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Dear to Thee, Graduates:

You were called as servants of God.
You were the workers of God
to proclaim the love of God
to Cambodia, the neighboring coun-
tries, and the world.

I congratulate you deeply,
deeply to you
who begin your first step.

This commencement is not the end
but the new beginning,
As men who are worthy to the Lord,
Walk in the way of maturity

Even though you took on double the
workload
in studying English,
you were successful
and should receive grand applause.
Just like how good medicine may be
bitter in the patient's mouth,
when you keep your sound faith sin-
cerely
before your own way,
the Hand of the Lord shall lead you,
so place your dream and your vi-
sion in the Lord.

While you follow the image of the
Lord,
you should be equipped by true power
to transform Cambodia and the world.

You, who are very bright
through the appearance of your faith
in thy face and thy heart humbly,
the man is more important than making
money.

The best way shall be to love men.
Love one another.

As the dead tree is able to blossom
flowers yet again,
and as trash that is thrown away is re-
produced to new goods,
some miracles shall happen.

Do not be idle,
but by the love of Christ,
by the light of Christ,
by the salt of Christ,
by the letter of Jesus Christ
and by the yeast seeds that were plant-
ed in three pints of flour,
accomplish the will of the heavenly
Father.

Fulfill the will of the Lord on the earth.



Essay:

Three Basic Steps for Christian Life

by Mr. Ukte Baik (M.A.R., Graduate)

When we become Christians, many people think that our life must be completely changed; something different from other religions. We worship the almighty God, the holy One. Of course, if we worship the almighty God, our practices and actions must be different from the worldly practices, because our God is different from the other gods. So, here James teach us: how God's people should live among in this world; how should we control our anger, tongue; and how should we pay attention to the Word of God. It is really important for us to know these three things in our lives. Let us see these three basic steps for Christian life according to this passage.

I. "Quick to Hear" the Word of God

One of my friends used to say that a man has two ears and he has only one mouth, which means that he has to be "quick to hear" rather than to talk. It is true, and that also will be suitable for Christian life. So, James here teaches us that the first step of Christian life is to be "quick to hear". We may ask that in what sense we have to be "quick to hear". This "quick to hear" means hearing the gospel, the Word of God, rather than the worldly news. All human beings are, of course, very quick in hearing. But what we want to hear in our ears is not same. What we give attention, what we want to hear is just what pleases us. Sometimes that may not give us benefit for our live. Sometimes what we get the news from others may be affect to our lives. But the most important thing for Christians is to hear the message of God's Word, which is the most beneficial for our Christian life. Just as the ground receives the seeds falling down from a farmer's hands, we have to be ready to hear the gospel from the mouth of God. We should not forget that God's Word is the heavenly food for our spiritual life. Our Lord Jesus says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Without hearing the message of God, our Christian life will not be mature nor grown up. The apostle Paul tells us that "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). This is how our faith will grow up. This "quick to hear" the Word of God also refers to reading the Word of God. We should, therefore, embrace every opportunity of hearing in the sanctuary, and be attentive and teachable, and following up our hearing with reflection and obedience.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19 ESV)

II. "Slow to Speak"

When we see our society, the fact is that no one wants to talk to those who are speech less. As we want to talk, we want to hear from others also. In the book of Hebrews, we read that we are to "exhort one another every day" (Heb. 3:13). The Lord Jesus Christ also commands us to share the gospel to others (Matt. 28:19-20). So, how can we be slow to speak? The apostle Paul says, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction" (2Tim. 4:2). When we look Pauline epistles we can find the importance of sharing the gospel. But in this passage, James wants us to be "slow to speak." What does it mean? We should not be surprise for this teaching.

When we look forward to the following verses of the book of James, we see that how dangerous is our tongue. It is just like a fire (James 3:6) and it can bring out blessing, as well as curse. Therefore, we have to be careful for our tongue. James is not teaching us that we should not preach the Word of God, rather when we speak we have to speak out good words that should be beneficial to our fellow brothers and society. The psalmist also teaches us that “keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies” (Ps. 34:13).

The Bible teaches us, “A scoundrel and villain, who goes about with a corrupt mouth” (Prov. 6:12). And “the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean’” (Matt. 15:18). Every man is known by his deed (Matt. 12:33; 7:17-19). Those who are speaking worthless tongue, they are the enemy of God: “Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD” (Prov. 12:22). Their words bring death and lying tongue is vanity (Prov. 21:6; 26:28). It is important for Christian to speak the truth because God will cut off ungodly tongue (Ps. 12:3, Isa. 3:8; 11:15). Since our tongue is so powerful, as Proverbs said, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits” (Prov. 18:21). Thus, Christians should careful for the tongue. The wicked will love to speak out ungodly word but Christians have to love speaking in truth which will be beneficial for others. That is why the psalmist said, “The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice” (Ps. 37:30). Speaking truth is what the Lord expects from us. So here the psalmist cries out, “To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice” (Prov. 21:3). Therefore, we should not speak ungodly word, which will not bring benefit to others. But we should always praise for His righteousness because His statues are true (Ps. 119:172). We should not stop to share the good news with others. Let our word heal others’ wound and encourage them while they were discouraged by speaking godly words (Ps. 12:18). This is the second step that Christians should practice. When we speak out in right time and with godly words, that words will surely heal the wound of others. That will also refresh the soul of man (Prov. 25:8-13). Therefore, watch out your tongue. The more you speak, the more you may bring trouble, but when you speak in right time, your words will heal others’ wound. This is the second step we can learn according to this text.

III. “Slow to Anger”

As long as we are living, the anger will not depart from us. Yes, that is true, even our Lord Jesus angered (John 2:13-17, Mark 3:5). But the chosen text teaches us that we should be “slow to angry”. Anger itself is not sin, but when we get angry, which will give an opportunity to the devil to attack or tempt us. That is why, the apostle Paul said, “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil” (Eph. 4:16-17). It is very important for Christians to control our temper, because “whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” (Prov. 16:32). Moreover, Solomon says, “Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. (Eccl. 7:9). When we get angry, we miss what we want to do; the more we get angry, the more we make mistake. Therefore, James warns us to slow in angry. In your anger, if you deceit something most of the time will not bring good judge. The anger never produces a good fruit rather destruction (Prov. 14:29, 16:32, 15:18, 19:11, 20:2, 21:14, 22:8, 24; 24:18, 27:4, 29:22, 30:33). Therefore, James teaches us that we should control our anger.

The most important thing to remember is when we get angry that will not bring the righteousness of God (James 1:20). That is why James said in the following verse “Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness...” (v.21). This kind of anger are the media of devil, thus, the apostle Paul urges Colossians Church to clean from this kind of anger: “But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth” (Col. 3:8).

As Christians we should forgive one another with love. Jesus told us to love our neighbors and enemies as we love ourselves, and we should also bless them and pray for them (Matt. 5: 44; Luke 6:27-28; 22:39).

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This is the Christian life what we have to live to glorify God. We should also forgive others as God has forgiven our sin (Matt. 6:14-15). Let angry not sustain in our hearts, rather let it fill with love and forgiveness. The apostle Paul teaches us, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col. 3:15-17). This is how we can grow up in our Christian life.

Conclusion

When we become Christians, we are new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), and our life should be different from the world, and we should also grow in our spiritual life. Just like a child who is to grow up, our Christian life also need to grow up spiritually.

According to chosen text, there is three ways to grow up our spiritual life. The first, we have to be “quick to hear” the Word of God. It is one of the most important things for a Christian to grow to be spiritually mature. As we eat food for our physical body, we also need God’s Word for our spiritual life. Not only that, God’s Word will teaches to live in this world according to his will. Therefore we have to give time and eager for hearing the word of God. Second, our tongue is as powerful just as fire which can burn the whole forest, thus, we have to control our tongue. A Christian has to speak godly words to please God,



Essay:

God Is the Healer of Our Broken Spirit

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Introduction

After David committed adultery with Bathsheba, he then, killed her husband, Uriah the Hittite, his faithful servant, to try to cover his sin. However, no one can escape from the eyes of the Lord. Like David himself confessed, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there” (Ps. 139:7-8). After that, Nathan, the prophet, sent a message from God to David, that the Lord would raise up *evil* against him out of his own house (2 Sam. 12:11). When David heard that, immediately he realized that “I have sinned against the Lord” (v. 13a). Then, he fasted and repented before the Lord, and he was broken heart.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. — Psalm 51: 17

David cried out to the Lord, and repented his sin (see Ps. 51:7-17). He confessed his sin before the Lord with faith and hope in Him. Especially, in verse 17, he confessed that, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise,” which expresses that David was a broken heart and the Lord would turn his face to him, would forgive his sin, and would heal his broken

heart, because of his sincere repentance. Why does the Lord heal a broken spirit? How does the Lord restore a broken spirit? Through this text, we may learn a truth, “God Is the Healer of a Broken Spirit.”

I. The Unforgiven Sin of Man

Through the context, we know, obviously, David committed two sins: *adultery* and *murder*. After that, the LORD said, “Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house” (2 Sam 12:11a ESV). Here, the word “evil” in Hebrew is *rah*, which means especially *ethical* evil. It tells us that the ethical evil, misery, or calamity (NIV translation) would happen in the house of David. Thus, the Lord continued said, “Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight” (2 Sam. 12:11b). Later on, his own son, Absalom, fought against him: sleeping with his concubines and trying to kill him (see 2 Sam. 15). This is what he deserves for what he has committed the sins before the Lord according to the Law. For it is written, “God will give to each person according to what he has done” (Rom.2:6; cf. 2 Sam. 3:39; 2 Chron. 6:23; Job 34:11; Pss. 28:4; 62:12; 99:8; Isa. 3:11; Jer. 17:10; Hos. 4:9; Matt. 16:27; 2Tim. 4:14; Rev. 22:12).

According to the Ten Commandments— “You shall not *murder*” (Ex. 20:13) and “You shall not commit *adultery*” (v. 14) —David was unforgiven and deserved to death. Just like Adam and Eve, they rebelled against God’s commands (Gen. 2:16-17) and fell into sin by eating the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3). After that, they deserved death and separated from God. As the Bible teaches us, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), and the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, everyone has sinned against God and is unforgiven by his nature, and everyone deserves death.

II. The Sincere Repentance of Man

After David heard the message from the prophet, Nathan, he said, “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Sam. 12:13a). Then, David cried out to the Lord, “Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow...Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me...The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Ps. 51: 7, 9, 10, 11, 17). After he committed sin, he realized that his sin was unforgiven, but still he put his faith and hope upon the Lord, asking for his forgiveness, because of His promise. This is his sincere repentance before God for his sin.

The Bible tells us, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Note that the “confess” here is not the good work of man, which would cause God to forgive, but “repentance” is a *necessary means* to ask God for forgiveness, as Peter says, “*Repent* and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). When we have sinned, there is a *reconciliation* with God ready and prepared for us, we shall otherwise carry always a hell within us. Thus, God is the first cause that drives us to repent with our sincere hearts; the true repentance is made to God, must be in sincerity.

III. The Unconditional Forgiveness of God through Christ

When we confess our sin, God will forgive us *unconditionally*, not by our good works, but by the blood of Christ. Again, when David heard the message from Nathan, he immediately realized his sin and said, “I have sinned against the Lord.” The interesting thing here is that Nathan replied to him immediately, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die” (2 Sam. 12:13b), even though he de-

served to death. Here it must be a presupposition that God had prepared a reconciliation to David before he confessed his sin. In other words, God had mercy and grace upon him first, then he was able to confess his sin with faith. The apostle John, in 1 John 1:19, initiates a twofold fruit comes to us, that God being reconciled by the sacrifice of Christ, forgives us, and that he renews us. Obviously, God is the first cause to forgive and we are the second to repent and believe the power of the blood of Christ that can forgive our sin.

Why was David's unforgiven sin forgiven? There is only one reason is the free gift of God through Christ. David himself confessed, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit" (Ps. 31:1-2; cf. Rom. 4:7-8). The apostle Paul interpret this confession to "justification by faith alone," which is the free gift of God (Rom. 4:4-5; cf. Eph. 2:8-9).

IV. The Eternal Salvation of God in Christ

Once God forgives our sin, our salvation can be never lost. When David put his faith upon the Lord, he is remained in Him with an eternal hope. David saw the pre-incarnation of Christ in his vision, as he confessed, "The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'" (Ps. 110:1). After the Pentecost, Peter filled with the Holy Spirit, he quoted this verse in Acts 2:34-45, and interpreted "the Lord" as Jesus Christ (v. 36). Peter also quoted from the book of Joel, saying, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21; cf. Joel 2:32). The "name" of the Lord is the name of Christ, because "salvation is found in no one else," but in Christ, "by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The fifth point of Calvinism, "the perseverance of saints," teaches us the eternal salvation of God in Christ for all the elect. As the Father has elected, the Son has redeemed, and the Holy Spirit has applied salvation, those thus saved are eternally secure. They are eternally secure in Christ. Some of the verses support this position: Jesus said that His sheep will never perish (John 10:27-28); salvation is described as everlasting life (John 6:47); we have passed out of judgment (Rom. 8:1); God promises to never let us be tempted beyond what we can handle (1 Cor. 10:13); and God is the One being faithful to perfect us until the day of Jesus' return (Phil. 1:6).

Therefore, in Christ and by the name of Christ, we have salvation, eternal life, which cannot be lost, because the Lord himself guarantees us and remains us in Him forever and ever.

Conclusion

Like David, everyone has sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and the sin is unforgiven and it deserves to death. However, when we humble ourselves and repent before God with a sincere heart, as we call the name of Christ, we will be forgiven, not by our own merit or righteousness, but by the righteousness of Christ who reconciled us with God through his own blood. Thus, we believe that we are forgiven unconditionally by the grace of God alone and saved the His free gift through Christ. In order words, we are justified by faith alone in believing Christ. Once we are forgiven, our salvation will last forever, as we are remained in Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit.

As our spirit has been broken by our own sinful desire, we need to repent our sin and commit our lives to God. For we know that we are so special in God's sight. Endure our suffering by abiding ourselves

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Sermon :

“Not Shamed of the Gospel”

by Mr. Joseph Jiang (M.A.R, Graduate)

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. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” —— Romans 1:16-17

Introduction:

In Romans 1:16-17 the apostle Paul presents one of the greatest summaries of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He declares that the gospel is “the power of God,” and with the clear purpose, that is “for the salvation of everyone who believes.” Paul tells his readers that he is “ready and so eager to preach the gospel to you who are at Rome” (v. 15). Then, he says that he is not “shamed of the gospel,” and is ready to preach. Why would anyone be ashamed of a message as powerful, profound, and needed gospel?

If we look at the social-cultural and religious environments in which Paul ministered will help us to understand why some were shamed to preach the gospel. First, the moral conditions of Rome was so corrupted. Under the reign of the wicked Emperor, Nero, the city of Rome was full of sin and wicked living. The gospel Paul preached, with its demands for repentance, holiness and godly living, was completely opposed to everything Rome represented. Second, Paul was a Jew and the Jews were considered by many to be a sub-human race. They were to be despised, mistreated, and enslaved. The gospel was a message that originated in, and rose out of, a Jewish background. Third, the message Paul preached was incredible. The Savior Paul preached was also a Jew, who claimed to be the Son of God. However, He died on a Roman cross, the very symbol of shame. Thus, the gospel was a difficult message for a lost, prideful world to accept (i.e., 1 Cor. 1:18; 22-25). Fourth, everywhere Paul preached the cross, he was ridiculed, despised, cast out, even stoned, imprisoned, or treated cruelly (Acts 14:19; 16-17; 1 Cor. 1:18, 23). However, Paul remained his eagerness and zeal to preach the gospel at Rome—the corrupted city with a wicked living and pagan religions.

I believe that many would not have been able to endure that kind of shame when they preach the gospel with surrounding the difficulties and persecutions. Why could Paul endure all kinds of shame? What did he keep on preaching the hated gospel? What was it about the gospel that kept driving him around the world preaching the same hated message? The answer to those questions is found in the truths Paul reveals about the gospel of Christ. In these two verses, Paul reminds us that we have a gospel to be proud of. He wants to encourage us to be “Not Ashamed of the Gospel”. He wants us to see that the message of Jesus Christ and His salvation is a message we should share with everyone, everywhere, without shame and fear. So, what is such a powerful gospel that Paul have revealed to us?

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I. The Gospel Is the Power of God (V. 16a)

First, the gospel is the power of the forgiveness of sin through Christ. The gospel is the “power of God”. The word “power” (Greek: *dunamis*) refers to the “might, energy, force and strength” that dwell within God, or the “inherent power” of God. God could have revealed His power against sin in any way that He chose. He could have wiped men from the face of the earth. He could have done anything that He wanted, because He is the all-powerful God, or omnipotent. He can do anything, and nothing is impossible with Him (Luke 1:37)! It is a blessing to notice that when the Lord moved to do something about sin, He exercised His power in sending men the gospel of grace, which is fulfilled in Christ Jesus who reconciles sinners with God by His blood on the cross (Col. 1:20; Rom. 3:21-22). The gospel shows God’s great love for sinners through Christ. Nowhere is the power of God as visible as it is in the gospel of Christ! (Rom. 5:8; 1 Tim. 1:12-15; 1 John 4:19).

Second, the gospel is the power of life-changing in Christ. When God takes a lost sinner and saves him by His grace and makes him a new creature that is a powerful thing. God could have sent us all to hell, but He instead chose to send us His love wrapped up in His Son, the Lord Jesus. Praise the Lord that He loved us first (1 John 4:19); and “Since we are still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). The gospel of Christ is a simple message, as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” Romans 4:25 states it in even fewer words, “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” Paul knew clearly about the power of this gospel (1 Tim. 1:12-15). His life was changed by the gospel of Christ. Every life that is redeemed by the gospel of grace is a life that is forever changed (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus said, “Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24; cf. 1 John 3:14).

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, do you see that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the sovereign power of God that forgives our sin and changes our lives?

II. The Gospel Is the Promise of God (V. 16b)

First, the gospel is the promise of God for “salvation” in Christ. Salvation is the promise of God to sinners through Christ, even began from Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:15—the “offspring of woman”). The offspring is Jesus Christ, though whom God fulfilled His promise for salvation. Galatians 4:4-5 tell us, “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” The word “salvation” means “safety, preservation, and deliverance.” It carries the idea of “being rescued from all harm and danger.” God’s desire in saving sinners is to forever deliver them from spiritual death and destruction. God’s promise in giving the gospel is to change man’s destination in eternity and his life here on earth as well. The gospel brings “eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21). The eternal life is “the gift of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23; cf. 1 John 5:11). Thus, Jesus Christ is the key of salvation. The gospel is all about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was sent by the Father to save us from sin by His death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Even our Lord Himself proclaims, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Second, the gospel is the promise of God’s salvation for “everyone” who believes: Jews and Gentiles. The promise of salvation is not only for Jews, but also for Gentiles. The gospel is the salvation “of everyone who believes.” In John 6:37, Jesus says, “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever

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comes to me I will never drive away” (cf. Rev. 22:17). The promise of the gospel is that anyone who hears the message and sees their need of salvation and comes to Jesus by faith will be saved by God’s precious grace! After the Pentecost, Peter preached from the prophecy of Joel, “*Everyone* who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:12, 13; cf. John 1:12). The promise of God’s salvation for “everyone” who believes was fulfilled in Christ! When God sent Peter to preach to Cornelius, the Gentile, he confessed that “God does not show favoritism, but accepts men from *every nation* who fear him and do what is right” (Acts 10:34-35). Jesus Christ commands us to make disciples of *all nations* in His name (Matt. 28:19).

Therefore, the gospel is the promise of God for salvation to everyone who believes! If you are in Jesus, you are secure in Jesus for as long as He lives (John 10:28)!

III. The Gospel Is the Righteousness of God (V. 17)

First, the gospel reveals the righteousness of God. In other words, the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), and “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). In fact, “the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Heb. 9:22). Now, our Lord Jesus Christ, who shed His blood for us! God presented Him as a “sacrifice of atonement” to demonstrate His *justice* (Rom. 3:25; cf. Isa. 53:4-6; Heb. 10:12). The product of the gospel in the life of the believer is “righteousness.” Some may think that they are “righteous” and are therefore acceptable to the Lord, but the truth is that man is not righteous, and cannot produce righteousness by self-will, or his own works. When faith is placed in the gospel message, and Jesus is believed on in the heart, God takes the sinner and declares him to be righteous. What man cannot do by effort, God does by His own power (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 8:33).

Second, the gospel is received by faith alone! What does the phrase “from faith to faith” mean? It simply refers to the fact that the believer’s life is to be one of faith in God. As the believer’s life is lived in faith day by day, the righteousness of God is revealed in the believer’s life from “beginning faith” to “ending faith.” As this verse concludes, faith is to be the way of life for the child of God. The Bible teaches us that the righteous that comes from God and is by faith in Christ (Phil. 3:9; Gal. 3:1; Heb. 10:38). We have been saved by God’s free grace, through faith alone (Eph. 2:8-9; cf. Titus 3:5).

Therefore, we are justified by faith alone in Christ, who imputed his righteousness to us and reconciled us with God through his precious blood.



Sermon:

On Earth Peace to Men

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host

Introduction

In Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6, the Prophet Isaiah prophesized that a virgin would be with child and give to the Son of the Most High, Immanuel, which means “God is with us” (Matt. 1:18-25). So, God keeps His covenant with His people. As we read these verses, we see how the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ was first announced to the people of Israel. We know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Yet it was a long way from Nazareth where Joseph and Mary lived. They had to make that journey over 70 miles to register for the census. That’s what brought them all the way to Bethlehem in the first place. Long ago in that region, many of the sheep were grazed using for the temple sacrifice, so the shepherds watched over them day and night. The shepherds experienced this amazing encounter with the angels in the night sky. It was the announcement of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

I. Peace to the Gentile World

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared proclaiming, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (vv. 8-12)

The tidings first came to the shepherds not to the priests and the rulers, or the Pharisees. James 2:5 also says, *Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?* Let us refuse to accept the suggestion of Satan, which religion is not for the working man. The weakness of the world is often called before the mighty God. The last will be first, and the first last.

The spiritual darkness which had covered the earth was about to be rolled away. The way to pardon and to have peace with God was about to be opened to all mankind. Freedom was about to be announced to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind. The mighty truth was about to be proclaimed that God could be just, and for Christ's sake, justifying the ungodly. Salvation was no longer to be seen just by figures, but openly face to face. The grace of God was no longer to be confined only to the Jews, but to be offered to the whole Gentile world. The first stone of God's kingdom was about to be set up.

II. Who Were the First to Praise God When Christ Was Born?

They were angels, and not men; angels who had never sinned, and needed no Savior; angels who had not fallen, and required no Redeemer, and no atoning blood. The first hymn to the honor of "God manifest in the flesh," was sung by "a multitude of the heavenly host."

It shows us the angels are good servants of the Lord. All that their heavenly Master does please and interest them. It shows us what clear knowledge they have. They know the blessedness of heaven, and the privilege of an open door into it. Above all, it shows us the deep love and compassion which the angels feel towards poor lost man. They rejoice when they see the souls of men being saved.

Let us do our utmost praise to be more like minded with the angels. Our spiritual ignorance appears most painfully in our inability to enter into the joy which we see them here expressing. Surely if we hope to dwell with them forever in heaven, we have to share something of their feelings while we are here upon earth. Let us seek a more deep sense of the sinfulness and misery of sin, and then we shall have a more deep sense of thankfulness for redemption.

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III. Can We Actually Achieve Peace On Earth?

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (vv.13-14)

But how can we actually achieve peace on earth? Do you suppose the angels were predicting a day when peace would be possible? Today, Christmas season 2014 we are still at war in the Middle East fighting with the ISIS and still Christian's persecutions in different parts of the world. Instead of celebrating Christmas peacefully now the Prime Minister of India, Najendra Modi Gov't wants schools to observe 'good governance day' on Christmas. The BJP government wants CBSE to carry out various activities, like an essay competition, so that students' participation increases on Christmas Day. However, these things declares to celebrate there has never been a generation since the beginning of time when we were not at war with someone or something. It has been and always will be until Christ returns and settle His everlasting Kingdom.

"On earth Peace to men on whom his favor rests" means that the peace of God, the perfect peace between a holy God and a sinful man, which Christ was to purchase with His own blood, the peace which is offered freely to all mankind, the peace which, once admitted into the heart, makes men live at peace. It is the time when God's kindness and goodness will towards guilty man to be fully made known. His mercy remained to be fully revealed by the appearing and atonement of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

The Son of God was definitely a peacemaker. Everywhere He travelled His words spoken with peace. Jesus said, in Matthew 5:9, *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.* And in the Gospel of John, Jesus said again, *Peace I leave with you; my peace I leave with you; not as the world*



Sermon:

"Let My People Go!" by Mr. Rithy Chim (B.A., Graduate)

1 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.' 2 God also said to Moses, 'I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 'Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord , and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord .' ' 9 Moses reported this to the

Telos: You must trust in God because He is *Almighty*, *Merciful* and *Faithful* to save you from the bondage of sin. Trust and obey Him alone, don't trust ourselves.

Introduction

After nearly four hundred years of growth in Egypt, the infant nation of Israel is now ready to leave behind the chains of slavery and seek a new homeland. Exodus narrates the liberation of Israel from Egyptian captivity and the migration of judgment upon Egypt, and leads the Israelites on the first leg of their journey to the Promise Land, Canaan.

First, Exodus abounds with God's powerful redemptive acts on behalf of His oppressed people. The Lord said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country" (Ex. 6:1). Second, God faithfully fulfilled his promise made to Abraham centuries before. The Lord said to Abraham, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possession" (Gen. 15:13-14). When the Lord promised to Abraham, "Abraham believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). Actually Abraham received three promises from the Lord: (1) the promise of the *great land*, "From the river of Egypt to the great river, the river of Euphrates" (Gen. 15:1-18); (2) The promise of the *great nation* "and I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth" (Gen. 13:16); (3) The promise of the *great blessing* "I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2). Third, God fulfilled his promises through his Son, Christ Jesus. When the apostle Paul started his first missionary journey he started to preach the gospel of Christ: from the children of Abraham and David, "God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised" (Acts 13:23, 26; cf. Matt. 1).

How did God fulfill his redemption to the Israelites, as he said, "Let my people go" to Pharaoh through his chosen servant, Moses?

I. God Chooses Moses to Lead the Israelites Out of Egypt (Vv. 2-4).

First, God is the Lord of the covenant (vv. 2-3). God said to Moses, "I am the LORD, I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty, But by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them." Through these verses, God wants Moses to truly obey him as their forefather did, because God heard the voice that Israel cried out to him. God He chosen Moses to deliver Israel from the slavery of Egyptians. God declared Himself "I AM the LORD" means Israel must be truth and obey Him; He is the only One that can redeem them from the bondage of Egypt.

Second, God established His covenant to give them the land of Canaan (v4). The Lord said, "I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens." God had never forgotten what He promised to His people, and He would fulfill them all. How did he fulfill his promise? He chose Moses as his representative to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. By the power of God Moses are able to stand confront with Pharaoh. He says, "Let my people go". Although Pharaoh many times prevent them to go, finally God's hands directly punished the Egyptians by killing their first sons, including the Pharaoh's. After that, Moses led the Israelites passing over the Red Sea, and they all came out of Egypt.

Remember that God was with his servant Moses in his redemptive mansion, as well as Joshua, the prophets, David, and the apostles. As the chosen servants of God, we, the ITCS students, should not be afraid, as God called us to do his ministry. The Lord Jesus Christ promised to be with us till the end of this age (Matt. 28:20).

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II. God Fulfills His Promise in His Redemption (Vv. 6-12)

First, the beginning Israel was pain and the end was in liberation. It moves from the groaning of the people to the glory of God. Israel cried out to the Lord for the deliverance. God heard their crying and chose Moses at the burning bush to stand before Pharaoh as the advocate for Israel. He is the representative from God to intercede before God and men. “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment’” (v. 6). Now, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, “I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians” (v. 7). Did Israelites trust Moses when he told them to leave from Egypt and to go to the Promised Land that God had prepared for them?

Second, God do everything for Moses (vv. 6-8). God proclaimed that “I am the LORD,” which means He is the Almighty God and the only One who can save his people, the Israelites. Exodus 20:3 says, “You shall have no other gods before Me”. God made this proclamation for the Israelites to trust in Him alone. God will surely protect them and save them. God promised with Moses seven times “I will” this phrase talk about God will protect Moses: (1) *I will* bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians; (2) *I will* free you from being slaves to them; (3) *I will* redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment; (4) *I will* take you as my own people; (5) *I will* be your God, then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of Egyptians; (6) *I will* bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and (7) *I will* give it to you as possession.

Did Moses trust with all this promised? God is the wonderful Ruler. God guaranteed everything with Moses, although he might be afraid with Pharaoh or with the Israelites. God wanted to show Moses his lordship as the almighty Ruler and Controller. He is Almighty: *Omnipresent, Omniscient, and Omnipotent*. God ruled over all, only whom you can trust and obey. He is the only One who will judge the world. God promised to his people, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze” (Isa. 43:2). And “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him” (John 3:36). When you face some problem in your ministry, can you still trust in God and give glory him? As Moses was facing many troubles at that time. Can you handle that situation?

Third, let us look back to this story, in which God made Pharaoh’s heart hardened (vv. 9-12). Moses was *faltering*. Moses worried and complained to God. He was afraid what he was facing now. He tried to run away from God’s calling. But God still had mercy on him and gave authority to him to show to Pharaoh and Israelites. Through Moses the Israelites would be free from the bondage of Egyptians because God would punish Egyptians as He said to Moses. Then, the judgment came upon the Egyptians (Ex. 11). God sent Moses to Pharaoh and He made Pharaoh’s heart hardened, even though Moses showed many miracles to him until the last miracle. God brought the judgment to them, here God wanted to teach Israelite to believe and truth in Him. They saw what God had done to Egyptians. Pharaoh is the king; he has authority to rule over his country, but he cannot rule over God’s people. God had delivered Israelites from the bondage of Egyptians. Pharaoh hardens his heart by doubting with a question, “Who is the LORD that I should obey His command to let the Israelites go?” God showed His power by sending the ten plagues on Egypt (Ex. 7-11). At the last plague, the first son of Pharaoh and Egyptians was killed.

III. Jesus Christ Fulfilled God’s Promise.

He brings us to lives with him and prepared the real land in heavens for us (John 14:1-4). Jesus is the

only way: I” am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father accept through me” (John14:6). He proclaimed himself as the only way, no anyone can say come to me I will bring you to heaven. Even though Buddha, Mohammad, Vishnu, or others gods. Jesus is our God and Savior. He re-deemed us from the bondage of sin, by his shedding of blood and dying on the cross for us. By His grace and mercy we can live. He is the Life (John 3:36), and whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them. He is the Son of God, “This is



Ministry Testimony:

“I Am Not Shamed of the Gospel!”

by Nak Nhem (2nd Year of B.A.)

Hello everyone! My name is Nak Nhem. I’m from Kampot province. Now I want to share my testimony to all of you. I am the first son in my family and I have two sisters. First of all I would like to give thanks to God for everything which he has given to me. God has chosen me since I was young. When I first time heard the Gospel, I decided to believe Jesus Christ, although I did not know who God is at that time. When I stated to read the Bible at the first time, I wondered and I began to question myself, “What is the Bible talking about?” In my hometown, there was a church near my house. Every weekend I went to the church and worshiped God, even thought, I could not understand the Word of God.

One day, my pastor talked to me. He said, “Nak! God has chosen you to be His servant.” At that time, when I heard this, I was so happy, because I wanted to serve Him. My pastor said to me, “I want you to teach the children on every Sunday”. I said to my pastor, “No sir, I can’t do it because I feel so shy,” but he said to me, “Don’t be shy, God will help you. I have been teaching the children for five years. I was very shy too when I taught them.” One day I read the Bible, the passage was Romans 1:16, which says, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jews then for the Gentile.” When I read Paul’s confession, I was cut to my heart. However, I was so afraid to share the Gospel to others, because I thought that my neighbors will hate me and persecute for the Gospel. When I read another passage, saying that “be strong and courageous” Joshua 1:6, I was encouraged and strengthen in my faith.

When I studied in high school, I had certain plan for my own life. After I finished high school, I wanted to study in Bible school, because I want to know God more and more and I want to learn about God’s ministry. Every day, I read the Bible, and prayed and asked God to show me the way. I thank God that after I finish high school, He sent me to study in ITCS. I am really glad to study here, because I can know God more and more. I know that God loves me very much and He sent his only begotten Son to die on the cross for my sin. He has a wonderful plan for my life. I thank God for the opportunity that He has given me to serve Him at Prey Klah Church. I like people there, especially the children. I want to change people there by bringing the Word of God to them. Before I was ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but now I am so proud of it for God has changed my life. Every Saturday and Sunday, I go down to the village with my group members and we shared God’s Word to them. Some people were happy to hear the Gospel from us, but some weren’t. Although some didn’t want to hear the Gospel we still tried to deliver it to them. I was so happy with the children, because I taught the Word of God and played game with them. Sometimes, I had many troubles in my ministry from the other parents of the children and from children as well. I remembered that the Lord Jesus says in Matthew 5:11, “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.” The majority of the village people reject Jesus Christ, because they believe Buddha as their god. Sometimes, I was so discouraged because of them, but

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when the Word of God came to me I was always encouraged and strengthen, because God always said to me, “My son, be strong and courageous” (see Jos. 1:6, 7, 9). I believe that God will change their life through His word and He will send me to accomplish His mission. I want to change their hearts through His Word.



Ministry Testimony:

“Serving God with Perseverance”

by Kakada Un (1st Year of B.A)

My name is Kakada Un. I come from Kampot province, Cambodia. First of all, I would like to thank God for everything He has given to me, especially choosing me to study His Word in ITCS. I am so happy to share my testimony with you about my ministry at the village.



When I first came to ITCS, I became an assistant in Beak Chan village. Every weekend I went there to share the gospel and teach the children. But I didn’t know how to teach children because I never did that before in my life. I didn’t like children because I felt so shy and shamed and it was so hard for me to teach them. At that time my leader told me, “You must do it!” After that I tried to teach them, step by step, now I can do better than before. Thank God for His wonderful grace to me in my ministry, especially He changed my heart and my life.

Every weekend I went to the village to teach the children the Bible stories and praising songs with motion. I played some games with them. When I finished my teaching, I walked around that place with my team to share the Gospel to the adults. Although sometimes they rejected, still I tried to make a good relationship with them. One time we got a problem at the village, and I felt so afraid and I wanted to give up doing my ministry because I am an un-summited person. But when I read the Bible, one passage came to me, saying, “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12). This verse encouraged me a lot. I read again and again, and I meditated in my mind. Thank God for His Word touching my heart and changing life. Now I continue to do ministry at the village. I love my ministry so much as well as my children. I hope my children believe God forever. Every day I pray for them. Also I pray for the

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*Personal Testimony:*

Personal Testimony

by Isaac Van (1st Year of M.A.R.)

neighbors around there so that they may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ through our team. I pray to God that He would help me and give me wisdom to understand His Word more. God bless you!

I. Personal Testimony

First of all I would like to give thanks to our God who gives me a good health, taking care of my Life, and showing His mercy upon me every single day. And also I would like to say thank you upon my professor Dr. White John who gives me this opportunity to share with my testimony to ITCS.

My name is Van Isaac Bawi Thang, and I came from Myanmar. I was born on 13 February 1989 in Kalay City, Sagaing, Myanmar. My parents are Christians and they have been serving God faithfully. When I was 10 years old, I received Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord. Usually, I attended Sunday school and listened to the Word of God. In my childhood my father always led my family all together to pray every morning and evening. I should say that at that time I was a good child among the other Christian children.

When I was in Middle High School, I studied with the students from many different tribes. Some were from Burmese tribe, some were from Karen tribes, and others were from Kachin tribes. They all had different thinking, different mind, and different habits. Most of them were very bad because they were not Christian, actually they had no religion. By their influence, later I became a bad student. I became a heavy drug addict, and I could not stop drinking alcohol. But at that time, I knew clearly that Jesus loved me and I saw many times His loving arms in my vision. One day I got an accident and I was almost died. When I got in hospital, my parents could not believe that I would be able to survive. I should say that by the grace of God, God rescued to me many times even when I walked through the valley of the shadow of death.

After I survived from the accident, at the age of 19, I was absolutely changed by the grace of God. Immediately, I stopped my secular school and joined a Bible school. Sometimes God led to me to the “desert” so that I might know Him deeply. I wanted to work for God as soon as I become a member of God’s family. This is how great the love of the Lord to me.

I am especially convinced and have an interest in sacrificing my life to take care of the poor, especially the orphans. There is a reason why I want to take care of the orphans. It is true that there are a lot of orphanages in which many orphans have been taken cared. Yet I see that many people have no real love and sincere kindness to the orphans though they have set up many orphanages. I am not sure about their real goals and objects in running these ministries. God knows very well of me that I do not aim to blame and find fault with them. I only want to take care of the orphans with a loving kindness and sincere heart. I believe that those who visit my orphanage would realize how precious and noble the “orphans caring ministry”.

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II. My Purpose in ITCS

I have been praying earnestly to God to show me the way to continue my future study since I received the Th.B. degree at Yangon after studying for four years at the theological college. Luckily I had met Mr. Van Ro Sanga who was studying at ITCS. He told me that ITCS provides a good opportunity in studying of God's Word and in training spiritual life for those who early serve God for the Gospel of Christ. During summer vocation, students of ITCS used to go down to the villages to preach the Gospel and to teach children. This activity we call "VBS" (Vocation Bible Study). I am so enthusiastic and eager to join that ministry.

It is obvious that some institutes of theology have no plan for the vocational work especially to preach



Personal Testimony:

Personal Testimony

by Savat Vuon (1st Year of B.A.)

Greeting to you in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. First of all, I would like to give thanks to our lord for sending me here to study. I'm so glad that I can share my Testimony about my village ministry.

My name is Savat Vuon. I live in Kampong Tom province. I was born in a Christian family. I have one elder brother, one older sister and one younger sister.

Before I came to ITCS, I had never joined nor known about the ministry. In 2013, I came to ITCS to study and also having a ministry in the village. My group had four members and Mr. Vantha Phea was my group leader. There were many kids in the village but I was so shy to talk to them. In the second week of my ministry, my leader let me teach the Bible story to the kids. I was so nervous. I could not sleep because I worried about that, because I was not able to teach them beside that I could not speak loud and I could not dance nor sing a song. When I started to teach, I was very nervous. All my body was shaking and I almost got sick. However, after two or three months, I was getting better. Now I can teach them better than before, but the problem is that I don't know how to play with children. They are so noisy and so disturbed to me, but sometimes they made me so happy.

Until now, I have been doing my ministry in the village for more than one year. My group has five members and Ms. Sreyrea is my group leader. Now I can teach the children better, even though I am not a good dancer or a good singer but I tried my best to teach them and play with them. During my teaching of the Bible lesson to them, the children were always fighting with each other. They did not listen to me, even though I tried to get their attention to my teaching. My group members always play game and do some activities with them. I really have joy in playing with them. I always have a communication with the villagers. They love me and I do love them too. Whenever I visit them, they welcome me with their hospitality and a good communication.

So far I have improved a lot. I know how to teach and I can play with them. I have been trained to

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teach the kids in ITCS and now I am much better than before. Every weekend I go down to teach children in the village and I share with them about Christ Jesus. I want them to know God and accept Him as their Lord and their Savior. I know that my duty is to share the Word of God to people. Give thanks to the Lord, day by day, I am growing in his truth, which brings the confidence and assurance in my study and ministry. I give thanks to God for my life and my family. I thank the lord who loves me.

Now I have vision in my future. I want to be a good teacher to teach the Word of God. I want to help in my church to teach children and share the Gospel to my villagers and other people in Cambodia. Then, I want to see my brothers and sisters in Christian family. I thank God for my future. I want to have my own church, the big one. I want you to know that God does not choose the smart or the strong, but the foolish and the weak for his glory.



Personal Testimony:

Personal Testimony

by Sarran Chhay (1st Year of B.A.)

Hello everyone! It is blessing that I can share my testimony to brothers and sisters. Through the grace of God we have new life and freedom from sin. So, I thank the Lord for His mercy and wonderful love. I would like to share a story about God sending me to ITCS.

My name is Sarran Chhay. I am 23 year old. I was born in a non-Christian family in Kanda province. I have accepted Jesus for two years more. I have four siblings in my family.

When I came to ITCS I couldn't speak English, even reading the English Bible was not clear. I was very upset and discouraged to myself. I didn't know everything about the rule of this school. It was very difficult for me to live, especially when I study in the class I didn't have any friend to communicate. I was very shy and afraid to talk with the teacher. One day my teacher called my name and he said to me, "Don't be afraid even you are a new student, because we are one family in Christ." When I heard that I was very excited. Later on, I got confident to talk with others in the school. I felt good and joyful to study because I had good friends with me. Although it was hard for me to listen and to speak English, I had a good teacher to help me how to learn. My friends always loved me and took care of me. They were so kind to me. In ITCS I have learned a lot things that I ever known and thought before. I am so proud of this school, because God has a good plan for each student who was sent to ITCS. All the professors teach the Word of God very clearly to the students with their hearts and commitment to the Lord. They take care of the students like their children.

Not only we study in the Scholl, but also we do ministry in the village every weekend. I have so worried about weekend ministry. I don't know how to do, because I have never done it before. Every Saturday and Sunday I went down to the village to teach the children. When I saw the people and the small kids who

came to me and called me “teacher,” I was so shy, because I thought I was not qualified as a teacher. I started to think “what is the ministry?” After that I understood the meaning of ministry through the experiences in my ministry. I have learned that God’s ministry is very important for Christian because the ministry is to tell people about Jesus who is the Savior of the world. The ministry teaches me how to serve God. I’m very excited when I know about it. I like the small kids so much even they are so dirty and so smelling, I love it. 😊 All of these are so important to me but not easy for me to do because sometimes I felt tied and sometimes I had no money to support the children and also I had many problems in the ministry. However, all of these became a blessing to me because the Lord helped me to overcome all the difficulties in my ministry. God is always with me and watches over me when I don’t have idea to take care of my ministry.

Now I know very clear why God sending me to ITCS because he wanted me to serve His people. Now I can speak and listen to English. I am so happy while I am studying in ITCS that give me a wonderful life. I thank the Lord for choosing me in the best place to study His Word together with all the brothers and sisters here, who come from different nations, and we love one another in Christ.

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VBS TEACHERS’ TRAINING and ITCS VBS VILLAGE OPERATION

VBS Teachers’ Training is annually held at ITCS, Cambodia every summer. We invited local Sunday School teachers for three to four days in ITCS campus to equip and empower them as they reach out to the children in their own villages. We teach them children action songs, games, craft, and teaching strategies.

This year, in partnership with the Korean-American Campus Mission in the USA, we held our VBS Teachers’ Training on July 20 – 22, 2015. There were ---- joined the training. The participants had a great time learning new things from ITCS and KCM.

After the training, the ITCS students immediately conducted VBS to eight villages where they do



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PASTORAL EDUCATION SEMINAR (August 17-21, 2015)

The third and last Pastoral Education Seminar of this year, 2015, was successfully administrated on August 17-21, 2015. There are 83 local church leaders came to be equipped with sound Reformed doctrine. They were privileged to learn under our excellent and committed professors who are the following: Dr. Woon Se Yeo, Chairman of College and Seminary (Intro. to Theology: Eschatology and Church Music), Dr. Ezra H. Kim, Academic Dean (The Defense of Faith V), Dr. White Y. Jeon, Dean of Student (From Devotional Time to Preaching), and Dr. Paul Han, Visiting Professor (Lord's Prayer). Rev. Timothy Div,



instructor, also led a revival every night. On the last day of the seminar, we had a Communion.

Also, Cambodia Biblical Presbyterian Church Presbytery (CBPCP) Second Ordination on August 21, 2015. Everything went well by the grace of God. The pastors went back to their respective villages with



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gladness and challenges to be better servants of God in their lives and ministries. We thank God for His continuous blessings for the Pastoral Education and ITCS.

WOMAN LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (August 24-17, 2015)

We praise and thank God for the 86 women local church leaders who attended the Woman Leadership Education held on August 24-27, 2015. The theme of this session of WLE is about “stewardship”.

Woman Leadership is an ITCS program designed to provide a qualified biblical leadership training to the local church women leaders. ITCS conducts the program twice a year.

We are grateful to the following excellent and faithful professors during the seminar: Dr. Woon Se Yeo, Chairman of College and Seminary (Introduction to Theology: Eschatology), Dr. Grace Oh, Vice-Director of Woman Leadership Education (Blessed Life of Good Stewards and Church Music), Missionary Chris Kim, Executive Director of WLE (The Character of Woman Leaders), and Dr. Paul Han, visiting



professor from the USA (Lord's Prayer). Dr. White Jeon blessed the participants with his preaching every chapel and Rev. Timothy Div led the evening revival.



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SUBJECTS OFFERED _ FALL 2015

I. M. Div. – Th. M.

Subject/ Course	Code	Units	Professor
1. +Modern Theology	AP602	2	Dr. Woon Se Yeo
2. Introduction to Apologetics	ST501	3	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
3. *Advanced Apologetics	ST502		Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
4. *Exposition of Religious Institute	ST702	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
5. *Writing Thesis		2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
6. Major Prophets of O.T. (Jeremiah)	OT702	3	Dr. White Jeon
7. Synthetic Gospels	NT701	2	Rev. Mark Baldwin
8. +Comparative Religion		2	Rev. Hangrok Kim
Total Unit		16	3 professors, 2 visiting professors

Note: 1) Subjects with (*) sign means that the Th. M. will take the course too.

2) Subject with (+) sign means that the 1st year seminary & 4th year college will take the course.

Subject/ Course	Code	Units	Professor
1. History of Philosophy (II)	PH301	2	Dr. Woon Se Yeo
2. +Modern Theology	AP602	2	Dr. Woon Se Yeo
3. *Field Ministry and Evangelism XI	PC122	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
4. Introduction to Reformed Theology II	ST403	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim
5. The Gospel of Matthew	NT402	2	Rev. Mark Baldwin
6. Sociology		2	Rev. James Kim
7. I & II Samuel	OT402	2	Rev. James Kim
8. Reformed Godly Life	PC412	2	Dr. White Jeon
9. Apostle Creed and Exposition of Lord's Prayer		1	Dr. Paul Han
10 Youth Education		1	Dr. Grace Oh
11. Theological Writing		2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim; Ms. Shalymore B. Bendy
12. +Comparative Religion		2	Rev. Hangrok Kim
Total Unit		20/22	5 professors, 2 visiting professors, 1 instructor
College 4 (22 units); 1st year sem. (20 units)			

**II. 1st year
Seminary**

(preparatory) (4 students) and 4th Year College (4 students)

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III. 2nd – 3rd year College

Subject/ Course	Code	Units	Professor
1. Reformed Godly Life V	PC212	2	Dr. White Young Jeon
2. Proverbs	OT402	2	Rev. Timothy Div
3. Historical Books II	OT104	2	Rev. Timothy Div
4. Romans	NT203	2	Rev. Manil Ek
5. Four Gospels II	NT102	2	Mr. Avitso Dolie
6. Field Ministry and Evangelism IV	PC222	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim & Rev. Timothy Div
7. English Grammar V	ESL 205	2	Mr. Joseph Jiang
8. Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	ECED308	2	Ms. Shalymore B. Bendy
9. Early Church History	CH101	2	Ms. Shalymore B. Bendy
10. Composition II	ESL302	2	Ms. Shalymore B. Bendy
Total Unit		20	3 professors; 3 instructors

IV. Pre-college 1st year college

Subject/ Course	Code	Units	Professor
1. Historical Books of OT (II)	OT103	2	Rev. Timothy Div
2. Romans	NT203	2	Rev. Manil Ek
3. Reformed Godly Life V	PC212	2	Dr. White Young Jeon
4. Old Testament Survey	OT101	2	Mr. Avitso Dolie
5. *English Grammar II	ESL 202	2	Mr. Joseph Jiang
6. Survey of the New Testament	NT101	2	Mr. Joseph Jiang
7. *English Conversation	ESL	2	Mr. Avitso Dolie
8. *English Composition	ESL	2	Mr. Avitso Dolie
9. *English Vocabulary	ESL 203	2	Mr. Vichea Cheap
10. Evangelism Practice IV	PC222	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim & Rev. Timothy Div
Total Unit		20	2 professors; 3 instructors; 3 assistant instructors

V.

Pre-College

Subject/ Course	Units	Teacher
1. Basic English Grammar I	2	Ms. Sreyrea Rinh
2. Geography of Asia	2	Mr. Vichea Cheap
3. *English Grammar II	2	Mr. Joseph Jiang
4. *English Conversation	2	Mr. Avitso Dolie
5. *English Vocabulary	2	Mr. Vichea Cheap
6. *English Composition	2	Ms. Shalymore B. Bendy
7. Basic Computer (Microsoft and Excel)	2	Mr. Touch Am & Mr. Kosal Yoem
8. English Bible Reading and Comprehension	2	Mr. Sokhchea Sot
9. Evangelism Practice IV	2	Dr. Ezra Hyun Kim & Rev. Timothy Div
Total Unit	18	



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES_FALL 2015

Date	Event / Activities
August 24– 28, 2015	Woman Leadership Seminar
Aug. 17 – Sept. 25, 2015	Summer High School Program
September 1, 2015	Start of Fall 2015 Semester
	Welcoming New students and High School Program
October 2015	World Race Mission Team (III)
October 11 - 13, 2015	Pchum Ben
November 2015	World Race Mission Team (IV)
December 11, 2015	Fall 2015 Closing Worship
December 2015	Christmas Programs

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