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The One Who Received the Mission

Sunday service

Galatians 2:1-10

God has given mankind an answer, and it is a complete answer because He is the one who made mankind. It is the only answer that solves the curse of sin the work of Satan and the disasters of hell. But only a few people have accepted this answer. It is perhaps the most fundamental problem of mankind. Life has an answer and if you live it as a covenant, the problem is resolved and the curse is cast away. Because this is so fundamental, this message should be passed on to children from birth, and living in covenant should be their nature. The Bible records countless examples of this. Miracles will arise, crises turn into blessings, what seemed to be doomed ends up saving a nation, saving an age, and so on. This is the same for you. May you once again have the grace to take hold of the blood of Christ as the blood of promise.

1. The one who received the mission

- 1) The Apostle Paul was a historically committed worker for his time. He was a model who birthed Christian culture, conquered politics, and changed the world. He was the most influential person in the entire history of the world. Rome was a bigger and more powerful country than the United States today, but his little Gospel movement turned everything upside down. When a new culture is created, it means that people's ideas, lifestyles, values, etc. are changed. This is the power of the Gospel movement.
- 2) The Bible passage is about Paul going up to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus and explaining to the apostles like Peter, John, and James at headquarters about the Gentile evangelism that had taken place in his mission. Galatians 2:4 "Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in." The strongest argument of the false Jewish believers at that time was circumcision. It was already a religion in itself to emphasize something more fundamental than circumcision, even more fundamental than sacrificial offerings.
- 3) Galatians 2:3 "So even Titus, a Greek who was with him, was forced to be uncircumcised." This was a transition period from the Law to the Gospel, and many people were confused, Paul did this on purpose to set things straight.
- 4) Acts 16:3 "Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek." So the implication is that circumcision is irrelevant when it comes to salvation, and you can either have it or not have it. Salvation is by faith alone and therefore liberated from all else.
- 5) Galatians 2:5 "To them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." He wanted the truth of this Gospel to be always in your midst. This is the attitude of the one with a mission. The committed worker is to make sure that the Gospel is correctly proclaimed in the field so that those who receive it can be victorious with the correct Gospel.
- 6) Paul was very clear about this. Galatians 2:12-14, states that Paul rebuked Peter in front of a large crowd for leaving the Gentiles because of the Jews who suddenly came to him while he was eating with the Gentiles. Peter knew that the Lord was the Christ and God, but he hadn't quite gotten the specifics of the Gospel straightened out yet.
- 7) If Paul had softened his words at this point out of consideration for Peter's dignity, Peter would have been spared, but the power of the Gospel would not have been effective. This was a crucial moment because it was the beginning of the proclamation of the Gospel and the beginning of the beginning. Paul had just rebuked Peter in front of a large crowd.
- 8) Paul says that he has never submitted to them in response to this incorrect interpretation of the Gospel. He never once acknowledged their incorrect Gospel. This is the Gospel of Paul that has come down to us now. Whoever has the answer lives like this, and whoever has received the mission from God lives like this. May you be blessed with this.

2. The authority of the accurate Gospel

- 1) One of Paul's traits was that his understanding of the Gospel was correct and he went all the way to the end, so when it came to specific explanations and applications of the Gospel, no one could match him. If you do this, you will live a life like Paul.
- 2) They received the desires and mission from God for their time. The same was true of Moses; they received the answers and became witnesses for their time. The world didn't know them, and no one cared about them, but in God's eyes they were the most important people of their time, and they were men of God who refreshed God's heart.
- 3) These are events that have important answers for you. God works when you have an accurate understanding of the Gospel. So when the Gospel is accurate, you will receive answers. God allows it to be your answer. And if God's desire becomes your covenant, then your life will take place.
- 4) Biblical miracles like the creation of the world will take place in you as we seek to carry on the work of the Apostle Paul through team ministry evangelism and appointing church officers in charge of one nation to save South America.
- 5) God desires to save people from curses by preaching the Gospel, so He looks for those who have the accurate Gospel. If a person is prepared to preach the Gospel accurately, God will use them, because they have the right content that God wants to convey to the world.
- 6) The world is getting more and more confused, and the church is no exception. God needs people who say the right things. The world is dying of the wrong words that are not an answer. The people of the world don't even know if it's wrong or right. May you be the one who has the mission to save the world. May this be a week of deep prayer and deep covenant.