

The Church Officers (Ac. 6:1-7)

The message is entitled the church officer and this term is very important. It means that they are the ones that are greatly used by God. May this blessing be upon you all. The bible is the book that speaks of only Christ. There are many topics to it, however, this is the main point. The bible has been written with the foundation of Genesis chapter 3 of original sin. The bible explains that the cause of original sin is satan and the bible speaks that it is only Christ that is able to bind the work of satan but people of the world take this so lightly. That is why they face many hardships and wander in this world. They have no interest in this significant message to which they think of it as foolish; however, this is fundamental to us. This truth is the foundation to our lives. For you to go inside of this and for this to come inside of your heart means that you have come to the answer. We all know 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 18, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Both sides are so different. They see Christ so foolishly however, for us who are being saved it is the only way for us to be saved. That is why heaven and hell are completely different. You must be able to see all things with the perspective of Christ and satan. This is the spiritual eyes. Regardless of the problem that you may face you must truly hold to this as the covenant and answer and continue on. This is the gospel: it is Christ who has defeated satan. That is why the gospel alone must be able to surpass original sin. If the gospel that you possess does not surpass original sin then you will constantly emphasize the old way. Of course, the cause of all problems is sin itself and you have no choice but to commit sin that is why your gospel must surpass original sin. You must surpass original sin and come to see that the cause to all is satan. What would happen if your level is within the sin that you commit even when you have the gospel. Then your standard would lie within the action that you commit. In most cases, even many of those who have the gospel lie within their judgements and decisions towards the legalistic ways. What would happen if your gospel that you possess surpasses original sin and comes to see that it all starts with satan. Then many things will be different for you. First and foremost you will come to see why it must be only Jesus Christ. If your gospel is not able to surpass original sin to the extent that you are able to see Satan then you would only depend on the action and the sin that you commit. You will continuously have the thought that it is not taking place because of the sin that you have committed. Yes, of course that is the truth yet the bible speaks of your to surpass that. You must surpass and see that everything is the work of satan. That is why Christ is the only answer. That is why the Lord God proclaimed in the bible that I will no longer remember your sin. If you only remain within sin and are stuck within sin you can never transcend others or even save them. That is why God speaks of Jesus Christ who has overcome all original sin. If your gospel that you possess cannot surpass original sin and you cannot see the works of satan then your actions and legalistic ways becomes a greater issue. If you continue that, it will become a religion. If you continuously do that you will only oppress yourself and it becomes a legalistic gospel to you. Rightfully so, you must be able to change and re-

pent the sins and actions that you have committed. But if you continuously focus on the sin that you commit then for you to hone the spiritual strength that you need becomes secondary. If that is the case then you have a high chance for your walk of faith to change into a religious walk of faith. We must be able to hone the spiritual strength that God has given to us to fight the spiritual battle against satan but in most cases we lack to do so that is why we are so fixated on why we committed sin. There is something else that is more important. The answer to defeat the sin that you have committed is Jesus Christ. You must be able to enjoy Christ so that Jesus Christ defeats the work of satan. However, most people remain within the sin that they committed and try their best to not commit any sin. Of course, that is not incorrect, however you will be greatly deceived by that. With that alone you will never be sufficient or enough. You will not be able to come to the complete answer. It's not easy for you to enjoy Christ but yet you must have the correct answer. Then there is hope for you. One day that day will come in which you will be able to conquer all the sin that you have committed. The gospel that you possess must surpass original sin. God has allowed mankind to possess the gospel so that they are able to surpass original sin to the extent that they are able to see the work of satan. That is Genesis 3:15. Of course if Adam is the one that has committed sin he should've put Adam to death and create a new mankind. Of course, it wasn't Adam that was the cause of it all and it is not Adam that can resolve original sin. There is only one answer. The only answer to resolve all problems is to destroy the work of Satan. May the blessing be upon you to which the Gospel that you possess surpasses original sin to which you see the extent of Satan and truly hold onto only Christ.

1. The Church Officers

Today's scripture is the representative that signifies the church officers. In verse 1, it says, "Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number." There was an increase in people attending the church to which there was so much to do at the church. Before, only the apostles were needed to do work, but now that there was an increase in the number of believers, there were works that had to be done. Today in the scriptures, it speaks about the widows who were neglected in the daily distribution. It was a very important point in the church in the sense where they were able to help the orphans and widows who were being neglected in the daily distribution. Of course, they were Jews, but they resided in different regions and were Hellenists, and they were being neglected. So, the Hellenists rose against the Jews because of their neglected widows. They said it is not right, so they came to an agreement for the apostles to be raised. In verse 4, the apostles say, "We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And of course, the apostles agreed that they would be able to devote themselves to prayers and the ministry of the work, and the seven men were able to do the good work. This became the start of the church officers, and this was very important within the church. It's the same for our church. Our church officers are very important. The elders are especially important, as all decisions are made during the session board meeting. Not only the elders, but the senior deaconesses and ordained deacons are very

important. They play a pivotal role in the church. It is impossible for the church to function well without their help. Then, rightfully so, the church believers are also very important. Would it be right for only the elders to remain in the sanctuary and give worship alone with me? It would be no fun to give the sermon only to the elders. Worship is very important to God, so the congregation members are very important. Also, our infant remnants are very important. Who can ever imagine what they will become in the future? That is why the remnants are precious and we pray for them. And today's Bible passage speaks about the church officers, so today's main point will be the church officers. There are three directions that the church officers must take. The first point is stated in today's Bible passage. It is for the church officers to help so that the apostles, the pastors of the present time, can devote themselves to prayer for the ministry of the word. This is the work as well as the ideology of the church officer. Rightfully, the church officers partook in evangelism and mission outside in the field. Also, for Philip and Stephen, they were greatly used in the works to do, just like the apostles. That is why many of our church officers must have interest and pray for evangelism and mission. And also for the church officers, they played a pivotal role in the remnant movement. For world evangelism, it not only works through the pastors but also the elders. And rightfully so, the senior deaconesses and ordained deacons can partake in world evangelism as much as their heart desires. Regarding the work that is taking place inside the church, you don't have to be so concerned about it. This is one of the characteristics of a church that has the Gospel. Of course, we shouldn't take it so lightly, yet we must be able to see how precious and important it is. It is rightful of you to pray for the church revival, for evangelism to take place inside the church, and to look back and help those in need of help inside the church. But the world outside the church is much more evil than it used to be. There are so many people who live a cursed life because they've been living without the Gospel. There are so many people who live a life that is cursed because they do not know the Gospel. There is no one to relay the Gospel. If they only had the Gospel, they would be raised. May you all be the church officers like the Biblical figures in the Bible that partook in the Gospel movement. We know many figures like these. For Obadiah himself, he lived in an age that was impossible, yet it was possible for him. For Daniel, his three friends, and Esther, they were taken captive, yet Daniel was the spiritual king of that age. Priscilla and Aquila played a pivotal role to help Apostle Paul. And for Jochebed as well as Hannah played such an important role in the age. It's truly outstanding. So, may you hold onto the covenant and pray, "God, allow me to live the historic life, just like the church officers stated in the Bible." Allow that to be the number-one prayer in your life." May you pray, "God, allow my life to be like this." You must have at least one sincere time of confession before the Lord. That is scheduled prayer. You must have the set time in which you are able to pour your entire heart to the Lord. Of course, it is so precious of you to pray before God, but you must have the time to give your whole heart to the Lord. For you to be this church officer, there is a condition. The start must be the Gospel. The condition of those who remained was the covenant. Is it possible for the pilgrims to not

hold onto the covenant. What can a pilgrim who has no covenant do? Just because they take the journey of the pilgrim does not mean they are a pilgrim. If they do not have the covenant, it is all in vain. Those who hold to the covenant become a conqueror. As the church officers, may you hold to the covenant and enjoy the three never repeated and unprecedented blessings. You must be able to receive the 100 Years worth of yourself and your businesses. This will not be easy. It will not be quick. But yet if you stay within this line, it is bound to be done. Rightfully so, the church you will attend will have the 100 Year answer upon it as well. For the sake of this, what is the devotion you must do? What is the work you must do? You must uncover it and do it. Even if no one tells you what to do, you must uncover it and do it. God will be very pleased. You are weak and lacking but through the prayer that you do, you must approach it all together. Those who have the economy must use the economy and use it for the sake of this. This is why God has given it to you. Those who are facing financial difficulties could be helped with those who have the money. For those who held to the covenant, they were historical church officers. Is this possible? The Bible has given you the answer. For those who enjoy the gospel, anything is possible. The most important point is what the gospel is to you. What is the gospel that you hold to? Do you hold to the gospel that surpassed original sin or hold to the gospel mixed with original sin or is your brain filled with the gospel, but not within your heart? It is all within this. God has given you the ane and it is the gospel. It is nothing else. With the gospel that seems so simple, everything lies within this. It can never be done with anything else. How can you ever defeat the work of Satan? There is no other answer except for this. For the church to have the gospel that is living and active, they would receive the answer worth a 100 years. Just because they receive the answer does not mean everything is solved the next day. However, if you hold to the gospel, God's time will be upon you. The Bible stated that everything was possible with the gospel. It is stated that for individuals, fields, and the churches, it was possible because of the gospel. There were church officers behind this all for this to take place. It is truly amazing to resolve in your heart that you will live as a church officer. It is a work that will make your heart flutter. We speak of the 7 Remnants, but they were not raised on their own. There were always the church officers that paved the way for them. Even for David himself, "I am your son, servant of Jesse of Bethlehem." In David's eyes, he saw his father as a servant of God. You must be a parent like this. Do you want to be acknowledged by your children? That is not enough. Samuel is the result of Hannah's prayer. Do you think he became who he was on his own? Jacobeth's prayer and resolution led Moses to become who he is. Is it only one or two figures? This is the Bible we believe in. The Lord is saying if you do this, it will be done because He has finished everything on the cross. You can live this life when you do this. This is the message God gives to you. May all of our church officers receive the answers of the unprecedented and never repeated. May all Remnants and young adults become this type of church officer.

2. 237 and 5,000 Tribes

In the time of Exodus, they didn't have to do anything, but enter the land of Canaan. For them, entering the land of Canaan was the solution to all problems. That was the answer to each individual who was a part of Exodus. This was the privilege of those inside of the covenant. They did not do anything but they were able to receive all things from above. They simply went the path that God told them to go and all of their problems were resolved. That is the message of the wilderness. To summarize all of the messages God has given to those in the wilderness, this is it. It was the message at the time for them to go to the wilderness, do not do anything, but everything would be resolved. All they had to do was to go. Those outside of this found it quite strange. They would complain how they could eat without doing anything. But yet, even if they did good things, if they did not enter, they would die. What was the reason they died? There was one reason and it is because they did not enter the land of Canaan. This was the only reason. For those that forced themselves to enter the land of Canaan, they say historical evidence. The problem is this is taking place even now. Is the principle of the past applicable to the present time? What do you think? You may say that the age is completely different now. Many may say that at the time, they had nothing but to follow and in the current age there is so much that must be done. Many may say that they had nothing but to dig the sand to do around in the land of sand. Many may say that they have nothing to do in the sandy land, but in the present time, there are so many things to do. There are so many tasks that need to be done. In the midst of all the tasks and work that must be done in the present time, as long as it is aligned with world evangelism, wouldn't it be the same as the past? The problem is the fact that you are not aligned only towards world evangelism but you are aligned with everything else. The main point is not the quantity of the work that needs to be done. The point is for what reason are you doing that work and what are you doing it for. If all the tasks you are doing right now are for the sake of world evangelism, it is the same as in the past with the Israelites. The Israelites did nothing, they simply walked through the wilderness. Even if there is so much that needs to be done in the present time, as long as you are aligned with world evangelism, you are simply entering the land of Canaan. Then it is the same. It is not the situation that is the problem, but yet, the problem lies within your walk of faith. For every age and time, it was all different which is why the Lord recorded many figures from different times. It is the same for church history. In the midst of all those taking part in the gospel movement, and even in the midst of us, there are many who are able to testify that they simply followed world evangelism and have seen tremendous evidence from God. 237 nations and 5,000 tribes means world evangelism. What does this mean to you? What is world evangelism to mankind? In 1,500 BC, the first answer was given to the people. If you simply take the path to the wilderness, all problems will be resolved for you. Mankind is lost within their own curses, yet, God has given them the answer of world evangelism. What does that mean to them? Do you think the people of the world are concerned about this? Even the believers are so invested in their own sake and gain. This is what God said. God proclaimed world evangelism. What does world evangelism mean to mankind? World

evangelism is the answer God has given to mankind. God has given the answer of world evangelism to mankind who are facing problems. For those who believe in world evangelism, that is the answer for them. The Bible records the message that as long as the people walked the path of the wilderness, all their problems were resolved. What does world evangelism mean to you? Is world evangelism only for the committed workers? Is that what world evangelism is? Is world evangelism only for those who are interested and for the pastors who devote themselves to it? World evangelism is the answer to your lives. How will you resolve your problems? What did God say to the Israelites to resolve the problems of the wilderness? It is not a matter of how well they were in the wilderness, it is a matter of whether they went through the wilderness or not. God will resolve all their problems for them. There are many people who do not receive answers to their prayers. What did God say to do in the wilderness? The Lord God said that he knows all things and told us to simply go. He says he knows all things we are going through and tells us to simply go to the wilderness and he will resolve everything for us. That is the message of the wilderness. They did not do this, that is why they were put to death in the wilderness. What would have been done if they went? What would have happened if they forcefully wept all throughout to God as they went? I do believe God would have welcomed and complemented them even if they went against God at the time. I do believe God would have blessed them. How? Just like what has been recorded during last week's Sunday message. They would have been blessed with the great and good cities they did not build. They would be blessed with all the good things filled within the homes that they did not fill and a cistern that they did not dig as well as the vineyards and trees they did not plant. They were able to eat and be full. That is exactly what God will do. This was all to enter the land of Canaan. The Lord God said to go to the land of Canaan where he has prepared all things for you. May this be the time that your spiritual eyes will be opened to once again confirm what world evangelism is to your life. This is the answer unprecedented and never repeated. This is the answer to which you did not have to fight, but will still have complete victory. Have you ever planted the vineyards or even dug the cisterns? It was all prepared for you just like the great and good cities. In their perspective, God was so unfair. They complained that it was impossible for men to go through what they went through. They complained that God put their people to death and gave their belongings to the others. God has such a valid reason for it. God said that he will give all to them, but they kept serving other gods. The reason was that they did not believe in him, and rather held onto other religions. This is God's heart towards world evangelism as well. We are truly thankful that we hold onto the eternal covenant of Jesus Christ. No matter how weak and lacking we may be, as long as we struggle to go into the path of world evangelism, God will give us all things. It is God's promise that not only you will receive these blessings, but also your posterity will receive them. It was simplified, and it is the answer worth 100 years. May you be overflowing with this blessing.