

내가 복음을 부끄러워하지 아니하노니, 3 부 – 십자가

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, Part 3 – The Cross

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

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17 For Christ ...[sent me] to preach the gospel ... For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Today is the Thanksgiving Sunday.

- Have you thanked God today?
- Have you reflected what the LORD has done for you this year and thanked Him for it today?
 - If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please do so.
 - There are many things I want to thank God this year, but one that concerns FH is that all of you!
 - As of today, this church is 3 years old since the LORD planted us in this Koreatown, with our doing a Korean ministry.
 - In the last 3 years, the LORD has done amazing things (놀라운 일들을) through amazing people (놀라운 사람들을 통해), and formed and established this amazing church (놀라운 이 교회를 세우시고 형성하셨습니다).
 - One of the most important things I want to give thank to God is that He has brought all of you wonderful members who are passionate for God.
 - There is great power in the united passionate worship!
 - It is the passion for Jesus that brings such a powerful Presence of the LORD.
 - It is the passion for Jesus that releases the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation so that we may know Him better!
 - Thus, as I thank God, I also want to thank all of you for being passionate for Jesus and His work.
 - For example, when we were praying for the lady with Leukemia (백혈병) last Friday night, as I asked anyone who has gift for healing or passion for healing, everyone one of you came up and surrounded the lady for a united sincere prayer for a miracle.

- I believe that the LORD is faithful in His Word that He has heard our prayers and the lady will be fully restored!

As you know I am sharing about the Gospel through the topic called, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

Romans 1:16

내가 복음을 부끄러워하지 아니하노니 이 복음은 모든 믿는 자에게 구원을 주시는 하나님의 능력이 됨이라 먼저는 유대인에게요 그리고 헬라인에게로다

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

- As Romans 1:16 says, the Gospel is the power of God for salvation [구원을 주시는 하나님의 능력]
 - Yes, the Gospel is the power of God for salvation and no one will dispute that truth.
 - It is through Jesus that we are saved, and **it is His Gospel that tells us** (예수님은 어떤 분이시고, 예수님의 생애와 사역과 업적, 예수님의 탄생과 죽음, 예수님의 보혈과 부활, 그리고 이 모든 은혜의 의미와 예수님 안에서 나의 정체 – Who Jesus is, His life and His work, His birth, ministry and accomplishments, His death and resurrection and its meaning, and who I am in Jesus), so that we may be saved.
 - I've also asked all of us to **enlarge our thinking to know** that the Gospel is **the essence and the root of the power of God**, for the believers in Christ. (복음은 하나님께서 저희가 예수님을 믿으므로 저희에게 주신 능력의 본질이며 뿌리입니다.)
 - What I mean is that, it is the Gospel that is the power of God, not only for salvation, but for everything in God – that is, it is through the Gospel, we know who Jesus is, and it is Jesus Who enables us.
 - Know this:
 - It is the Gospel that you have the access to God the Father and His love;
 - It is the Gospel that you have the access to God the Son and His grace; and
 - It is the Gospel that you have the access to God the Holy Spirit and His fellowship.

- **It is the Gospel, that witnesses to us Who Jesus is**, and the power of the Holy Spirit is given to us so that **we may be the witnesses of Jesus of the Gospel – that is to preach and share the Gospel in words and in deeds**; that is, **through our lives, as we are**.

Acts 1:8.

오직 성령이 너희에게 임하시면 너희가 권능을 받고 예루살렘과 온 유대와 사마리아와 땅 끝까지 이르러 **내 증인이 되리라 하시니라**

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Now, I would like you to know the three most important words related to the Gospel.

- Of course, the Gospel is all about Jesus, so the Gospel is about the Son of Man who is Son of God – that is, Gospel is about Who Jesus is.
 - Jesus is the Only Begotten of God;
 - Through a virgin birth by the power of the Holy Spirit; and
 - Jesus was fully God and fully Man.
- Thus, Gospel is about Who Jesus is, and the Gospel must have the following three things of Jesus.
 - Do you know what three most important elements in the Gospel are?
 - 예수님의 십자가 (the Cross)
 - 예수님의 보혈 (the Blood), and
 - 예수님의 부활 (the Resurrection)
 - If any Gospel denies these three things or does not talk about these three things, then it is not the Gospel of the Bible.

With that, I would like to share on the Cross today. Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:18.

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For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- How many of you know that the Cross is the power of God for us who believe?
 - Then, why is it that many churches today are not preaching the Cross or not having a cross in the church?
 - Perhaps they believe the topic of the Cross is something everyone knows about, therefore, it is too basic to teach?

- Perhaps they believe the Cross is offensive to the people who do not believe, so they are afraid to have a cross in the church for the sake of those who may visit the church.
 - No wonder those churches today have no power!
 - As Christians, if we do not have a revelation of the Cross in what Jesus did on the Cross, we not only have no power, we would not be Christians!
 - For those of us who has received a revelation of the Cross, what Jesus has done, the power of God is available for us because we believe!
 - Not just any power, but the wholeness of God's power!
 - Yes, God's undivided power is available to us through the Cross!
- You may say, Pastor John, how can you say that the entire power of God is available to us through the Cross.
 - I want you to know and believe that the entire power of God, the whole and complete power of God Almighty, is available for us who believe.
 - The Bible clearly tells us that the Cross is the power of God for us who are saved; that is, us who believe in Jesus!

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- That is because the Cross is where the **identification with Jesus is granted to us, by His death on the Cross**, so that everything about who we are were given to Him and everything about Who Jesus is were given to us on that Cross.
 - Now, understand that the identification with Jesus is granted to us, that is, the identification with Jesus is available to all mankind – that doesn't mean that everyone is saved.
 - The identification with Jesus is granted to all people, but **only those who believe in Jesus and what He has done on the Cross receive the benefit of Jesus' identification with us.**

- **Jesus identified with everyone on the Cross so that everyone may receive Him as a gift.**

1 John 2:2

그는 (예수님은) 우리 죄를 위한 화목 제물이니 우리만
위할 뿐 아니요 온 세상의 죄를 위하심이라

He (Jesus) is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not
only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

- **However, we must identify with Him on the Cross to receive the benefit of His identification with us.**

Romans 10:9

네가 만일 네 입으로 예수를 주로 시인하며 또 하나님께서
그를 죽은 자 가운데서 살리신 것을 네 마음에 믿으면
구원을 받으리라

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

- Therefore, **those who believe and put their trust in God's work on the Cross receive the greatest exchange known to mankind through the atoning sacrifice made by Jesus.**

1 John 4:10

사랑은 여기 있으니 우리가 하나님을 사랑한 것이 아니요
하나님이 우리를 사랑하사 우리 죄를 속하기 위하여 화목
제물로 그 아들을 보내셨음이라

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- Therefore, **through the Cross, because we believe, the fullness of Jesus Christ, God the Son, is given to us and the fullness of what we used to be were given to Jesus as He died on the Cross.**

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- That is what happened on the Cross!
 - On the Cross, **not only our sins were given to Jesus**, but also **Jesus and everything about Him were given to us for those who believe.**
 - How many of you thought that the Cross only took care of our sins?
 - No, that is only the beginning!
 - **When Jesus died for us, He gave Himself for us so that we may be like Him.**
 - **Ans for us who believe, He gave us the rights to be sons of God!**

John 1:12

영접하는 자 곧 그 이름을 믿는 자들에게는
하나님의 자녀가 되는 권세를 주셨으니

¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

- **And this exchange is called identification (동일시)**
- And, **because of this identification Jesus made with us and because this identification we made with Jesus, we are indeed sons of God and because we are sons of God, we are like Him.**

1 John 4:16-17

하나님이 우리를 사랑하시는 사랑을 우리가 알고 믿었노니
하나님은 사랑이시라 사랑 안에 거하는 자는 하나님 안에 거하고
하나님도 그의 안에 거하시느니라 ... // 주께서 그러하심과 같이
우리도 이 세상에서 그러하니라

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him ... // because in this world we are like him.

- So, with this identification with Jesus, we have made the greatest exchange known to mankind; not only the mankind, but also in the universe and in the heavens.
 - **A sinner is made into an image of God!**
 - Not only a sinner is made into an image of God, **that sinner is now a son of God, a coheir with Jesus Christ of the entire heaven and everything that is created.**

- When we talk about the greatest exchange made on the Cross, we often quote Isaiah 53:1-12, and make a list of what we gave to Jesus and what we have received in lieu of.
 - When you have time to read Isaiah 53:1-12, please read it carefully and slowly and make a list of what you gave to Jesus on the Cross.
 - v3: He was despised [멸시]– We gave Him our discrimination (차별), and He gave us His love (사랑).
 - v3: He was rejected [싫어버린 바]– We gave Him our rejection (버림), and He gave us His acceptance (인정).
 - v3: He was sorrowful [곤욕을 당하여] – We gave Him our sorrow (슬픔), and He gave us His gladness (기쁨).
 - v3: He suffered [괴로울 때] – We gave Him our suffering (괴로움), and He gave us His hope (소망).
 - v3: He was not esteemed [멸시]– We gave Him our shame (부끄러움), and He gave us His honor (존중함).
 - v4: He took our infirmities [질고를 지고]– We gave Him our sickness (질병), and He gave us His health (건강).
 - v4: He took our curse [저주를 받고] – We gave Him our curse (저주), and He gave us His blessings (축복).
 - v5: He was punished [징벌을 받고] – We gave Him our punishment (징벌), and He gave us His peace (평안).
 - v5: He was wounded [상함을 받고]– We gave Him our pain (아픔), and He gave us His healing (치유).
 - v5: He was pierced [찔림을 받고] – We gave Him our death (죽음), and He gave us His life (생명).
 - v8: He was oppressed [곤욕과 심문을 받고]– We gave Him our oppressions (결박과 곤욕), and He gave us His freedom (자유).
 - v8: He was judged [형벌을 받고]– We gave Him our punishment (형벌), and He gave us His justification (정당함).
 - v9: He was assigned with the wicked upon death [그 무덤이 악인과 함께 되었으며] – We gave Him our death in hell (지옥의 죽음), and He gave us His life in heaven (천국의 영생).

- v12: He bore our sins[우리의 죄를 받고] – We gave Him our sins (죄), and He gave us His righteousness (의).
- When we look at the list of the things that were exchanged on the Cross **through the identification by Jesus with us** and **the identification we made with Jesus**, the list is overwhelmingly great!
 - What more could one ask?
 - So whenever we have difficulties, we encourage one another with a statement – why don't you give that to Jesus on the Cross.
 - Rightfully so!
 - When we give our problems to Jesus on the Cross, He takes it away from us – actually what happened is that he took it on the Cross years ago – and by faith we receive what Jesus gave us on the Cross.
 - If we can do this much – that is, if we give our problems to Jesus and receive something from Him – that is so good and we thank Jesus for the Cross.
 - If we can do that much – that is good and we should continue to give our problems to Jesus on the Cross so that we may access the power of the Cross.
- Now, I want you to once again think about what Jesus has done on the Cross.
 - What did He do?
 - Did He not identify with us so that He took everything we used to be?
 - All our infirmities and all our problems?
 - What else did He do?
 - When we identified with Him, He gave Himself to us so that not only He took care of our problems, but He gave Himself to us!
 - Now, let me say that again: He gave Himself to us!
 - Not just for atonement of sins or take care of our problems!
 - Instead, He gave Himself to us so that we are like Him – so that we are sons of God, made in the image of God, as we were meant to be!

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- A New Creation, made in God's Seed (that is, His Word – His DNA!)

1 John 4:17

주께서 그러하심과 같이 우리도 이 세상에서
그러하니라

because in this world we are like him.

because as he is, so are we in this world.
[KJV]

So, starting today, when you think of the Cross and what it means, don't just think of His death, His sacrifice, what we can give him to help us, and what we can receive in lieu of what we give Him.

- Instead think about and meditate upon **what the Cross really represent, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a greater revelation as to what the Cross represents in the Gospel.**
 - No one can brush off what the Cross means, what it could do for us and what Jesus has done for us on the Cross as trivial.
 - If we really think about what the Cross really represent, there is so much revelation we must receive.

Once again, I said earlier that perhaps many of the today's churches do not have power, because they refuse to preach about the Cross of the Gospel.

- The Cross of the Gospel is not a trivial event.
- The Cross of the Gospel is not something we only lay down our problems.
- The Cross of the Gospel is not somewhere we make an exchange with Jesus.
 - The truth is IT IS FINISHED!

John 19:30

다 이루었다 하시고 머리를 숙이니 영혼이 떠나가시니라

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Cross is where **Jesus made (once and for all; the past tense) identification with us** and **the Cross is where we made (once and for all; the past tense) identification with Jesus**, such that **what we used to be is completely given to Him (once and for all; the past tense) before His death** so that **what we used to be is now dead on the Cross through Jesus** and that **Who Jesus is completely given to us (once and for all; the past tense) so that He lives in us and we are like Him.**

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ lives in you?
 - If so, it is because of what Jesus did on the Cross.
- Do you believe that you are now sons of God?
 - If so, it is because of what Jesus did on the Cross.
- Do you believe that you have power of God?
 - If so, it is because of what Jesus did on the Cross.

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- It may be foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who believe, it is the power of God!

So, let us not be ashamed of the Gospel – the full Gospel!

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