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OPENING WORDS

The Church!

There are many festivals (seasons) in the church. Each festival has a meaning, and it has important meaning for us. In that respect, the festivals are not mere commemorations, but rather real events in the kingdom of God. Even Christmas is not merely commemorating the Lord coming to this earth, but the very real event where we receive salvation and become children of God. In the same way, what is the significance of Pentecost? It is the Church. As the Holy Spirit indwelt us, the Church was born into this world. Of course, it was the Lord's

work, but through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Church began to appear in this world. Until then, if God had reigned over history through the nation of Israel, God's church is now established as the mouthpiece for God's kingdom. In fact, we can't say that the church is the same as the kingdom of God, but God's church is the spiritual life built in this world with the attributes of the kingdom of God. There are many aspects for which we consider Pentecost as important, but the Church is the most important reason.

Isn't the church not merely a visible building, but a holy people, group? In that sense, because you are the church, the Holy Spirit came into all of you and has made all of you into the church. Apostle Paul specifically called you the temple of God. That temple is not the Holy place, but the Holy of Holies. Paul has called all of you the Holy of Holies. With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, my being is elevated to an honor that is beyond imagination. This is completely different from the people of the Old Testament before Jesus came. That is why Paul calls each of you a "new creation" in 2 Corinthians. This is not spoken to be pleasing to the ear, but "new creation" means that you are fundamentally different beings and cannot help but live an entirely different life from those who lived before the coming of Jesus. Why a new creation? The way of life and the makeup of the personality are completely

different in essence. I spoke on this in 2 Corinthians. You are a new creation. If you only believe this one thing, you will be deeply, deeply, deeply moved.

Living by the Holy Spirit vs. Life not lived by the Holy Spirit

Today's text is speaking about the Holy Spirit. Nothing exists that is worth having in this world by limiting and defying the Holy Spirit. We must give up even attempting to do anything while going against the Holy Spirit. The important thing is that the Holy Spirit is so amazing. There are many reasons why I became a pastor, but first, I was called to be a pastor. I thought about this carefully. "After reading the Bible, it is apparent that I must live a life apart from the world, but if I am to live apart from the world, it will not do to continue to work. Yes, I'll become a pastor!" That is how I became a pastor. And I think there was rarely a time when I did not rise up early in the morning to pray and meditate on the Holy Spirit. It was not intentional, but when I prayed, how could I not pray according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? How could I live without sensing his presence? I've lived 32 years walking with the Holy Spirit in this way, but just as there is layer after layer when peeling an onion, the more I meditate on him, he becomes even more amazing and marvelous. So to defy and lim-

it the Holy Spirit and to live as you please is to be out of your mind. If the Holy Spirit did not come inside me, who knows? But if he is inside me and I am ignoring and limiting him, this is not something a clear-headed person is able to do.

I shared this story. A deacon is very wealthy. He has more money that he can count, but let's say that every day, he throws one billion dollars onto the ground each day. Even though he might be very wealthy, isn't that a huge loss? But going against the Holy Spirit is even greater foolishness. As another illustration, let's say you have 100 children. Several of them had to have surgery, but you say, "Let's not bother. I have many more, so let them die." No matter how many children you may have, would you be able to kill off one at a time like that? Even if you had a hundred children, it would not be possible to kill even one of them. But limiting the Holy Spirit does not even compare to this. Is there anyone more capable than him? Is there anyone greater or more powerful than him? But we cast him aside and live according to our own thinking, our own methods, and our own experiences. This is more foolish than throwing around a billion dollars per day, and far more painful than killing your children one by one. I am telling a very universal, normal, common sense story. If you know who he is, it would be impossible to live against the Holy Spirit. This impossibility is not only possible,

but an everyday occurrence in our lives.

In Galatians, we were told to “live by the Spirit”. We must walk by the Spirit. Paul stated that living by the Spirit is not an issue of choice, but rather it is the only way of life. How did God create man according to 2 Corinthians? The living soul. He created man by the “living psyche”. Why did God create us to be living and active spirits? He says, “If you live apart from me, then you will have to live according to your own thinking, and if you live by your thinking, you will indeed die.” So Adam inevitably has to live with God. If he does not, then he must live by his own thinking, but that is death. Even now, if you do not live by the Holy Spirit, you live by your thoughts. If you live by your thoughts, you live self-centeredly. If you lived self-centeredly, you live according to the world and Babylon, and therefore you die. Cain did not create the world accidentally. Why did Cain make the world? Cain left God, lived by his thoughts, and he thought, “I’ll make the best thing.” And he built the world. There is nothing worth having in Babylon while limiting the Holy Spirit. I told the young adults this as well. “There is nothing in this world worth having that is of any value, if you go against the Holy Spirit and do not live by God. It doesn’t matter if your salary is one million won or ten million won. Quit immediately.” This is the age we live in. I am not speaking of some theory, common sense, or any

advice. This is not the season to live while limiting the Holy Spirit. These days, when I go out into the world, people are practically possessed by demons. If a demon enters a person, deliverance is possible, but they have fortresses in the mind that are being controlled and manipulated externally. What is the key to creating these fortresses in the mind? Cell phones. What am I talking about? The framework to be able to control all humans as he pleases has already been laid for when the antichrist emerges. We should be able to see these spiritual things, but we are not living that way. We must be able to see these things.

As we come upon Pentecost Sunday, we must clearly receive in faith that, “God’s original design for creation, and the only way by which we can live, is to live by the Holy Spirit. The generation in which we now live is one where we have no choice other than to walk by the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, and be in step with the Spirit alone. And essentially, that is how we should live.” Living with the Holy Spirit is not a matter of choice. If it were a choice, why would God, from his perspective, put the Holy Spirit within all of you despite the dangerous risk? The Lord knows more than anyone that we cannot live without doing so. And from within the splendor and formidable strategic system, I cannot beat Babylon in my own strength. It is impossible to resist Babylon. Even within one

day of work, how many situations are we unwittingly unable to reject Babylon and find ourselves not only welcoming it, but living in submission to it? At the very least, we should know what we are up against, but we are living in ignorance to it. Being unwittingly afflicted makes all the channels for Babylon to become more easily personified in me, and amongst them is the cell phone. What kinds of influences of light are we receiving while using cell phones? They only show us lights of delusion that continue to blind us. Are you even considering how drastic the consequences are while using them? If at all possible, we must not use cell phones. Whatever we are looking at, it is corrupting our spiritual Nous.

In order to receive the original light, we must go to the throne of grace and live by receiving the radiance of Jesus' face that shines the knowledge of God's glory with eyes of faith. It is a season where you cannot bear to live without the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Every day – no, moment by moment – you must live by confirming objectively, “How would I stand before the Lord if I went to God's kingdom right now?” As Paul wraps up 2 Corinthians, he writes in 13:5, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!” If you live by the Holy Spirit, you could not help but consider

how you are standing before God each day of your life.

But since most do not live by the Holy Spirit, what is the highest goal of all faiths, even for church attenders? It is the survival instinct. It is to eat well and to prosper. If survival instincts become the goal of faith, then for that person, God is no longer God, but rather Baal. Why does he become Baal? Because it is the deification of one's desires, and God becomes a means to making money or finding security in one's life. Such a person does not have personal satisfaction before God, they feel the need to do some sort of ministry, and try to have some sort of mission, but it does not mean much. Because their very goal is their own survival instinct, that is not God. If you do not live by the Holy Spirit, you will be unable to see that you are being corrupted. And you will be unable to see how much your sarx, the power of your flesh, is increasing. Judgment is addressed later, but only when you live by the Holy Spirit will you understand, "Ah, my sarx is so strong, that whether I choose to or not, I can't help but to draw sin into my life." Thus, even breathing is sin. Why is breathing a sin? This is because the healthier your sarx becomes, your life in the sarx becomes stronger. Eating becomes sin; sleeping becomes sin; everything is sin. Why? That power is not used for God, but for yourself, and therefore, is sin. Is this not so? Am I being too harsh?

INTRODUCTION

The text is speaking of the Holy Spirit, but you must listen to the word with longing for the second coming of the Holy Spirit. Through this word, a new super typhoon can be created [typhoon, hurricane, and tornado are used interchangeably]. I had preached this message as The Eye of the Hurricane in the past. A super hurricane! When I lived in Iowa in the US, I saw a tornado with my own eyes. A shipping container was sucked into the funnel. How powerful are typhoons! We must have that degree of a typhoon within us to be able to destroy and blow away the antichrist or whatever it may be. With that kind of typhoon, there is nothing to fear. How important it is to live by the Holy Spirit, and if you don't, your life becomes such a powerful and dangerous roller coaster. If you do not live by the Holy Spirit, it truly becomes a roller coaster life. What do I mean? If you do not live by the Holy Spirit, then there is no way of guaranteeing what will happen in your life, or what may come your way. Isn't it scary that you cannot guarantee your life? God guarantees my life, and He must hold me and guide me, but if one does not live by the Holy Spirit, there is no guarantee of what will happen to that person.

BACKGROUND TO JOHN 16

John 16, 'When the Holy Spirit comes.' This text begins in chapter 13. What is chapter 13 about? As Jesus was entering Jerusalem on Monday, it was the beginning of Passion Week. And on the last night of Passion Week, specifically in the early morning of Friday, the Lord is crucified. On Thursday night, the Lord teaches his disciples during the Last Supper, which spans chapters 13-17. Today's text is part of the teachings of Jesus during the Last Supper in the Gospel of John.

WHAT IS THE CRUX OF VERSES 1-15?

We stated before that the Lord would ascend. And the reason why he had to ascend was because the Holy Spirit was coming. John 16:1-15 is the lesson on the prophecy of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' ascension was something scary for the disciples. Isn't it a big deal that their teacher would be disappearing? But the Lord says that his ascension will be beneficial, so how is it beneficial? It is the coming of the Holy Spirit. To be exact, the Holy Spirit was there even before Jesus came to this world, but he is now descending into us. The Holy Spirit is in each of you, right? If you live without confirming this, then you are in big trouble. If we are reborn, then the

Holy Spirit will unconditionally dwell within us. But, if you say, “I’m not sure if the Holy Spirit is in me or not,” then he absolutely is not there. If you don’t know, he is not there. If the Holy Spirit comes in me, there is no way I cannot know. We refer to that as confirmation of salvation. Those who say, “It feels like the Holy Spirit might be there, but maybe not,” need not be conflicted. He is surely not there. Someone who may have the Holy Spirit but is not influenced much by him, it is the same as not having the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit indwells me, I will know very clearly that he is in me, because I have become a new creation, a completely different being. If I am not sure if the Holy Spirit has come inside me, has he crash landed and missed his mark, or instead of inside me, did he land next to me? That cannot happen. If the Holy Spirit comes inside me, I will clearly know. My being becomes new. That is the new creation.

For those who have clearly confirmed the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, this sermon will be of utmost importance, and for those who have not, you must listen to the message, longing and desiring for the Holy Spirit to come inside you. Everyone in our church is confirming the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but as I see it, I think there are still quite a few people who do not know whether the Holy Spirit is in them or not. These people surely do not have the Holy Spirit. There is noth-

ing of greater importance than for you to have the Holy Spirit in you. This is because the most important work of the Holy Spirit once he comes into me is that he convicts regarding sin, regarding righteousness, and regarding judgment. Manifesting the presence and power – these things are not important.

Main Point

After I received the Lord, it took me one year to read through all 66 books of the Bible. As soon as I was saved, power and gifts immediately manifested in me. But in the process of going through the Bible, I encountered the word of “The Eye of the Hurricane” through the Gospel of John, and was taught regarding sin, regarding righteousness, regarding judgment. And through revelation, I discovered, “Oh, that’s not it. The most important work of the Holy Spirit in me is in regard to sin, righteousness, and judgment.” “Ah, this is the eye of the hurricane.” That is how I came to preach the sermon “The Eye of the Hurricane”. This is exactly a five-hour sermon. But I will preach the outline, just an extraction.

A. Verses 1-4:

prophecy of the suffering the disciples will endure

Verse 1: “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.”

“I have said these things to you”: This refers to what will happen, which is prophesying that after the Lord is lifted up, the Holy Spirit will come and there will be persecution. The ascension of the Lord is important; we understand that. And the Holy Spirit comes, which we also understand. But why must there be suffering? That, we do not understand. We could ask the question, “The Holy Spirit is coming, so why should there be persecution?” This is where we misunderstand. Shouldn’t things improve when the Holy Spirit comes? Life should go well, money should increase, and although there is the issue of what type of blessings, we should also receive blessings – shouldn’t life become more comfortable when the Holy Spirit comes? So why should we go through suffering?

We could talk about many different things, but why does persecution come?

It is in John 14:17.

Verse 17: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Even the Spirit of truth: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. What does that mean? The Holy Spirit does not deal with things that are not truth. He guides us to the truth. That means that truth and the Holy Spirit are always together. For example, when we say the “Spirit of God”, then who is with the Holy Spirit? The Spirit is with God the Father. If we say the “Spirit of Christ”, then who is with the Holy Spirit? The Spirit is with God the Son. We will probably address many of the Holy Spirit’s nicknames, but the Bible talks extensively about how incredible the Holy Spirit is, from the Old Testament through the New Testament. That is how important he is. First, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

First of all, why do we have no choice but to be persecuted by the world? The verse continues, “...***whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.***” It is because the world cannot see nor know the Holy Spirit. So from the Holy Spirit’s perspective, what is the most dangerous and unlucky spirit? It is the spirit of the world. Those whose tendencies are very strong in the world, who say, “I really like the world,” or “I love the world,” or “I love the splendor of the world.” These people cannot help but limit the Holy Spirit. It would be so difficult for this type of person to live with the Holy Spirit. It is painful for those whose world-

ly tendencies are strong to live with the Holy Spirit. Of course, the spirit of unbelief is bad, and all the rest are bad as well, but it is very difficult for someone who is very Babylonian to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit. They cannot hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, and they do not know what it means to walk with the Spirit. “Does the Holy Spirit have feet? Why should he walk with me?” They have no way of knowing what it means to be led by the Spirit. A person who is strong in the world is dangerous.

The world interferes with living with the Holy Spirit more than anything else, because it is the world that is unable to see or know him. So those who receive the Holy Spirit are laughed at by those who live in the world and cannot see or know the Holy Spirit. “Why do those people live like that?” Thus, Hebrews 11 states that the world calls us “strangers”. We should also consider people of the world as strange, and we will take different paths because we consider each other to be strange. The world and the Holy Spirit cannot mix. And because they cannot mix with us, they do not end with merely not knowing us, but must persecute us. The reason we are persecuted is because we are completely different from the world. But you received the Holy Spirit and are close with the world? Either you did not receive the Holy Spirit, or if you did receive him, you locked him up somewhere deep inside. But if the Holy Spirit

enters me, I will completely reject the world. We are in the world because we live here, but I am saying that you cannot live liking or loving or being dazzled by the world. This is the proof of having received the Holy Spirit.

“Why does Pastor Minho Kim reject the world so completely?” I am not rejecting, but it is the Holy Spirit within me doing the rejecting. In the past 32 years, there isn’t a single time I lived according to how the world wanted me to live. Of course, there were times I fell because I was either deceived or delighted in it. But I never submitted to what the world demanded of me. Why not? Because I dislike the world? No. The Holy Spirit within me detests the world that much. He is so fed up with the world. I really hate situations where I have no choice but to follow the demands of the world. It is nauseating. The doctors refused to release one of our elders from the hospital. But I hate that in and of itself. So I told him to check out of the hospital immediately. Why? Life and death are in God’s hands. Wasn’t he alive all because of our prayers and the grace of God, not because of the hospital? It is outrageous to live with no other choice than to be bound to the system of the world. This is not a character that I possess. We come to life when the Holy Spirit comes in us.

Furthermore, John 15:18-19:

Verse 18: “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Verse 19: Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”

This word is regarding where we belong. 1 John talks about whether we belong to the Holy Spirit or to the truth, but we belong to God’s kingdom. We belong to Jesus. It is only natural that the world hates me, because I do not belong to the world. And Apostle John asks, “Where do you belong? Do you belong to the true church?” Why do you attend Yulbang Church? There are probably people here who are attending this church because there is nowhere else to go. What is the real reason you attend Yulbang Church? It is because it is God’s church. Because it is the true church. Even if you were to leave Yulbang Church, you must attend a true church. If you attend a church that is not a true church, problems regarding eternity will arise. Wherever you may find yourself, the important thing is to belong to a true church. Just as branches bear fruit when it remains part of the tree, because you belong to the true church, you are able to feed on all its sap and bear fruit in God’s kingdom. We belong to God’s kingdom.

What is the clear evidence of belonging to the kingdom of

God? It is being persecuted by the world. So it is very strange not to be persecuted. It is really strange to like the world. It is so natural to hear that Yulbang Church is heretical. In fact, it's not really persecution to be accused of heresy. I've been accused of being a heretic for 32 years that it is strange not to be called that. What church in our neighborhood likes us? Nobody likes us. I didn't do anything to them, and yet they don't like me. They have never even seen me, so I don't know why they dislike me. Is it because I haven't prayed for them? But it is very clear. Because the Spirit of truth is in me, and I am led by truth, the world can't help but hate me. Because I belong to the kingdom of God, the world can't help but hate me. It is only natural for us to be persecuted when the Holy Spirit comes.

1 Thessalonians 1:6

Verse 6: And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Affliction is to be expected. But the important thing is that the affliction is not problematic. Why not? It is because of the joy of having received the Holy Spirit and having him live in me. Hardships bring about the Holy Spirit's joy, and in living with

him, I am able to better receive the word in faith and can increasingly grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Thus, hardship is not a disadvantage, but rather an advantage. Here at Yulbang church, we receive a lot of spiritual hardship and attack, so we have no choice but to stay upright in our faith life. The moment we get derailed in our faith life, the enemy seizes the opportunity and infiltrates. In that sense, even though we say we are being afflicted, we have not yet reached the level where we can feel it with our skin. However, the time has now come. Let us go to Haiti. A missionary to Haiti will be attending the Costa Rica conference, but I think it's a good place. "Why did God have me meet a Haiti missionary?" It wasn't for my sake, but I think it was for your sake. You'll have to spread the gospel as bullets are flying – what gratification. When I meet the missionary, I want to submit a list of names and say, "This and this person can come on this date." Haiti is run by 70 groups of gangs. Of course, I am not saying you should purposely choose hardship. If you live by the Holy Spirit, hardship comes naturally. If you live by the Spirit of truth, you do not think about living an easy life in this world. We must take the narrow road, but frankly, that is also not our decision to make. If we live by the Spirit, he will never take me on the wide road. Just as Romans 8:17 says that "we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him," God's chil-

dren and heirs cannot help but share in his suffering and in his glory.

While listening to the word, you should not think vaguely about your own spiritual life. Our Lord is speaking of very self-evident things, and if your lifestyle is not in alignment, you must sense that there is something wrong in your spiritual life. You must ask these types of questions: “Oh, when the Holy Spirit comes, you are persecuted.” “When the Holy Spirit comes, you cannot be friends with the world.” “When you live by the Spirit, you have to take the narrow path. Why then am I on this wide road? Does that mean the Holy Spirit is not in me?” And you should draw these types of conclusions: “Do I not have the Holy Spirit? No, I do. Then I must not be living by him.” Living without the Holy Spirit does not just end there. You must clearly see that you will end up becoming self-centered and living in the flesh, and the old self thrives, becoming more powerful than the new self. The faith life is not ambiguously saying, “Let’s go. Let’s just do what the church tells us to do.” No, you must be led by the Spirit and see: “As I am living by the Spirit, is the kingdom of God flourishing within me? Is the glorious kingdom flourishing within me?” But if you live a life of self-centeredness and according to the flesh, then your own empire flourishes. The dangerous thing about this generation is that each of you has your own empire. Why? It is

because of cell phones. You build your own empire and from within your empire, you cannot tolerate the kingdom of God. Is that living by the kingdom of God? No, it is living by your own empire. This is an animal kingdom. You are your own king. So you seek myself, myself, myself, and you are finished. The fact is, living by the flesh is a very scary thing. As we live on this earth, we are fortunate if we realize, “Oh these things are too tremendous,” and are broken. But for the majority of people that kind of suffering does not even come. They live their lives, and it is when they go before God that they hear these despairing words, “Hey, you have nothing to do with me.”

Upon hearing this clear presentation of the gospel message, you must now make a decision. You must be able to see whether, “I am living by the kingdom of God right now. The Holy Spirit is in me and I am living by him,” or, “I am living for myself, for my own empire. So the desires of my survival instincts are everything to me. If I continue to live this way, I am in danger of losing the very kingdom of God.” We must not live vaguely as things come, or vaguely be unable to pray, or vaguely be in despair, or vaguely like the world and chase after it. It would be nice if that led to a vague ending, but if you do not live by the Holy Spirit, these will be the outcomes. There are countless more people than you think who are like

this. When I say these things, people tend to romanticize everything they are facing and encountering. Of course, I am not saying you should purposely interpret everything in despair. You should follow the Spirit's bidding and be able to analyze and see yourself objectively. The clear proof that the Holy Spirit is in me is that I must be persecuted, I must go on the narrow path, and I must hate the world. But if I am neither this nor that, then what is that? Will you vaguely think that you can comfortably enter the kingdom of God? This is thinking romantically. If you live like that, you cannot gloriously enter the kingdom of God. Furthermore, if you look at it more seriously, you must consider, "Can I even enter the kingdom of God?" Of course, when tribulation comes, all things will become very clear. If you realize, "Yikes, I'm in trouble. I don't have a relationship with God," at that time, I am saying that it's too late. Therefore, you must understand how important this period is.

If I am clearly presented with the gospel, and I know that the kingdom of God has clearly come within me, and the Holy Spirit has come into me, then it is clear what phenomena must be revealed. At the core is, "Is sin being exposed in me, or righteousness, or am I taking the clear standard of God's judgment and trampling the enemy, proclaiming victory each day?" or are you being oppressed every day, groaning, "Oh, oh

~”? You must be clear on how you are living. You might think that your life goal is to resolve all of the hardships you’ve encountered in this world, but that is not the case. Suffering has a very important meaning, so to the questions of, “Why did suffering come? Why did lacking come? Why is life so hard?” God wants to show you, “You are headed in such and such direction, and this is your status.” You should not think vaguely about your life, or interpret everything as good, or on the converse, see everything hopelessly, but you should rather see everything very objectively and clearly and be able to see your status. And in that way, we must clearly understand that our only way to life is through the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

[Returning to John 16:1]

To keep you from falling away: This means not being left behind. This was spoken in order to teach clearly that hardship comes as proof that you are living in the Spirit. Suffering does not become a reason for loss or falling, for those who are living by the kingdom of God, who have received the Holy Spirit. Suffering is always beneficial. I said this in 2 Corinthians, but strength in weakness, suffering is gain. For those who live by God’s kingdom, suffering is never a loss. A Korean proverb states, “You should suffer even if you need to buy it, when you are young.” But suffering can only be a gain for those who

live by the Spirit. This is an ironclad rule. When the Holy Spirit comes, everything does not go well or smoothly from the beginning. Of course, later on, a time will come when suffering and hardships will no longer be a problem. This is what is called the Sabbath-rest stage. Hardships can be difficult up to a certain time, but it is actually a gain for us. It is important work that chisels away your flesh. If you look that way at this past week's pressures, where the demons were coming by the droves and causing chaos, and you were questioning, "Should I attend church, or not? Should I sell cake or not?" then you will be able to know and say, "Aha, God has allowed this so we can shout victory over these filthy demons." So the greater the hardships, the more we can shout victory. This is the evidence of living by the Spirit.

Why are we able to shout victory? This is because the Holy Spirit uses hardships to form faith within you. Galatians 5:5 says that the Holy Spirit gives us faith to the extent that we have emptied ourselves. So when attacks come, clearly shout in faith, "Ah, God is preparing to increase my faith." This is not positive thinking, but God's intention. When attacks come, you should be able to shout, "Oh, now is the time for my faith to grow." This is the clear evidence of someone who has received the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is in me, these clear evidences and confirmations must exist in my life. If they

don't, it is one of three possibilities: either I have not received the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Spirit has mislanded, or he is deep inside me sleeping soundly. What should you do if he has mislanded? You must repent quickly and receive him once again. If he is remaining still, what should you do? "Wake up, Holy Spirit, what are you doing?" And if he responds, "You're the one who put me to sleep!" then repent and wake him up.

Verse 2: They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

Suffering, excommunication, and martyrdom are referring to how the Jews will persecute the disciples. Acts 1 shows clear examples of this. The Lord has prophesied very accurately. What is the important thing? It is the fact that the Jews mistakenly think what they did was a service to God.

The reason for their delusion is in verse 3.

Verse 3: And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

Who don't the Jews know? It is because they do not know God. This is the enemy's strategy that is precisely at work even

now. Hosea 4:6 states, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” In 6:3 Hosea says, “Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD.” To know means to experience him. That requires meeting him. God is a living God. Why do we say he is alive? It is because he meets with us. For example, no matter how much you love your wife, when she dies, it does no good to cry over her picture. It will cause even more pain. Thus, you should be good to her while she is still alive, because it is meaningless after she is dead. In the same way, God is alive, not a dead God. He meets us all the time. What God comes to me personally and works? God the Spirit. You must meet with God the Spirit every day in order to know God more. Not being able to meet with God means that you have received the Holy Spirit, but there is no proof that you have received him, or you have never met the Holy Spirit, or it has just been too long since you have met with God through the Holy Spirit. You should not meet God like those families who are reunited by the Red Cross after being separated during the Korean War. They see each other for the first time in 30 years, and they cry and embrace, but after that, they are very awkward, not knowing what to say to each other. “How are you?” “Good, good.” In the same way, should we meet the Holy Spirit like those separated families, saying, “Holy Spirit, how have you been?” That is not how we should meet with the Holy Spirit.

We must meet with him who indwells us moment by moment in order to know God.

Why did we say the Jews had no choice but to persecute the disciples? They did not meet God, so they did not know God. But according to their own knowledge, they said, “This is not God.” So they are forced to persecute them. It will be similar in the last days. It is so natural for the world to persecute us, and it is a happy thing. But where is the main force that will persecute us? It is the church. We will be persecuted by the church. Even now, we are being persecuted by churches. It was so back then, and likewise in the last days. People who do not know God, those who live by religion will inevitably persecute people of faith. Thus, Jesus also died because of religion. Life apart from the Spirit is living by religion, and living in religion leads to persecuting people of faith. Ladies and gentlemen, they do not label just anyone heretics or cults. Those whom they called heretics will be standing as kings when they get to heaven. Then they will die. Since they called a king a heretic, they will be punished and hear, “Your sins have found you out!”

Verse 4: But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

I've already said, "Do not be surprised when you face suffering and hardships, because it is so expected. It is good to endure persecution." So when they are persecuted, they will realize, "Ah, what the Lord prophesied is right. We are living correctly." We also must be clear. If the Holy Spirit is living inside me right now, then I must surely endure hardships and suffering. I must take the narrow path. Then I will be able to say, "Aha, I am going in the right direction." Why do we face suffering? The focus is, "It's because I have so much sin." Of course, that is true. You do not experience suffering by chance. You suffer because many things are bound up, and you have sin, and your flesh is strong. But that should not be where you focus first. This is because not all people suffer because of these reasons. You must not decipher suffering so simply. As long as we are children of God, in the grand scheme of things, suffering is one of the aspects of unconditionally living by the Spirit, and it is also for the purpose of ultimately living completely by the Spirit. Of course, I am not saying you should not repent. However, as a child of God who has received the Holy Spirit, whatever the suffering may be, it becomes the work of cutting out the flesh. So in suffering, if you remain in the Lord, you will not experience loss, but rather be blessed. Also, because of this suffering, aren't we then able to repent? If anything

makes you repent, it is because of a flesh problem. If you realize your sin because of suffering, then it is a goldmine.

Without suffering, we cannot come to realization. In your spiritual life, if you are not holy, or have not staked your life on truth, and you do not live in the Spirit, but you are living comfortably? You have to consider whether or not you are an illegitimate child. One family who left our church was that way. They did not live by the Spirit and were not holy, but they were becoming wealthier. So I said to them, “You are not called to this church. Get out. I’ve waited for you for over a decade, but no matter how I look at it, you are not called to our church.” They were getting wealthier, even though they were not living by the Spirit, did not believe the word of truth, had no desire to become holy, and had no form of living in God. So I sent them out. I am probably the only pastor who kicked out a member for making more money. I could’ve let them stay so they could at least tithe their riches, but I have at the very least a pastoral conscience. Their soul is headed not toward God’s kingdom, but toward hell – how could I stick a straw into him and suck out just the nutrients? I could never stick a straw into a person like that.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.” Why did the Lord not say these things from the beginning? There was no reason to

scare them from the beginning, and also, even if he did tell them, the disciples would not have understood it. It was important for them to understand the truth, so he did not reveal it to them until the end.

Summary: What are verses 1-4?

These kinds of evidences must be very clear: when the Holy Spirit comes, you will surely end up on the narrow path, and when the Holy Spirit comes, it is impossible to like the world. This is absolute. This is the clear picture of people who have received the Holy Spirit. This will come up later, but what does it look like when the Holy Spirit is at work within me and is ruling my life? He will make me realize more and more that the world is so vain, awful, dirty, and uninhabitable. So if the Holy Spirit comes inside me, I cannot be contaminated by Babylon, because he does his work in me. Why did all the apostles and saints in the early church say on a daily basis, “I want to get to the kingdom of God as soon as possible”? And Paul said that it would be gain to die quickly and go to God’s kingdom. First, it is because of glory. Because they saw the glory of God in the last day, there is nothing left to see in this world. Second, the world is no longer worthy to have such righteous men to live in it. Continued life in the Spirit makes

righteousness grow stronger, so what is a clear evidence of that? The realization that the world becomes increasingly unsuitable for the righteous to inhabit. Thus, the longing to go to that land as soon as possible. It is a problem if you think, “Oh, I like the world. It’s comfortable.” The distinct evidence of the Holy Spirit coming and dwelling in me is realizing that the world is so insignificant, so vain, and so dirty. That happened to me. 32 years ago, I was living at the apex of Babylon. At that time, I had never seen or heard of anyone my age who had been at the cutting edge of Babylon like I was. But the moment he entered my life, I saw just a needlehole sized view of glory, and the world disgusted me. “The world is so, so dirty.” So if the Holy Spirit has entered you, but you are still enjoying and living well in the world, holding hope in the world and saying, “I could live here,” then either the Holy Spirit has crash landed, or he is fast asleep.

Verses 1-4 in the text is very clear on what the Holy Spirit does. “You do not belong to the world, but to the kingdom of God.” When the Holy Spirit comes in me, I belong to the kingdom of God, not to the world. It is a matter of whose I am, and who rules over me, and this is clear in those who are governed by God. Sin, righteousness, and judgment will be covered later, but what force is moving me to speak, think, and see? If you do not know these things, then you still do not

know a thing about sin. The Holy Spirit coming in me and making me know about sin means that he makes me know the source of sin. You cannot just live as you want without properly distinguishing what power is moving me or who is ruling over me. It is not a coincidence that you cannot pray – how can you pray when you don't even know what force moved you during the week? Thus, you are taken and played by the enemy every day. I don't know about other churches, but at least in our church, it is upsetting to see people still living as they please, despite receiving this kind of anointing and presence of God. From God's standpoint, he can excuse people who don't know, since they do not know the truth and do not have the presence and anointing, so therefore, they cannot help but to live like that. So it would be natural on some level to have compassion for them. But what would be God's heart for our church? "They still do not live by the Spirit when the anointing I pour out on them is state of the art, the truth is state of the art, and my presence is state of the art?" So when we look at it from the Lord's perspective, it is very upsetting. Why can't you live by the Holy Spirit? You must live by the Holy Spirit.

If given a reason, you could say that the spiritual attacks are strong. But as I mentioned before, strong spiritual attacks are on the level of training, not a problem that can kill you.

The one difference is whether you are facing God, or not. If you are facing God, then attacks are a joke. This is because the ruler of this world has been judged. Why are we being played by these beings that are destined for destruction? That is embarrassing and cannot happen. Why are we being affected by beings whose destruction has been decided? Let's say that I am a PhD math whiz, and a first grader, who barely knows that $1+1=2$, approaches me and says, "Professor, you're wrong." That would hurt my pride. But that is the same. A demon who is destined for destruction dares to approach me and tell me to do this or that, makes no sense, right? What kind of being is someone who has the indwelling Holy Spirit – how could I live like that?

B. Verses 5-7:

talks about the benefits of the Lord's ascension

Verse 5: But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

The Lord is leaving. Instead of saying he will "ascend", he deliberately says, "I am going to him who sent me." Who sent the Lord to this world? It was God. Isaiah 42:1 says, "Behold

my chosen.” His identity is the Son of God, but he completely forsook that identity and put on a human body, came to this world, and lived completely relying on the Holy Spirit. He came to this world because God sent him with that purpose in mind. Jesus is saying that he had fulfilled everything God had purposed and is now returning to him. Returning refers to who sent him, for what reason, and for what purpose, and he is clearly saying that all of the purposes have been fulfilled and is taking the perfect victory as he returns to God. It is a short word, but the word is Kerygma. All of this is bundled up in this one word.

Regarding righteousness, in verse 10: ***regarding righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer***, is also Kerygma. Who sent the Lord to this world, why he came, what his purpose was, what he did, how he finished that work and sat on his throne, is all wrapped up in this short little word. That is righteousness. It is not just one event at the cross, but begins with his coming into this world, all of how he lived as a human, and in relying completely on the Holy Spirit, was absolutely faultless, not committing a single sin, and confirmed his perfect victory by sitting on the throne, being enthroned as the King of kings—all of this is righteousness. The moment the blood of Jesus comes, the moment the Holy Spirit comes, the moment the word comes,

the whole of kerygma bursts into me with a bang. Of course, it was all settled at the cross. Hence the event of the cross is important to us. The moment that the event of the cross enters me, the righteousness of his entire life rushes into me.

But now I am going to him who sent me: This is not simply an “ascent”, but he is returning to the Father after being sent by him and living his entire life in fulfillment of his Father’s purpose. When the Holy Spirit comes, he makes that known. He makes it known when the Holy Spirit comes in the word. He makes known that the event of fulfilling the Father’s immense righteousness is the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, which was accomplished throughout his entire life. The power of the precious blood is formidable power. His vital force inside us is tremendous. Who then can kill us? Who would dare stand in our way? Who would dare to touch us? We can understand why it says in John 5:18, “He who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.” “Ah, this is the power of the blood that he gave me.” We must not live our faith lives being ignorant of this.

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ This means that because the disciples have not yet received the Holy Spirit, they did not know who it was that sent him, what work he had done, or why he was even on this earth. So those who do not

receive the Holy Spirit all become dumber. Even though you may have been at this church for 18 years, not a single word penetrates you. If you do not live by the Holy Spirit, even 100 years, or 1,000 years would be totally useless. But if you live by the Holy Spirit, even after a week, you could have insight into everything all at once. Is it because that person is smart? No, when the Holy Spirit comes, this could happen to any and everyone. When the Holy Spirit comes, the word comes, and when the word comes, the power of the blood comes, and the kingdom of God comes. That is how I was able to preach just one day after the Holy Spirit came into me. Looking in the Bible, Paul was the same way. Of course, you could say that they were Jews and already knew the Old Testament, but I am a gentile and did not even know the Old Testament. But when the Holy Spirit comes, these things happen because the kingdom of God has come. Without the Holy Spirit, you become dumber. If you do not live by the Holy Spirit, you become foolish. Thus, what you have, what you can do, what you may know, all of this is meaningless. They are just bickering amongst themselves over who is better or worse, or who has more or less, but it is all foolishness from the perspective of someone who has received the Holy Spirit. I place no value in people who have not received the Holy Spirit. So do I look down on people? I do. Why? Because there is no value. Why

should I place value in someone that the enemy can use at any time to rebel against God? What kind of value can I place on people who do not live for the kingdom of God?

The same goes for our church. If you do not receive the Holy Spirit, then you do not know the kingdom of God, and you cannot speak about the kingdom of God to those who do not know it. What meaning can I place on someone who cannot understand the kingdom of God and pastor them? So you must absolutely be filled by the Spirit. This is everything, and you do not need anything else. After being resurrected, what did the Lord say to the disciples? “Be filled with the Holy Spirit!” After being raised from the dead, wouldn’t I have so much to say, like, “Hey, I was in so much pain”? Yet, as soon as he comes, he says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Verse 6: But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

He has fulfilled all the purposes for which God had sent him, and in order to be crowned King of kings, he must go and the astounding work of the Holy Spirit’s coming is waiting for them, but the disciples are worried. In short, the disciples can’t help but be humanistic. Why? In the three and a half years that the Lord took the disciples around, how much did

he lavish on them, feeding them so well, and making them swell with pride? But the teacher is saying he will be gone, and they are filled with utter hopelessness. Worry as big as a mountain rushed over them: “Ah, it’s of no use to pull rank anymore. Do we need to go begging for food now?” This is the unvarying picture of people who have not received the Holy Spirit and who live self-centered lives of survival. So if you do not live the Spirit, then your life becomes filled with anxiety. Galatians 5:22 talks about the fruit of the Spirit, but these kinds of people bear fruit such as, “love, joy, peace, worry, anxiety...” The Holy Spirit is definitely in me, but it is because I am not living by the Spirit. “Love, joy, peace...” is the same up to this point. But after that comes “worry, anxiety...” Even though the Holy Spirit is in me, there are people who are already stained with worry and anxiety. Why is that? It is because they are not living by the Spirit. Having the Holy Spirit and living by the Holy Spirit are two different things. If the Holy Spirit has come, shouldn’t we live by him? Again, “Love, joy, peace, worry, anxiety...” are the fruits we are bearing. This applies not only to the foolish disciples, but is the consistent picture of those who do not live by the Spirit.

If I live by the Spirit, then the mind itself cannot think or live according to my own methods. “What would please God more? What would glorify God more? What would make me

more holy? How can I go more deeply in prayer?" These are the thoughts that fill the thoughts of someone who is living by the Spirit 24 hours a day. "How can I better serve the church? How can I give more offering to God?" But on the converse, the result of living by the flesh is that everything becomes worry and anxiety. "How can my child... How can I... What should I..." All of it is worry caused by thoughts of how to eat well, live well, and survive. Because all life in the flesh is worry, there is a lot of fear, and these things really do occur. No matter what happens, those types of events keep flooding in. In whatever event that happens in my life, if God doesn't regard it as a problem, it does not matter, but if it is due to some fleshly strength within me, it becomes a problem. You are in a car accident. The accident could have happened because of the enemy's attack for no reason. If that is the case, it doesn't matter. But I get into an accident when there is clearly no reason for there to be one. Then I've been caught through some power of the flesh. It is some problem that ensnares me because I have lived in the flesh. If I live in the Spirit, God takes responsibility for my entire life and guides me, and if a single hair of my head falling is not his will, then it will not fall. But if something happens, if I incur loss, or I get entangled for some reason, then it is tied to the flesh. Nothing in my life happens by chance.

They say that if you record the information in a single cell of a human being, it would equal an entire encyclopedia collection. There are about 100 trillion cells that make up the human body. In Psalm 139, the Lord says that he knows each of you. More precisely, he is continually getting to know you. He knows every one of the 100 trillion cells in your body, and if it is not his will, not a single hair will fall from your head. He knows everything about you. So how omniscient is our God? That God knows you means that you are precious beings. To be exact, that was seen from the Jewish perspective, but God knows everything about you because the Holy Spirit is inside the children of God. This Holy Spirit is the Spirit that brings about fellowship between God and us. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit knows all things, there is no way that I can get into a car accident by chance, or be assaulted by chance, or lose something by chance, or break something by chance. If God sees no fleshly problem in us, it does not matter, but if there is a problem that ensnares my flesh, then I must repent deeply. This is because he is warning, "Next time, it won't just be a broken leg, but your neck." Of course, God does not say it that way, but it is a warning. When God gives a warning, you must completely forsake living in the flesh, live by the Spirit, and live by the kingdom of God. Let's say you are scammed through voice phishing. You can't say, "I was duped

because I'm a dummy." "Why was I fooled?" I am saying that it was not a coincidence. Coincidence does not exist for those you have received the Holy Spirit.

God isn't one to handle us so loosely. What kind of being are you? Later in chapter 17, the triune God invites us into their relationship, to bring us into their glory, calling us to be one with them and inviting us to share in their glory, saying, "Join us in our glory." That is the kind of being we are. We are no ordinary beings. And do you think that we can haphazardly get into car accidents, or get scammed by voice phishing or be attacked as the world does, or be attacked by the enemy? That is to forsake God as Creator. "If this is what glorious fellowship is, then I decline, God." Why would we join him in that kind of glory if he treats us as if we are so insignificant? It would be better to take care of myself. No, we are not that kind of being. The reason I can't help but react to these things is because of the problem of my flesh.

Verse 7: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advan-

tage that I go away: To go away means that the Lord will ascend. “It is to your advantage that I go away.” However, the disciples cannot consider the Lord’s departure as gain. It was so nice to be able to put on airs and eat and live comfortably – we were so blessed....

But why does the Lord say it is to their advantage that he leaves? ***For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*** Who does he mean by Helper? Jesus was also a helper. However, here we are talking about the Holy Spirit. In order to give the disciples a direct sense of security, he doesn’t call him the Holy Spirit, but Helper, Comforter. When Jesus said he was leaving, the disciples found themselves worrying about what they will eat, how they will live, and who would protect them. So Jesus tells them that he would send them another Helper. Another name for the Holy Spirit is Helper. We must keep in mind that he is a helper.

Helper?

The Holy Spirit is a helper. He helps us. There are many reasons why he indwells me, but what is the particular advantage of him coming as a helper? The disciples were wondering, “Who will protect us now? How will we live after the Lord

leaves?” But the Lord is saying that it is better that the Helper enters inside you than for me to be with you physically. Why is that the case? First, Jesus cannot transcend time and space while in the flesh. In a way, he is not able to completely protect the disciples. A storm came upon the disciples as they were rowing across the Sea of Galilee and they were in trouble. But because Jesus was in the flesh, was he able to help the disciples or not? He could see them, but he could not help them. What did he have to do? He had to walk on water. Because he was in the flesh, he was limited by time and space. But now, because the Holy Spirit is inside me, I am no longer bound by time and space. This is what I meant earlier when I said that it is foolish not to live by the Spirit who is in me. What can possibly be a problem when the Holy Spirit who transcends time and space is here? If he is far, they had to cry out, “Oh, Jesus, what shall we do?” and make a fuss. So what’s the point in making a fuss when the Holy Spirit is in me? In some things, he protects me on his own without my having to ask. The prayer that the Lord taught was after they prayed, “Jesus, how do we pray? Teach us to pray.” But when we ask, “Ah, how should I pray?” the Holy Spirit who is in me guides my prayers. Romans 8:26 says, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings

too deep for words.” I am so very thankful that the Helper has come inside me. Why do they want to insert a chip inside humans? You cannot start a car without a key, right? But if I have a chip inside me, what happens? Even without a car key, you would be able to start the car with the Verichip inside you. This is how they persuade people: “If you get the chip, your life will be so comfortable. You won’t get robbed if you get the chip.” Of course this is deception, but even a chip can promise such comfort. When the Holy Spirit enters me, wouldn’t that be like having the master key?

I cannot understand why people do not make use of the Holy Spirit, or put him to work. I am not the one who does the work. Jeremiah 33:2 says, “Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name.” Who does the work? God does it. What do we have to do? “Call to me.” When the Helper indwells you, your being is upgraded to another dimension. Why are you a new creation? It is not spoken to please you. We are not beings who are restrained by the limits of all the systems that operate in the 3-dimensional realm after Adam. Rather, we are a new creation that has entered the 4th dimension, completely different and new. Now the system itself has changed. You became totally different beings when the Holy Spirit entered you. Am I flattering you? Am I fabricating a story about something that

didn't happen? I can talk about tens of thousands of things about the indwelling Holy Spirit. When you live with the Holy Spirit, you will naturally discover how your being is upgraded when the Holy Spirit comes, what advantages you can enjoy, and what an amazing being you become. All of the problems in life ultimately occur due to not living with the Holy Spirit. So, "Why am I sick?" Because I didn't live by the Spirit. "Why are you being attacked?" I didn't live by the Spirit. "Why did that problem arise?" I didn't live by the Spirit. The core of everything is not living in the Spirit. When you live in the Spirit, a problem is no longer problematic. I am not saying that the problem goes away, but it no longer is problematic. Why do I lack wisdom? Because I am not living in the Spirit. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of wisdom.

What does the book of Revelation call the Holy Spirit? It says he becomes seven Spirits. Why does he call the Holy Spirit seven Spirits? He is omniscient. He is omnipotent and omniscient. That Spirit is in you. Where is the source for this? Isaiah 11:2 speaks of seven aspects of the Holy Spirit, but this is prophesying that this Spirit will descend. First, "the Spirit of the LORD." This is the Spirit that allows for creation to fellowship with Creator God. This is fulfilled in 1 Corinthians 2:10. The Holy Spirit who knows everything inside me and searches even the depths of God causes fellowship to happen be-

tween God and me. The Spirit of fellowship, he is the Spirit of the LORD, and he has descended into you. Second, “the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding”. Then, “The Spirit of counsel and of might”. Then, “The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord”. The Holy Spirit who has these seven nicknames has entered all of you. When we went through the word of Isaiah 11 before, I almost fainted in shock and almost had a heart attack, “Wow, he said he would descend, but he is the indwelling Holy Spirit in me. That was him?” But later in Revelation, I saw that he was called the seven Spirits. “Argh, it was because of Isaiah that the Apostle John called him seven Spirits. He has come as the Omnipotent, omniscient Spirit, he is the Spirit of the LORD who is inside me, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. Why can’t you worship? It is because the Spirit of the fear of the LORD is not working inside you. When the Spirit of the fear of the LORD comes, reverence arises from the presence of God, and worship itself is offered in his presence. He has come inside me. Isn’t this amazing? “You mean, that kind of person is inside me?” So what can possibly be the problem? If just seven Spirits are in me, there is no problem. He has so many other nicknames than these. But if he can handle these seven positions well, you will realize on a daily basis that there is no

reason why anyone should live foolishly in this world. My IQ is 89, but am I preaching at the level of someone with an IQ of 89? But I don't get why people live as if they have an IQ of 20. It is because they are not living with the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of wisdom. Why are you so powerless? It is because you are not living with him who is the Spirit of might. Where will you utilize his power? Why are you beaten by the enemy every day? He is the Counselor, but you are not using the Spirit of counsel, so you are constantly getting stabbed in the back by the enemy. Why can't you pray? What kind of fellowship can we have if we cast aside the Holy Spirit who causes us to fellowship?

He is sending the Helper, the Comforter, who comes and stays inside us. He is our manager. He is no ordinary manager. He leads me in everything. It is because you do not believe he is the Helper that you live depending on people every day, depending on the world every day, and depending on something else every day. What are you going to do with him, who is called the Helper? He is such an amazing person – why are you not putting him to use? He even takes responsibility for our skincare. He even manages our weight, and when your weight increases, the siren goes off. -“Restraint!” Then you restrain yourself. It is a fact that the Helper has come inside you. Helper is not the Holy Spirit's only name, but even if you have

just the one Helper, you will have no problems living your life. It is not I who pray, but the Helper does it. Romans 8:26: “We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Who protects you? It is the Helper.

Verse 8 is the beginning of the body

C. Verses 8: speaks of the Holy Spirit, Helper.

Verse 8: And when he comes, he will convict the world regarding sin and righteousness and judgment.

And when he comes: Who is “he” referring to? It is the Holy Spirit, the Helper. Where is he coming, in the text, “And when he comes”? He is coming inside me. You need to repent if the Holy Spirit crash landed on you. You also need to repent if the Holy Spirit is sleeping. He is definitely in me. You’ve listened thus far to the message, so those of you who are not exclaiming, “Holy Spirit, you’re no joke!” are blocking your ears. But those who do believe should be lamenting, “The Holy Spirit is such an amazing person and is as important as life. This kind of person has entered and is staying inside me, but I’ve

been living oblivious and unaware of this. I was not living by him throughout the day.” Those living by the Spirit will be repenting the most about their unbelief. But what is the most important core of that unbelief? It is having been against the Holy Spirit and limiting him. We do not just live that way by chance. Living by the Spirit who is in me is life, but we come to realize how great the folly, how tremendous the sin, and how great the unbelief is of failing to live by him. So we repent. It would be nice to be able to live 100% by the Spirit, but it is our reality that we are not doing that, so isn’t that why we repent? So, what then is the problem? Those who do not, will not be able to repent after limiting the Holy Spirit and not living by him. If they have gone 20 years in that way, then they will have accumulated 20 years of sin, so how strong will their flesh have become? That kind of person will not be able to know what they have repented of, or what they should repent of.

What is one reason you keep experiencing repeated spiritual problems in your life? It is because you do not live by the Spirit, and you do not sense the sin in that. But if you say, “Ah, these are my sins,” then you will rely on the Holy Spirit and be able to sense and repent of those sins and continually be disentangled. At some point, there will be resolution in those areas. Obviously, the Holy Spirit can resolve them in one instant.

But even if he doesn't, if you continue to live in the Spirit, you will always be able to sense those areas. But if you are not able to sense them, then you will repeatedly fall to the same sins for 20, 30 years – if it's immorality, then you'll fall to immorality; if unbelief, then you will always fall to unbelief; if worldliness, then you will fall to the world. Why? Because you did not live by the Spirit, and you did not repent of having gone against and limited the Holy Spirit. That is tremendous unbelief. As I said, it's like living like someone who throws away a billion dollars per day, or kills one of their own children each day, but does not feel any sorrow or pain, and does not realize how foolish that is. What in this world is more valuable, or is more important, or amazing, than the Holy Spirit? Is there anything in this world that is worth limiting him?

The fact is, the most important thing is repentance. But people do not realize when they are living in unbelief. So when life goes well, they stand tall, and when they aren't doing well, they slouch; when they are in a good mood, they feel high, and when they are in a bad mood, they feel down. How can that be living with the Holy Spirit? It is time to live by the Spirit. It is smiling even when you are in a bad mood, and no matter how much you like something, hating it if God hates it. Isn't this living in the Spirit? It is unbelievable that we would live so foolishly when we are living with such an amazing person.

There is no recognition of him. To what extent are we locking him up, treating him with contempt, insulting him, and limiting him? It's like this. Whether I'm doing deliverance or healing, if I try and ministry does not happen, I first ask God's intention. And if God says, "Hey, that can't be healed," he persuades me, so I can move on, but I feel bad about it. Why? Isn't there something inside me that is limiting the Holy Spirit so that it did not work out? While living in the Holy Spirit in all things, you need to always be on guard and ask, "How much am I limiting the Holy Spirit in me, or defying him, or ignoring or neglecting him?" Isn't that staying alert? Keeping from falling asleep is not being alert – people who are possessed by demons do not fall asleep and stay awake. That is not staying alert, but there is a wakefulness in the Holy Spirit. There is a watchfulness in the Holy Spirit. My spirit must always be able to react keenly to the Holy Spirit. We must now change. We should not just talk about living in the Spirit, but we must become people who truly live in the Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit comes into me, he reveals what sin, righteousness, and judgment are, but the text continues, "**He will convict the world**". When the Holy Spirit comes, many things will happen. When the Holy Spirit comes, spiritual gifts will come. When the Holy Spirit comes, things start working out. I've given many examples of these things up to this point,

but Apostle John talks about sin, righteousness, judgment as the most important core work of the Holy Spirit's coming. What does that mean? The most important ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit is that work. I called that "The Eye of the Hurricane". In 1 Kings 19, Elijah is harassed by Jezebel and escapes to Mount Horeb. God calls Elijah out of the cave, and standing him up before him, makes the winds blow everything from the mountain. And was God in that wind, or not? He was not. Next, an earthquake comes and hurls the whole mountainside around. Was God there or not? He was not. And then the mountain caught fire and burned everything up. God was there, or not? He was not. Then came God's still small voice. That stillness is the eye of the hurricane. The size of a hurricane is measured by the pressure at the center of its eye, called HectoPascal (HPA). 900 HPA is considered catastrophic, right? The hurricanes in the United States – there's no contest. The one that came last time blew winds at 400 km, and blew everything away. But how much more powerful is the eye of the hurricane? The problem of sin, righteousness, and judgment are the strongest eye of the hurricane. When the Holy Spirit ministers so clearly regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment, the eyes of these super hurricanes are created. This is the core of the issue of why I always said indwelling, indwelling, indwelling, indwelling – not presence, but indwell-

ing. When the indwelling Holy Spirit in me works on me regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment, presence no longer becomes a problem. In fact, this is something I've done for the past 32 years. And I am doing it on a daily basis even now. I am not trying to do it deliberately, but the Holy Spirit continues to uncover the core issues regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment within me as I continue to live with him.

If you had lived in the Spirit, then the Holy Spirit will definitely have guided you as he did for me. But if the Holy Spirit did not continue to work out the problems of sin, righteousness, and judgment in your life, then what does this contrary evidence prove? It is proof that you did not live by the Spirit. Why does power not manifest? Because the Holy Spirit is being restricted. Why can't you properly cast out a single demon? Because the Holy Spirit is being limited. Why can't you pray a single prayer properly, and when on earth are you going to get an answer to prayer? You have limited the Holy Spirit. Why is there no authority in God's word? Because the Holy Spirit is being restrained. I guess you could keep giving ambiguous reasons like, "There was nothing I could do," but from my perspective, limiting the Holy Spirit is the most important problem. I am not saying that things like manifested powers are so great or important. But they are one aspect of God's kingdom, and moreover, it is the core of the Holy Spirit's

work, so from that standpoint, manifesting signs and wonders is important. This is not only my problem. In Acts 4, the apostles ask for prayer that the signs of the word would manifest properly. Though it is signs of the word, they are asking them to pray that the Holy Spirit would fully work. From that perspective, these kinds of signs, wonders, miracles, power, and authority are very important to us. Ultimately, what will be used to reveal the King's power and authority and majesty? It will be revealed through the Holy Spirit.

In the end, the core will not be the issue of presence, but rather of indwelling. And what is the core of indwelling? It is the issue regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment. You can possess the eye of a mighty hurricane if you allow your life to be dredged up every day by sin, righteousness, and judgment through the Holy Spirit. If you have this kind of indwelling, nothing will be problematic, no matter where you are sent, whatever you do, or what work you are given. This is what we have been training at our church up until now, because the heart of everything in our church is the Word. Of course, we talked about spiritual gifts, but I did not emphasize that. Why do we emphasize the Word? It is because of indwelling. The Word is important because of the problem regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment. In fact, everything that the Holy Spirit does, even the fruit that we spoke of, all have to do with

the event of indwelling, not presence. But isn't faith most important? Is it faith, indwelling, or presence? It is indwelling. The Holy Spirit determines my entire faith according to the portion that I have been emptied by him. Therefore, the important thing is indwelling. Even spiritual gifts – actually, the presence of God pours out anointing oil – but the Holy Spirit who works inside me works through spiritual gifts. In some ways, even spiritual gifts have to do with indwelling as well. So what can you do if you cast aside indwelling? How can you live by the Spirit if you cast aside the problem regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment? It is because you do not live by the Spirit that you become oblivious regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment.

He will convict the world: In the Greek text, the word “convict” also means to chastise. But in the word “convict”, the representative words that are commonly used are “expose” or “disclose”. The Holy Spirit will expose the world's sin, righteousness, and judgment through the people he indwells. Then what is the spiritual principle here? When the Spirit comes upon someone, he exposes that person's problem of sin, problem of righteousness, and problem of judgment. And that person becomes a soul that is able to expose those things in the world. In 2 Corinthians, Paul said that you should become the aroma of Christ and either become the standard for salvation

or the standard for judgment. We are saying the same thing. When the Holy Spirit comes into a person, he first reveals their sin, then reveals their righteousness, and then reveals that the ruler of this world has been judged. And through that person, the Holy Spirit reveals the misunderstandings regarding the world's sin, the misunderstandings regarding righteousness, and the misunderstandings regarding the ruler of this world. The world does not know about sin. The world does not know about righteousness. What they know about the problem of sin is misunderstanding. That is why the Holy Spirit reveals those things correctly. Thus, unless you receive the Holy Spirit, you cannot know the problem of sin. Unless you receive the Holy Spirit, you cannot know the problem of righteousness. Unless you receive the Holy Spirit, you cannot know what it means for the ruler of this world to be judged. It is only when the Holy Spirit is inside me that these things become clearly revealed. Sin in this world – as long as you don't get caught, you don't have to go to jail. If you are not found out, then you are not a sinner. If you are caught, "Aw, just my luck," and you are considered a sinner. The problem with the world is that though they know that sin is bad, they cannot know how fatal it is. They cannot know how incredibly painful it is. In a word, the world does not know sin. Only those who have received the Holy Spirit can know what sin is.

Again, “convict” also refers to being chastised. But rather than chastise, “reveal” and “disclose” are closer meanings here. So if you live in the Spirit, without realizing it, you will become the standard for salvation and judgment to the world. Just as Paul said, I will become either the aroma of death or the aroma of life, but it must be one or the other. Each word that you speak, every action that you take is to live as such tremendous beings in this world. It is because the world does not know this that they treat you so insignificantly. And though they don’t realize it, you are walking judges. You are an extremely dangerous person. Even if you discover just one of these honors, your shoulders will never droop.

D. Verses 9-11:

*Regarding sin, regarding righteousness,
regarding judgment*

Regarding Sin

“Sin is really bad.” Even all worldly people know this. But sin at the core:

Verse 9: Regarding sin, because they do not believe in me

Regarding sin, it refers to what the source of sin is. What is the nature of sin, where did it start? ***Because they do not***

believe in me: it is unbelief in him. The world does not know what the source of sin is. The source of sin is not believing who he is. Sin categorically begins with unbelief. The starting point of all sin is not believing him. We are the same. Christians also sin because they do not believe him. Why is it sin not to believe him? Why did Jesus say that to his disciples? Worldly people know that sin is bad, but they do not know the source of sin. They do not know where sin begins. All lawlessness, every problem of sin derives from not believing him, but the world does not know this. First, the world does not know how fatal sin is. They cannot see that if you do not resolve sin, it stays with you forever. And they do not know that if sin is left unresolved, hardship will inevitably come into their lives, and will bring fatal results. If sin is left unresolved, it is the same while living in this world, as it is from an eternal perspective. All of this is because of the problem of sin, and the people in this world mistakenly think that after you sin, if you forget about it, it's over. If sin is not resolved, it continues to accumulate in your life, and if you cannot beat the weight of it, then it will ultimately be revealed in hardship, pain, and judgment. And that problem lasts for eternity. So solving the problem of sin is entering into remarkable freedom.

The text talks about sin, righteousness, and judgment separately, but it is a one-package problem. We will talk about

this when we address righteousness, but when you resolve the problem of sin, then the problem of righteousness is also resolved, and when righteousness is resolved, then you will know that the ruler of this world is judged. It is about the meaning of being. So to the amount that you know about sin, you will realize about righteousness, and that righteousness will grow stronger, and to the extent that righteousness is strengthened, then the power and authority regarding the judgment of the ruler of this world will become more clear. These three are made into one package. They are mentioned separately, sin separately, righteousness separately, judgment separately, but they are all one. The Holy Spirit accomplishes these things in me. Another important thing is that within that process, the movement of the Holy Spirit means that the precious blood has moved, and when the precious blood moves, the word has moved, and when these three have moved, then I have moved into the Holy of holies, moving in relationship to the triune Godhead. That the Holy Spirit moves that much with the problem of sin, righteousness, and judgment, means that the entire triune Godhead is working together with the word, blood, and Spirit that was placed in me for the price of his deeds. Hence, the reason he said that he would make you into his likeness is found here. So you can only describe the fact that God the Spirit has come into me as unprecedented.

It makes no sense to neglect this amazing person in our lives. From now on, you must continue to sense and acknowledge him. You must put him in the front. Those of you who do not know if the Holy Spirit is in you or not must quickly confirm it. Those in whom the Holy Spirit crash landed or is asleep must quickly awaken him. You must be able to see the kingdom of God. If you do not have the Spirit of Christ, then you are not a Christian. You must have the Spirit of Christ. The Holy Spirit must come.

Why is not believing him the root of sin?

Why did we begin regarding sin this way? What is the definition of sin for worldly people, especially Christians who do not have the Holy Spirit? Everything is based on actions. If you did not kill someone, then you are not guilty of murder. If you did not violate someone, then you have not committed adultery. If you haven't cheated someone, then you did not steal. But what the Holy Spirit considers sin in me is at motivation, not in the act. What is the clearest evidence that you are still not living by the Spirit? They still live lives based on actions of legalism. I'm sorry, but that is not living by the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes, I come to know my motives. What kind of mind and energy inside me moved me to say what I said, and in speaking with that person, when I said what I did, what

event occurred – it is all motive. So it's not about trying to deliberately find out if my sarx is moving, or my spirit is moving, or some thought is moving, but we come to know these things as we live by the Spirit. So the Spirit suggests what to repent for, what energy to put to death, and what to do in order to beat these things. There is nothing difficult about it. In fact, there is no need to preach this sermon. If you live by the Spirit, he will make everything known. John 14:26 says, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." We have not seen Jesus' face since 2,000 years ago. But because the Holy Spirit has come, we have seen the Lord. Why? Jesus came to this world in the flesh and completed Kerygma, which the Holy Spirit brought inside me. It is because in all points, "I am justified!" and the power of the perfect blood has been sprinkled in me, ripping up all of my recorded files of sin. It is because he fulfilled all his promises and covenanted that he would do these things through the glory of God's gospel that has entered me. The Bible calls that a "seed". The seed is the Spirit, the word, and the precious blood. Because this seed has been planted in me, the only thing remaining is for it to flourish. How can it flourish? It flourishes when we live by the Spirit. Then the kingdom of God that is in me becomes covered in glory.

Regarding sin, ***because they do not believe in me***: We must consider why he said it this way. Saying that it is a sin not to believe in me, is saying that if we do not believe, the essential status of sin remains unresolved. Specifically, we are not able to believe that he has resolved sin. That is the inability to believe in the Lord's amazing work of atonement. Starting with Adam, all humans are destined to live as sinners if the problem of sin is not resolved. If you do not believe this, your life cannot escape from the mode of sinful existence. That means that whatever you do is sin, whether it is making money, studying, research, etc. Why? Everything that a sinner does is sin. Actually, this is a scary proposition. There are many people who struggle to live honestly with ethics and morality, of whom people say, "This person lives even without the law. He is good." When I see that kind of person, I think to myself, "You're kidding me," because no matter how good he is in life, he is a sinner. What is a sinner? Everything is the death penalty, and no matter what you do, it is death. Whatever you do, you are a sinner. "Not believing in me is the source of sin." There isn't a single person in this world who can escape this.

Regarding sin, because they do not believe in me: Therefore, if the problem of sin is not resolved, and the mode of existence is not resolved, everything that man does, includ-

ing breathing, becomes sin. Those who do not believe will have much to account for when they stand before God at the white throne judgment. To begin with, although it is free for the children of God, even sunlight will have a price tag for unbelievers. “Ok, so every second that you breathe will cost one cent – one cent, two cents, three cents....” They will have to pay that as well. You don’t think that will happen? These people will see every single sin for the first ten years of their lives and start walking toward hell on their own. “Bye, I’m going to hell now.” They cannot remain before him. It is dreadful. Even with this realization, we are so indebted to the Lord for purchasing us with his blood. The Lord has said that it is sin not to believe him. If a person is not released from the shackles of his sinful existence, he cannot reign over sin. In other words, when the Holy Spirit who is inside me exposes all of my sinfulness in the sarx, and the mode of living in the old self, that is knowing about sin. So when you live by the Spirit, he will continue to reveal the source of sin, “I spoke in such a way because of this energy....” “Ah, that’s what I did.” “That’s why I was beaten yesterday.” “That was immorality in that person yesterday.” “Oh, that was worldliness yesterday.” And the energies of living in the sarx will be rooted out and exposed. If the sarx’s energy is strong, your life will become tougher the more you resist sin. Your life should become easier and more

joyful the more you resist sin and strive to live a holy life, but for those who find it difficult, it shows that their sinful nature, the power of sarx, is still exceptionally strong in them.

First, **when he comes:**

When the Holy Spirit comes, first, you begin recognizing the sarx, the old self, and what do you discover? “Sin always exists.” You realize that sin is life. Why did I say David was great when we did Psalm 51? “My sin is ever before me,” is something you can only know with the indwelling Holy Spirit, but David, who lived in Old Testament times, realized this. Why do we so easily commit sin? It is because we live in the old self, and that old self cannot sense that sin is life. To be more precise, you are being deceived. You are kept from recognizing that sin is life. If sin is alive and wriggling before your eyes, is that condition enough to be able to reject sin or not? Once you are able to acknowledge that sin is alive and moving, and that it is life, then you have the opportunity to reject sin. But you do not know that sin is life, or that it exists. So sin goes from a neglected state into a defenseless state. Thus, when the Holy Spirit comes into you, you begin to sense that, “Sin is life that is alive,” and, “I have sin.” That is why David said, “My sin is ever before me.”

Second, when you live in the Spirit, not only do you realize

that sin exists as life, but that it is active. Sin exists. And it is life. Therefore, it is always connected to Satan and demons. We live by eating God's grace, but Satan lives by eating sin, so from the standpoint of sin having that kind of vitality, Apostle John states in 1 John 3:8 that the Lord came to destroy the works of the devil. What are the works of the devil? It is sin. If the Holy Spirit is in me, I will be able to know what the devil is controlling from behind me. That is the dung that is in me. Thus, we must destroy the works of the devil, not the devil himself. The problem is not the dung fly, but I need to realize that the dung flies come because I have dung inside me. I must clean up the dung within me first. You spend your life chasing flies, and "buzz~" every day you say, "Oh, the attacks are strong today. It's so hard." That should not happen. Why do attacks keep coming? You spend all your time chasing after the flies: "buzz buzz buzz~~" and you fall flat on your face. No, you must first get rid of the dung inside you. It was from that perspective that Apostle John wrote about the works of the devil. What is the devil? It is the problem of sin, the problem of the dung inside me.

To sum it up, first, sin exists. Second, sin works. Sin does not stay still, but it exerts power within me because it is life. A needle thief becomes a cow thief. This is how sin works. In that sense, Hebrews 2:14 says he came to destroy the devil.

What is Hebrews talking about? The power of the devil is death and the grave. Sin has the power of death, but he comes and puts an end to the devil, who holds the power of death and the grave. Therefore, if I live by the Spirit that is in me, then the power of sin will no longer have an effect on me. You must see this. The Holy Spirit knows that the sarx is formed through the problems of sin within me, and what kinds of effects the power of sarx exhibits. Therefore, it is possible to block sin through the power of Jesus' blood, which has resolved the problem of sin at the source, and you can always preemptively cover yourself as well. Even if you do get attacked, you can maintain the status of righteousness that is able to resolve those things. This becomes immediate when the Holy Spirit comes, and he makes it reflexive and even instinctual in me. Sustaining that kind of status is the intensification of righteousness. I am not speaking on some mystical level. I am talking about what works the Holy Spirit performs when you live by him. Sin always exists with vitality. That is why you must know that he destroyed the works of the devil. That is why you must clean up the dung. Also, sin works. That is why the Lord deleted the power of the devil. Thus, sin can no longer take you to the highest power. This is the process that the Holy Spirit comes and takes you through to resolve the problem of sin in you.

The Holy Spirit deals with these problems of sin and the problem of sarx. Sin always works by taking the systematic structure of the old self. The old self cannot resist sin. If you become the old self, you will surely sin. When the Holy Spirit came, this was resolved, so we have the power to put to death the ways of the old self. But if we do not live this kind of life, then the power of sarx becomes stronger. These kinds of people develop a disposition of enjoying sin. I am not talking about sins like murder. What is sin? I am talking about enjoying the Babylonian lifestyle. You enjoy living according to your survival instincts. You enjoy life dictated by Babylon. I told this story during Romans. Before I was a believer, I got a job and started working. The company needed to hire a female accounting clerk, but it was not an easy position to fill. But one day, a lady came, and on her first day, she worked happily with a smile on her face. But on the second day, tears began falling and she wanted to quit. The reason was that in her position, she had to work with the boss to commit fraud, and it was so painful to commit that sin. So the manager and the directors went and soothed her and ultimately coerced her to stay in her nice position. So she continued to work with tears in her eyes, but she became quiet after about a week. And later on, she was working as if nothing was wrong and began enjoying working again. This is what enjoying sin looks

like. If you live in the sarx, you cannot sense sin, and your life becomes comfortable. Hebrews 11 said about Moses, “the fleeting pleasures of sin.” There is always joy in sin. When we were young, our lunch boxes were much more delicious when we ate them during class rather than at lunchtime. Even smoking was better when in hiding than out in the open – it is the same thing. There is pleasure in sin. There is an enjoyment to sin. You sisters, who can’t cry before the Lord, but cry when watching dramas – this kind of enjoyment of Babylon life is all about taking pleasure in sin. You’re not able to be happy before God, but you laugh when watching comedy shows – this is the temperament of enjoying sin. This is the state of not responding to righteousness. If you become like this, you cannot fight sin.

But the Holy Spirit is making the new self flourish inside of you, and those who confirm righteousness will have a tough fight with sin up to a certain time. Like Galatians 5:17, this is not a fight from which we can back down. For a set amount of time when the Holy Spirit is taking you through the process of knowing about sin, the fight will be fierce. How fierce is it? The great Apostle Paul even exclaimed, “Wretched man that I am!” This is a process that you must pass through. I used the word “must”. This process must happen. If you have not gone through this process, then you have not even started.

You must go through this process. It is ludicrous if you have not experienced this spiritual warfare. If not, either that person has completely entered glorification, or they are only a few days away from entering God's kingdom. If you live in the Spirit, you must continue toward victory by accepting the actions of God regarding sarx. If you don't, then it will be difficult to resist sin, and you will instead develop a temperament that takes pleasure in sin. And so you finally revolt against God, and if that spiritual process plays out, you will be shown very clearly just how much you are not living in the Spirit, but brilliantly in the sarx. Ephesians 4:17-19 says that if I neglect the world coming into me, and then futile things begin entering me, I become increasingly hard of heart and numb, my nerves die, and I end up in all kinds of debauchery. What is that? The power of living according to my desires grows stronger. This is what it looks like for the sarx to have utter victory in my life.

The Holy Spirit letting us know about sin is not pointing out sinful acts, but he makes us accurately realize the power of sarx, which is the existence of sin. Whatever power of sarx is in me, if immorality is strong in me, then because it is specialized in me, I radiate immorality in everything I do in life. I am living in the sin of immorality. In speaking, you can just say it, but it comes out mixed with immorality – why do you

say it in that whining tone? It is the same with how you dress. But when the Holy Spirit comes, you come to realize it. “Ah, I have the flow of the spirit of immorality.” “Oh, I have the flow of unbelief.” These personified spiritual states are the result of not living by the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit enters me and I live by him, there is no way I can’t know that. “Oh, it’s these parts.” “Sarx, it’s this kind of unbelief.” “It’s delusion.” “I was deceived here.” As the Holy Spirit reveals the sources of power through which sarx acts, he begins to separate me from the disposition of enjoying sin.

Eventually, the more we know the problem of sin, we move toward righteousness and are able to repent. Being able to repent is ultimately the process of releasing all the bonds and contaminants from my intellect, emotion, and will. In a word, it would not be an overstatement to say it is the solution regarding bitter roots. Just as 2 Corinthians 10 states, the Holy Spirit brings resolution for all the misinformation in my mind through the process of destroying the strongholds of my thoughts and the theories that are inside my mind (intellect, emotion, and will). It is because you have not gone through this kind of process that you continue to look at your cell phones. It is through those very things that you receive the strongholds in your mind and live by your thoughts. And that is why you must live by the Holy Spirit and do this sort of

work. I am teaching you how the mechanism works of living with the Holy Spirit, not to gain knowledge by striving and realization.

There are some among you who are thinking, “What in the world is the old self, anyway? The pastor keeps saying ‘old self’ and ‘new self’, but is there even such a thing as the old self?” But yes, there definitely is an old self. The old self and new self are real. Perhaps we will be able to see ourselves being separated from the old self when the Lord returns and we are resurrected. Anyway, they are real. When the Holy Spirit comes, we get to know the reality of the old and new self. “Aha, there is a new-self in me.” “Aha, there is an old self in me.” “He is teaching me regarding sin.” “The source of sin is not believing in Jesus. Jesus resolved everything through atonement, but I see now that it is the energy of the old self in me that is automatically accepting all the systems of sin, which causes me to live as a sinful being.” “Ah, this is immorality and that is unbelief.” I am not telling you to discern spirits. You are figuring out their powers. “Why did I say those words? What power did those words come from? Why did I witness that? Why did I experience this event? Why did that happen when I was talking with that person?” You do not have to deconstruct these things, but you come to know them instantly. That is why it is important to do a review of your

day. When I do a review of my day, the Holy Spirit reveals to me by what power I lived that day. For those who have a strong spirit of worldliness, you will have inevitably taken up your cell phone and spent a considerable amount of time immersed in it. You must plainly repent of that. The revealing of these things is what “regarding sin” is about. Again, sin is not believing in me. So he gave us the solution to sin, and he reveals to us that instead of living by that solution, we have lived by sarx. “I did nothing all day, so I did not sin.” I am saying you cannot say that. Even if you do nothing, if you live in sarx, the power of sarx in me increases in strength. Your thoughts will have grown stronger in worldliness, “I spent all day at the office working hard.” That is what sin is. So am I telling you not to work hard? No, that is not what I’m saying. Even at work, I need to work under the governance of the Holy Spirit. We lack power and effectiveness, and become more lethargic because the Holy Spirit is not working for us. A job that takes two hours when the Holy Spirit works in us, is drawn out to 20 hours on our own.. When the Holy Spirit comes, you will be able to see through all of the movements of sarx, which is the root of sin.

I say this all the time: sin is committed by sarx, the old self. Who repents? The new self repents. This is what we are talking about here. Because the old self is me, and the new

self is also me, the old self that has not yet resolved the root of sin continues to draw sin toward itself. It keeps drawing the world to itself. It delights in sin, disobeys and disbelieves God, and the very purpose for life becomes about my survival – these are all evidences that I am living in the sarx. When the Holy Spirit comes, the movements of these forces will be revealed and he will prevent them for us. And he applies to us all the righteousness that he has resolved. So living by the Holy Spirit is a goldmine.

This “regarding sin” is continuously exposing the status of sinful existence, namely the sarx, which has not resolved sin. Through that process, wounds can be healed, and there can be deliverance. All of the filthy information that the wounds possessed, as well as the false oaths that we talked about in inner healing, and the bitter-root judgments, are all being revealed. If you live in the Spirit, he does everything without the need for separate inner healing ministry. And simultaneously, the things that the sarx chose – all the shame, inferiority, etc., get resolved. Even personality is all the ways of life that the mind had chosen, so even these are transformed. Temper: if you live by the Spirit, you cannot lose your temper. All of these things are the process by which you learn about sin. If you live by the Spirit, worldly tendency, anxiety, worry, concern, fear, etc. are all resolved one by one as the principle of atonement

is applied, where the Lord has resolved all of the problems of sin, which are held by the sarx. How long will it take? It varies from person to person. For some, it may take one month, and for others, a year – I don't know how long it will take. But what's clear is that if you live in the Spirit, the ingredients that God did not use to create you, which were added through the power of sarx and the old self, will be removed one by one. It's like this: Ignorance – as soon as I met God, I was released instantly. Ignorance is not an ingredient God used in creation. When the Holy Spirit comes and reveals regarding sin, he will release us from these bonds in the sarx. In my case, it was ignorance. I've said this before, but the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. If you live in the Spirit's new self, you will be transformed into all these essential qualities that the Holy Spirit has. You will become wise, strategic, capable, and integrated. All of this power that the Holy Spirit has will be accepted within me. Therefore, ignorance is not an ingredient used by God. A hot temper: definitely not. Fear: we have no such subject in us. Those of you struggling with fear, fear of heights, and claustrophobia: may it all fly away!

Regarding Righteousness

Verse 10: Regarding righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer

This word is not simply talking about the Lord ascending, but it is Kerygma. He came into this world in a human body, and he lived completely relying on the Holy Spirit, and did not commit a single sin. And on behalf of all mankind, including all of my sins, John the Baptist imparted all sins onto him, and when he died on the cross, he resolved holiness. And taking the power of that unblemished, mighty and holy blood, he entered the heavenly tabernacle and deleted the files of all of our sins, and completing the perfect victory, he sat on the heavenly throne. Now, all the kerygma, until that day when he returns in glory, is his righteousness. The Holy Spirit's job is to confirm this in you.

Verse 11 states, ***regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*** In a broad sense, this is also righteousness. The Holy Spirit continues every moment to solve the problem of sin, putting the power of sarx to death, and continuously confirming righteousness. The confirmation of righteousness is confirming that Jesus ended all things, which appears in Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." This is an amazing proclamation that the Holy Spirit is proclaiming

to you. The evidence is in Romans 8:16: "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." And in Romans 6, we are dead to sin. This means that all of life's pain and problems of hardships are over. If the problem of life were money, the Lord would have said that money is dead. But he does not say that. What is the root of all of life's problems? It is sin. As I stated before, the old self cannot solve the problem of sin. That means that sarx cannot solve life's problem of pain. The pain of life, hardships, and the trivial life cannot be solved by the old self. Why not? It is because its very existence is a sinful being. But the Lord came and solved everything. Believing this is righteousness.

What is the beginning of righteousness? It is the declaration, "I am dead to sin!" That declaration is the start. Isn't this the very proclamation of righteousness? And it is continuously exposing sin. Whether you know it or not, from the moment that sin is exposed, the precious blood is applied. When you declare that you are dead to sin, what is the secret to being able to make that declaration? It is because the blood has been sprinkled in me, because the Holy Spirit has come in me, because I have his promise. You must believe this.

When I make that declaration, first, righteousness comes, and now the power of the blood always moves in me. That is called Pros. When I look to him, the blood in me moves auto-

matically. When that blood moves, all we need to do is repent. Whenever sin is exposed, we just need to immediately repent. “Oh, that was sin. Lord, forgive me. Forgive me for neglecting the power of sarx that was leading me. That was disobedience and defiance. Oh, that was hypocrisy. That was deceitfulness.” When you go deeper, “God, that was my lust for honor. That is my lust for pleasure. Ah, that was my lust for possessions.” When these sins are exposed, just repenting causes the blood to flow automatically. And whenever the blood flows, whether you sense it or not, the confirmation of God’s promise comes. There are many different routes. There are many different cases where the Spirit moves, the word moves, and the blood moves, but regardless, the blood, word, and Spirit always move together.

As these three move within me, righteousness is continuously strengthened in me. This means that the new self in me is getting stronger. The more I repent, I am able to sustain righteousness, and righteousness is strengthened. So Paul states, “Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20). That means that not sin itself, but grace abounds as we repent, which resolves sin. Repentance is this important. Those who do not repent have determined to die. Not being able to repent is a scary situation. Not repenting is rejecting the precious blood that is in me. Saying, “I don’t have

sin,” makes God a liar, as stated in 1 John 1:9. “I have no sin.” Do you really not have sin? That is not the case. We must continually repent. That is the strengthening of righteousness. It is the continued strengthening of the new self in me. When this strengthening of the new self and righteousness is sustained, then the continued work of the Holy Spirit in you will grow longer in duration. Whether we sense it or not, the moment we accept righteousness, we have the right to go before the throne. But for the average person, why do they lack excitement and joy of being able to go to the throne, and are not moved by righteousness? It is because they do not sustain the new self. When it’s time to go before the throne, the old self emerges. Then at the next opportunity, the old self again. But if you continue to maintain the new self, you can sense that you are approaching the throne. Then you discover awe, reverence, and wonder. It is important to maintain the new self in order to strengthen righteousness. You can get to this point by continuously living by the Spirit. Then your spirit will continue to get lighter. When this power becomes stronger, then you will increase the rate of victory for the new self in the fight against the old self, like in Galatians 5:17.

Furthermore, Romans 8:13a says, “If you live according to the flesh you will die....” Who is “you” in this text? It refers to the people who have experienced the emotion of being freed

from the law of sin and death. It is saying that even if you are that kind of person, if you live according to the flesh, you will die. People whose new self has been strengthened never forget this. This is a spiritual teaching. The stronger the new self, the more impossible it becomes for them to live according to the flesh. It is not about what I do or don't do, but it is an issue of being. You just have to live in the new self. That is how you live when you live by the Spirit and determine to live in the new self. And as we go along, we can sin. But what happens in a person who has a higher share and high volume in terms of winning percentage? "...but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." Originally, a person who is strong in the new self will experience a reversal, where they can immediately put to death the deeds of the body. And what does the Spirit in "by the Spirit" refer to? Is it the Holy Spirit? No. I said in Romans that the Holy Spirit and I have united into one. It is the status of the Holy Spirit and I having become one. If I just accept the Holy Spirit, then I am immediately able to put the deeds of the body – all of the ways of life that are led by sarx – to death. "Oh, look!" the application of the precious blood occurs immediately. It is the application of the word. For those whose new self has been strengthened, this is immediate. Thus you repent immediately. And you no longer have the situation where you live according to the flesh and have to

die. This is regarding righteousness.

As righteousness is strengthened, it becomes easier to maintain the fullness of the Spirit. You need to invest your will until you pass a certain measure. That is your good will. It is your free will. Once you go beyond that measure, then from that point, you will start saying things like, “Living with the Holy Spirit is easy.” Easy! Easy! Easy! In order to make it easier to live by the Spirit, you must go through Gilgal to Bethel, from Bethel to Jericho, and from Jericho to the Jordan. But in reality, getting to Bethel is quite difficult. So almost 99.9% of people who attend church wander around Gilgal and die there. You will find out if what I am saying is a lie or not when you get to God’s kingdom. How many people have reached Bethel? Jericho? Jordan? It’s not easy. But I believe that every member of our church will stand on the bank of the Jordan and can enter the Sabbath-rest stage of faith.

Righteousness must continue to be strengthened. The key is to live by the Spirit. And as you live by the Spirit, you must continue to put to death the deeds of the flesh, the sarx’s radius of activity. It is really incredible. It’s like this: “You mean even this is sin? Yes, I guess it was sin.” You should be surprised by this, but you aren’t shocked. “You mean I’m supposed to repent of even that?” “This is what it means to limit and interfere with the Holy Spirit.” “That was the reason why

the power of my flesh grew.” “That was why I kept drawing worldly things into my life.” It is all the problem of sin. And yet, there will be people here whose old self is like Samson, with bulging muscles, while their new self is so scrawny and weak, and is constantly oppressed by the old self. But on the flip side, the new self will be so muscular, that when the old self moves even a little, he yells, “Hey you, stay quiet!” We talked about the works of the devil and the devil himself, so what does it mean to step on the neck of the old self? Luke 10:19 talks about authority: “Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.” The person who steps on the neck of the old self is also able to step on the anti-christ. That is what “the ruler of this world is judged” means.

REGARDING JUDGMENT

Verse 11: Regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

When the Holy Spirit comes, the measure of sin, to be exact, to the measure that the power of sarx is solved, righteousness will be strengthened, and the measure of the new self increases. As the new self is strengthened together with righteousness, you are able to maintain the fullness of the Spirit,

so that more conditions for continuous victory can be created. After that, he reveals regarding judgment, but judgment is ultimately the confirmation of “what is my honor?” What is my honor? I say that you need to know your honor, but if you have not resolved the problems of sin and righteousness, it is impossible to know what honor is. It is because you know sin and righteousness that you come to know honor. In a word, honor is the glory of the new creation. Through the event of the cross, God gave us the title of “Son of God”, and made us his royal children. When God said, “You shall be holy, for I am holy,” what is the glory of holiness? And when he says, “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect,” how great is the name that God gave us. As he continues to solve the problem of sin and righteousness, we finally come to believe this honor, and come to know that kind of excitement. This is regarding judgment. Hence, it is not sin separately, righteousness separately, judgment separately, but as the problem of sin is resolved, the emotion of righteousness comes, and as we maintain that excitement of righteousness, we go before the throne, we are granted an audience by the King. The joy and excitement of having an audience with the King manifests in various forms, but it is the confirmation of all the honor I received through the deeds of Jesus Christ. It is revealed as the honor and authority of the child of the King. It

manifests as glory.

So we get to know our honor. But the ruler of the world is the devil. Why is he described as the ruler of the world? As long as sarx is alive in me, God allows the devil legal binding and control over me in relation to sin. But Romans 6 says that we are dead to sin, and also that death has no power over me. I have been freed from sin. I have cast off sin. It all means the same thing. That sin has no power over me is “Basileiva”, kingdom, reign – he cannot become king. Romans 6 says that sin cannot be my king. In the same way, the ruler of this world can no longer rule over me. The 3S doctrine: Satan uses the Secular to bait the Self. Because the Self has died together with Jesus Christ, Secular becomes useless, and Satan also becomes useless, no longer having anything to do with me. We have become this kind of being, but if the sarx is revived again, we become that kind of being, and we are caught every day.

What is the key? You must keep receiving in faith that you have died together with the Lord, and also continue to receive righteousness – there is no other way. That is amazing power and the secret to victory. Declaring that you are dead to sin is the most powerful language and declaration that the demons hate. You must proclaim it in faith. This is not a theory, but when I declare, “I am dead to sin,” then the demons legally can’t do anything. Why do you get caught in court every day

when you hate it? It is because the sarx comes to life every day, and you suffer from guilt, shame, and inferiority. Is there a trial for us or not? There isn't. The attorney who shed his blood for me ended all trial cases, and my Helper the Holy Spirit confirms it. I'm caught in trial or not? Not. Is there condemnation? No. Circumstances, conditions, or situations that the world gives me, do not make me cower. I shrink back because I do not exactly believe the glory that Jesus Christ has achieved for me. That is unbelief regarding my being. This is what makes you timid, powerless, and incompetent in this world. Powerlessness and incompetence have nothing to do with me now. You must not think that you are powerless because you lack money. That is a lie. Or that you are powerless because you were not educated. No, that is a lie. The child of God has nothing to do with that. If that is considered order, then how is it that I have five assistant pastors who have doctorates ministering under me? Then would I treat the pastors with PhDs better than those who don't, and give the one who doesn't have a degree a hard time? No. But then is the doctorate degree useless? That's not true either. It is a matter of being; do not be deceived in life.

If we expand the status of sarx and new self in this way, then it will not be problematic to me what is going on in the world, what isn't there, who is bothering me, or who is raising

questions about me. The problem is in the old self who considers these things problems. This is very important. There are people in our church who do not live like this, and I am the prime representative of that. Has there been a time when you could not do God's work for lack of money? No. Of course, we still have not built a church building yet, but that is not because of money, but because of God's will that we are still waiting. Now that God's will has been proclaimed, he will do it.

We spoke of the ruler of the world, and he has legal control over the sarx. But since the old self is dead, does the devil have legal control over us, or not? He does not. The fact is, the devil was judged even before creation, and he was shut up in the abyss. But why did the devil enter this world? This is because when God created man, he gave them freewill. That he gave man freewill is the decisive proof that he made man in his image. From God's point of view, it was a tremendous risk and gamble to make man into his image. Man was supposed to take freewill and choose God but what did he end up choosing? He betrayed God and chose the enemy. That is why the demons who were trapped in the abyss came into the Garden of Eden. It's like this. The old self is dead. But what happens when man chooses sin? The old self comes back to life. It's the same reason. God completely locked up the devil in the abyss,

but the reason he is allowed back in the Garden of Eden is because of our failure. However, God never regards our failure as failure. Why not? It is another opportunity for God to destroy the devil and allow us to confirm the victory that the Lord achieved for us. So nothing ever works out for the devil. From the time of Creation until now, he has never once beat God's strategy. When the old self comes back to life in us, it's not, "Oh, how frustrating. How could the old self come back to life again?" You have become righteous in name, but now, you must become practically righteous as you put the old self to death. That is the case in all the works of God. The important thing is to continue living in the Spirit, not about what you should or shouldn't do. Therefore, we must praise God. We cannot help but praise God.

From that perspective, it is unbelief if you do not believe in the human Jesus, and those who deny that Jesus came in the flesh are the antichrist. The core of the antichrist denies that Jesus is human, and rejects human Jesus. The proclamation of human Jesus in our church was the shattering of the chip, the core of the prostitute. But the fact that God gave us freewill means that God had endured all of these dangers. And the fact that he gave free will to man is clear proof that he gave us his image.

No matter what the devil does, God has every method to

win. “Oh, there’s no other way,” is a lie. It is because you’re not living by God. “Oh, I have no more money. I must die.” That is a lie. It is because you’re not living by God. God holds all of the ways to bring all things to victory. Just as Genesis 22 says, “And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,” we are people who confirm that the enemy has been defeated. No matter what the enemies may do, they are beings of destruction and defeat. So even though sin has entered this world, it is not a problem. Jesus came to this world for that reason and finished it all on the cross. The work is complete, what are you afraid of? It was finished on the cross. He said he destroyed the works of the devil.

So what is left for us to do? We must shout “Hallelujah!” to: “Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you (Luke 10:19).” “He disarmed the rulers and authorities (Colossians 2:15a).” “Hallelujah!” “But he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him (1 John 5:18b).” “Hallelujah!” This is the glory given to the new self. The glory of victory comes alive in me when I clearly confirm the righteousness that the ruler of the world has been judged. That is the power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and trample the devil. Furthermore, the Church has the power to destroy and control the lines of the enemy, from Lucifer

down to the pawn. Think about it sensibly. In Ephesians 3:10, the church is given the power to make known the manifold wisdom of God, so does it make sense to lose to these lowly demons? We lose when we are deceived into repeatedly living in the sarx. So we must not be deceived. We do not lose because there is no other way. We lose because we do not live by the Holy Spirit. Demons are by no means beings to fear. Even if you lose, you must not fear. Why not? Because you can get back up and receive righteousness again.

When you live in the Spirit, the package of sin, righteousness, and judgment moves within me, and moves as the word, and moves with God's dynamism. And in this way, you are transformed into God's likeness. The Old Testament prophecy in Zechariah 12:8: "... so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God..." is the decision of the Old Testament, and the apostles of the New Testament told of this countless times. So how confidently and boldly would these prophets and apostles have spoken these promises? Amen. In John 16:33b the Lord himself said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world," so tribulation is no longer a problem. That is why Paul, who knew of this astounding victory, said in Romans 8 that we are more than conquerors through him who loved us, and that nothing can separate us

from the love of God....I haven't got the time – bring it all at once. Is it that Paul is great? Of course, he is great. But God who gave us this incredible promise is the great one. The God of Paul is our God. Is your God not the same God? It isn't about who Paul is, but who God is is what's important. Therefore, we must shout out this astounding victory. “And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” You belong not to the world, but to God. If you have that kind of faith, you will always be victorious. Do you have this faith? The ruler of the world has been judged! Hallelujah!!

You must receive the word of “The Eye of the Hurricane” as a package. Then sin, righteousness, and judgment will move all together in me. When I live in the Spirit, these things continue to move around in me. Glory moves in me. The important thing is to live in the Spirit. You must be sensitive to the Spirit and not limit him. You must esteem the Holy Spirit, recognize him, and continue to put him ahead of you. Walk by the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, and walk in step with the Spirit. When you live by the Spirit, he will lead you regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Conclusion

E. Verses 12-15: is the end.

Verse 12: “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”

Because the Holy Spirit has not yet come, it would be useless to say anything to the disciples. So in John 14:26, it says, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” When the Holy Spirit comes, he will be the one who gives you understanding and teaches you. So if we do not have the Holy Spirit, no matter how many sermons you hear, it would be useless. If the Holy Spirit does not move in me, it is of no use. You are unable to hear the word because you do not live by the Spirit and do not have faith.

Verse 13: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

When the Spirit of truth comes: He is the Spirit of truth. As I said before, the fact that he is the Spirit of truth means that he always moves with truth. The Holy Spirit is a spirit that moves and follows truth. We covered this in Ephesians 1:14. Just as a train is free as long as it is on the track, the Holy Spirit must move with truth. 1 John 5:8 includes the blood, so water, blood, and the Holy Spirit are one. Being one means pursuing one thing. What does it mean to pursue one thing? It is the status of moving as one with the Spirit, moving as one with the blood, and moving as one with the word. It does not matter which one goes first. Sometimes the word will go ahead, and sometimes the blood will lead, and at other times, the Spirit will go to the front. And these three beings always move with one flow, just as the triune God pursues oneness. This glory has entered you. Calling you a new creation means that a new being is moving in a completely different way of life. Nothing in this world, or any being in the Old Testament, can live this kind of life. I said this in 2 Corinthians, but the Holy Spirit came upon a prophet and had him prophesy. Then, does the power of prophecy accumulate within that person, or not? Because it was the presence of the Holy Spirit, it does not accumulate. However, the holiness and power and rewards that the Holy Spirit works within you all belong to you. Living with the presence and living with indwelling are completely differ-

ent in the way you live. Even with just indwelling, you live as a completely transformed being. The life you lived by the Spirit becomes your glory, your reward, your praise and renown. So it is a wondrous thing to have become heirs. You will accumulate rewards of having lived by the Spirit after becoming heirs, not just in name only. In the same way, if you live in the old self, that will also accumulate. That is why the power of the old self grows. If you live in the new self, then the new self will grow stronger, and the glory of having lived in the new self will become yours. We can talk about tens of thousands of reasons why we should live in the Spirit, but we should live by the new self for this one reason. You must live by the Spirit.

The Spirit of truth refers to moving together with truth. ***He will guide you into all the truth:*** that the Holy Spirit is leading you means he is guiding you in the direction of moving together with truth. If truth moves, then the Spirit also moves together with it. I've always said this, but any church that teaches the word separately from the Holy Spirit is fake. The fullness of the Holy Spirit is the fullness of the word, and the fullness of the word is the fullness of Jesus, and the fullness of Jesus is the fullness of the Holy Spirit. If one moves, they all move together. This is the integrated principle of how the kingdom of God operates. You must realize the joy of living in this truth.

We spoke of the Helper earlier. The mere fact that the Helper is in me is tremendous. Also, the Spirit of truth refers to the power of the word. Why is the Spirit of truth important? John 1:1 says that the Word was God. In the very existence of the word is power and majesty, and the glorious word refers to God himself. As 2 Corinthians 4:4 states, the glory of the gospel is constantly moving in you, and this glory of the gospel is the same glory as the glory of God. Why do you think Paul risked his life to spread the gospel? It is because that glory is the same as the glory of God. In 1 Thessalonians 2:4, Paul says that God entrusted the gospel to him. Because he was entrusted with the glory of the gospel, he had to stake his life on the spreading of that glory. You must live knowing who you are. If you live without knowing who you are, you are in trouble. The glory that he placed in you is not just light, but it is the glory of God. It is the way of God's existence. That is the Spirit of truth.

Helper also means Comforter, and he protects and guides us. But he does not present us with an easy life according to the flesh. What is the Helper? The Holy Spirit comes inside me and leads my life according to the standard of God's holiness. In that sense, Romans 1:4 calls him the Spirit of holiness. Because Jesus was the one who shed the blood, it cannot apply to himself, but when the Spirit of holiness is applied to us, the

Spirit always seeks the precious blood. Because of the power and the glory of the blood, the power and effectiveness of all our sin can be deleted. In that sense, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of holiness. So when we live by the Spirit, we become holy. Romans 1:4 is the event of being “declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Just as he was acknowledged as the Son of God, if we live the Holy Spirit’s Spirit of holiness, we are always able to have the confirmation of being his heirs as children of God. That is the word of Romans 8:16.

Is he only the Spirit of holiness? No. He is also the Spirit of fellowship with the LORD. In 1 Corinthians 2:10, the Holy Spirit knows everything in me, and he searches even the depths of God, so he is the Spirit who connects me to God in fellowship. Why can’t you fellowship with God, and why can’t you go before his throne? It is because you are not living in the Spirit. If you live in the Spirit, you will fellowship every day. Also, the seven spirits appear in Isaiah 11: The Spirit of the LORD, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. It would be remarkable just to have the LORD, but we have all seven. If you live in the Spirit, all seven attributes will be revealed, but it does not happen because we limit the Holy Spirit

and do not expand him in our lives. Furthermore, just think that the Helper, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of fellowship, the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of wisdom, the omniscient, omnipotent Holy Spirit, lives inside me. That is why I say I cannot understand why in the world anyone would limit him or live by anything else. Now we must live by the Spirit. What must you do to be successful in business? Do you need to meet the right people and manage your finances well? No. You must live in the Spirit. The problem is in not living by the Spirit.

For he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. As I said, when the Holy Spirit comes, his work is to teach exactly what Jesus spoke, and reveal all the secrets of prophecy, and revelation. You will not have fear of future uncertainty if you live by the Spirit. It is all because you do not live by the Spirit that you worry, “How can I feed my son? Now what do I need to do?” and are filled with anxiety every day. If you live by the Spirit, there is no uncertainty about the future.

Verse 14: He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Finally, the word “glorify” has appeared. Fundamentally, glo-

ry is the mode of existence for the triune God. Whatever they do, the kind of work they do, whatever thought they have, and whatever way of life they manifest – in all things, God’s glory is revealed. But what is the shocking thing? Who is invited into the glory of the triune God? He has called me a son of God, and has invited me into the dynamism of the triune God. That means that I have received the same glory as them, and that same glory can be revealed in me. That is why when glory comes in the New Testament, freedom, abundance, and power come. When we speak of glory, we are essentially speaking of the same glory as God’s glory. The glory of the gospel and the glory of God are one in the same. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that we are being transformed into the same image of God from one degree of glory to another, by the Holy Spirit. What kind of glory is this? It is all the same as God’s glory. The glory that is being applied to us is all God’s glory as well. So in 1 Peter 1, when the angels said they longed to look into your salvation, it means that they longed to know the glory of these children of God who were saved, and searched and inquired of these things. This is because the angels were never given glory. It is impossible for angels to look upon glory. To say, “You must see your own glory as the image of God,” is beyond unconventional, which is beyond any method of expression. This is something even an archangel cannot do. Nobody can

look upon that glory. Looking at the light of an archangel with physical eyes would cause blindness. How long could you stare at the sun? One minute? If you stare at the sun too long, you will ruin your eyes. But why are you able to see glory? It is because God placed the essence of glory in us. “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Verse 15: All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

All that the Father has is mine: This is talking about glory. That glory is now my glory. If you believe this, there is no reason why you can't pray. God has invited me to the same glory as his own glory, and has allowed me to live by him, so now it is possible for this kind of united relationship of “I in him, and he in me”. “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you (John 15:7).” “Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do (John 14:13a).” Why did he give us this kind of power and authority in prayer, telling us to seek whatever we want, and that he would give us what we ask for? It is because I have become a being who

shares in that glory. From a Jewish point of view, to say that what belongs to the Father belongs to me, is to commit blasphemy. “How could you possibly have the glory of God?” But by the price of all that he did for us, the Lord invites us there. That is why he calls you royal children. This is not something he said in order to please your ears. Weren’t we stripped of all these powers because we were deceived by the enemy? And that is why our prayers were powerless, we did not know what to pray for, and there was no way of telling if we had power or not. All promises regarding prayer isn’t at the level of, “I will give it to you if you pray,” but God has shared his same glory with us.

John 17:20-22a: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them....” All of the glorious fellowship from before the creation of the world was between the Lord Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. But to whom did they give this glory? We are the recipients. Verse 22: “The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.” We are now one with him. We should not make these blasphemous statements, but going from ‘trinity’ to ‘tetranity’

is blasphemous. That is not what I mean, but we are that closely united with him. Of course, he is a self-sufficient God, and we are just dependent gods, which is the only difference, but we are created together in essentially the same glory. This is the Lord's last will and testament, which he clearly promised in John 17. What is the core of that will? We have become one with the Lord, and he has given us his glory.

So, verse 23: "I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." The problem of glory is the problem of love. That he has given us glory means that he has given us his perfect love. It is a huge deal. Why can we pray? Is it because we need money and have many needs? No. I said it before, "Praying is not begging. Prayer is taking up the honor of your being and boldly going before his throne and seeking." Why can we pray? Why did he tell us to ask him for whatever we want? It is because he has granted you the same glory. He has granted you love. By giving love, he has given life. It is possible to pray because he has given you his life.

Therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. The Holy Spirit will make everything known. What will he tell us? "You are a completely victorious being." He tells us regarding sin, and tells us regarding

righteousness, and tells us regarding judgment. “You are an outstanding being with whom I have shared my glory. So what do you lack? What more shall I give you?” We no longer need anything else. He has revealed to us how we should live. I have also told you. If you don’t know, you are my enemy.



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