed day? In this semester we should follow this command in our personal place and time. Do not exercise about that issue. We should keep this command faithfully to get the spiritual rest.

**Third, God promised the blessing to keep the Sabbath day.**

1. The text reveals only simple term for the grace **as blessing and rest**. But Isaiah emphasized that “Then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Ish 58:14)

2. Isaiah stressed the innate blessing in us. What are they?

1) **He provides the delight** – It is the spiritual joy that comes out of Christ’s union, fellowship. In the world where is the real joy? Only Christ can give this gift to us. God prepared such delight in Christ. So we should check up such joy in our heart. Paul says, “Always rejoice” in Christ. This delight shall come out of keeping the command.

2) **He shall provide beautiful honor.** – It means that God shall lift up us in Christ and walk on the high place. This is the life of faith. Habbakuk 3: 19 says, “God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer’s; he makes me tread on my high places.”

3) **And he shall give inheritance** – God shall provide the wonderful grace to us. Jacob’s inheritance points Jesus’s salvation. It is very important method to enjoy abundant fruit to keep the Sabbath day. John 15:5 says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. “.

2) Ex: Jesus did not break the Sabbath command in the New Testament. Moreover he revealed the complete rest in Him. Mt 12:8 says **“For the**

**Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”** So we should enjoy the abundant grace out of keeping the command.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

Remember the precious truth to keep the Sabbath day in your heart. Then God shall provide wonderful grace to you. Especially from beginning time in Cambodia mission field, we should learn this blessed command considerably. Why should we stress this command? Because this is the principle of creation for our blessing. We should stand firm on the foundation of our faith for blessing. This is the way to revive in the Cambodia church.

## **Sermon 2 What is the man? (Gen 2: 4-7)**

**4**These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created,  
in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. **5**When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, **6**and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— **7**then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature

### **Introduction:**

Generally “Who is the man?” is a philosophical question in history. Although many philosophers defined it through their struggled speculation, nobody cannot say it obviously before they know biblical God really. But the Scripture said it simply. What is the man? The man is the image of God created with male and female. Genesis 2: 4 says “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Here the man was created by God. He is one of all creatures. And verse 5 says, “When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

“ –Here, God created the man in order to manage the land. And verse 2:7 says, “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.” Here the man was created by being breathed by God as a living soul.

And also Genesis 1:26-27 says, “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.”

27So God created man in **his own image; in the image of God** he created him; male and female he created them. – The verses point that the man was created in God’s image. (It is mentioned three times in the verses.)

Through understanding his created man, Moses pointed that the chapter 2 reveals how God created the man as the climax of creation. As we depend on the Scripture, we know **who the man is** and **how the man was created** and also **why the man was created by God?** Now we learn the precious truth about the man in the text.

**First, God needed the man.** The fact that was expressed “so God created man in his own image, in the image of God. He creates him; male and female he created them. “(1:27) makes us thought the man-

centric creation in creating all things. It means that God needed a manager that can take care of all things that they may reveal His image to the entire world. He is humble lovely God who needed a man in order to glorify Himself, although he is the almighty God.

**1.** It means that God prepared them as his channel and his tool as to follow God and to glorify Him. In other word, God needed the man to achieve his purpose.

So while he created all creatures for six days, soon as his last masterpiece he made the man. And he blessed him and commanded to manage the land and subdue the earth and the heaven. “And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Gen 1:28) It means God called for him **as the steward** (oikos- the one who keeps the house of God) that means the manager who should take care of all creatures according to God’s will. Therefore we should live as a tool of God, not to become as the owner in the world.

What is the gospel of Christianity? It stressed that God is the Lord and we are his servants, and God is the king and we are his people. In history, as the man claimed that he is the king and the Lord on the earth, he should be perished but as a people admitted his servanthship in his life. He should be honorable.

Ex: Look at the metaphor of talent that the Lord gave to his people. Although three servants received each talent (5, 3, and 1) out of his owner, only one wicked servant could not serve the Lord and his will faithfully. Then he answered to the owner as “He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ “(Mt 15: 24-25), Then the Lord rebuked him, “26But his master answered him, ‘you wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? “

What does it mean? He does not understand the will of his owner obviously because he does not understand his owner obviously; he was fallen down into miserable place.

So as anybody accepted the gospel, he naturally knows who the Lord is, what he is. In this semester we have to begin with this relationship between the Lordship and the servant ship in our studying time and in our ministry. Then we can get the balance in our lives. The balancing life shall make us to safety life, strengthen life and peaceful. We need this balance to reveal God’s image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

**Second, the man is being who has no resource.**

1. What God created the man with the clay proved that he has no source, no right in his being and also he is a depended being, not an independent being. Paul's confession, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."(I Corinthian 15:10) teaches us the essence of creation in silence.

2. Therefore the autonomous (self- centric life) is to incline to the way of the destruction. Autonomous means the life that left out of God, as fish left out of the water, and as the second son left out of his father and his house in order to enjoy his freedom with his strong stubborn. The result became a most miserable state united with Satan.

3. So we should follow the righteousness of God. We should admit our weakness to keep it in our actual life. Then we can know spiritual world. And as we know, then naturally we can be humble in Christ. Ex: as Isaiah saw the throne of Jehovah, we found his miserable situation, and then he experienced his glory in himself by the forgiveness of God. After that, Isaiah stressed that in Ish 57:15 "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. " The highest God looked me in

the valley of chaos and confusion and he shall restore by his power. In other word, we shall be changed into the original relationship between God and man, Lordship and his servanthship. This is our goal, our success and our target in our study. Then we taste righteousness, mercy and faithfulness because God works in us. When we realize our emptiness in the light of gospel we can depend on only God and then we can get amazing righteousness through Christ.

### **Third, He is a living soul.**

Verse 7 points that God put the living breath into his nostril. “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and the man became **a living creature**”

Here the breath of life means the life of God that came out of God.

Although it was not the eternal life, it was seemed to belong to the life of God because the formatted man became living creature, living soul. If he chose the fruit of life tree that was symbolized God’s life, Christ, he might enjoy the eternal life (the experimental complete knowledge to know living God). Just it seemed to reveal the principle of creation and recreation (redemption). So we can find the same principle in it as Genesis 1:1-3 pointed.

1. The Spirit of God who was hovering on the surface of darkness, emptiness and chaos, covered the man with his unfailing love out of a

material, clay. Just like the work of Holy Spirit worked in the creation of all things (Gen. 1:2) made the man. And also we know the creation in the Apostle's writings. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness". in the writing activities that the Scripture was written (II Tim 3:16), we see that the word of God should be written by the same method, for the apostle stressed that only the power of Holy Spirit could do it. B. B. Warfield pointed that God breathed (inspired) his life into the human letters to change into the divine letter. So he claimed that the Scripture was consisted of human character and divine character. It is marvelous event that the same Spirit worked in this works.

2. Moreover God's love to the man was emphasized more strongly by the creation of the Garden of Eden. God made the Garden of Eden as a special secret place, a fellowship room between God and man. And God led him to the place because God wanted to have deep fellowship with living soul to get the glory out of the man. We believe that in this process the Spirit worked wonderfully, faithfully in hovering work as Israel was hovered by the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire until reaching to the secret room of Canaan.

4. Therefore what is the man? The man functionally consists of three function, spirit, soul and body. Although the most reformed theology followed the theory of two function, body and soul according to Matthew 10:28 (And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot

kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.), But I would like to follow the Breakoff's observation, he claims that although the man consists of two parts, body and soul but the man have two aspects, spiritual element and soul element. Spiritual aspect points institute, conscience and spiritual fellowship and also soul aspect points, intellectual, emotional and volitional parts, which was called for the personality.

5. Such explanation was depended on the epistles of Paul, Rom 6:-8: Gal 3:-5: those are, the carnal man and the spiritual man. So we understand that the man before depravity had the function of fellowship in him with living God. What is the original man? He was a being who can communicate with living God. After the sin came into us, their function was demolished not to communicate with God.

6. We should live the spiritual life as spiritual man, not carnal man. As living soul is born again, he can become wonderful spiritual man. Then we can live as a true man in the earth as the honorable being in the world.

### **Conclusion:**

What are you? You are the man who was created in God's image. I love to express our salvation as the restoration of God's image. We should admit our existence as a being restored by the Holy Spirit in the world. As we assure that fact, we can start our real spiritual life in the world.

Today although many people lives in the world in every country, we have to admit the principles of God's creation, the man was created in God's image, the man has no resource in his existence and he is the living soul who Holy Spirit made to be born again out of miserable corruption. We have to imitate to the original image, Christ in our lives. Then we can enjoy the wonderful grace in Christ in the brutal world.

### Sermon 3 **Fellowship of Garden of Eden** (*Gen2:4-14*)

**4**These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

**5**When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, **6**and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— **7**then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. **8**And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9**And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**10**A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. **11**The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **12**And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. **13**The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. **14**And the name of the third river is the

Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

### **Instruction:**

Before the beginning of corruption, in the time, the blessing day was the Sabbath day, but in the place, the Garden of Eden is the blessing place. As at the last preaching I mentioned to you, the purpose that God created the Garden of Eden was to put the manager who should take care of all things as the center of all things. Verse 8 says “And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.” In such meaning Eden Garden was made as the heaven on the earth. What is the Garden of Eden? It was the copy of God’s throne, temple and sanctuary that is filled with the presence of God. According to verses 4-8, God planted the Eden garden in center of all creatures.

### **First, the Garden of Eden was made for the fellowship with God.**

1. Verse 8 suggests that God is the owner and the man is the customer. And fellowship means Immanuel, that means to be with God, and also the eternal life that know God experimentally. (Jn17:3 and this is eternal life that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.) Naturally the place that takes the fellowship

with God becomes the garden of delight. (Ek28:14 **14**you were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you **were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.**)

Here what does the holy mountain and fire stone mean? It points the presence of God, the state which God rules over, in other word, it means the kingdom of God. So we understand that Eden garden was filled with God's grace and truth that Adam and Eve enjoyed the righteousness, peace and delight in Holy Spirit. In other words, the Garden of Eden was the symbol of Christ and kingdom of God. Now we enjoy the Eden of garden in Christ every day. Now we walk through the rock valley of God's fire. (Isaiah 49:11-12 says, "And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up.

**12**Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west and these from the land of Scenic ". – in the redemptive picture, we find our present heavenly presence.) What is our salvation? It is the state that we can enjoy the presence of God always. Actually we assure that our studying activities were happened in the fire of God. So when we memorize the verses, meditate the verses and study them and obey them, we enjoy the presence of God in our ITCS. This is not ridiculous claim. This is the wonderful fact. So we cannot leave out of ITCS.

2. And although it is important that the good environment of Eden itself brought the delight (Ek28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of

God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. **On the day that you were created they were prepared.**), What do you think of the jewelry in the garden? Although they were the reality, they symbolized the character of God. Actually the jewelry is precious stone of stones. Without taking the good relationship among the people they harm us. Ex: Look at Billine the last conflicted place the Polpot, dictator claimed for his survive. I heard of some information, he used much jewelry in Billie to get military expense to sell them to Tolland and china. I saw that several people find the diamond and gold in the brook. Pol pot did know true meaning of Jewelry in his life. But we know the reality in Christ by God's grace. And we enjoy true reality, God's presence in Christ. So we understand that it is more important to take the fullness of grace and truth that come out of the fellowship with God. Although our lives were fallen down into miserable darkness, if we are restored by prayer and word in Christ, we can enjoy the full rejoice of Eden. This is the salvation of Holy Spirit.

### **Second, what do the four rivers mean?**

1. As we observed that Bishon, Kihon, Hidekel and Euprates that come out of the holy mount of God that was filled with the glory of Shekina. Although four rivers exited in the garden, They reveal the symbols of abundant meaning. Imagine the picture and find the meaning in Christ.

Why? Because the pictorial revelation should be interpreted by the explaining revelation. So we should ask what does the symbolism mean in the redemptive history?

**1) it reveals the character of Christ's salvation.** As the rivers come out of Eden (10), only Christ is salvation and accomplish it. (Jn 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.<sup>b</sup> The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.) Already the Holy Spirit revealed the complete picture of our salvation in the Garden of Eden, even they revealed the symbolic terms.

**2) it reveals the living river of Holy Spirit as the another character of redemption.(16)** We see that it reveals that whoever believes in Christ experience the living water of salvation, that points the abundant stream of Holy Spirit in their heart because He is the Spirit of Christ.( Jn7:38-39) This was the symbol of the life. (Rev 21:1-2)

Actually the Christian life is like to taste the living stream in them. Ex: We enjoy the stream of the living water. As we know Ezekiel revealed a vision at a temple. The water that comes out of the bottom of the sanctuary filled into the inside of sanctuary gradually from the measure of ankle, knee, loin, breast and swimming level and spread to the

outside. After that the water filled with all areas, the small brook, great lake and dead sea and changed them into living water. It made them become fresh, renewal and reviving states. This is one of the pictorial revelation about the redemption. What is the reality? Then Scripture reveals the reality as the abundant redemption, as the result of the work of Holy Spirit. So our Lord shouted out coming to the fountain of Holy Spirit.

“ “And obviously he promised wonderful promise to us. Really if anybody cried his name he have been saved out of this miserable sin. Did you cried out to the Lord for your salvation? If you have no this response now cry out to our lovely Lord, Jesus Christ. Although you study the Bible and the English in the school, you should make sure to call for your Lord by believing with your whole heart.

**3. it reveals the development of civilization that was formatted in the throne-centric culture.** Therefore we should beget the fruit according to faithfulness to the present because this was related to the present blessing and the heavenly reward. (Mt 25:14-30) Why did God commit this mission to the man? What is his purpose in the earth? We understand that he aimed on making the theocracy in the world. Theocracy means the kingdom of God in the every area, thought, habit, culture, family , relationship and government. So the Lord permitted to make human kingship the Israelite demanded even God do not want to make human kingdom on the earth. But Saul kingship was demolished

by God. Again God restored divine kingdom by David. As the theocracy that God wanted in creation on the earth. Now we see that Christ real king rule over all world as his will through the church. Now we enjoy kingdom's grace and truth in our lives. Do you taste it in our studying time. And we want to transform the secular culture into the divine culture. So Paul emphasize that do not take the secular example but transform your whole life to know the will of God in your lives. ( Rom 12:1-3)

### **Third, God created the female for the male to enjoy the Immanuel of the heaven deeply**

We should remember that the blessing of garden of Eden was not offered to only Adam but also with Eve. Many people misunderstood that woman ordination pastor is biblical. We do not admit it according to the Apostle's teaching. I Timothy 1: “ “. But it does not mean that only the man enjoy the grace out of God. Essentially Adam and Eve were the customer of God in the garden of Eden. But the woman mistook greatly to Satan's temptation. Temporarily she accepted the temptation against the word of God. She did not accomplish his role of helper in the garden of Eden. Paul warned this point as the result she should be given some authority in the church as Eden. “ “. So we want to follow the teaching of Apostle.

Then why did God make a woman who has the image of God as Adam has?

**1) He did not want the loneliness. (18)** Just like the union of three persons of Trinity, Adam who was made in the image of God also needed to learn the union. The oneness with two persons of husband and wife reveals the best thing to us. (18) Oneness and union is the important symbol of heaven, kingdom of God. John 17: 3 says “ “. We have to learn the union in Christ. Always Satan attack to the oneness, harmony and exchange into chaos, depth, darkness and confusion. So God permitted his wife for enjoy the oneness of heaven. We should think to God for my friends, my brothers and my sisters and my neighbors. Ex: as I sickness in my life almost I shall be died, Then many people visited to me. But soon they left out of me. But my wife always stayed nearby me. Then I decided that if God called for me and my wife, I decided to chose to leave out of the world before the death of my wife in the will of Go because of her faithful love to me.

**2) It teaches the importance of union through the couple to help. (20-22)** The image of God is begun with the personality of individual and is expressed through the union with his neighbor. This is the goal of establishing the garden of Eden. What is the purpose of church? It is the union in Christ. So the salvation break the union with the sins but unite with God. It is a sample that the church should learn to unite between a female and a male. Although they took different design each

other, they can reveal a beautiful godly figure in Christ in the fellowship of Holy Spirit. Now we enjoy this blessing in the church.

**3) it teaches the love of God.** That Adam who looks at Eve and confessed “Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”(23) It was the confession of true love. The fact that God made Eve with the best thing of Adam suggests God’s love. The love of God in creation revealed in the redemption by sending his begotten son to the world more strongly. Ex. We do not want to follow mechanical, machine system, we want to follow the heavenly system, spiritual system in the world, in God’s love. Although you hate me I love you.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

We thought the fellowship of Eden We believe that 1) 2) 3)

If we enjoy the fellowship of Eden in our lives in Cambodia we can devote ourselves to proclaim to our neighbors. Many people do not know the amazement in their lives. Then we inform this grace to them.

## **Sermon 4 Fellowship of the garden of Eden (Gen 2:8-9)**

Introduction:

1. Greeting :
2. Let's pray
3. Introduction:
  1. I want to talk about the fellowship of the Garden of Eden.
  2. Genesis 2:8-9 says, “ three points about of our salvation = fellowship with God.

### **I. God himself made the place of fellowship for the man on the earth.**

- 1) Creation of six days.
- 2) Especially he made the fellowship place, Eden Garden – the delight garden, fellowship between God and man.
- 3) Although we do not know that place in the earth, obviously God made that place.
  - 4) Sin came into the world. The man lost the paradise.
  - 5) Sin – death, darkness, confusion

Do you have Eden in your heart? If you have sins you can not enjoy the delight.

### **II. God reveals the way they enjoy the heaven.**

- 1) Two tree – the life tree  
The tree of good and evil
- 2) Although they were accrual tree., they have imbollic meaning.

The life tree – Christ, the eternal life.

Good and evil tree – destruction, judgment and curse.

3) God want that the man chose the life tree. But the man communicated with Satan. He cannot answer his order.

4) Now first if we accept Jesus as my savior and Lord he shall be taken the life. Acts 16:33.

### **III. We have to restore this fellowship.**

1) Before we know the fellowship we cannot live the delight life in the earth ( many festivals lots delight)

2) 2) But you repet your sins, belive in Christ as my Lord. you can get wonderful delight in Christ. So we proclaim the gospel to the world.

3) Ex: Cambodia has many budah idols. Why did they make them? It means that expression of their greedy. If we follow them we expect great delight But the Scripture said no. But Christ call for us. Come to me. you shall take rest.

### **Conclusion:**

1) Today we know the reality of Eden, Christ. We can enjoy the joy in Christ.

2) My beloved saints

3) Do you enjoy the den joy? Do you repent your sins? Do you believe in Christ? May the grace of God be with you all.

## Sermon 5 The First Commandment (*Gen.2:15-17*)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17**but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat<sup>d</sup> of it you shall surely die.**”

### Introduction:

That God may keep the blessed environment continuously and have a better world, that is, to have the mankind who has the eternal life, God gave a commandment at first to them. (16-17) “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

This first commandment is important to live abundantly in his future. Although God command them the other commands after creation. “ keep the Sabbath day to be holy, products be prosperous, to subdue and rules over all things, he especially gave this command to them after he took them and live in the garden of Eden. Although this command is one , it includes all commands in the Scripture because God reveals his eternal economy to the world. This is the covenant between the creator and Adam and Eve who were the representative of all mankind. So we can find the covenantal theory, “ If you obey, I shall become... and if

you do not obey you shall be died.” Obedience – the eternal life disobedience is the eternal death. Paul described that the first Adam disobedience brought the eat to the world, but the second Adam Jesus obey the covenant reduced all crises and brought the eternal life. So we can geuss that if Adam obey to the first commandment before God, we might become the mankind who have eternal life. But his disobedience brought death to us. Here death means the eternal death. Not the temporary death(included physical destruction, the relationship destruction with God, nature and spiritual world.)

So this time we can think of the meaning of the first command in the redemption history.

This commandment was just like a multiple vitamin which includes all laws and commands. What do the commandments reveal to us?

### **First, it is the command to love only God.**

1. Love of God is main theme in history and in creation and in all creatures. And After God prepared all things for the Adam he requests the response of the same love that God love them by obeying the command. This love had revealed in creation ad all creatures, but the man did not thank and did not glorify the creator. Adam and Eve first of all failed the positive response, “thank praising to creator.” So Paul claimed “ “ “ no thankfulness is the source of all sins” So Moses confessed that the foundation of man’s life should be thankfulness in

his prayer , Ps 90: says, “ “. And also he started his daily life with meditate his love in his heart and response his whole heartedly love to God. “give thanksgiving in all circumstance”. It means response your best love to God at all circumstance.

2. But Adam and Eve failed the response of love to God. Although they lives in Eden the presence of God. They did not response with love to God because of the temptation of Satan. In the cotemporary terms they had no prayer and listening to the word of God for some reasons.

3. So after the accomplishment of redemption in Christ prayer and things for true relationship in Christian life. Prayer and listening the Word of God as the expression of loving response. The Lord said “Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (Jn 16:24) And also Paul committed the Ephesian church to God and the gracious words (Acts 20:32) because he assured that loving the word means loving the Lord.

4. What is our salvation life? It is to focus on two things prayer meditation that Paul stressed. Why? Because our salvation is the restoration of fellowship intimated relationship. Do you have salvation in your heart you should restore this fellowship by prayer and meditating. The response of the first command should be fellowship, the actual contents of eternal life.

Actually we live in the false relationship in our lives. We should restore this state rapidly.

**Second, it is the commandment that demands absolute obedience.**

1. As the degree of obedience is depended on the object of obedience, when the creator gave the commandment to us, we have to response the absolute obedience. Moreover the commandment was described as the tree of life reveals the way that can get the source of blessing by choosing God and His will.

2. Adam despised the command to take the fruit of life tree. Although he knew all benefits he chose the other side. The issue of obedience is so important in Eden. Dis obedience is rebellion.

3. After that as we know every sin depended on disobedience. Paul stressed this points to get the eternal life and abundant life. Actually we have rebellious character to God.

Example: Cambodia church should be careful of that issue before God. A missionary help something some person thought that you should give thankfulness to me because I made you received the blessing from God. It is another expression of complaining to God. I think that Hindi and Buddhism influence to us. but the Scripture stressed that we should give thank to God.

Not to man. But we should appreciate to our helpers. We should be careful of rebellious character in our heart. We should obedience to God and man in Christ.

**Third, However Adam unhappily lost the good chance.**

Adam was fallen down into the earth and had no any hope, verse says ,  
“ “

Although we have eternal life Adam lost good chance. He was fallen down into the total depravity in him. Here the death points eternal death that disconnected with living God eternally. Ex: A rich man shouting

His obedience to the first commandment was depended on the future of Adam and Eve. His un responsibility action brought curse on the mankind. Cambodia people cannot be escaped out of the influence. This is our situation.

Ex: In this time Buchumbun day I gave some mission to some people, about how can we evangelize to contemporary Cambodians in Buchumbun culture? Actually we should know this eternal life and make them to known it in their heart. Then it life destroy their false thought and establish their new life in their culture. So Jesus Christ go to all nations to make disciples of the Lord and to teach the Scripture and to make them lived in the gospel. Then the Lord restored all things.  
“ “.

Then the second Adam Jesus Christ restored it. We who abide in the gospel enjoy such blessings.

After receiving the salvation we should enjoy the eternal life, to know God, the fellowship in Christ by prayer and meditation.

**Conclusion:**

Here we understand the meaning of the first command.

We repent our rebellion to God now we enjoy believing in the gospel. The first command was changed the gospel in Christ. In true Eden, Christ we obey his command repent and believe. We enjoy the eternal life.

## Sermon 6 **The First family (Gen 2:18-25)** 10/11/2016

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for<sup>e</sup> him.” [19](#)Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed<sup>f</sup> every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20](#)The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam<sup>g</sup> there was not found a helper fit for him. [21](#)So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22](#)And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made<sup>h</sup> into a woman and brought her to the man. [23](#)Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”<sup>i</sup> [24](#)Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [25](#)And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

### **Introduction:**

In the world God made two institutes. One is the church and another is the family.

Although the government has an authority that can control all people, God's direct plan did not include the government. Actually, after human depravity the autonomous of the man made it for independence. In the Scripture we find that Lamech made a community that revealed in his song of sword "Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;  
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:  
I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for striking me.

**24If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,  
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."** (Gen 4:23-24)

And more obvious government type came out of Nimrod. (10:9) "He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." Such types had been developed gradually. Before Noah's flood, Gen 6:3-4 says, "The Nephilim<sup>b</sup> were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them." These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown." the son of God married with the daughters of the man. Here the sons of God points the political leaders in the line of Cain, according to Dr. Kline. In other world It reveals that the government came out of the autonomous of man (free will). So we claim that God

essentially planed two system, church and family in his economy. Among them we think of the first family.

Why did God want the design of a couple as a unit ( oneness or, union)?

Verse says, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (24) Here one body means oneness. Later, Paul himself applied this concept to the church. What is the church? He told us, it is one body, Ephesian 4:29-32 says, “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30**because we are members of his body. **31**“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32**This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33**However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.“. So we have to learn the mystery of oneness in couple in our whole lives to understand the secret of godliness. Why did God stress the oneness function in the family?

**First, God wanted that because they should learn the union by love and obedience to God in the life of couple. (Epheian5:22-25)**

1. God provided his wife to a husband as his helper and a husband as her head to rule over the wife, in loving her husband and ruling her wife.(16) This is the blessing the Lord provided to the first family. So

biblical family is the actual environment to learn love and obedience of heavenly life in the future.

2. In the process of committing sin of two couples, we find that their family life had oneness issue. Although Eve committed sin soon transferred his sin to Adam. Their oneness was not oneness but the action to break the oneness. Actually the sin breaks oneness miserably. Although in the external aspect they strengthen their oneness, in the eyes of God they broke oneness and experienced darkness. “Hear, you deaf,

and look, you blind, that you may see!

**19**Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,<sup>d</sup>  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

**20**He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

**21**The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**22**But this is a people plundered and looted;  
they are all of them trapped in holes  
and hidden in prisons;  
they have become plunder with none to rescue,  
spoil with none to say, “Restore!” (Ish 42:18-22). Why? Because the sin broke the harmonized oneness and peace. After that sin the

mankind lost true oneness but enjoyed the separation in false oneness type. Look at the some examples

Ex: The oneness of Acan and his family were broken by Acan's decept. And also Saul and his family broke their oneness for Saul's sins. And also

Although Hobny and Binhas and his family had oneness, their ungodly sin broke it. And Although Annania and Sapphila had kept the union, their oneness were broken by their deceived sins. But Briskila and Agula served the gospel with one united heart for Christ.

3. Therefore we should be careful of the fact that the Christian may live in the state that departed out of oneness in Christ because they followed to the carnal desire. So we have to learn the cooperation, love and encouragement in our lives.

In the Old Testament we can see a normal union in the sound faith. Ps 133:1-3 reveals a idealistic image of oneness. "Behold, how good and pleasant it is

when brothers dwell **in unity!**<sup>a</sup>

**2**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

**3**It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,

life forevermore.“ As we follow this line we can enjoy God’s original plan, the blessing of oneness in Christ Jesus.

**Second through the union of the couple we should learn the union between Christ and church.**

1.“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh“ (24) Our time when have much conflict in the couple life is able to have hope as we return to love and obedience in the first couple. Why? Because oneness of couple is a shadow of the oneness of the church with Christ.

Paul reveals the normal Christian life by comparing with family life. What is it? In a short word, they are love and obedience, covenant life in Christ we enjoy the grace. (Ephesian 5:28-32) “In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30**because we are members of his body. **31**“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32**This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

Moses reveals obviously the recreation that conceals in the shadow of creation in Genesis chapter three. He describes several symbolisms about how the man lost the image of God, what results followed them and how the restoration of God’s image.

1) **How did the man lose the image of God?** Because they committed sin, they lost the image of God. Rather they were exchanged into the image of Satan.

They revealed unrighteousness, violence and unfaithfulness to the world because breaking the oneness with God, but they were united with Satan who every sin come out of. The result of sin is death. So we find that the sin is the cause of all breaking. Actually the autonomous (free will) which left out of God's will is the source of sin. Finally they lived for the purpose of Satan.

2) **What results followed them?** After they was fallen down into the sin, they experienced four things (1) guilty feeling (2) disconnecting with living God (3) breaking all harmony with himself, God and natures. 4) Eternal death.

### **Third, how shall God's image be restored?**

1. As we reviewed glory of the first family, her sin and her result until now?

How shall God's image be restored? The text suggests the restoration of oneness. Sin broke oneness of family by Satan's temptation but righteousness shall restore it by the grace of God. So Genesis 3:15, the first gospel says, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring<sup>e</sup> and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ". It means the restoration of original

oneness. So God treated to the family faithfully. It means that the family should stand firm on the covenant of grace between God and the man. So the Christian think that family life is very important. So Paul stressed two things, the personal heart and the family life of husband and wife.

Ephesian 4:22-24 says, “to put off your old self,<sup>f</sup> which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. “ And Colossian 3:18-21 says, “<sup>18</sup>Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup>Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. “. These passages pointed to the restoration of God’s image, the redemptive life, the life of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, that is the union in Christ. So Christian focuses on the glad and generous life in the family. Acts 2: 46 says, “And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, “.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

Today we thought that the oneness of the first family came out of the oneness of Trinity. And also we saw that our salvation is the restoration

of oneness in Christ. In other words our oneness should be depended on the oneness of Trinity.

Sin broke our oneness but God's grace restored our ugly broken image. Especially we should follow the first design of the family, union by love and obedience in Christ. May the grace of God be with you all.

Let's pray.

Dear, Lord we appreciate you for knowing your original design of the first family.

Lead us to wonderful way to restore God's salvation. Make us become oneness in Christ and his truth to glorify you. Amen

## Sermon 7 The First Sin (Gen3:1-7)

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You<sup>a</sup> shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” **2**And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3**but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **4**But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5**For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6**So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,<sup>b</sup> she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7**Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

### Introduction:

How did the sin begin in the world? How did the sin come into the man? The Scripture does not mention about this theme. It keeps in silence. Of course, Jude 6 says, “And **the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority**, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great

day— “. But it did not the full answer about that issue. What is the sin that made the angel corrupted? Arrogance. it means to lift up himself to the authority of God. Verse 5 says, “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” This is the basic motive of our all sins. So now Satan uses the same tool, “you shall be like God.” Today our age reveals much arrogance in their thought. New age movement, and postmodernism etc. They stress arrogance; “you shall have the authority of God in your life.”, “ You brea all authority.” “you are the highest authority.” As we observe the first sin in the text what shall we learn out of that event? There are several stages in the text in committing sin in our lives.

**First of all, the tempter began with a question of doubt.**

1.“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”(1)

1) It was a negative question that happened the complaint and the resent. Even all negative questions were not unbelief; most unbelief should be appeared as the negative type. What is the main reason of Israelite destruction? Because they complained (grumbled) on the wilderness, they were destroyed by God’s judgment. ( I Corinthian 10: 9) The doubt should be a main tool of Satan.

2)Next step, he attacked with the liar to her. “But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. “ (4) The devil confronted to them against the first commandment. He tempted them with sweet talk in order to cut off the relationship with God and to be chosen by Eve herself.

3)Finally Eve chose the autonomous and ate the fruit and led her husband participated into the thing.

In our Christian life we commit the sin according to the same line. James 1:15 says, “ “.

Any time we should be careful this steps, to have doubt to the truth, to become like God and to keep autonomous position in order to overcome sins.

### **Second. three stages to commit the sin were like ours.**

How did the first sin begin and what result did it bring to them?

1) ***First, it was begun with the temptation of Satan. (1)*** The Satan who did not keep his position and was corrupted made them given up the relationship with God. He came to Eve who was loosen and executed the surprised thing.

***Ex: two kinds temptation. Peirasmos, dokimos***

- ***Temptation***

- *suffering*

Actually in Christian life we find that two kinds style attack to us at the same time. For example, as we meet some suffering by Satan's work, we was tempted to follow the Satan's request to commit sin. Then we are struggled in the mixed facts. Then as we overcome the suffering, we can get advanced faith in our lives. But if we are fallen down into failure, we shall commit sin. Temporarily we wander in our lives. So we should be careful of any suffering time.

2) *Second, it brought some problems to listen to the Word of God.*

(1-3) The Satan attacked her with a negative question by making her taken the doubt not to listen to the word of God. The only way to overcome such temptation should be attached to the word of God. To be attached to the Words of God is true blessing. Ps 1:2 says, “ “. Here, meditation means to be attached to the Word of God. Although first we try to attach by our selves to the Word, but we find the other power catches up me by the word of God. What is this power? It s the work of Holy Spirit. Then we hate our sins for seeing it's dirty things, miserable state. So we soon repent and accept the Christ's merit to me. So we enjoy his remission. But Adam and Evee were failed about this issue. So as we listen to the word of God we should devote ourselves to the word of God. We should obey it and keep in patient and should endure some suffering. Mt 13:23 says, “ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears

fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold. In another sixty, and in another thirty.”

3) *Third, the aim of Satan was to be fallen into the autonomous.*

(6) She had chosen the prohibited fruit according to her corrupted desire intensely. A little action had led all the people to be fallen into the death.

- When God made Adam and Eve he provided wonderful gift, Free will to them. Free will is the native character of man. God did not want that they serve God as Robot without free will. God wants their voluntary serving to God. So they could respond to God's will with free will.

- Autonomous is the law of independence, self-existence that were not be controlled by God. literally, Auto- law, nomous – independence. So we find that main core of all sin is autonomous (extreme- egoist) So As the Lord pointed that if anybody follow me, he should deny himself... Here myself points autonomous. What is humility? It is to deny the egoism.

- Now Satan leads us into the autonomous, extreme egoism. He stimulates to fall down self-freedom, self- affection, self- boasting. We should check up our egoism heart.

### **Third, what result did it brought?**

The first sin reveals the characteristics of original sin and points the severe fruit in our lives. What result did it brought?

(1) **First, the fear of death was happened. (10)** This teaches the horror of death that have no the love of God because God who approached to the sinned man was the judger. What is hell? The Scripture defied that hell is the place that shall be rejected even the least mercy of God. Lk 17:24 says, “Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” one drop water, It is the least mercy in the world. But God rejected his request directly. This is the hell. This is the horror of hell. My lovely saint, I want that nobody fall down into the hell.

(2) **Second, they escaped out from the face of God. (8-10)** Adam and Eve concealed their shame by covering with fig tree leaves. But they truly could not hide themselves because the shame, quilt feeling shouted out through their conscience, and they could not endure the suffering. S we know in the future the activity to hide his sham under fig leave shall be developed by hiding themselves behind the high mountain. (Rev 6:16) The one who followed to the upright things shall leave out of the face of the Lord and shall remain in the darkness.

(3) **Third, they were controlled by the burden of quilt feeling.** To the question of God, “Why did you hide?” they replied not to take his responsibility, but to point to Eve’s temptation because his conscience was controlled by some burden. They were afraid of the

responsibility before God. Quilt feeling came out of the sense of responsibility in the light of righteousness. But they had no the power to accept their responsibility for they was fallen down into egoism.

Finally the grace of God come to them, they can release out of the great burden by faith. So the Christian feel the responsibility in his fault under the illumination of Holy Spirit. This is the way to receive the grace out of God.

### **Conclusion:**

We have to praise the Lord because of Christ's merit. Although the first Adam was fallen down into destruction in their lives. But Second Adam Jesus Christ overcome all temptation and accomplishes the redemption through hid death and his resurrection. If anybody repent his sins and believe in Jesus's responsibility, he shall save out of the first sin and the actual all sins.

May the grace of God be with you all.

Let's pray.

## Sermon 9 **Where are you, Adam? (Gen3:8-13)**

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool<sup>c</sup> of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9**But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>d</sup> **10**And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” **11**He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12**The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” **13**Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

### **Introduction:**

The depravity of Adam was not the end. Although they rebelled against God and his will, God who created them came to them with righteousness and love. They who took obscure image of righteousness for their sins need the obvious righteousness to return to God. And also they lost God’s image, they need the healing power, God’s mercy and love to them. So *Elohim Adonai* visited them, and he called for them. Where are you, Adam and Eve? Gene 3: 9 says, “Where are you?”

Generally the man misunderstood that the verse 8 reveals the merciful and lovely God. “ And they heard the sound of the LORD **God walking**

**in the garden in the cool<sup>c</sup> of the day**, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. “. God found Adam and Eve with unconditional love without righteousness. But as we observed the text we find the different method to find them. Here, the expression of **“the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,”** But the term reveals the other method. What is it? God called for them **with a voice like Siren** revealed God’s righteousness, the absolute criteria of all activities. Actually righteousness of God revealed in our lives we have to enjoy the delight. Because righteousness related to the delight each other. But they who were the sinner could not the delight on the righteousness. First of all, they should be restored the righteousness in order to enjoy the Garden of Eden. God came as the God of judgment to make them repented.

But they became autonomous being (extreme egoist) who hated the control of God. So they tried to be hidden out of God’s face. Before the second son returned to the father, he lived in miserable state. As he felt his responsibility he could return to God. If he knows the righteousness of God he could feel his responsibility in his heart.

### **First, how did God’s righteousness reveal to them?**

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” (8) Their

hidden action proved that God did not walk in the Garden of Eden silently, but to walk as the sound of siren that they were awakened in their heart. God approached to them as the righteous God and judging God. So, they hid in the fig leave for great fear. Every sin should stand firm before the seat of God's judgment.

As we know that we should stand before the God in the last day, to receive the judgment of the eternal life or the eternal punishment. Then we should confess our all sins directly to God, which we executed in the world. Revelation 20:11 says, "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ". However they could have good chance to return to the original state by true repentance. But they lost it because they could not response to the righteousness of God for their extreme egoism.

**Second, But even God was fearful Lord, he was gracious God and merciful God with grace and love.**

God provided a chance of forgiveness to him (9). The question, "But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" was a chance of forgiveness. But they replied only to escape the responsibility. (12-13) whoever to take responsibility and to seek the forgiveness can receive the grace from God, for it is true repentance.

Ex: (Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.) As Peter proclaimed the word of God, somebody asked “what shall we do?” Then Peter said “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. (Acts 2:38) “. What does it mean? True repentance needs the responsibility, guilt feeling. And guilt feeling needs to know the righteousness of God and to stand up before it. True repentance should be followed by the work of the life. (Restoration, reconciliation and renewal) immediately.

Ex: Acts 11:18 says “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 “

The criminal on the right side cross nearby Jesus’s cross get the life out of true repentance. At the first time, two criminals mocked towards Jesus and despised him. Suddenly one criminal was illuminated by Holy Spirit and found the God’s righteousness, (the wage of sin is death before God). And also he took guilt feeling in his conscience. He cried out “But the other one rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same judgment? **41 We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our actions.** But this man has done nothing wrong. (Lk23:40-41) “And he could believe in the merit of Christ by faith. Although the text did not mention the work of Holy

Spirit, we can see that he worked in his heart in the processing time. After that he depended on Jesus and his death to get salvation out of his curse. “Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!”(42) “ Then Jesus response “**Verse 43 says** “And Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

As we see that it is important to feel responsibility. “I am sinner” Then we can repent our sin and believe in Christ’s merit.

In our culture we find that most people did not say “I am sorry” Why? Because they did not have guilt feeling about that issue. So they need the righteousness of gospel. If any Christian had no responsibility feeling in his heart, probably he shall become the stone heart, the rocky heart. So we should check up our state and repent our sins to God.

**Third, God punished their sins. How did God punish him?**

**First, to the serpent, God cursed to creep about on the earth than the other animals.**

Because he executed as a servant of Satan, even if he was a good creature by God. This revealed the declaration to destroy Satan. (15) Satan and his affairs were demolished by the death of Christ.

**Second, God added the pain of the birth to Eve. (16)** Although the direct birth is one of blessings according to 1: 28” And God blessed

them. And God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth** and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” the pain of birth reminded them to commit sin. However God permitted that their original mission (cultivation of culture) should be executed in pain.

Paul treated to prohibit the ministry of woman ordained pastor in his epistle. I Timothy 2:11-15 says, “**11**Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. **12**I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. **13**For Adam were formed first, then Eve; **14**and Adam were not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. **15**

But if the woman obeys the word of God in the church, they shall get wonderful grace. Yet she **will be saved** through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.”

Here, the salvation means the complete salvation. In other words, they shall enjoy **the grace of sanctification in the suffering time** on the world. So we can find the role of the precious godly woman in the church history. I know that many Chinese church women served the church faithfully in the confusion time. Although many church leaders claim to permit woman ordained pastor, Apostolic teaching tells us not to do. In the future the church should return to the apostle teaching to accomplish his kingdom. So we stress that the godly woman should

serve the church as creational design to God. We should not follow the worldly system or, liberalism style because it is the other sin before God.

**Third, to Adam the toil of labor was offered by God. (17-19)** the work itself was a blessings but God added the sweat and the pain, finally he shall be punished as the death.

In Cambodia we have to treat the work as precious activity in Christian life. We do not think that the word is the result of our sins. No. Rather Christian work is wonderful blessing for kingdom of God, so the puritans devote themselves to work diligently to God.

John Milton taught to a servant in his house. Always he complained in his life. One day he swept the field of his great house in complaining. So called for him and asked that why do not you think that you swept not the field of Milton's house but the field of God's house. Why do not you think of so? Really as we study our program, we should think that we sacrifice for the Lord now. I got wonderful time now. Because we believe that this is my main job that comes out of God as my mission.

But as we know that this miserable death shall be occupied by Christ's death, we are able to praise the death of Christ, the death of all death.

Conclusion

My beloved saint

Today we thought the first action of God's love that he visited to us as loving God to save us out of miserable sins. Although he revealed a fearful judger, and also he brought his gracious love to us, we believed that his wonderful love can save us. Really he revealed his wonderful love by sending his begotten son to us. We thank God and his wonderful love for our salvation and should follow his leading in our lives.

Let's pray.

**Sermon 11    The first salvation gospel (*Gen 3:14-19*)**

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

**15**I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring<sup>e</sup> and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

**16**To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you.”

**17**And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
**18**thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

**19**By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

Introduction:

Generally Genesis 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.” has been called for the original gospel because it revealed, in one hand, the destruction of Satan and the sins and in the other hand, the method of salvation. What does It teach about the character of gospel to us?

**First, the salvation is to put the enmity toward Satan and to be united with God.**

“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.”(3:15) In other words, the salvation has the character

of separation out of oneness with Satan. “Adam and Eve who were united with Satan and his tempted word was dropped into the sin were fallen into oneness with Satan, those are, Satan’s thinking, Satan’s purpose, and Satan’s method. So God worked to make them separated of Satan. How? He put enmity between Satan and woman, Satan and woman’s offspring. Just like God created the light to separate between the day and the night, and also the expanse to separate between the upper water and lower water as the sky and the ocean and to separate the land out of the water.

As we know, finally Christ, the reality of woman offspring put the eternal enmity to Satan and made us united with God. What is salvation? It is divine separation.

In 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.** “. Paul claimed that the gospel is separation in Acts 26:16-18. “But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, **17**delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you **18**to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Personal salvation should be separated of the sin and the world. In other words it is

holiness. Without experiencing this separation no salvation. What is repentance? It is the experience of separation. Roman 6: 4 says, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. “ What is the life of living sacrifice? It is the separated life out of the world. And what is the evangelism? It is the movement of separation out of darkness by proclaim the gospel. In our school life we should live the godly life by thinking holy things, obeying spiritual direction to glorify God.

**Second, this salvation should be accomplished by the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ.**

Here the offspring of woman is a type or symbol of Christ. The symbol reveals the other character of salvation. The Scripture did not mention the different figure. Because a woman committed sin, a son of woman shall redeem out of the curse. Just life because the Israelite was bitten by the fire serpent God provide the bronze serpent on the rod to save them. Woman and Woman’s son and the fire serpent and the bronze serpent. It suggested the character of substitution (replacing method) of redemption. Without substitution, no true salvation. So we should repent our sins really with quilt feeling. So Paul emphasized that Christ has begotten by a woman (Gal4:4) “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,”

Our contemporary day, many Christians reduced the real character of salvation out of the gospel. They treat the grace without any value. So many churches lost the responsible consciousness in their lives. What is the original gospel? In the Scripture true repentance reveals the character of substitution concept. Because God is the almighty God and the sovereignty God, Probably God ignores our sins and all results in his grace without sacrifice. Is it right? No. God made to be substituted their sins by the cross of Jesus. Jesus was substituted the sin of his own people to achieve the demand of God's righteousness. So the Christian loves the favor but they do not like free. If we get much benefits out of God and man, we should feel strong responsibility to God and to our neighbors. If we have wonderful special gifts out of God, we should not become arrogance rather we should establish the virtue in our lives. It means that we should live to provide much benefits to our weak neighbors. Why? Because real gospel includes responsibility.

**Third, only God had accomplished the salvation without discussing with us.** Because God revealed his own volition in saying "I will put enmity". What did God reveal God's righteousness? First, the leader of committing sin and his servant were punished. God permitted that the covenant of the work contracted with Adam (2:16-17) was accomplished. As soon as they had been depreciated, soon God offered the way of salvation that shall be prepared by the seed of the woman, Christ Jesus in promise of God's independent claim. Later Paul

understood the wonderful fact and proclaimed that God shall destroy the Satan under the foot of the saints. (Rom16:20) “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

Conclusion:

My beloved saints

Today we saw the character of primitive gospel in Genesis 3:15. As the seed of the redemption revealed in Jesus’s gospel and Paul’s gospel.

Mark 1:15 says, “and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;<sup>e</sup> repent and believe in the gospel.”

Gal2:17 says, yet we know that a person is not justified<sup>b</sup> by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. In our lives we should check up them to living by gospel.

### Sermon 13 **The First Type of Salvation** (*Gen 3:20-24*)

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21**And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**22**Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" **23**therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. **24**He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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## Introduction:

The revelation of the restoration of God's image comes here firstly as "types", "shadows" of salvation in detail. Verse 21 says "And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. It revealed the role of a typology. As we see a shadow, we know a thing or, a reality, as we see the shadow of redemption; we know the reality, Christ. Here the garments of skins and clothed them suggest the type and the reality is Christ Jesus because the garment of skins is the result of the death of a certain animal. And the death points to shedding the blood. Jonathan Edwards, who was a great reformed puritan theologian in America, claimed that the garments of skin suggest the death of Christ, because the leather clothe revealed the result of the death of an animal. And to be covered their shame by it means to cover the result of their sins. So the garment of skin was a type of Christ.

Now God reveals the method of salvation by revealing a type in the first gospel. As we know the first gospel included the **separation and the substitution** as the character of our redemption, here the other character, **covering concept** was revealed. In other word, covering is another expression of substitution concept. Although Adam and Eve were fallen down into the shameful, miserable state for their committing sin, Elohim and Jehovah God covered them with the blood of animal. At Leviticus 16:19 says, "And **he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times**, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the

uncleanness of the people of Israel. “, As the high priest sprinkled the blood into the atonement cover 7 times, God wanted that the blood of Christ can clean all sins completely as the animal skin garment covered their naked shame.

So we learn that only the death of Christ, the reality of skin garment can clean our sins, our guilt feeling, our punishment and our curse. When we observed the covering concept for atonement in the several place in the Scripture, we can assure his substituted atonement.

1) Ham was cursed by God because he could not cover the naked shame of his father, Noah. But Shem and Japheth were blessed by God because they covered his shamefulfulness with a garment and their covering attitude. Their covering deed revealed the redemptive attitude before God. In other words, they followed the covering way of Christ although they lived in the time of the Old Testament.

2) And we can find that the Israelite high priest executed to cover the blood of animal on the seat of atonement. And they admitted that God contented the complete atonement of their sins. It means that the death of animal replaced their sins. We find the concept of substitution in atonement by using woman's son in replace of the woman, by using the sins and the death in replace of the death of Christ. As John Owen said, the death to kill the death by the death is Christ's death. So we cannot think the fact that our salvation comes out of easy poor method, without any paying, because of the favor of the almighty God and the sovereignty God.

Ish 53:5-6 say “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.

**6**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. “

Rom 3:25 says, “Whom God put forward **as propitiation (*hilasterion* – covering, sin offering, and covering of the ark)** by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, “ And Mk 10: 45 says, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as **a ransom ( payment, exchange, money of redemption *lutron*)** for many.” Jesus claimed that he himself is the substitute offering. He is the substituted offering for us, the offering of peace and the offering of atonement.

David praised the Lord for his covering his shameful sins in Rom 4:7-8 says, ““Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and **whose sins are covered;**

**8**blessed is the man against whom **the Lord will not count his sin.**”

Here the Psalmist praised that the blessed man is to be covered his sins by God’s exchanging.

Do you have such assurance that your all sins were covered by the death of Christ? When you confess your sin to God, do you have assured the covering of your every sin by Christ's blood, the precious blood? So when we confess our sin we have to claim his complete deed covered on the cross of Christ Jesus, as the reality of skin garment in the Genesis. This is our confidence in Christian life. We believe that only the death of Christ, our Lord can cover the shamefulness of our sins.

Therefore we who abide in Christ has no any condemnation (Rom 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ") Why? Because we were forgiven by his merit. (He 10:17) then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

We receive the salvation not by the shadow but the reality of salvation, Christ. Only the death of Jesus moved us from the death to the life, from the power of Satan to the power of God that has no any judgment.

## **Second, here, symbolisms of salvation were revealed again.**

1. God promised the salvation but he permuted the process of salvation. Genesis 3:15 says, "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." He promised the salvation at his one side. But to achieve the salvation he permitted **the process of salvation as a symbolism**. What are they?

**First, he made them prohibited the fruit of the life tree. (22)** God limited the rapid spread of the evil sin until Christ, the tree of the life come to the earth. Here salvation was expressed by getting the tree of life as a symbolism. What is the fruit of life tree? It pointed the Jesus Christ. So we can read many claims about the life tree by Jesus himself in John's teaching. He stressed that I am the life, I am the living water, I am the living light, and I am true vine. I am the resurrection; I am the fruit of life. Although they are many expression of the life, they focused on Jesus as the reality of the symbolism. After the life tree came into the world, we can get the life by believing Jesus as my Lord.

If anybody accepts Christ as his Lord, he shall get wonderful life. Ex: A eunuch of Edaphic, financial minister read the scroll of Isaiah 53: But he had a question about whom is he? Then Philip deacon explained the answer of his question. He is Jesus Christ. Then he accepted Jesus as his Lord. He was changed at that time. He got the new life and he was so delightful in his heart. He wanted to be baptized in the name of Jesus because he wanted to join into the church. And he left to his country with the delight as the evidence of life.

Do you have such delight to God? If you have no this joy you have no the life, you should accept Jesus as your Lord now.

**Second, God drove out them out from the garden of Eden.(23)** By punishing the man who polluted the fellowship place, God made them understood their miserable sins and made them longed the grace of

salvation. So the time of Enoch the great revival was happened in the earth. “Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time **people began to call upon the name of the LORD.** “(Gen 4:26) God made them tasted the fellowship of the Garden of Eden for limited people. God guided the man to return to God himself by experiencing the miserable state that was the cause of their darkness, their confusion and their emptiness in their lives.

So although a man is so evil in his heart he is searching for the paradise, the eternal life, living God as his real father. When we study our subject in our school we should take the hope to return to the paradise, the fellowship with living God. Then we can enjoy the great banquet in the world, Jesus said, “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. “(Rev 3:20)

And also by permitting the construction of culture, God made them learnt the meaning of true freedom, returning to the Lord. In Common grace God put much grace to understand the reality of paradise by succeeding, failing suffering and healing taking relationship by realizing the vanity of the world.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 says, “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man<sup>c</sup> “

Third. God commanded that the angels should keep the way of the Garden of Eden. It means that sinner cannot approach to the garden. (24) This is another symbolism. It suggested that only the blood of Christ can make us to approach to the throne. (Heb10:11-14) We should trust on only Christ and his cross.

In Christ we know the only mediaterian way to reach to the heaven. What is it? It is to believe in Christ we can go to by faith to the God, we can restore by faith to Christ.

As we know that Nathanael found the great work of intercession through the son of man “And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”(John 1:51) This is greater than this thing. It means the wonderful grace that go and come in Christ we can enjoy the paradise fellowship. In our studying we can enjoy the wonderful paradise fellowship by obeying the word of God.

### **Conclusion:**

The man who lost the image of God can have the way of restoration through the descendent of the woman, Christ. Although he lost the glory of holy Garden of Eden where was filled with the presence of God, he can return to God through only Christ. Moses looked at the glory of salvation and the grace of the restoration of God’s image, the revelation of recreation and wrote the Torah; however Paul who saw his

face in the salvation that shall be fulfilled with by the first coming of son-God was impressed by seeing the transformation of God's image. (II Corinthian 3:18) But it was different to the transformation that Moses saw it in the covered handkerchief, but it was the transformed image that we can see directly his face ( II Cor.3:18) And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lorde<sup>d</sup> are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## Sermon 14 **Training of the covenantal people (1:1-22)**

### Introduction:

1) Genesis revealed the Elohim God in order to stress the creation. And Exodus revealed Jehovah, adonai as the redemptive Lord. In this semester I treated to the work of God in Genesis. And remaining two times I shall treat Exodus revelation to understand wonderful redemption recreation although it was revealed as pictorial revelation. We can find obvious reality in it. Among them today we think of the training of covenantal people.

2) Chapter one, which began with the profiles of 70 persons who moved into Egypt from Canaan, describes the more developed accomplishment of the redemptive covenant. The community of covenantal people that was accomplished through Abraham revealed how they were grown in the soil of common grace. In other words, it reveals that it was trained as a redemptive channel of one nation.

3) Here we find that God works his redemption, theophany, kingdom of God.

How did God work for this event in the dark state?

First, God permitted Adam's mission.

Adam's mission: "And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Gen 1:28), was applied to Israel,

who immigrated for 400 years because the special grace cannot leave out of the field of common grace.

Second God used the channel of suffering.

Although Pharaoh, who did not know Joseph, oppressed Israel more, he never actually had control over them because they lived by God's blessing. So Israel was more strengthened as a nation.

Third, God used his supernatural power.

The number of covenantal people grew from 70 to 400 million.

Conclusion:

## Training a great leader in suffering (Ex 2:1-10)

**1**These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: **2**Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, **3**Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, **4**Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. **5**All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. **6**Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. **7**But the people of Israel **were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong**, so that the land was filled with them. **8**Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. **9**And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. **10**Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” **11**Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. **12**But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.

### Introduction

1. God has the obvious goal in the history. It is to establish the kingdom of God, theophany in the world. In other words, it is to live as the people of covenant in the world. It consists of two things, God is

their father, and they are the people of God. “ “ . The original example is to reveal the fellowship, the intimacy relationship, the union between God and his people, Immanuel in order to restore the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. In a short words God aims on filling with his righteousness, his mercy and his faithfulness in Christ in the world. Among them Cambodia also is included in that purpose.

Exodus revelation is related to the accomplishment of covenant by main events, those are, crossing red sea and establishing tabernacles etc.

2. God, in order to prepare a nation, first prepared Moses who was the head of the covenant established through a nation. Abraham is a type of covenant for a family but Moses is a type of covenant for a community. Here, we see that God Himself had worked in two events. What did he do?

### **First, God made Jacob's family been prosperous in the suffering time. (1-6)**

1. God sent 76 Jacob's children to Egypt according to a motive of natural famine, food trouble. Then they were so poverty. Really God cast them in the dungeon of suffering. For the pharaoh who knows Joseph lived, they enjoyed some Egyptian abundance and its culture but they should reach at the ultimate goal that God promised through Abraham's covenant. Then God used a suffering time for them. It was to meet a suffering situation, Joseph's death. God did not please to

depend on Joseph, a type of Christ, but to depend on the reality of Joseph, Jehovah who is the king of all kings. So God permitted temporary suffering to them for their spiritual awakening.

2. Verses 8-9 say, “Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. “ God made them been prosperous, fruitful as God promised to Adam and Noah in the common grace. “And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”(1:28) “And you, <sup>a</sup> be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” (9:7) although they lived under the foreign land and some oppression were happened in the Egyptian culture, God protected them and revealed his wonderful protection. No body breaks God’s hand for them. So their lives influenced to the foreign people. Christian life follows this line on the earth. We cannot leave out of the world. In there we should look at the God’s hand, God’s prosperity, God’s power and God’s protection.

3. I think that Cambodia church resembles this situation; the hand of God had opened the door of the gospel year ago. In the Cambodia church history, CMA denomination( They believes 4 elements( virgin birth, death resurrection , coming of Holy Spirit and healing power) in gospel sacrificed to proclaim the gospel to Cambodians, which had experienced the killing field. But they could not escape out of

charismatic evangelical stream, their thought are compromised with the worldly stream in several areas. Among them only minority Christians try to know the reformed Theology and its life. Now our school ITCS stresses a wonderful thing for keeping sound doctrine, sound, theology, sound mission and sound life.

4. At that situation we have to accept our present troubles and our actual suffering. We should not escape out of this suffering time. Rather we should sing a spiritual song in the night, just like Paul and Silas did in Philippian prisoner. Acts 16:25 says, “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,”

5. Ex: How did they sing a hymn? Why did they sing the song in the night? God provided his grace in their heart in the suffering. Then they looked at a wonderful event. Verse 26 says, “And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened”. In our Christian life we should know the reason we should sing the hymn in suffering time.

At that time we can see the vision, dream and can listen to the amazing word of God out of the Lord. And we can proclaim the gospel to the dark persons boldly.

**Second, God also prepared the leader of covenantal people in the secret place.**

1. In the text we can find the fact that God used some suffering for his eternal purpose. More important fact was to train a great leader. Moses was a great leader for the kingdom of God. He really a unique prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:18-21 says, “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I commend him. **19**And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. **20**but the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.” “. Abraham, Noah, Isaac and Jacob were the types of Christ, but Moses was a unique type of Christ because God appointed that he was the great leader of the wilderness church. In other word he was the head of Old Testament church as the main type of Christ.

So we see that his attitude, his faith, his training and his ministry were like Jesus Christ did. Among them his complete training in much suffering makes us reminded the suffering of messiah. Hebrew 3:5-6 says, “Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, **6**but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope”<sup>s</sup> “.

And He 5:8 says, “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered “. Moses was the type of Christ about training

and sanctified person. Especially his intercession ministry resembled the messiah's intercession ministry.

As we know, when Moses, born in a family of the Levi tribe, was abandoned, God had already prepared everything to save him. When the daughter of Pharaoh, who was bathing in the water, saw the crying baby in the basket, she had a merciful heart and adopted him. Also, Moses' birth mother taking care of him also came out of the hand of God. When we observed these events, how amazing thing it is! God trained Moses in the serious crisis and severe suffering. Obviously through several crises, God's will was accomplished. Verse 8:28 says, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,<sup>h</sup> for those who are called according to his purpose. ". The person who shall judge Pharaoh grew up in his palace. The will of God towards his own people was accomplished by the wisdom of God (Rom 8:28).

Now our God training us in the secret in ITCS to make a precious leader in the contemporary day for 4 years -7 years. Then we should learn obedience, humility, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. The man of God, " "After that when God use us in his work. We should offer our whole life to God.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints,

We thought that God himself controls all things in his people personally. So we should make sure that Paul claimed that I can do all things in Christ in abundance or, in poverty in our studying time how? By believing in God's faithful leading, we should proclaim the wonderful grace.

And we should not our present suffering for our actual painful heart. Rather we should accept the situation as the precious present of God and we should think before God. "Why does God permit this suffering, this trouble, this painfulness in me?"

James 5:13 says, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. "Then we can find the stigma of God's love and the foot prints of God's mercy and the power of God's presence. We can overcome any suffering for his glory.

May God the illumination be with you all?

Let's pray.

## Sermon 15 The Faith of the Fear of the Lord (Exodus 2:1-10)

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. **2**The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that **he was a fine child, she hid him three months.** **3**When she could hide him no longer, **she took for him a basket** made of bulrushes<sup>a</sup> and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. **4**And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. **5**Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. **6**When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” **7**Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” **8**And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. **9**And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. **10**When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

### Introduction:

1. First of all, when we review our walking steps in this year, we have the thanksgiving heart to our Trinity God, Father God, So-God and Holy Spirit God. In my case, I evaluate my one year as the year of amazing grace of God in my ministry. At my beginning time I thought that if God gives his grace to me, I shall serve ITCS with my little ability faithfully. Then God provided his abundant grace to me. Although I have some trouble time in my ministry, I have enjoyed it very much in Christ Jesus.

2. So I praise the Lord and also I appreciate Dr. Ezra Kim, our president for his faithful leadership and his faithful passion to establish reformed Theology in Cambodia and the detailed servanthship and excellent leadership for ITCS and I appreciate our students for their faithful obedience in their studying. Thank you very much.

3. In the text, we find the great point of true faith, sound faith in a family in their suffering time. What was it? When we observe this text we find wonderful treasure, the meaning of the fear of the Lord in the faith. Through this faith we learn that when God permit any suffering to his people, he has a great obvious purpose and achieves it in our lives. What is his great purpose to us? Widely, we think of his glory of redemption and narrowly we know that he aims on revealing his character (image – righteousness, mercy and faithfulness) by making his people possessed the fear of the Lord, the center of true faith.

4. What is the fear of Lord? It is the essence of sound faith according to the Old Testament. Proverb 1: 7 says, “The fear of

the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” And Psalms 1:11 says, “Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” In other word, in the New Testament it is the foundation of our faith that believes in Christ Jesus as my Lord and serves Him with trembling and affectionate heart. As we know actually the faith that includes the presence of God, the authority of God and the control of God that John Frame pointed. If we have this faith already we know the wonderful power that is, three elements rules over our lives. We need this faith that we can call for the fear of the Lord. We believe that if we have this faith, we can move any problems like the mountain, if we cannot remove my actual trouble we have to check up our faith.

5. Now we see the precious faith in one family, Moses’s parent. Ammram and Jochebeth. Heb 11: 23 says “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict“.

The author of Hebrew interpreted that their fear of the Lord means the same faith as the patriarchs, Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Joseph. What character did their sound faith reveal in the text?

### **First, it has the power of the spiritual discernment.**

1. Verse 2 says. “She had the spiritual insight in his soul. At the contemporary day, although many people cast their sons into the river

because of the command of the king, they knew the eternal will of God in Israel and followed the hand of invisible God with their spiritual discernment. “The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that **he was a fine child, she hid him three months.**” But how did they treat that suffering time? They can listen to God’s word in personal devotional life. So they decided to follow the Word in his heart, although they know the severe command of the Pharaoh, so they chose this dangerous way because they had the spiritual discernment .

= It should be our way in our lives; we have to listen to the word of God very well in our lives out of suffering, good events, sermon, lecture and ministry. Then we can see all precious treasure in our lives. Then we can choose right chance out of the dark situation. What is the reason we stay here? We know that we came here for we chose the calling of God with our discerning function. We believe that our choice was the best one in our treasures. I listened that a certain man chose his way as a medical school, accounting school, the marketing business and the others. But among them to follow the calling of Jesus Christ is the most wonderful action in our lives because it is the best one in the world, in our lives, “Follow me, then I shall make you as fishers of men.”

“go to all nations.”

Ex: As we know Mary, the younger sister of Martha had the power of discernment. Although they served to the Lord, Mary chose more

precious way by listening to his words in his heart. Then the Lord declared that she chose more precious way.

Ex: In our school life, when we study English, we admit that English is one of the precious tool in our ministry. So we try to occupy the English. I appreciate that our Students take much passion to achieve the subject. But If we have no the best one, the sound faith in our lives. It shall be meaningless. Our school aim to know the truth, the Scripture, the word of God and to train the ministry for proclaim the Word of God to the world. We assure that we have the most wonderful treasure in the world. Do not you think so?

Ex: So, when we observe our present suffering, trouble time in the light of the Scripture, we should use the power of discernment in our heart. In our ministry we see many wrong affairs. They did not know the power of discernment, the priority and the responsibility because they have no sound faith, the fear of the Lord. So we have to try to depend on the Scripture, the Word of God by reading meditating and obeying them.

= What is true faith? It has the spiritual discernment. We should follow the precious way actually.

### **Second, it was the boldness in their heart.**

Verse 4 says, “When she could hide him no longer, **she took for him a basket** made of bulrushes<sup>a</sup> and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.”

When we have the sound faith, we have two things. What are they? They are assurance and conviction. Hebrew 11:1-2 says, “Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. “ Here we find two elements “ assurance( hypostasis= assurance, **substance**)” and “conviction(elenchos - **evidence**).”

Ex: if we have assurance in our heart for we see the more obvious fact, Christ and his word. If we have faith we have substance (norm) and evidence, **criteria**)

Therefore Puritan theologian thought that assurance belongs to the high level of sanctification. A certain preacher pointed that it is the fullness of Holy Spirit or, the power of fullness of Holy Spirit. So he claims that it belongs to Roman 5:5, “**the outpouring of God’s love.**” *“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.”* This is not simple attitude to know the criteria of our faith, but the great impression, great inspired experimental event. **So in our Christian life we can experience the great event within little time.** Anyway we want to have assurance in verse 1. “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped.” We have to have the great dependence that we devoted ourselves to the truth, the Word of God. How about conviction?

Ex: conviction is related to **the hope we longs**, although we cannot see the present reality in our lives, in our praying, our praising, and our faithful studying we should have this conviction.

What is your main issue in your life? Financial, health, relationship, studying, at this time we should have this conviction to living hope in our lives.

### **Third, it accepts the providence of God.**

Ammram and Jocebeth, Moses' parents, took action in faith: their observation of the handsomeness of Moses, putting themselves in danger to keep him hidden for three months in their house, and giving up the baby in a basket on the River Nile came out of their faith to seek the will of God and to commit it to God (He 11:20). And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

Verses 5- 10 said, “**5**Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. **6**When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” **7**Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” **8**And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. **9**And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. **10**When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son.

She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Finally they experienced wonderful, amazing events in the suffering time. This was the hand of God’s providence.

By faith, the will of God was accomplished. Only by faith, they were saved and could walk the way of prosperity from faith to faith. God trained Moses, who was the head of redemption in the Old Testament and prepared the work of redemption by a godly family. This is the channel that God works through in the Old Testament and the New Testament. God fulfilled the great redemptive work through Noah’s family and Abraham’s family and also he walks through the godliness of Mary and Cornelius who had fear of the Lord with assurance and conviction. And even now, God’s work is accomplished by the true faith of godly workers.

### **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints.

In this time we thought the word that true faith points the fear of the Lord as Moses’ parent, Amman and Jochebeth. Really they were great giants of faith. Why? Because they have power of discernment,

boldness, assurance and conviction and also they accepted the providence of God although their situation was so difficult, dangerous.

In Christian life we should have true faith, the fear of the Lord, the fear of Jesus Christ. May these assurance be with you all.

Let's pray

## Sermon 16 The Refuge of the Saint (Ps119:113-120)

I hate the double-minded,  
but I love your law.

**114**You are **my hiding place** and **my shield**;

I hope in your word.

**115**Depart from me, you evildoers,  
that I may keep the commandments of my God.

**116**Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,  
and let me not be put to shame in my hope!

**117**Hold me up, that I may be safe  
and have regard for your statutes continually!

**118**You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,  
for their cunning is in vain.

**119**All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,  
therefore I love your testimonies.

**120**My flesh trembles for fear of you,  
and I am afraid of your judgments.

### Introduction:

Why should the Christian accept the Scripture as his refuge in the world that is filled of wickedness? Verse 114 says “You are **my hiding place** and **my shield**; I hope in your word. “ Where does the Psalmist stay now? According to his confession he now stayed in his trouble time and in his struggled situation that his enemy attacked. Then even many

Christians are moved by their present state, but this Psalmist depended to only God and his Word. So he confessed, “His hope is the law, the Word of God, because he got the wonderful experiential events of the Word. It means that his depended power is only God’s faithful promise. He knew well that God works through the Words. Then he used the expression of hiding place””, refuge””, shield” about the laws. In your life, in your ministry and in your Christian life, really do you have such assurance? Do you have such peace of this assurance in your heart? Can you say “God’s word is my refuge” now? Do you have such confidence?

= How did the psalmist take such confidence in his heart? How could the Scripture become his refuge in his life? If we have the same assurance of the Scripture, We are finished to prepare our whole life in the future. Our Lord Jesus Christ wants that we abide in assurance in the wicked world in darkness, emptiness, chaos and hopeless world. What was his assurance of the Scripture?

**First, because he knew that the Scripture is the absolute criterion that he can trust, he could claim this assurance.**

- **So he confessed in verse 113** “I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.” At the last week, I told the importance of assurance in our lives. Assurance is the core of sound faith. It is the high level of sanctification. It means that one Christian may experience few

transitional point like the Bethel experience of Jacob and for personal ministry for the kingdom like Paul's experience that had been entered into the third level of heaven. After that he served a wonderful serving for God's calling. He admitted Lordship and servant ship. Really in this day we have to seek such experience in our ministry. Why is it so important in our ministry?

- If we have this assurance in our lives, we should know the criterion, the standard and the cannon in our all things. It is just the Scripture; do you have such assurance of the Scripture? We need to have personal experimental finding in the Scripture because we find obvious criterion in the Scripture.

The Psalmist had the confidence; he hated double heart, not simple heart, the honest heart and sincere heart and faithful heart. And he chose the way of the Scripture for he knows that he loves it so much. Because God called for him as we know Paul confessed that “ “. How wonderful thing it is! Because he saw it, he had it, he stood firm before living God to proclaim the gospel to the World. So we find that his ministry was like sometimes a lamb, sometimes like a lion. As he shouted out his assurance against all enemies, “ Rom 8:37-38 says, “**37**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39**nor height

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

” This should become our assurance. The Psalmist saw the grace, so he stressed to depend on the Word of God. “I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.”

2. The reason that the poet cannot have the double heart was to attach his heart to the word of God. The double heart is the main target that Satan tries to attack and cannot be taken some benefits by God. James 1:5-8 says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **6**But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts are like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. **7**For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8**he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. “

3. What kinds of heart should we take? The Scripture treat the issue of our heart, our mental issue, our physical issue, our relationship issue and our culture issue. The Scripture is the criteria in our lives. So it is like a mirror, a measure in our every area.

Ex: we see our face in my mirror every day. When we correct our face according to my bet imagination. Just like that we use the measure to know my present situation exactly.

Ex: I studied many herbs in oriental medicine. After the learning I got many benefits in Cambodia ministry. For example before I was bated

by some worm. I found a small swallowing skin, Soon I attached the Banana leaf and the liquor in leaf of Chuk Soon it was cured. It is amazing. Someday I observed an oriental medicine doctor used exact measure to make a good medicine by using small tool to get exact quantity. I realized that the exact measure is so important I our lives. What is the measure? It is the Scripture.

In our live what the exact measure? It is the Scripture. So Paul emphasized I Timothy 3:16-17. “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17**that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

“What does it mean? The Scripture is the standard, the measure of our salvation and out spiritual growth. What is the Scripture?

- 1) It is the divine Word and human word.
  - 2) It is pictorial revelation and explained revelation in the Scripture.
- In our christen life we should interpret the Word of God biblically. Why should we make sure of it? Because then we can meet the reality, the criteria.

### **Second, the Scripture warrants the absolute security. (114)**

1. The poet longed the Scripture as his heart was shaken because he saw the vanity things of his environment but he assured that the word of God is the refuge that can protect him. “**114**you are **my hiding**

**place and my shield; I hope in your word.”**

And he obeyed the word of God. And also he wanted to controlled by the Word of God and finally by living God. Verses 115-116 says, “ **115**Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God. **116**Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!”

Because he assured that only the Scripture is the only shield to avoid the tribulation time.

**2.** Today we need security, protection and safe rest in the world. Why? Because we live in the spiritual danger areas, we need powerful spiritual armor, full armor actually.

When the enemy attack to our heart of righteousness by his slander, how can we escape from it? – So we need the breast of righteousness of the Lord.

When the enemy attack to our head of salvation by his doubt, how can we escape from it? So we need the helmet of salvation, the assurance of salvation.

When the enemy attack to our important areas with his craft, how can we escape out of them? So we need the belt of truth, the sandals of evangelism the gospel and the shield of faith and the sword of the Holy Spirit and the prayer without pause. In a short word, these full armor points to the Word of God, the Scripture, the passage, the verse, the thought and the terms in the 66 books of Scripture.

How can we become strong in the wicked world? When we love the Scripture we can become strong to overcome any severe attack of the world. Do you think to be weak in your heart? Cast yourself to the Scripture to understand the truth. Do you think to be stupid in your life? Do not worry about that. Now soon run to the Scripture. Then you find your sufficient grace in your heart.

**Third, he stood firm before God who shall judge according to the Scripture. (118-120)**

1. Verses 118-120 says, “[118](#)You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,  
for their cunning is in vain. [119](#)All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,  
therefore I love your testimonies. [120](#)My flesh trembles for fear of you,  
and I am afraid of your judgments.

The world which is filled with deceits because of pursuing the emptiness shall be thrown away into hell finally, however only the Scriptures that are the truth shall be established eternally. So we should hide in the Scripture, the eternal refuge.

Really we can find that the Psalmist has true faith fear of the Lord, because he had trembling heart and affectionate heart to the Lord. Verse says he love repeatedly confessed his affection to God and also he had fear of the Lord. Verse 120 says, “[120](#)my flesh trembles for fear of you,

and I am afraid of your judgments. “. This is the genuine faith in the Christian life.

Many Christian misunderstood that true Christian life shall be freedom delightfulness without any suffering. So they pursue to the situation. But the Scripture warning to be careful of it. Because true Christian life points two elements in their heart, tremble and affection. He should kiss to his son and to tremble as the Psalmist did it. Verse 1:11-12 “Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

**12**Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him. “.

Cambodia, our country we have to learn true Christian life to establish the reformed church in all villages. In the short word it is the life to love the Scripture.

Ex: I remember that long time ago I had taken evangelism to Santa Ana city. Then one person kneeled down on the ground until finishing evangelism, another person proclaimed the gospel to the foreigner. Why? Because our gospel is very precious. So we should sacrifice to give our neighbors.

## **Conclusion:**

My beloved saints.

What is your refuge? Where is your refuge? We assured that it is the Scriptures the Word of God. Do you agree with me? My refuge is the Scripture. Therefore we should live before God as the reformer claimed in the suffering time. As Martin Luther did, we should say “Here I stand up before God.” although great threat came to him to kill by the false religious leaders. Then God protected him and finally he could change into the reformed church. Protestant church out of corrupted church. Look at the Calvin Institute, when I read it I feel that to keep our faith is so fearful in my heart because it is so difficult and also it is the way of truth.

In this year we saw the wonderful hands of God to our school. God bless to our school. To establish the reformed theology and it's faith in Cambodia. It means plant the view of the Scripture, the word of God in all areas. Do you have such conviction and such assurance in your heart? May the grace of God be with you?

Let's pray.

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