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Acts 2: 36-42

Unchanging God

God is good. Considering the general meaning of “to be good”, to say “God is good” can be interpreted to ‘God is kind’. When the Bible says “God is good” it refers to God as one who is immutable. God is the same from eternity past to eternity (Heb 13:8).

For humans their start and end are very different. When a man and woman get married, they make a vow to each other saying, “Till death do us part”. However as time goes by, their vows becomes uncertain. Unlike humans who are so changeable, God shed His own blood in order to fulfill His will to save the fallen mankind (Nu 23:19).

There are two things which are impossible for God. First, God cannot change. Second, God can not lie. Therefore, God is the true God (Jn 17:3). Jesus said, “I am the truth”, and this means He is true. Jesus Christ is the truth that is the same yesterday and today and forever, for every deed of Jesus Christ followed the will of the true God (Jn 6:38). What is will of God? It is that He shall lose none of all that God has given to Jesus, but raise them up at the last day (Jn 6:39). Jesus became obedient to death on the cross to achieve God's will.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save Him from death (Heb 5:7). What would have happened if God's will to save Jesus had changed after Jesus died, or if It had been a lie? If so, Jesus would have been forever abandoned by God. However, Jesus had faith in God that He will save Him, and thus died on the cross according to God's will.

Our faith is to believe the fact that God doesn't lie and doesn't change. This is the reason why we can devote our life to God. God raised Jesus Christ to life. The same God will also raise us at the last day.

What shall we do?

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he testified that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and the Jews who heard Peter's testimony were cut to the heart. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” This is the question that we should ask ourselves now, and we should have an answer for it. Because the answer to this question determines the outcome of our spirit.

“What shall we do?” Peter confidently gave an answer to this question. He replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:38)”. There are three important factors in Peter's answer. First is to be baptized. Second is to be forgiven of your sins. Third is to receive the Holy Spirit.

Be Baptized

Being baptized is to be set apart from the world. To be holy means that you are set apart from the world. Our Lord said, “Be holy, because I am holy” (1 Pe 1:16). Like all other people, Jesus walked and lived on the earth, but Jesus was distinguished from all others. Likewise, we are the ones that have been set apart. Even though we eat food at restaurants, take the bus, and shop at the market in the same way that those who belong to the world do, we are holy. It is because we are baptized.

When Israel was in Egypt, they ate the food provided by Pharaoh. Egypt was a place full of idols. God called Moses to separate Israel from Egypt. Israel was baptized when they crossed the Red Sea as they came out of Egypt. Therefore, Israel was completely separated (1 Co 10:1~2). Even though they reached the desolate desert after they passed through the Red Sea, Israel started the journey as a holy people of God.

Similarly, we were also baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and thus became the holy ones. Baptism is not a ceremony, but what the Son of God commanded us. The Son of God received all authority of heaven and earth from the Father. Since He has commanded this, how important is baptism! It is that important that we are separated from the world.

Worldly people live according to their own will, but we subdue our own thoughts according to God's word instead. God commanded Adam, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of

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good and evil" (Ge 2:16~17). God permitted Adam to freely eat the fruits of every tree, but limited his freedom by forbidding him from eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Likewise, God gives people freedom to use their income from their hard work, but limited his freedom on one tenth of it. Being a holy man means to have their freedom limited by God's word.

Ephesians 2:2 defined those who belong to the world as the people who follow the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, which is the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Our lives in the past were not that different from the unbelievers'. But now we are holy because we belong to Jesus Christ through baptism. Therefore we should not be yoked together with unbelievers (1Co 6:14).

Those who belong to God have ears that are different to those who belong to the world. 1 John 4:5~6 says, "They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood." What are your ears listening to now? Are you hearing what the Holy Spirit is saying to churches?

There is something that people shouldn't misunderstand. Man's physical attributes or actions don't change completely just because he has been baptized and now belongs to God. Baptism changes our spiritual identity, not our physical nature. Therefore, Paul grieved and said, "I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin" (Ro 7:25).

Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues may have a fight with their wives or husbands, and even hate others if they feel angry. Such things don't need to be considered strange. The flesh can fail at anytime (Mt 26:41). Being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ doesn't change our flesh, but our spirits become grafted in to Jesus Christ.

Be Forgiven

To receive forgiveness means to be free from the Law, and for the gentiles this means to be free from their conscience. One can never be free from sin as long as he is under the Law, because the Law exposes sin. God told man that he will die if he eats the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but the devil deceived man into eating the fruit by saying he can be like God. The wisdom to judge good and evil belongs only to God who is the judge. But man took that. And as a result, man continues to accuse others as well themselves.

Some people misunderstand that being conscientious is what faith life is about. However faith is not to live conscientiously, but to live by God's grace. Even though a person is self controlled in his deeds, there is no avoiding condemnation before his conscience. That is why Jesus said to those who tried to deny this, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Mt 5:27~28).

Galatians 3:10~11 says, "All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.' Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, 'The righteous will live by faith'". Therefore we should stop trying to come to God by the Law, and receive the grace instead.

How can we defeat the devil? Revelation 12:11 says, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the world of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death". Even though people devote themselves to church diligently, they abandon their faith and go back to the world once they are condemned by their conscience. Whatever the circumstance, we should not be fall into the devil's temptation and keep our souls by testifying, "I am saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. I have been forgiven."

Receive the Holy Spirit

Those who are baptized and forgiven of their sins will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the advocate who guarantees the grace we received through Jesus Christ. Those who don't receive the Holy Spirit cannot be set free from the Law. The Holy Spirit is also a type of law - one that is more powerful than Moses' Law. Roman 8:2 says, "Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death." When the sun rises, the candle becomes useless. Likewise, when the law of the Holy Spirit comes, the Law becomes meaningless.

To those who ask, "Brothers, what shall we do?", Peter cried out, "Be baptized! Receive forgiven of your sins! Then you will receive the Holy Spirit!" Be baptized! You should be separated from the world to enjoy God's happiness. Be forgiven of your sins! Accept God's grace, and be liberated from the condemnation of your conscience. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit, and He will testify of the grace you have received. Be filled with the Holy Spirit! Only with the support of the Holy Spirit, can we abide in grace, and testify of the grace to other souls.

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The Church that Does the Work of God Luke 6: 46-49

God's Work Is Surely Fulfilled

In our faith life, there is one thing that we must know: there are the kinds of works that God prioritizes. There are certain works that God proceeds to do in earnest. Those are the works that would be the basis of His other works, or that God Himself fulfills regardless of man's reactions. If God entrusts such works to a person or a church, and if the person or the church rejects those works, God promptly entrusts the works to another person or church. Therefore, the works that 'God has decided and promised to keep' are all fulfilled.

The work God prioritizes might start off as a small work. For example, the work of God that made Mary conceive the Son of God was done in a small corner of the earth. People would take the event as a trivial thing, or pay little attention to it. However, there has been no other greater event than that since the time of creation.

God even chooses a nation in order to do His work. Israel was chosen as the people of God among all the nations. We have seen many works that God did for them during the time when they came out of Egypt and entered the land of Canaan. No one can deny that those works were God's own ministry which no one can hinder.

God does His work, and He wants His believers to partake in His work. It would not be an easy process to participate in His work. However, the Lord promised that those who participate in His work would share His glory in the age which is to come. That glory does not refer to the kind of fleshly splendor that the people in the Old Testament could enjoy. Rather, it is the promise of eternal life which surpasses the limit of fleshly life. The Lord has given us an opportunity of being surely blessed forever.

There Are Shortcomings that Man Must Overcome In Order to Partake in God's Work

No one can rob us of the promise that the Lord has given us. This is because the Holy Spirit protects our souls. The Holy Spirit searches our spiritual circumstances and protects us from all attacks of the enemies. Therefore, fundamentally our souls are going smoothly.

Nevertheless, there are some factors that make us alert. First, we have flesh. The most serious weakness of man is his flesh. The flesh pulls our soul down into a pit. For the soul, the flesh is like a heavy burden. Moreover, sometimes, even those who have been saved together with us may become hindrances to us. Of course, it is because of the enemies at work behind them, nevertheless man is seriously weak intrinsically. Therefore, we have to admit our weakness, and earnestly seek the help of the Lord.

Another shortcoming of man is that he thinks in a self centered way. Even when God is doing His own work, people often think, 'God is working for my sake'. They regard God as their own guardian. Those who do not get rid of this kind of thought would eventually grumble against the church some day, because they think, 'I am about to do the Lord's work, but why doesn't the church help me?'

Many parents suffer because of their children. This is even more so especially during the time of adolescence. Meanwhile, children often think, 'Why don't my parents understand me?' It is not that parents do not understand their children. Rather, parents want to meet all of their children's desires. However, as parents should consider many more factors that their children do not, parents cannot always satisfy all of their children's desires.

For example, when a whole household is in a dire situation, the parents cannot meet all the wants of their children. Rather, they have to rebuild the collapsing household. The stand point of the parents would be like this: "You(the children) do not know how much our household is in trouble. We also want you to be well. However, if you truly want our help, help us revive our household!" In short, this means, "Help me first, so that I can help you."

What Is the Work of God of Today?

Through the Bible, especially the Gospels, we know that the word Jesus preached after His resurrection was different to that He preached before resurrection. Before Jesus died, He preached of God and the kingdom of heaven. So people heard about salvation and the kingdom of God for the first time. Also, the Lord taught them the proper attitudes and works that the

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people of God should have and do. This teaching is called "The Law of Jesus" and the Lord fulfilled the requirements of His Law through His sacrifice so that man is no longer condemned even if we are not able to keep His Law. Before the resurrection, the Lord made them prepared for their faith life.

After the resurrection, the Lord did not teach them about the kingdom of heaven again. What the risen Lord taught His disciples was their mission, which said, "Do this from this time on!" Those who believe in the resurrection of the Lord are those who received the commission. Those who believe in the living God are not those who received the words delivered by angels, but who heard the word that came from the bosom of God, and the voice of the risen Lord. The Lord gave us a commission before He left the world.

The lives of those who received a commission from the Lord are full of suffering. The ways of their lives do not fit in with the world. Whoever received the commission should not make excuses for themselves saying, "I have not yet heard the Lord's word enough." The Lord did give us the mission. We must not let the word of the Lord be ignored in us. Someday, that very word will judge us.

The works that God does not give up on but surely fulfills — that is the very mission we have. The fact that God has given us the commission means that He allowed us to join in the work that He surely achieves. However, if those who received the mission only think of their own affairs and success, how can His work be done through them? Whoever has the hope of resurrection should bear the work of God in mind and actively join in the work.

Christ came to the world and did the work of God. That work has been done continuously by the members of Christ, that is, through the church. The church does the work of God. The world does not leave the church alone, trying to blaspheme against her, make her collapse, and even destroy her. When the church is under such attack from the world, what should we do? The works done by the saints to protect the church from these threatening factors should be approved as the work of God.

Among the works of God, some of the works should be done by a whole church, as one unit. For example, the anniversary service of a church's foundation is one of them, for which the whole congregation should gather all of its power. In the face of such an event for the whole church, all the saints should pay full attention to it. Nevertheless, when being called to attend a special service for the whole church, some would say, "We are not able to join the event because we have our own works to do in our department." They might think that they are also doing God's work, but they should carefully think for themselves whether they are pursuing their own work by making excuse of God's work.

Let Us Become the Church that Bears the Mission

What is the mission that the Lord has given to all churches? Before His resurrection, the Lord gave us teachings such as, "Do not hate others. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." However, after the resurrection, He gave us the mission and said, "Go and teach all the nations to keep what I commanded you. I have already given you authority. Perform signs and wonders and testify about Me. I will be with you." These are all written in the Gospels, which any Christian should keep.

The commission given by the Lord is in other words mission work. The Lord gave all churches and Christians mission as their duty. In a broader sense, it is to win souls and multiply the number of church members. This is the common ministry of all general churches, and most of the churches are not able to have another ministry plan apart from this. Many churches maintain themselves through mission work. Their ministries and sermons are also tuned to that direction. Preachers are likely to preach on some ethical teachings because they have to teach the members about faithfulness. For that reason, regularly attending the service, intense prayer, and faithfully giving offerings are regarded as righteous deeds.

However, for the church that bears Berea Movement, there is a more significant matter. Especially more so for Sungrak Church, the Mother Church of Berea Movement. Today, many churches are immersed in human-centered ideas. However, we must be able to see all things through God's perspective, testify of His will, and manifest His divine power as our mission. In other words, in addition to the common mission of all churches, we are obliged to bear the Berea Movement.

In order to do greater work, we cannot help being busier than others. As we have to be more influential to others, we have to double our efforts and double our faith. The number of the members must be twice as many as other churches. The amount of offerings must be twice as much as other churches. Even if some illegal, wicked rumors try to sway our church, we must be resilient not being swayed.

Jesus already said, "You say, 'Lord, Lord', but why don't you put My command in to practice?" Here, 'My command' does not refer to being kind and polite to others, but to the word that the Lord commanded His believers. In other words, it refers to bearing the "commission". The Lord said that those who heard of the "commission" but do not put it into practice are like houses that collapse in heavy rains. On the other hand, He said that those put it into practice are like houses built upon the rock that is never swayed in any troubles. Since the Lord emphasized this commission, we must take it deep in our souls.

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2018 SUNGRAK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A Handwritten Christmas Message from Semuon

내 주 예수는
 부활이시다.
 말씀이 육신이 되어
 이 땅에 오셔서
 십자가에 달리셨다.
 그러나
 삼일만에 다시 살아셨으나
 그는 부활이시다.
 하나님이요
 하나님이다.
 우리를 살리시려고
 피 흘리시려고 오셨다.
 아멘, 아멘, 아멘.

 2018년 12월 25일
 기무언

My Lord Jesus is
 the Resurrection.
 The Word became flesh
 and came to the world.
 He was crucified on the cross.
 However,
 He came to life after three days.
 He is the Resurrection.
 He is the God who came as
 the Immanuel.
 He came to give us life
 by shedding His blood.
 Amen, Amen and Amen.

 25th of December in the Year 2018.
 Semuon

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP



The Union Choir Praising



Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim Preaching in the Union Service



The Worship Team Performing



The Sungrak People Praising



The Skit Drama

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SPECIAL HEALING REVIVAL CRUSADE

“Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever”

The senior overseer of the Seoul Sungrak Church, Ki-Dong Kim, held the Special Healing Revival Crusade. The title of the revival crusade was ‘Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever’.

People had time to experience living God through the works of the Holy Spirit. The revival crusade was held three days on October 23rd to 25th, each time, about 3,000 saints participated in the revival crusade and there were few of other church members from other churches who wanted to get healed. The senior overseer Ki-Dong Kim prayed laying on of hands on about 600 people, and all the participants were able to receive demon expulsion and laying on of hands by the associate pastors as well. People who received the prayer of laying on of hands by pastor Ki-Dong Kim gave testimonies on healing from headaches, menstrual pain, starting from arms, legs, and chest pain to colorectal cancer, lung cancer and cancer of the blood, incurable diseases, etc. In a three-day sermon, senior overseer Ki-Dong Kim taught to repent of the sins of doubtful mind and lack of faith, and also to ask by faith with continuous testimony and appreciation. Especially on the last day, he emphasized that believers have to win by testifying the blood of Jesus until the end, even if the devil accuses us day and night and condemns us.



49TH ANNIVERSARY

“The Sungrak People’s United Family and Thanksgiving Worship” & “2018 Love for the Church Dedication Worship”

The Sungrak Church had a successful 49th anniversary of ‘The Sungrak People’s United Family’ and ‘2018 Love for the Church Dedication Worship’ held at the Christian World Mission Center (CWMC) in Sindorim-dong, Seoul, on November 25th. On the day, 5,000 believers across the country participated in the service voluntarily and dedicated their offering and the newcomers who were guided to the church. The founder of the Sungrak Church, senior overseer Ki-Dong Kim gave testimony, “God gave the vision, which is to train 10,000 leaders who know ‘Picture of God’s Will’ and to build the church that can accommodate more than 10,000 people. For these, I have devoted my life to ministry, dedicated truthfully, and I have founded the Independent Baptism Church thus the Holy Spirit will not be restricted by doctrine and to create the church where the Holy Spirit can freely work”. Pastor Kim’s loving heart toward the church has delivered to the saints and each one made a commitment of dedication by crying out “We are the Sungrak People”. Likewise, overseer Sung-Hyun Kim stated that it is a precious and grateful opportunity to give courage and comfort to the saints who are going through hard times by the robbed church.



Letter from Berean

LETTER FROM CHINA

The Experiencing of Healing after Confessing: "I Shall Not Doubt!"



My mother, my sister and I were all healed. I would like to share my testimony for God because God has given us grace and blessing.

My mother used to take medicine to relieve her severe back pain. My older sister also suffered from back pain for a long time as well. I had heart disease and my leg was always sore. Also, I could not sleep well so I felt dizzy whenever I move my head. However, we were all healed, Hallelujah! Give glory to our God.

Although I have known the truth for two years, I did not know it properly. So sometimes I was in the gospel, but also some moments I was in the Law. However, while I was listening to the message which God gave me through senior overseer Ki-Dong Kim, I realized the problem I had and the reason why I could not get healed. To be honest, I doubted that if God may answer my prayer. But after listening to the message this time, the Holy Spirit made me realize my problem. Therefore, I got to have the power of the Word and it made me have the power and faith which came from heaven. As I proclaimed "I shall not doubt God, I shall not doubt Jesus, and I shall not doubt the Holy Spirit," we were all healed.

After I got a connection with the mother church, it feels like an old tree is sprouting. My spirit is filled with the Word and my soul is awakened. As the Word of God connects with me, I finally come to know that faith life is not about my will or conscience. Thank you to the mother church for bringing me up with the Word of God.

Immanuel!
November 18th, 2018
From. Lee

Letter from Berean

LETTER FROM CHILE

Conozcamos al Espíritu Santo: Let us Know the Holy Spirit

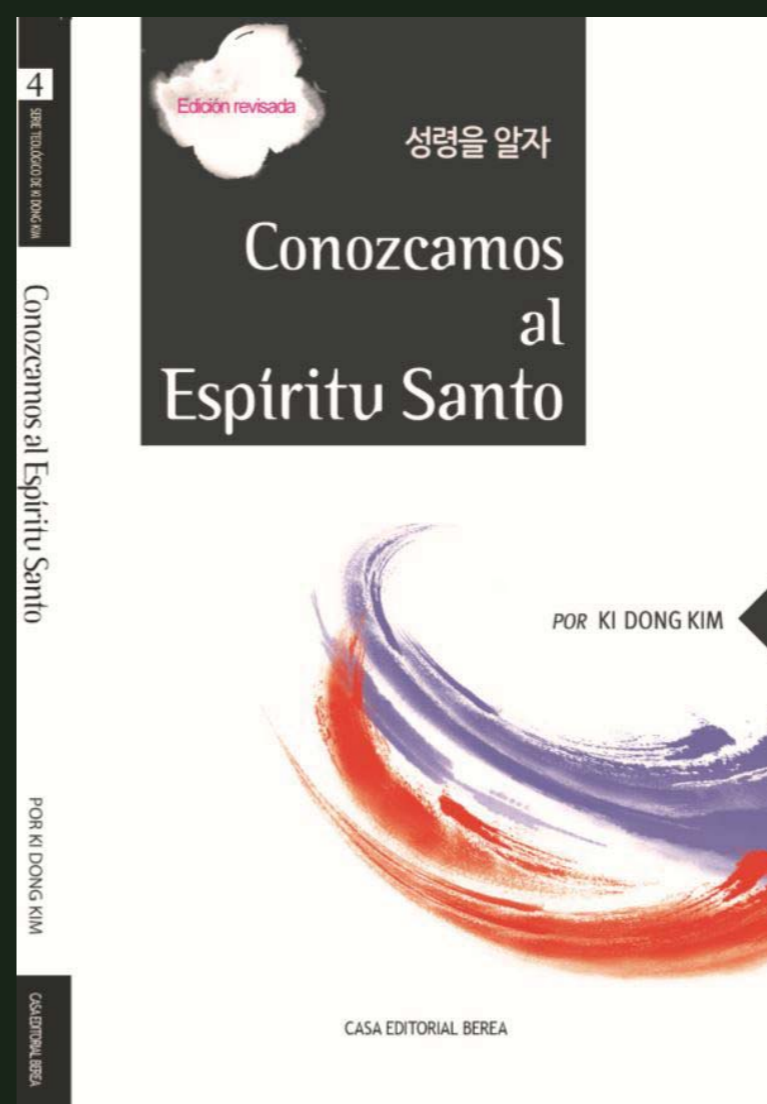
(1) FIRST LETTER

God bless you. I read the book: *Let us Know the Holy Spirit*. It weighed heavily to my life and became a huge bless to me. I would like to know more about it. I need training because I was called for God's ministry. I hope you would help me with it. Thank you very much.

November 13th, 2018
From. Fabiola Diaz Portus

(2) SECOND LETTER

I sincerely thank you for saying hello to my family and I. I am very glad to get in touch with you. We are the family of four members. I was born in Chile and I still live here. One of my son is in graduating class of law school and another son is 24 years old, he preaches the word of God to people in Argentina as a pastor and missionary. God allows him to do it by His grace. We received the word that He will bring revival to our country, Chile.



My son's name is Franco Figueroa. He went to Araucania in Chile to preach the word of God and start up the movement: Chile Adora, a while ago. At that time, he got the book: *Let us Know the Holy Spirit* as a gift from unknown brother there. The book we received from the brother shocked us and changed our lives. We want to be prepared for the work that God gave us and go through diligently and responsibly.

It will be great if we can get more of your resources about the grace of God. Besides the books, I will be very happy if there is a way to learn more and deeply from you. I am very pleased to keep in contact with you. Bless your great work on making books and sharing. Thank you so much for that. Also, thank God for His glory, the presence of His Kingdom, and His perfect Word.

With blessings,

November 17th, 2018
From. Fabiola Diaz Portus



Berea Movement

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION OF THE WORD

'Return to the Word' International Mission of Sungrak Church

The 'Translation Mission' is one of the three pillars of 'Return to the Word'. It is not simply a mission that is translating or a mission related to translation. The 'Translation Mission' is the mission of the Word. Some might reply by saying, "Isn't all missionary work about the Word?" Of course, all missionary work is based on the Word, but not all of them are directly related to the duty of teaching the Word. There is a missionary who helps patients in underdeveloped areas through medical treatment, and there is a missionary who promotes Christian culture. There is a missionary who constructs a chapel abroad, and there is a missionary who sponsors materials to help local churches to build a chapel. All these missions are of their own value, but the responsibility for 'the mission of the Word' is particularly heavier for Bereans.

How many people in the world see the Bible in three dimensions and generally experience the present nature of the Word as Bereans do? How many people would know clearly about the relationship between the Law and the Gospel and live their faith with joy and gratitude?

Bereans see through the relationship between the three spiritual beings in the Bible. Bereans penetrate the fact that God made the whole creation for the Son, the fact that the Son of God who came out of the Father's bosom entered into the Heaven taking the universe as a front door, the fact that the judgement on the Devil is over, the fact that the humans are getting a chance to be saved because punishment of the Devil has not been done yet, the fact that the name of Jesus is the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the fact that the universe is Hades, the fact that I am not my flesh but my soul, the fact that the church, the paradise and the Father's house are one member of the Heaven and etc... Who else in this world knows such amazing spiritual realities and enjoys the divine power and happiness of the Heaven?

God has allowed us all these, not just because Bereans are lovelier than others, but because He has the expectation on us. This is what one of the lepers who filled his hunger in the fleeing Aram camp said, "What we're doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves" (2 Kings 7:9). People are hungry not because there is no food and thirsty not because there is no water. What they really need is the Word. It is clear that Bereans who had a feast should know what to do.

Semuon poured the Word of life like a waterfall for decades. The Word from Semuon changed many souls, the sick were healed, and countless ministers were produced. People in the world need the Word. But there is a work to be done first in order to teach the nations to obey the Word as the LORD commanded. A variety of methods of missionary work are necessary, but in order to maximize the value of everything and produce meaningful fruits, a system must be set up to provide a continuous supply of the Word to people who crave the Word, and also there should be enough material available to deepen their learning. The result is obvious for the war without having a sufficient armament or proceeding an industrial activity that ignores basic industry. The 'Translation Mission' is like infrastructure in the Berea mission.

