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1.

## “Christians Who Put Off the Old Man”

(Ephesians 4:22)

Imagine someone who fell into a pit full of filth and barely managed to escape. If that person, still covered in filth, came into your house and tried to sit at the dining table, what would you do? Even if you endured the awful smell and suggested, “Please take a shower first,” but he stubbornly insisted, “What smell? I don’t notice anything,” how would you respond? Would you give in and say, “Well, I guess after a while, the smell doesn’t seem so bad. In that case, just spray some perfume on yourself”?

Just like that person who became accustomed to the stench of filth, before we were saved, we could not fully realize how hopeless our past lives were or how filthy our old selves were. It was the Gospel that came to us, revealing our reality and urging us to repent. The Gospel does not ask us to “Develop yourself. Improve yourself.” That would be like spraying perfume on someone covered in filth. What the Gospel requires of us is to put off our old self.

We should have put off the old man as soon as we believed in Jesus. For those who began their faith life without discarding their old selves, even if the Lord desires to fill them with His nature, this cannot be fulfilled due to the hindrance of their old selves. Previously, the old man governed our entire identity and dragged us wherever it pleased. It led us away from the truth and always made us choose the path of deceit driven by lust. Yes, this is true. Whenever our lust was stimulated, we were easily deceived. Despite being repeatedly deceived, resulting in failure and disappointment, we continued to be driven by lust, unable to see reality.



At that time, we were in a state of corruption that would have continued until it led to complete destruction. Although we, who were in such a state, were freed from sin and received new life through Jesus Christ, the corrupt state of the old man did not immediately disappear. Therefore, now that we have gained new life and come to serve the Lord, the first thing we must do is commit to putting off the practices of the old man. Those who begin their faith life without this resolution may try to understand God according to the old self's ways, and as a result, they will inevitably fail to hear from Christ and be taught in Him. Instead, they may become trapped by the simplistic notion that anyone can be saved without recognizing their own role in the process, and ultimately may not reach salvation.

Being baptized is a public declaration of your willingness to abandon the old self and enter into the order of God's Kingdom. If someone claims to be a believer yet constantly deliberates about committing sins, they are still residing in the realm of sin. Those who truly seek to follow Christ cannot help but be so deeply moved by His sacrifice and resolve, "I will put off the old man." If you now realize, "I have not yet taken the first step that the Gospel requires," you should resolve to put off the old man. Only then can you put on the new man that God gives. Let us consider today as the day we first received the Gospel and boldly abandon the old man. Let the hard work of our Lord, who has called and taught us, be successful in us.

*Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*  
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“Why do you keep telling me that I need to change? The Lord has already accepted me. The moment I believed in Jesus, my spirit was already saved, so I’m confident that my spirit will go to heaven. I know I’m not perfect, but my spirit is already loved by God. So, please stop telling me that I need to change. My flesh still sins, but you know that what matters is the spirit, not the flesh, right? My spirit is free in the truth. So please, don’t talk to me about morals anymore.”

Unfortunately, many Christians seem to be trapped in such thoughts. The spirit was saved and will go to heaven? Therefore, the deeds of the body do not matter? Paul exhorted the saints in the Ephesus Church with these words: “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24). Be renewed in the spirit of your mind! This is true. Paul urged the saints in the Ephesus Church to resolve to change.

God puts the new man on us. However, before this, there is something we must do: we must resolve to renew ourselves. Though we have nothing of value to present before God, He never gives up on us. The very fact that God requires us to commit to change demonstrates His love for us. God wants us to prepare an environment where we can embrace the new man. To do this, what we must do first is to put off the old man. After that, we must resolve to continually renew ourselves.

## 2.

# “Christians Who Are Being Renewed in Their Spirits ”

(Ephesians 4:23)



Then, who is the “I”, that should be renewed in this way? Paul did not say that the ”mind” should be renewed, nor did he say that the “spirit” should be renewed. He emphasized that the “spirit of the mind” should be renewed. The phrase the “spirit of the mind” is explained by considering the original Greek text. ”Being renewed in the spirit of your mind” means that this change does not occur merely in the realm of thoughts or reason but in a much deeper and more fundamental area, especially in the moral realm. Moreover, this change is not just a conceptual notion but a spiritual phenomenon that occurs in reality.

The change that begins in the spirit of the mind influences the entire mind. While this change starts when we obey the Word, its driving force is granted by God. As a result, this change will be something the world cannot imitate, and it will manifest tremendous power in reality. Especially, for those who are renewed in the spirit of their minds, remarkable moral capabilities will emerge, leading to changes in their deeds. This is clear evidence of the beautiful spiritual change. Let us make a firm resolution to change the spirit of our minds. Being renewed in the spirit of our minds should continue throughout our lives without ceasing. God will be pleased with our resolution for change and will assist us with His power.

*Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*  
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### 3.

## “Put On the New Man”

(Ephesians 4:24)

“That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24). At the moment we believed in Jesus, we put off the old man, corrupted by being drawn to deceitful schemes that stimulate lusts. When we resolved that the spirit of our mind would continually move toward change, God has put on the new man in the spirit of our mind. From that point on, He has initiated practical change in our lives.

The new man that God has put on is not simply a renovated version of the old man with its deficiencies corrected. It is an entirely new creation. By putting off the old man and putting on the new man, our lives have started a journey for a new change. Change is the core of faith life. The change in us, who are saved, does not remain merely a change of legal status or mentality. This change becomes specifically evident throughout our entire lives, leading to a change in outward behavior. Especially, since salvation liberates people from the bondage of sin, the saved person becomes cautious against sin, and as sin loses its power, love is manifested in their lives.

The new man is one created according to God—in other words, in the image of God. Humans originally possessed the image of God, but it was lost in the first Adam. However, it was restored through the last Adam, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the image of God. Those who accept the light from His face into their hearts begin to manifest the image of God—the inner nature of Christ—within themselves. In this way, the new self,



created according to the image of God, is one who resembles the inner nature of Christ, which is to say, someone who resembles God.

Resembling God means being created in righteousness and holiness. The character of the new man is defined by righteousness and holiness. Righteousness is the dignity that should be maintained in relationships with others. Humility, compassion, meekness, love, tolerance, and sacrifice! These qualities are difficult to find in the world, but a change toward these natures becomes remarkably evident in the new man. On the other hand, holiness is manifested in our relationship with God, and what is important is whether we truthfully love God. The new man does not treat God as nonexistent but sincerely serves Him. It acknowledges God's sovereignty and offers itself to Him. Therefore, in the process of becoming more like God, righteousness and holiness are essential.

Creating the new man is God's work. However, the creation is completed through our faith and obedience. God desires us to live changed lives, but choosing this path of change is up to us. We are those created for good works in Jesus Christ. God is glorified when we resist sin, despite its temptations, and offer ourselves to good works. Let us be righteous and holy like God. Let us reject our selfish desires. Let us discard the defensive and offensive attitudes that arise from fear of defeat. Let us strive to overcome the bondage of sin and become more like God. Let us unite our hearts so that our church can reflect God's nature.

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# 2 Those Who Bear the Name of Jesus

in *Let Us Know the Holy Spirit*

Chapter 3, "The One Who Enables Us to Experience the Name, Jesus"

God's absolute will and promise for salvation are encapsulated in the name Jesus. The Son of God came in the flesh to suffer, to be resurrected, and to ascend into heaven. Therefore, His whole life accomplished the name Jesus. His name is the embodiment of His ministry on earth. In other words, the life of Christ on earth was to present the name Jesus to the world. If the life of Christ were incomplete, then the name Jesus would not have been fully revealed. Yet, because the life of Christ was completed through His death, resurrection, and ascension, the name Jesus has been fully and publicly manifested.

Thus, to reveal the Father's name, Jesus Christ lived a life of public ministry. When the Son inherited this name, He also inherited the life necessary to save the world from sins. The name Jesus was a life designed for the public ministry of the Son. Before His public ministry started, this name was only a name of a Nazarene. The name Jesus was not yet revealed to the world and was not yet important to us.

However, after Jesus died, resurrected, and ascended, this name became our salvation, our redemption, and God's love toward us. When we receive this name, it equates to owning the ministry of Christ in us. Everything Jesus did on earth, we can find in His name. His name contains all the works of salvation, His flesh torn and His blood shed. Owning the name of Jesus is eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

Now this name lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, we can fully experience the name Jesus and we can fully experience salvation in that name. We can completely obtain the life of Jesus and the will of the Father. The name Jesus is the



will of the Father in heaven, the life of Jesus on this earth, and the experiences that come from the working of the Holy Spirit in us. Thus, through the Holy Spirit, our encounter with God reaches its culmination.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” It was the will of the Father to send His only Son. The Lord taught in His prayer, “... Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” The Son of God came into the world to give us His flesh and blood according to the will of the Father. It is Jesus who commanded us to receive the Holy Spirit. He gave us His body and asked us to eat His flesh and drink His blood. Jesus enabled us to experience the will of God by the Holy Spirit. Through the body of Christ, the will of God has been given to us. Now, we can experience God’s will through the Holy Spirit in us.

Salvation is the work of the Triune God embodied in the name, Jesus. If the Father had not planned it with His name, the Son could not execute it. If the Son did not execute the Father’s will, then the Holy Spirit could not apply anything in us either. Because the will of the Father reached its peak in heaven, it also reached its peak on the earth through Christ. And now, it must be reached within us through the Holy Spirit. These three parts, the will of the Father, the work of Christ, and the experience through the Holy Spirit are inseparably intertwined in the name, Jesus. Those who treasure the will of the Father should also equally treasure the works of the Son. Those who highly regard the works of Jesus should wholeheartedly welcome the experience through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, “For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and

what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.” His words originally belonged to the Father. Therefore, He said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.”

How about the Holy Spirit? Jesus said about the Holy Spirit, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come.” Therefore, the doctrine of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the same.

Jesus said to the disciples, “God therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Baptism is the powerful experience of the name of the Triune God. All that the name Jesus represents through the Trinity is experienced in baptism. It is not just a ritual. Baptism is being united with Christ, declaring that the old self has died and the new self now lives. Both faith and experience are completed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

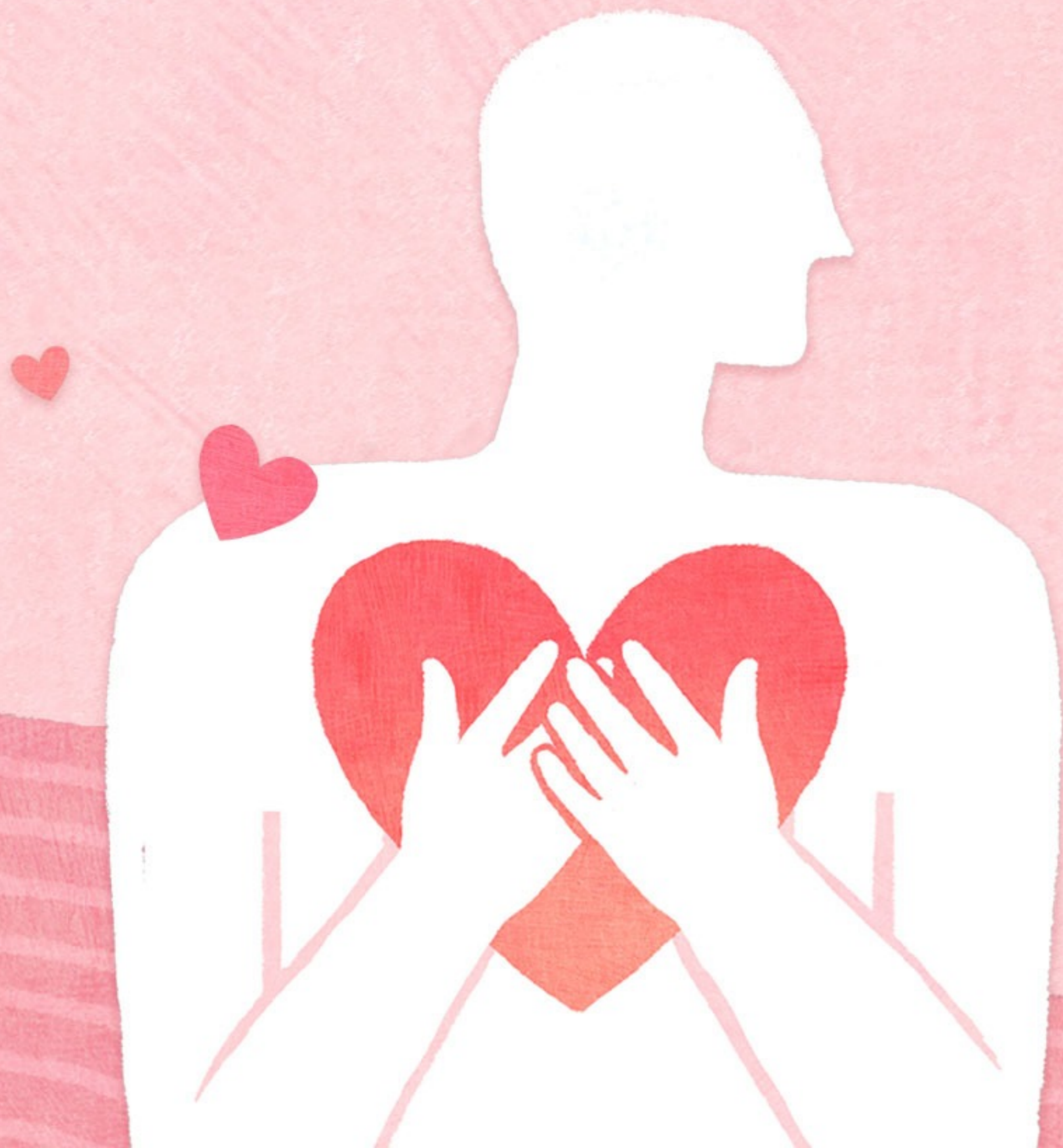
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# Testimony of Blessing

From Uganda, China, Sri Lanka, Buruni ...



## Even Used Books Are Fine

*I am writing* this email to express my gratitude for receiving the precious books "Let Us Know Jesus," and "Know Jesus and Suppress Deceiving Spirits" from Sungrak Church.

The Berea Books are filled with content that benefits both long-time believers and newcomers. These books have taught us a lot, especially for those who have just converted from Buddhism to Christianity.

For the past 16 years, I worked as a shaman.

Most of my clients were Buddhists, Hindus, and a few Muslims.

However, strangely enough, I never had any Catholic or Christian clients. This made me curious. So, I began searching for study materials on Christianity and Catholicism, and through this process, by God's grace, I discovered the truth.

God's Word has since changed my life and brought me peace.

I have also gained a sense of purpose that I never experienced before.

I quit my work as a shaman, leaving behind a life of deceit, and I also stopped drinking.

The ministry of Sungrak Church is a lighthouse of truth that saves many people.

Sungrak Church has truly guided me on the path to salvation, for which

I am truly grateful. Thank you so much for supporting and guiding my spiritual life. I look forward to continuing to grow in faith with the help of Sungrak Church. The support from Sungrak Church has been a great help to my family during difficult times.

I have kept one copy of each book for my family and shared the extra books with two local churches. I would be extremely appreciative if I could acquire additional books, regardless of their condition.

I pray that the mighty God will abundantly bless Sungrak Church and its ministry. I pray that God will allow Sungrak Church to spread His Word far and wide. I pray for the happiness and safety of Sungrak Church and that it will be protected by God's grace through all trials and tribulations.

**Sandaruwan from Sri Lanka**

**July 15, 2024**



# I Can't Wait to Share the Happiness

*By understanding* the difference between the Law and Truth, I realized why I had continually failed in my faith life. I was always burdened with a sense of condemnation and oppressed by the weight of guilt. Whenever I faced challenges, I believed that God was punishing me for my sins and the wrongdoings of my entire family. I doubted God's forgiveness and constantly compared myself to others. I thought I needed to have something special that would make God willing to forgive me, but I could not find any answer to it.

I lived like someone waiting for death, ever since I was young. I was tired of being reminded of my sins and that God was angry with me because of my sins. I never truly expected to be forgiven even when I repented. I thought I was just one of many before God, and never expected Him to treat me as someone special.

But now, I trust God. I help those who still carry guilt in their hearts, reminding them of Christ's never-failing love.

What I needed was the gospel and the willingness to walk towards the Lord, focused on the Lord's love rather than on fear of punishment. I first believed in Jesus because someone told me, "If you don't believe in Jesus, you'll go to hell." I believed out of fear, without even knowing who Jesus really was, and that led to more confusion whenever I learned about Jesus. To me, God was someone to be afraid of, even for the smallest mistakes.

I was once lost in this world, but now I live in the Lord's love, expecting eternal life. I am so overjoyed with this happiness that I just cannot wait to share it.

**A. Caroline from Uganda**  
**July 12, 2024**

# Despite the Persecution

*I realized that* simply praying for many hours does not necessarily strengthen my faith. I should understand the works of the Lord and put them into practice. Through this realization, I also reflected on how much I need to change myself.

The mother church always delivers the word of God shedding blood and sweat, leading us with love. I react to every sermon obeying the sincere plea of the mother church. Through this, I realized my own impurities, selfishness, and arrogance. Also, I became aware that even though it is never easy to change myself according to the word of God, a life of faith is to change by following the guidance of the Lord.

In my repentance, I revealed my sins as a pastor before saints. Then, my faith and character began to change. As I tried to resemble the Lord, I came closer to living a responsible life that pleases Him. I truly thank you, mother church! As I repented, my coworkers also reacted to the Word, and this repentance influenced those around them.

Everyone humbled themselves and took responsibility, and the change began to happen.

When our church faced persecution, not a single saint wavered.

Rather, all the saints were reminded of the grace of the Lord and received life and power. As I calm my mind and reflect on every moment the mother church has led me, I am filled with deep emotions.

Even though there were challenging and tough times, starting to write the sharing after listening to the sermons has allowed me to experience growth and change. I want to cherish everything the mother church has given us and live as one who is indebted to it. I hope to live a life that shines the light as we work with you.

**Pastor Lin from China**  
**August 17, 2024**



# The Reason Why the Transformation Is Difficult

*On the last Lord's Day, we listened to the overseer's sermon 'The Church Does Not Walk in the Futility of the Mind'. I realized that the desires my old self holds are all in vain and belong to the flesh, and that they will eventually disappear. Every day, without any discernment, I have been focusing on futility and running toward it. How pitiful! I will remember, I am born again. I am a new creation. I have come to clearly know that not only must my heart change, but my way of thinking and behaviors must continually change.*

*Through the sermon, I also discovered why the change is difficult. It is because my own system of recognition, built upon prejudices, habits, and values, is still entrenched in me. This belongs to the old self! The overseer said that being born again does not mean that the existing 'I' is merely improved or upgraded and will be perfect, but that it must be made completely new. From the inside out, all things must be new! This message greatly shocked me.*

*In the past, I said 'I will live by relying on the Word,' but I said this with my old self. In reality, much of the word of God did not truly enter my heart because my own thoughts, habits, and nature still remained within me. Even though I thought that I listened to the Word and understood it, the Word could not rule over me.*



*For example, I always emphasized that we should change every day, to be meek, and to avoid anger, but that was just suppressing outward behavior, not truly changing. In reality, I could not understand others, nor was willing to forgive them. Looking deeply, I failed to realize that I am a sinner and did not notice that I, too, had experienced the forgiveness and acceptance of the Lord. Although I knew it, at times I still resisted letting it go. That is why I could not be meek. Because there was so much of my own will inside. By keeping my stubbornness, I could not receive the precious things God wanted to give me. I came to clearly understand that not responding and changing is the same as rejecting God and being far from Him.*

*I thank God for drawing near to me through the word of Sungrak Church. Through the overseer, I have seen the Lord's love. I pray that the Lord will keep my heart every day so that I will not be captured by the world and my old self. I want to give my heart to the Lord more. Only the way through which He guided me is the way of truth and happiness! I sincerely pray that the Lord eliminates the futile mind in me and that I may fully accept His guidance.*

*My heart is truly filled with happiness as I respond to the word of God.*

**Minister Ryu from China**  
**August 20, 2024**



# In the Image of a Citizen of Heaven

*Some people misunderstand* thinking that even though the work of the church is important, their own personal matters are more important. They believe they should be responsible for their lives by themselves. However, to live a faith life, we must know the Lord and understand how He descended to the lowest place and what He did for us.

The grace and power I enjoy are the gifts that the Lord has given to me. For this, He went through various obstacles from the lowest place, ascended to the highest heavens, and sat on the throne. He captured the enemy, fought by shedding His blood and giving His life, to gain this as a gift for me. The Lord not only saved me but continues to guide me and has called me to be a citizen of Heaven.

How could someone like me, who must have fallen to hell and collapsed, possibly fit the image of a citizen of Heaven? That is why the Lord has given me the power to change continually. So, I must change. I must take on the image as a citizen of Heaven. The Lord sacrificed Himself with all His heart, sincerity, and strength, and won the battle to gain the authority which He has given to me. As receiving this precious gift, how can I express my gratitude?

Therefore, I want my life to be the one which the Lord governs and rules over. Since my life was gained by the life and power of the Lord, it is only natural that I obey Him, follow His word, work to unite the church, fight for His Kingdom, work with Him, be faithful to Him, and walk on the path He went through.

What made me realize all these things are from the teaching and nurturing of the overseer. As the overseer has given me the Word with his all heart and strength, I could change unceasingly. Like the Lord, I, too, earnestly desire to descend to the lowest place humbly.

My arrogant and self-centered heart is truly disgusting. However, I am very grateful that the Lord always has compassion for me and grants His grace for me to change. Also, I thank the overseer for patiently waiting for my growth continually.

Receiving the guidance and leading of the Lord, working with the overseer, following his teaching, and advancing the work of the Lord, so that all nations may be blessed through me, that is the clear direction of my whole life.

**Pastor Ma from China**

**August 16, 2024**



# My Real Life Began from the Moment I Received This Book

*I would like to share my testimony of joy.*

*Before 2021, I was a person who lived in chance, a person who did not know his creator, a person who only believed in him and who did all evil things to only save his life.*

*One day, I received a phone call telling me that there is a parcel that came from South Korea and that is mine. I went to take the box and in there I found many books 'Let Us Know the Holy Spirit' and 'Know Jesus and Suppress Deceiving Spirits'.*

*Before, I didn't like reading. I couldn't even finish a little journal. But, this day, everything changed.*

*I read the books until finishing them. After reading these books, my thinking changed and even my whole life.*

*I began to see that I have a creator who loves me to whom I can speak all my things, and to whom I must love and stay in his home.*

*I began to distribute the books to my friends and brothers and sisters and they appreciated it a lot. We all stopped drinking alcohol and to do and say anything. And now we try to love each other because we are sure that God also loved us.*

*We distributed the books to our church colleagues.*

*Those who could not understand English were given the translation into French and Kirundi, our mother tongue. If it is possible I would like to have more books to spread the word of God in all the country. If I try to compare the life I lived before with the one today, I see that before I didn't exist. It's now I'm starting my life and I'm proud of that.*

*I would like to thank Sungrak Church for the love and kindness the church showed me. I will always remember this in all of my life. I also would like to thank Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim. Thank you very much for saving my life!*

*Thank you and thank you very much for the work of Sungrak Church. May the good Lord bless you all.*

***Irakoze from Burundi***

***June 28, 2024***





# The Authority of the One Sent

(John 20:19-23)

in *The Messenger Running in Hurry*

Sermon Series 2

*Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:19-23 NKJV)*

We are on the topic of 'calling.' Calling or mission! It is quite a heavy topic which is why some people may think, "Is it even relevant to me?" However, before we are weighed down by the word "calling," we ought to ponder over its meaning. The word "calling" carries a meaning of 'solemn duty.' A solemn duty! A solemn duty that must be carried out even at the cost of one's life! "You are charged with a calling!" This sentence can sound very heavy. However, if we changed the wording and asked, "Do you have a duty that you must carry out with all your life?" then you may nod your head to that.

We have been charged with a duty. This is not what we came up with; rather the Lord charged us with it. If anyone does not know this, he will not have a sense of responsibility, which means he cannot fulfill his calling. A sense of responsibility is not something we can have simply because we want to. By God bestowing His grace on us and thus understanding the mystery of that grace, we come to have a sense of responsibility.

The person who understands that mystery will get sent. Remember I said that the person who is sent is the one with a calling. "The messenger went as he was sent." This is the original



meaning of "calling." After Jesus was resurrected, what did He say when He appeared to His disciples? "Peace be with you!" Then He said, "As the Father has sent Me, so also I send you!"

Jesus was fully aware that He was sent by the Father, and His ministry was about making this truth known. This is very important. Because we attain eternal life when we know this truth. "Whoever hears My words and believes in the One who sent Me has been moved from death to life." To make known the One who sent Him was Jesus' work

What did Jesus say after He said, "I send you!?" He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit!" What does that mean? What is the objective of sending the Holy Spirit? To send them out. Therefore, everyone who has received the Holy Spirit has been sent. Every saint is sent. It is not finished once we believe in Jesus and are saved. We have to receive the Holy Spirit and have power so that we can be sent.

How can one be sent? Jesus said, "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth!" In this way, whoever received the Holy Spirit has already been sent. It is erroneous to think that one has never been sent by anyone. Every work done through the Holy Spirit is carried out as the work of the one who is sent. None of it is done by one's own initiative. To say, "I received the Holy Spirit," means the same as saying, "I have been sent!"

Who is it that sent us? Jesus said, "All authority of heaven and earth has been given to Me!" These words He said before ascending to heaven. The Father gave all the authority of heaven and earth to Jesus. The authority of heaven was given to Him as well as the authority of the earth, that is, Hades. Who originally had the

authority of the earth? It was the devil. But Jesus destroyed the authority of the devil and ascended to heaven where He rules over also. He is the One who sent us. The One with authority of heaven and earth sent us.

Therefore, who will take responsibility for the ones being sent? The One who sent them. When a soldier goes out to war, does he pack his own lunch box from home? When you serve in the military, does your mum cook and send you meals every day? The army provides you will food and clothing. Why? The soldier is not fighting because he wants to; he is commissioned to fight. Therefore, the one that commissioned him will feed him, clothe him, and take responsibility for him. With this in mind, it is ridiculous to ask one's family for financial support while in the army. Yet, since the conditions for our country's army are poor and inadequate, some seek help from family.

The One who called and sent us has the authority of heaven and earth. He is King. The King sent us. Whatever we do, in whose authority do we do them? Yes, by the King's authority. It is by the authority of the Master of heaven, by the authority of the One who rules over the earth! Therefore, we have no fears when we cast out demons and pray for the sick. It does not matter what our current state looks like, whether we prayed a lot or not. Of course, it is better to pray more, but even if we did not pray as much, the charge we received still stands. Therefore, regardless of our circumstances, we can lay hands on the sick when we see one, and curse the demons when we meet those oppressed by demons. That is when the King does His work. The ones sent are not personally accountable nor should they worry because the King will take responsibility.

As Jesus sent His disciples He said, "When you enter Jerusalem,



you will find a person carrying a water jar. Say to him, 'Prepare the room', and he will show you the room." On another occasion, He told them to go to the village, untie, and bring the donkey to Him. If anyone asked, "Why are you taking it?" He told them to say that the Lord needs it. If they are taking someone else's donkey, would the owner let them just because they said, "The Lord needs it?" The owner would call the disciples a thief. However, the owner let them take it. Why? Because the Lord sent them with the King's authority. It was not because the disciples were tactful. It was because they were under the authority who sent them. Hence, if anyone has been sent, the authority of the One who sent him will be operating in him.

Jesus' 70 disciples went out and preached before receiving the Holy Spirit. They healed the sick. However, that was not their own power. At that time, they did not even have the right to pray yet. The angels that helped them were not their angels, but whose? The angels of Jesus followed them and helped them. In other words, they experienced these things when they worked according to the Lord's command, regardless of their efforts or merits.

A long time ago, when Pastor Ki-Dong Kim was holding a crusade for several days, he was requested by someone because a person had died. Yet, because of the crusade, he himself could not go. So, he sent a young man instead. "You go instead!" Do you think the young man had any experiences? Nevertheless, he went and prayed, and the dead person came to life. That young man worked under the authority of Pastor Ki-Dong Kim. Although the young man went and prayed for that person, when we speak of that event, we should not say, "That young man raised the dead!" Rather, we should say, "Pastor Ki-Dong Kim raised the dead" because Pastor Ki-Dong Kim sent the young man. It is very unlikely that the same miracle would have been done if the young man went without being sent.

A prophet had a servant called Gehazi and this servant pursued after Naaman without his master's knowledge. He went without being sent, and although he was able to get the money he was after, he was later cursed on account of that deed. This is how different it is between the one sent and the one that is not.

Let us say a grandfather tells his little grandson, "Go tell those older boys to play somewhere else!" Then, his little grandson would go and speak to the boys as the one sent by his grandfather, with his grandfather's authority. In this instance, the older boys would listen. But if he were to say that in his own words, he would get beaten by the boys.

If we are fully aware of our positions as those who have been sent, there is nothing for us to lose. People want to work by their own authority, but it is more beneficial for us when we do the work while acknowledging that we have been sent because the One who sent us is so magnificent. It is important to understand that we must go because of the One who sent us and do so with all of our will. If we recognize that the work we are doing is not by ourselves but because we have been sent, how can we possibly do it rashly? It is the task entrusted to us by the magnificent and Most High One. Hence, we should not only have the sense of duty as the ones who are sent but also recognize that the One who sent us will take care of us and lay down all of our worries. We need not worry because the One who sent us will take care of us.

However, we have times of struggle. While knowing that we have been sent and thus doing the work entrusted, we sometimes judge saying, "His instructions are not appropriate. He doesn't have the correct understanding." And some people don't do the work according



to the will of the One that sent them but their own ideas. But please do not do that.

If you find it hard to understand the intention of the One who sent you and therefore hard to follow, then ask to be given understanding. The one sending you is saying, "Go forward." Yet, if you do not obey but say, "I will go backward," God cannot use you. If you really cannot understand His will, you can confirm by asking, "I think that backward is the way to go. But can you confirm if it really is forwards that I should be going?" The One who sends you answers, "Yes, it's not backward but forwards you have to go!" If that is the case, you have to trust the One sending you, rather than insist on your own judgment although backward seemed right to you. We have to trust that He knows far more than we do and that He can see farther than we can, and follow Him.

It is possible to have a pleasing outcome by doing your will rather than that of the one who sent you. However, such a person cannot be used further. It would be best if the person sent thoroughly understood the will of the one who sent him. If so, he would not need to be told each time, "Do this. Do that" because he knows the will of the one who sent him and carries out the work accordingly. The next best scenario is to do exactly as the one who sent him commanded him. And the worst scenario is not doing as told by the one who sent him.

The person who is sent ought to do the will of the one who sent him. Even when he cannot understand that will he must do so. When he does, the one who sent him will assume full responsibility of him. If He said, "Bring the donkey to me," then no matter how awkward the situation might be, we must not worry thinking, "What if I am accused as a thief in doing so?" By saying the words, "The

Lord needs it," we will see the owner of the donkey submit.

We are not accustomed to being submissive. Ever since we were growing up, we are not trained to be sent. We constantly have the urge to do our own will. We have the want to go ahead of the will of the one who sent us. For we are not used to doing this, we have to overcome by the Holy Spirit. Let us pray together. "Lord, help me to be the one that You can send comfortably" through us.

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