

## Why Don't I Have Assurance?

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his son. He who has the son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1John 5:11~13)

Many church goers frankly say that they do not have assurance of salvation. There are even more believers who do not have this assurance but don't admit it. Furthermore, there are people who devote their lives to foolish things because they do not have this assurance. Why do they go on living without this assurance? We must find the answer to this question.

### 1. It is because they do not know the new life of those who are saved.

- (1) A saved person is one who has surely accepted Jesus with his heart and mind and confessed this with his mouth(Jn 1:12, Rev 3:20).
- (2) The Spirit works in those who have accepted Jesus regardless of their own power. This is true life(Ro 8:2, 1Co 3:16, 12:3).
- (3) What is the condition of the one who does not have this new life(Holy Spirit)?
  - ① He is in the same condition as Adam and Eve who fell away and forfeited this life(before salvation).
  - ② Satan is in control of his spirit(Jn 8:44, Ac 10:38).
  - ③ He may acquire much but can find no peace(Mt 11:28~29).
  - ④ He may achieve success but troubles never cease(Mt 12:25).
  - ⑤ His body is controlled and led by Satan, without him even knowing it(Eph 2:2~3).
  - ⑥ In time, even his body becomes sick(Ac 8:4~8).
  - ⑦ His heart and mind will also be afflicted(Ac 16:16~18).
  - ⑧ The day he leaves this world, he is going to hell(Lk 16:19~31).

### 2. It is because they do not know the blessings of the saved.

- (1) Those who are saved are freed from sin that causes curses and condemnation(Eph 2:1).
  - ① Original sin
  - ② Actual sins
  - ③ Ancestors' sins
- (2) They are immediately freed from the burdens of the world and the power of Satan(Eph 2:2).
- (3) They are eternally freed from the power of hell(Eph 2:6).
- (4) They leave their testimony for generations to come(Eph 2:7).

### 3. It is because they do not know the privileges of the saved(Mt 16:13~20).

- (1) The privilege of proclaiming the Gospel is given only to the saints.
  - ① He makes them as firm as rocks(salvation).
  - ② He builds his church(evangelism).
- (2) The privilege of overcoming Satan's power is given only to the saints.
  - ① We need to enter with an attitude to do battle(1Pe 5:8, Jms 4:7).
  - ② We need to have an attitude of persevering to the end(Lk 18:5).
- (3) The privilege of answered prayer is given only to the saints.
  - ① "The blessings" received by the unsaved come from Satan's limited power under God's permissive will(Pr 16:4).
  - ② Therefore, you must have the key to answered prayer.

### 4. It is because they do not know the lifestyle of the saved.

- (1) Let's confirm the lifestyle of the unsaved.
- (2) Believers must receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit(Jn 14:26~27).
  - ① Cast off your anxieties(1Pe 5:7).
  - ② When you completely deny yourself, you can then gain everything(Gal 2:20).
  - ③ Get rid of hidden motives. These motives bring failure after victory. God's Spirit is not deceived by man(Ac 5:1~10).
- (3) If you want to be led by the Holy Spirit:
  - ① Jesus Christ must be the center of your life(2 Co 5:17).
  - ② Prayer must be the highest priority in your life(Ac 16:13, 16).
  - ③ Your life's everything must be the proclamation of the Gospel(Ac 1:8).

#### • Healing - Problem of ancestor worship

- (1) Dead person's wish(Lk 16:19~31)
- (2) Ancestor worship-unbiblical, unscientific, primitive
- (3) The spiritual problems that come from ancestor worship(1Co 10:20, Mt 12:43~35).

## Now That I'm Saved, How Have I Changed?

But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Corinthians 2:10, 14)

God has spared no expense in order to save His people. He took on flesh (Jn 1:14), shed His blood, resurrected, ascended to heaven, and even now watches over us through the Holy Spirit. Even so, the majority of the people do not understand what salvation means.

### 1. What are the wrong views of salvation(things that are not salvation)?

- (1) Incorrectly think that having a religion brings salvation (Jn 3:1~10). Religion was made by man; therefore, it is not the Gospel. Even though there is the intention to do good, the unsaved cannot do good and even his "good deeds" are not considered good in God's sight (Jn 3:1~10). (It is the same as all the things a pirate does, no matter how good, are all in service to piracy)
- (2) Think that salvation is enrolling and attending church. It is like what Jesus spoke of in Matthew 12:43~45, simply attending church is worthless and only piles up more burdens.
- (3) Think that diligence is the standard of measurement for salvation. Do you remember the zeal of the Pharisees? Are not Buddhists also zealous? The result of this zeal is only emptiness and failure (disappointment).
- (4) Misunderstand that salvation can be gained through strong convictions (philosophies). These convictions bring ridiculous results, and when you are alone, you have no choice but to feel like a failure.
- (5) Think that salvation can be gained by memorizing and reciting scriptures, religious chants and by praying. These produce only temporary, external change, never inner

destruction.

- a. They leave this earth having failed in their life.
- b. Destruction continues to the third and fourth generations (Ex 20:4).
- c. Their physical bodies suffer from mental illnesses, sicknesses that come from demon~possession, and unknown sicknesses (Mt 8:16~17).
- ④ And finally they will end up in hell (Lk 16:19~31, Rev 14:1~9).

### 3. There is only one Savior.

- (1) He must be the One who has the power to defeat Satan's power.
- (2) He must come clothed in flesh (Jn 1:1, 14).
- (3) But He must be without sin (Heb 4:15, 1Pe 3:18).
- (4) He must not be a descendant of Adam (born of a virgin).
- (5) A sinless person must die to pay the price of sin (Ge 2:17).
- (6) He must resurrect as evidence that he is God (1Co 15:3~5).
- (7) This person is none other than Jesus Christ.
- (8) Only Jesus, who is God Himself, can defeat Satan's power and save man (Php 2:6~9).
- (9) This is being testified even today (Ac 16:16~18).

### 4. What exactly is salvation? (Eph 2:1~6)

- (1) It is freedom from sin that definitely results in destruction.
  - ① Original sin - sin that causes eternal condemnation (Eph 2:1).
  - ② Actual sins - sins that result from original sin (Eph 2:1).
  - ③ Ancestors' sins~ancestors' sins of idol worship that bring disasters to the descendants (Ex 20:4).
- (2) It is escaping from Satan's power and the resulting fate (Eph 2:2).
- (3) It is being seated in heaven in the future (Eph 2:6).
- (4) Evidences of this appear in our present life (Eph 2:7).

#### • Healing - Those who are suffering from demonic influence.

- (1) Faith Ge 3:15, Mt 16:13~15, 17:1~8, 28:16~20, Ac 1:8
- (2) Spiritual power~scheduled prayer, continuous prayer, spiritual power

#### • Let's try to understand 1John 3:8.

## Why Is Jesus The Only Way For Us?

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (1 John 3:8)

### 1. Most people cannot distinguish salvation from living.

- (1) They think that all religions are the same.
- (2) They think that doing good works is the goal of all religions.
- (3) They think the way to be saved is to do meritorious and virtuous deeds.
- (4) Christianity is not a religion but life itself.
- (5) Religion is created by man, but the Gospel is given by God.
- (6) Religion is about man searching for God, but the Gospel is about God coming down to man.
- (7) Religions' standard of measurement is the works of man, but the standard of the Gospel is God's gift of salvation.

### 2. Most people don't realize the condemned state of the unsaved.

- (1) Original sin signifies the state of those who have not received salvation(Ro 3:10, 23).
- (2) This means that they are still in the hands of Satan who appeared in Genesis chapter 3(Eph 2:2~3).
- (3) The state of condemnation is terrible.
  - ① It is the state of the spirit being held by Satan's spirit.
  - ② It is the state of a spirit that is cursed.
  - ③ Naturally, they suffer from idol worship, ancestor worship, talisman, sorcery, fortune-telling, superstitions, and folk religions until they come to their final

change. In Matthew 11:28~30, Jesus explains the solution and invites those suffering under "religious" living to come to Him.

### 2. Then, what is the state of being saved?

- (1) There is inner(spiritual) change.
- (2) The state of salvation means that the Holy Spirit dwells within you and governs you.
- (3) Romans 8:2 says that this life is the Holy Spirit. John 3:3~5 says you cannot enter the Kingdom of God unless you are born again by water and the Holy Spirit.
- (4) John 14:16~17 says the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, can neither leave you nor be cast out from you.
- (5) When you understand the indwelling of the Holy Spirit:
  - ① Romans 8:2, 4, 9 says the Holy Spirit meets the requirements of salvation and fulfills the law.
  - ② you come to know God's will, blessings, and grace(1Co 2:10~14).
  - ③ you come to know that you are the temple of God(1Co 3:16).
  - ④ the Holy Spirit fixes the things that are incorrect(Gal 5:16~18).
  - ⑤ the Holy Spirit guides you because you are weak(Jn 14:26~27).
  - ⑥ he leads you in peace(Jn 14:27).
  - ⑦ he answers prayers(Ro 8:26).
  - ⑧ he works out all things for the good(Ro 8:28).

### 3. How can you enter into this state of salvation?

- (1) To dwell in Jesus is to have the life of Jesus in you.
- (2) This means being born of water and the Spirit(be born from above).
- (3) There is only one way(Jn 3:14~16).

### 4. There are four changes that appear in those who have this life(Holy Spirit). Four things that change.

- (1) Spiritually, your family registry changes(Jn 8:44 → 1Jn 3:2, Jn 5:24).
- (2) Your status changes(Ro 6:17 → Ro 6:22).
- (3) The state of your spiritual and physical life changes(Eph 2:1 → Eph 2:5)
- (4) The guidance in your life changes(Eph 2:2 → Gal 5:18).

### 5. How does God guide those who have this life?

- (1) He will never abandon you, but will guide and sanctify you to the end (Jn 14:16, 26; Gal 5:16~18).
- (2) No one can destroy those who have this life. Let's confirm Romans 8:31~39.

#### • Healing - Narcotics, all types of drugs

- (1) Spiritual healing(Ac 1:4~8, 1Co 2:10, 1Jn 2:20~27, Ac 1:8)
- (2) Physical healing(blood, blood vessels)

## How Should You Go On From Here?

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. No one has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. [John 17:11~12]

Now that you are saved, you have received complete spiritual deliverance and freedom. Then, while you live here on earth, what should you do?

### 1. Deeply keep in mind and know that Satan will exist until the end of the world(final judgment).

- (1) The Bible is the only book in the world that exposes Satan's schemes.
- (2) Satan's head is already crushed(Ge 3:15). Knowing his time is up, he is wanting to cause as much destruction as possible before he finally goes to hell(1Pe 5:8).
- (3) On the last day of the world, Satan will be completely bound(Mt 25:41).
- (4) But don't put your guard down because Satan will use his evil spirits, spirits of false prophets, spirits of heresy, and demons to hinder you.
- (5) Have victory daily through prayer(Eph 6:18).
- (6) Satan will try to destroy your family(Mt 12:28~29).
- (7) Satan roams around to devour unbelievers as well as believers without assurance(1Pe 5:7~8).
- (8) Once you allow a demon to enter you, he will return with demons seven times more powerful(Mt 12:44~45).
- (9) He causes all kinds of diseases(incurable, unknown diseases)(Mt 8:15~17).
- (10) He brings confusion to your mind(Mk 5:10, Ac 16:16~18).
- (11) He flees from the believers who have assurance(Jms 4:7).
- (12) He looks for a dry, arid place to rest(Mt 12:43~44).
- (13) He especially looks for "empty houses" to go into(Mt 12:45).

- (3) He is Jesus Christ.
- (4) Jesus has both divine and human nature(Mt 16:16~19).
  - ① Messiah(Christ) - Savior, God
  - ② God's son - Came in human flesh
- (5) Receiving Jesus Christ is the way to meet God(Jn 1:12, Rev 3:20).
- (6) When you receive Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you.
 

This is salvation(Jn 14:15, 26~27).
- (7) At this time the power of Satan completely departs.
- (8) Let's sincerely pray to receive Jesus.

### 4. Evidence that God is with you.

- (1) When the Spirit comes to dwell in you, He begins to lead you and daily guide you on the road of sanctification(Jn 14:26~27).
- (2) When you correctly receive God's Word, the Spirit guides you.
  - ① The Bible is God's living Word(Heb 4:12).
  - ② When you receive the Word, your spirit is revived(Ps 119:25).
- (3) When your sin is resolved, the Spirit guides you(Ps 66:18, Gal 5:16~18).
- (4) When you sincerely and persistently make time to pray with specific prayer topics, you will experience God's power.
- (5) Satan, who has lost hold of you, will try to hinder you through his demons. That is why God tells us to be filled with the Holy Spirit(Eph 5:18).
- (6) Power is given when you are filled by the Holy Spirit(Ac 1:8).
 

You can win over:

  - ① yourself
  - ② the world
  - ③ Satan
- (7) Doors of evangelism will open.
- (8) Evidences that God is alive will appear.
- (9) Can you understand John 14:6?

### • Healing - Anxiety

- (1) Word, Breath of Life(Ez 37:1~10)
- (2) The method and power of continuous prayer

## How Can You Meet God?

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

### 1. God is Spirit.

- (1) Since God is Spirit, you cannot see Him with your physical eyes.
- (2) Therefore, God is not limited by anyone or anything. Anything that is limited by human hands is not God. It is an idol and demons dwell within it(1Co 10:20).
- (3) Because God is Spirit, He is omnipresent.
- (4) He is omniscient.
- (5) He is omnipotent.
- (6) Therefore, He is called Jehovah.
- (7) Since we are spiritual beings, salvation means meeting God, who is Spirit(Is 40:18~31).

### 2. But because you have a physical body.

- (1) You cannot see God.
- (2) Your spirit is subject to the limitations of your physical body.
- (3) The separation of the spirit from your physical body is death.
- (4) The opportunity for salvation is only while you are still in your physical body(Lk 16:19~31).

### 3. The way to meet God.

- (1) To save man, God, who is Spirit, came in the form of a man(Jn 1:14).
- (2) Therefore, He is without sin and His spirit is the spirit of God.

- (14) He hates the saints praying and knowing the Bible the most(1Th 5:16~18).
- (15) He hates the giving of true worship the most(Mt 4:8~11).
- (16) He fears keeping the Lord's Day and evangelism.

### 2. Therefore, remember these five things and live it out.

- (1) Know Jesus Christ properly and intimately(Is 53:5, 3Jn 1:2, 1Jn 3:8).  
Satan is completely bound by Jesus' name.
- (2) Continue to deepen your faith in the power of the Triune God, which is revealed in the Bible(Jn 3:16).
- (3) In prayer and faith, always place Jesus Christ at the center of your heart, home, and all areas of your life.
- (4) When you confess and testify the name and power of Jesus Christ as the priority of your life, then you have the victory(Ro 10:9~10, Mt 10:32~33, 16:13~18, Ac 2:21).
- (5) When Jesus Christ becomes the Lord of your life, the Holy Spirit's power works in you regardless of your ability, circumstances, intellect, and background(Ac 1:8).

### 3. Examine the diagrams and find where you are and where you should be.



- (1) Make Christ the center of your life, and cast off your anxieties, problems, and burden of sin.
- (2) Make Christ the center of your life, and get rid of your stubbornness.
- (3) Make Christ the center of your life, and throw away your worries(negative, pessimistic attitude).
- (4) Make Christ the center of your life, and do not rely first on your own experiences.
- (5) Make Christ the center of your life, and do not have any prejudices.  
Because the Holy Spirit in you is perfect.

### • Healing - Weakness(The way to experience God's power).

- (1) Scheduled prayer
- (2) Continuous prayer
- (3) Corporate prayer(Prayer that you pray collectively together)
- (4) Concentrated prayer
- (5) Conversational prayer
- (6) Authoritative prayer(Prayer of using your spiritual authority)

## When Is God's Power Revealed?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18~20)

You can realistically experience God's power and blessings, when you know who you are and who Jesus Christ is. It all begins when you understand where you came from, what you must do and where you are going.

### 1. First, keep in mind 7 things.

- (1) Man was originally created in the image of God to live in perfect fellowship with God(Ge 1:27).
- (2) But because of Satan, that image was darkened and entered into a state of death(Ge 3:1~10, Eph 2:1~2, Jn 8:44).
- (3) From that time on, failure, death, and suffering unceasingly came in(Ge 3:11~20).
- (4) You live as a sojourner in this world, and then you will return to your home(heaven or hell)(Lk 16:19~31).
- (5) God came to this world to restore the image of God in man and to destroy the enemy(1Jn 3:8).
- (6) Jesus Christ is God and man(Jn 1:14, Php 2:6~10).
- (7) When you accept Jesus(life), all of your problems are solved(Mt 11:28).

### 2. Now begin to fight 3 battles.

- (1) Battle against yourself. "If you know the Truth, the Truth will set you free."(Jn 8:32)
  - ① Entrust your present circumstances to God and uncover His plan for you.
  - ② Rather than your will, seek God's perfect will(The Lord's Prayer).

emptiness(Col 2:8~9).

- (5) This is all because people don't know what original sin is.

### 3. You cannot meet God, if you have not received salvation.

- (1) You must first receive salvation to meet God.
- (2) Without being born again, you cannot see God(Jn 3:3~5).
- (3) Salvation means freedom from Satan, destiny and fate.
- (4) Salvation means coming out of sin.
- (5) Salvation means deliverance from the power of hell.
- (6) Hell is the place designated for Satan's children(Mt 25:41).
- (7) Heaven is the place for God's children.

### 4. Just as a corpse cannot move, a dead soul's efforts are useless.

- (1) The efforts of those who have not received salvation result merely in external changes.
- (2) These efforts may be good but they don't merit salvation.
- (3) Nothing on earth is worthy enough with which to gain heaven.

### 5. Why can't you gain salvation through works(effort)?

- (1) You cannot revive your spirit with your own efforts.
- (2) You cannot revive your spirit with the help of others.
- (3) No hero has ever been sent to the earth to defeat Satan(Ac 4:12).
- (4) Salvation is the grace of God(Eph 2:8~9).

### • Healing - Bad dreams

- (1) Health problems - regular exercise, orderly life, nutrition
- (2) Meditative prayer - meditation
- (3) Scheduled prayer - Da 6:10, 22; Ge 13:18, Ac 3:1, Ac 16:16~31

## Why Can't People Meet God?

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

People are unhappy because they are separated from God. Life apart from God brings misery. Then, why can't people meet God?

### 1. It is because people have separated from God.

- (1) Their spirits are dead(Eph 2:1).
- (2) It is the state where God's spirit has left them.
  - ① Original man - God's spirit was with man (Ge 1:27).
  - ② After the fall, God's spirit left him and he became spiritually dead. Therefore, without a constant blood sacrifice, man immediately receives curses(Cain).
  - ③ Since God's spirit has left him, Satan's spirit entered and took control (1Co 2:12).
- (3) They became ignorant of God's will because even their knowledge and wisdom become darkened(2Th 2:10~11).
- (4) Even though they received God's Word, they could not understand it (2Co 4:4~5).

### 2. People are struggling to meet God.

- (1) Mankind is a spiritual being, so we have the natural instinct to seek God.
- (2) People think they can meet God by being sincere but it ends in failure.
- (3) People think that religion is the answer, so they seek out a religion and zealously live a religious life(Mt 12:43~45).
- (4) People try to meet God through philosophy, but they fail and fall into a state of greater

- ③ Rather than your plans, trust that God's plan is more perfect(Ro 8:28~29).
- ④ Your own stubbornness and thinking are of no benefit to you.
- ⑤ You must completely surrender your whole self to the Lord.
- ⑥ The Truth is Jesus Christ, and He is holy. Therefore, holy living makes you completely free.
- (2) Battle against Satan who tries to deceive you in the last days.
  - ① You cannot defeat Satan by your own strength but Jesus' power can.
  - ② John 1:12 states that God gave "right" to His children.
  - ③ Matthew 28:18 states that Jesus has "all authority in heaven and on earth."
  - ④ Even demons must obey Jesus' authority(Mk 1:27).
  - ⑤ The reason Jesus appeared was to destroy the devil's work(1Jn 3:8).
  - ⑥ Because the authority of answers to prayers is with the Lord(Jn 16:24).
- (3) Battle against the world ~ receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
  - ① John 14:16 states that the Counselor(Holy Spirit) will be with you forever.
  - ② John 14:26~27 states that the Holy Spirit will remind you of all things.
  - ③ 1John 2:20 states that you have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and you know the Truth.
  - ④ Matthew 12:28 states that where the Holy Spirit comes, there is the Kingdom of God.
  - ⑤ Acts 1:8 states that you will receive power.

### 3. When does the power of God begin to work?

- (1) The blessings began as soon as you became a child of God and resolved the problem of original sin.
- (2) God's power begins to appear when your actual sins are resolved.
- (3) Discover God's will in the midst of hardships, persecutions, sickness and frustrations.
- (4) Discover God's goal within your life.
- (5) Seek out God's greater purpose in the place where you are.
- (6) When you pray for these things, God's power comes upon you.
- (7) You will be victorious when Jesus Christ is sufficient for you.

#### • Healing - Mental illness

- (1) Mt 12:25~45
- (2) Ac 16:16~18
- (3) Mk 5:1~10

## Prayer Is a Spiritual Science

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:5~13, 18:1~8)

Since God is Almighty, He listens to your prayers and answers them. As a sinner, you cannot approach God with your requests, but if you pray in the name of Jesus, who is without sin, God answers (Jn 16:24).

### 1. Why are there answers when unbelievers pray?

- (1) All religions have formal(liturgical) prayers or the act of prayer.
  - ① Why are there answers to prayers offered to beasts?
  - ② Why are there answers to prayers offered to rocks or trees?
  - ③ Why are there answers to prayers offered to papers, drawings, or photographs?
  - ④ Why are there answers to prayers offered to boxes, hand-made idols, or god-dwelling dishes?
  - ⑤ Why do leaders of particular religions have powers?

The answer is found in 1Corinthians 10:20 and Matthew 24:11.

- (2) Unbelievers get immediate answers to prayers, but whether it was good or bad, after its purpose is served, failure comes.
- (3) When a child of God prays, God answers in three ways.
  - ① In most cases, the answer comes immediately in the way you prayed.
  - ② God says, "No" if it is unbeneficial or unnecessary.
  - ③ Sometimes God answers your prayers with something even better than what you had asked for. This is because God desires to bless His people.

### 3. How long will this unhappiness last?

- (1) It continues even now(Eph 2:1~2).
- (2) It is continually increasing(Mt 11:28~29).
- (3) It gets worse in spite of our endeavors to solve the problems(Mt 12:43~45).

### 4. Then why doesn't this unhappiness go away?

- (1) There is a being who brings us unhappiness.
- (2) His name appears in the Bible.
  - ① Satan      ② The Devil      ③ Demon
- (3) When did he appear?
  - ① An angel became corrupt and fell from heaven(Ez 28:14~19).
  - ② He was thrown out from heaven and hurled into the air(Eph 2:2).
  - ③ He roams about the earth to ruin and destroy people.
  - ④ Eventually, he will be sent to hell(Mt 25:41).

### 5. What happens if you remain ignorant of God?

- (1) Spiritual problems will come(Jn 8:44).
- (2) You suffer without knowing the true reasons why(Ac 10:38, 8:7~8).
- (3) You do not have happiness(Mt 12:25~28).
- (4) There is no peace in your heart(Mt 11:28).
- (5) You have physical sufferings(Ac 8:4~8).
- (6) You have mental sufferings(Ac 16:16~18).
- (7) You are destined to end up in hell(Lk 16:19~31).

### 6. The peace you get in this world from others is only momentary(temporary).

- (1) It is worldly.
- (2) It is carnal.
- (3) It is only for pleasure.
- (4) It causes greater unhappiness.

### • Divination, fortune-telling, exorcism (chasing out lesser spirits and accepting more powerful ones)

- (1) The result of long-term experience in these areas is failure.
- (2) The way to be eternally freed.
  - ① Realize the fact that mankind fell into sufferings because of the sin of disobeying God's Word. (Mankind's fundamental problem: Genesis chapter 3)
  - ② Believe in and accept Jesus Christ(Jn 1:12).
  - ③ You will have the authority of God being with you(Mt 28:20).



# Why Are People Unhappy?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

What is the reason why people, who should be happy, are unable to find happiness? Rather they are living in suffering, afflicted by many problems such as family, health, financial, mental, and worries about the future. In a desperate pursuit of happiness, they try turning to drinking, gambling, dancing, or loose living only to fall deeper into despair. What is the reason for this?

## 1. It is because people are separated from God.

- (1) Due to their disobedience they became ignorant of God(Jn 10:10, Ro 3:23).
- (2) As the result, they have fallen into a state of sin(Ro 3:10).
- (3) They have fallen into all kinds of suffering.
  - ① They have mental suffering(Mt 11:28).
  - ② They live worthless and unbalanced lives(Mt 12:25).
  - ③ They are afflicted with physical illnesses(Ac 8:7~8, Mt 8:16~17).
  - ④ The root cause - spiritual problem
- (4) To find a solution, they turn to superstitions or religions.

## 2. The Bible tells us when this unhappiness began.

- (1) It began during the time of mankind's first ancestors, Adam and Eve.
- (2) The root cause (Ge 3:1~15) : Sinned by disobeying God's Word.
- (3) The result (Ge 3:16~19) : Fell into suffering and curses

## 2. Who can receive God's answers(qualifications)?

- (1) Only God's child can receive answers(Jn 1:12).
- (2) Pray in Jesus' name(Jn 16:24).
- (3) Receive answers by confessing your sins(Ps 66:18).
- (4) He answers those who pray with faith(Lk 11:5~12).
- (5) He answers those who pray patiently to the end(Lk 18:1~8).
- (6) Receive the answers the Holy Spirit gives through your thought, heart, and as He grants you wisdom(Php 4:6~7).

## 3. There are things that God's child should be careful of when praying.

- (1) Not "my will be done" but "Your perfect will be done."
- (2) Not "by my plan" but "by Your great plan."
- (3) Not "my circumstances" but "God's hidden plan."
- (4) Not "a heart of vengeance", but "a heart of forgiveness."
- (5) With an attitude of submission to God's will.

## 4. Prayer is a "spiritual science."

- (1) When you pray, the Holy Spirit works(Lk 11:13, Mt 12:28).
- (2) When the Holy Spirit works, the forces of evil spirits are bound(Mt 12:28~29).
- (3) When the Holy Spirit works, God's powerful angels are mobilized to carry out God's work.
  - ① Heb 1:14    ② Rev 8:3~5    ③ Da 10:10~20
- (4) From this point your surroundings begin to change(Est 4:14).
- (5) God sends people of answers to you(Ac 10:1~9).
  - ① Ge 18:2~15(Abraham)    ② 1Ki 19:5~7(Elijah)
  - ③ 2Ki 6:13~17(Elisha)    ④ 2Ki 20:1~10(Hezekiah)
  - ⑤ Ac 1:10~11    ⑥ Ac 5:19~20, 10:1~4, 12:1~10
  - ⑦ Rev 1:1~20

## • Healing - Incurable disease, Cancer

- (1) Assurance of Salvation
- (2) Work of the Holy Spirit
- (3) Work of Satan
- (4) Healing - Scheduled prayer(filling of the Holy Spirit), continuous prayer (physical problem)
- (5) Nutrition and medicine are God's blessing too.
- (6) Solution of spiritual problem; spiritual power is important.

## Why Does Sickness Depart When You Pray?

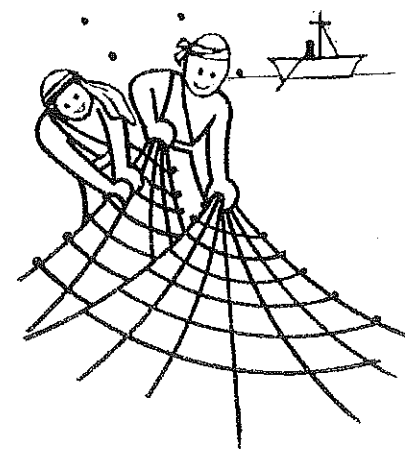
When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matthew 8:14~17)

Jesus preached the Gospel as He healed the sick. The apostles and the saints of the Early Church put healing and proclaiming the Gospel side by side. Jesus gave us a sure promise in Mark 16:15~20.

1. In the Bible, there are promises of healing.
  - (1) "All who touched him were healed."(Mk 6:56)
  - (2) "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."(Mt 8:17)
  - (3) "By his wounds we are healed."(Is 53:5)
2. First diagnose the root cause of the disease.
  - (1) There are diseases caused by fatigue(overwork), carelessness, infections or aging.
  - (2) But the Bible reveals three truly important causes of disease that cannot be healed by human means. They need spiritual treatment.
    - ① Diseases caused by sin
      - a. Sins of ancestors:
 

Idol worship is the punished down to the third and fourth generation(Ex 20:4, 2Sa 12:15).  
They manifest as unknown diseases and cannot be cured by medical treatment.
      - b. Original sin:
 

Because the spirit is in a state of death, treatment is impossible.
      - c. Diseases caused by actual sins:



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(2Ki 5:27, 2Ch 21:12~19, 1Ch 5:5)

② Diseases which are brought by Satan(evil spirits)

- a. Mental(Mk 5:3~15)
- b. Emotional(Eph 4:23~27)
- c. Environmental(Mt 12:25~28)
- d. Neural(Mk 9:17, Lk 13:16)

③ Diseases which serve God's will(2Co 12:7, Da 8:27)

3. Incorrect treatment leads to a worse condition.

- (1) Treatment relying only on medical technology and medicine.
- (2) Treatment that only looks for physical results.
- (3) Treatment relying on religious methods, superstitions, evil spirits.

4. Know the correct order of healing.

(1) There must be spiritual healing first(1Jn 1:2).

① Receive Jesus Christ into your heart(Jn 1:12).

② Be filled with the Holy Spirit(Eph 5:18).

(2) Stop sinning(Jms 5:13~16).

(3) Correct your environment/situation(Mt 12:25~29).

(4) Now you can administer medical treatment(Jms 5:13~14).

5. What you do after the healing is also important.

- (1) Keep up your works of faith.
- (2) Restore a heart and life of thanksgiving.
- (3) Live a life of witnessing.

#### • Healing - AIDS

(1) Arrival of the age of AIDS

(2) Sexual confusion, age of apathy

(3) How can we treat this?

① Is this really an incurable disease?

② Resolve it by the power of prayer.

③ God has prepared foods that will heal on this earth.

(4) It must be resolved by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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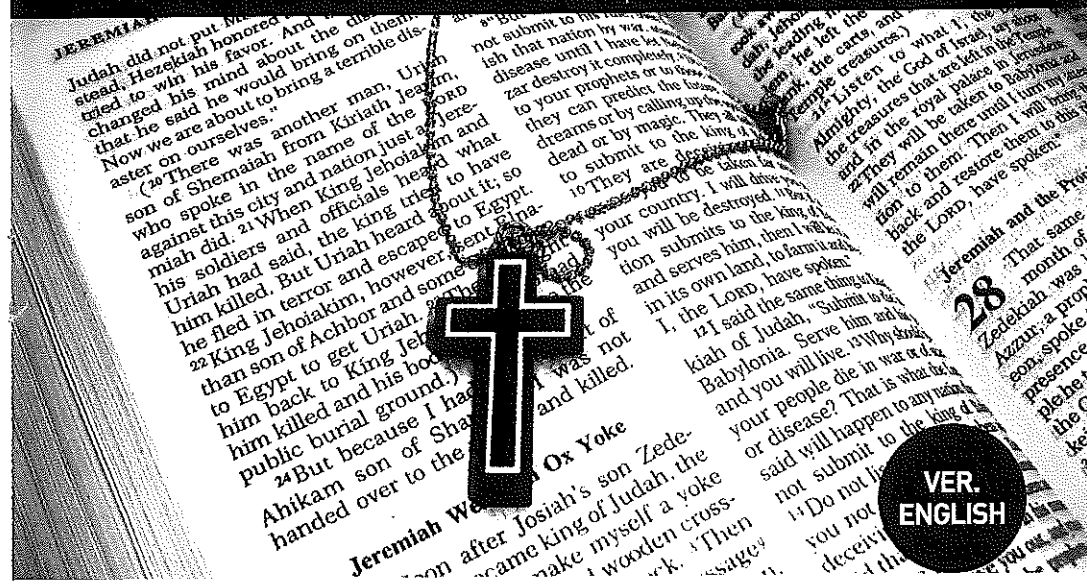
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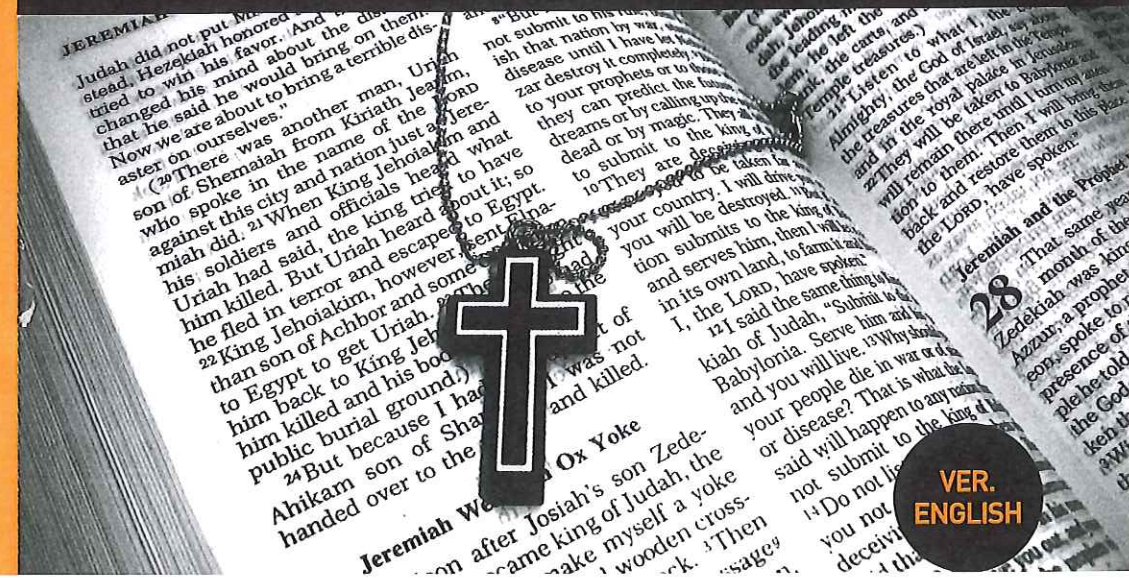
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