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Sunday service

The Word of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18- 25

God does all things through the Word and according to the Word. This is God's method. He gives the Word first and does exactly according to the Word. There are no gods in the world that can do the work that God does. This is because the gods of the world are not the Creator God. Therefore, if God's Word becomes your method God's Kingdom will be upon your life. If you continue with this method the results of a conqueror will appear. During that age Elisha was at the center and focus of God's Word. Therefore, all of God's word at that time was centered around Elisha, and rightfully, much evidence arose to save the nation and the age. If you enjoy the fundamental Gospel of the Word and receive the Word given over time you will be able to enjoy the same results that Elisha did. Although it may take a long time, it will become another blessing for you. There are many examples in the Bible among you of people whose lives were overturned with one Word. May you all have the blessing of having the Word enter into your lives and receiving continuous answers throughout your lives.

1. The word of the cross

- 1) Verse 18 of today's bible passage states, "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." It is a precious word. There is no choice for the word of the cross to seem folly to those who have not received the grace of salvation.
- 2) Another important point is that those who deny the word of the cross also do not know of original sin. This means that their entire life has not begun. Your spiritual eyes were opened to see Christ after knowing of original sin.
- 3) Why would mankind, who do not have spiritual eyes and are already stuck in their fate and curses, seek after Christ? They have no choice but to look down on the believers who know that the death and covenantal blood of Christ is the way to solve curses and original sin.
- 4) Regardless of the numerous evidence that you witness around you with your spiritual eyes, they cannot see it because their eyes will open only by God's grace. Therefore, it states in Verse 21, "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom."
- 5) No matter how hard mankind tries and uses their efforts, their spiritual eyes cannot open by their own strength. It is only possible through the grace of God.
- 6) In contrast, when your eyes are opened through the grace of God, there is no way of avoiding it. There is no point in fighting against it because even if you do not want to, you will find yourself accepting Christ.
- 7) That is why we call this the irresistible grace of God. No matter how hard you try to deny this grace, you will end up opening your eyes, believing, and receiving salvation. You have received the grace that has been decided upon you since before time.
- 8) That is why Verse 24 states, "but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." This means that it is all upon God's sovereignty and you may go only when you are called.
- 9) It is not about knowing what type of work you can do for this because everything depends on the decision of Him. You can also say that it depends on your fate of original sin and Satan.
- 10) It is the power of God. It is the power of the cross that crushed Satan's head. It is the power that freed you from curses and original sin. It is the grace of God for you to realize that this tremendous mystery of the cross is inside of Christ.
- 11) Therefore, Christ is the power and grace of God that freed you from curses. You must first fundamentally know, believe, and enjoy Christ. There are so many things that you must do in this world, but you must do this first. If you do not, then you have no choice but to fall to follow a different path.
- 12) May you receive the grace of enjoying Christ and being in deep thanksgiving for His grace. Then, you will live the life of being freed, conquering, and leaving behind your masterpiece. The time will come when you simply hold onto, enjoy and wait with His blood as your covenant.

2. The evangelist

- 1) The evangelists are important. They have the answer to save the world and they are called by God. Evangelism is God's plan to save the age. All the figures in the Bible lived the life of the evangelists.
- 2) You must fundamentally hold to the identity of an evangelist, hold to the Word, and stand before God. According to God's time schedule, God will open the doors of evangelism and His plans will be fulfilled.

- 3) “The world did not know God through wisdom” (Verse 21). Only when God’s grace is upon them and their spiritual eyes open they can know God. Evangelism is the way to open their spiritual eyes.
- 4) God saves those who believe through the folly of what is preached. Those who see the cross folly will never know how precious evangelism is and God uses the folly evangelist to save the world. The only way to save the world is through evangelism.
- 5) Therefore, the evangelists are important. Those who have the covenant are the prophets. Genesis 20:7 “Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.” These tremendous words were spoken to the king of that region.
- 6) There is only one reason why God saw Abraham so precious even if he did not do anything. Abraham had the covenant and he was appointed to relay the covenant to the world and the posterity.
- 7) You may not think so much of it, but God sees His work and the one who will do His work so important. You may take the work of God lightly because you do not take the original sin seriously. However, God sees original sin, curses and Satan very seriously.
- 8) Your spiritual eyes must open to this. Then, everything in your life will be clear. The problems in the past will become clear and you will have a clear answer for the future.
- 9) To relay this answer is evangelism. Therefore, the evangelists are the most important figures in the world. The life of the evangelists is the pilgrimage and the one who holds to the covenant are those who remain and as a result will be conquerors.
- 10) You have received this grace. You are in God’s plan. May you have the word of the cross come in your heart. Through that one covenant, may all problems be resolved, conquered, and become a life masterpiece.