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Christians have different characteristics from people in the world. Most striking of all, it is to serve others with humble attitude. Of course, this character is usually shown in dealing with the people of the world, but essentially, the characteristic appears when church members lower themselves and serve one another. Through this, church members can receive peace and comfort in the church, and their faith life can be motivated based on affection and trust for each other. Like this, humility and service confirm the identity of the church, moreover it is a very important part for the church to stand firm in order to continuously exist.

The life of serving others with humble attitude is a commandment of the Lord, and He first served as a model for us. This was what Jesus asked earnestly to His disciples lastly before He was crucified few hours ago. The Lord, having supper with His disciples, laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and wipe them with the towel which He girded. The disciples were surprised because this behavior was how lowly servants served their masters.

The Lord said, "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." This is true. Jesus is our Teacher, Master, and the One who sent us. If so, how should we behave as His disciples, as His servants and as the ones who He sent?

It is because the Lord lowered Himself and served us that we are saved and have the hope of eternal life, even though we were originally destined to be destroyed in despair. If the Lord had used a worldly method – suppressing the weak ones from the position as the greatest one – we would still wander in darkness. However, He made no distinction between people and served us, so we came to be the greatest in heaven because of His humility. Today, the value which the Lord gave to us is as great as the way the Son of God lowered Himself.





Anyone who knows how great and precious the Lord's service is will live the life of service and as one who received benefits.

On the contrary, the people who deny the Lord's service and do not realize the value of His service cannot live the life of humble service, and even the Lord will regard them as not related to Him. What the Lord wants from us is not that we calculate a legal process to go into heaven and pretend to know how. Let us offer ourselves, as we appreciate the Lord. Let's make our life so that we can be a cheer toward the Lord, who has raised us up by lowering Himself.

The Command to Resemble Jesus' Service



The Lamb of God

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Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone). (John 1:35-42)

God is faithful. He surely keeps His promises. Whether it is Jesus Christ coming to the earth or dying on the cross, they are all result of God keeping His promises. Because God keeps His promises, Jesus Christ has today become our Lord and Savior. When Jesus is referred to as the 'Lamb of God' (Jn 1:36), it does not mean He is cuddly and soft like a lamb. It means He is the promised Lamb.

There are two kinds of laws. One is the law coming naturally from man's conscience; the other is the Law revealed to Moses. The law coming from man's conscience has some similarities with the Law of Moses. For example, there is ancient Middle Eastern literature containing things similar to Moses' Ten Commandments. These laws were not revealed by God but came naturally from man. On the other hand, God called Moses and personally revealed His Law to him. Afterwards, Moses proclaimed them to the people.

Though they are the same action, they can have completely different meaning depending on whether they were done by personal preference or God's revelation. Some people do not worship idols because they naturally do not like idols. Some people do not worship idols because God commanded to keep away from them. There is a fundamental difference between the two. Whether an action is done by personal conscience or God's will is what determines either salvation or destruction.

When the Israelites rely on the Law of Moses, this is the conscience of faith. When the gentiles rely on the law coming from themselves, this is regular conscience. Romans 2:14-15 talks about this. It says, "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)."

The greatest difference between the law coming naturally and the Law of Moses is, unlike the former, the Law of Moses is prophetic and has God's promises. Romans 3:21 says, "But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets." As this verse says, the Law has a prophecy and the Prophets have a prophecy. When God gave the Israelites the Law, He gave

them a conscience according to His will. Those with this conscience have a kind of promise. God's promise is none other than the Lamb. As the Law of Moses says, no ceremony or service can be fulfilled without the Lamb.

If we trace the origins of the Lamb, it goes back to Abraham. When Abraham became a hundred years old, God gave him a son. How adorable must he have been if he was born when Abraham was a hundred years old? Many people say the emotions from raising a son when you are young and the emotions from raising a grandson are quite different. If your son is like your own body, your grandson is like your spirit. How fond must Isaac have been to Abraham since he had him at a hundred years old? Abraham had courage to send Ishmael away to survive by himself. It would not have been easy to do the same for Isaac, who was like Abraham's own spirit. What a bolt from the blue it was when Abraham received the command to offer his son as an offering! It was so shocking Abraham did not say a single word to his beloved wife.

On the way to offer the burnt offering, Isaac asked Abraham, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham tried to conceal his distress and stay aloof, yet he must have been greatly distressed when asked this. Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." He said this, but instead of thinking a real lamb would be on the mountain, he would have thought God gave him his son for this very day. When Isaac heard God would provide, he went without another word (Gen 22:7-8).

The two of them arrived at the place God directed. Abraham offered his son on Mount Moriah, and this is where the temple of Jerusalem was later built. Abraham spread firewood on the place God directed, tied his son up, and place him there. Isaac did not doubt his father's actions one bit but trusted God would provide. When Abraham picked up the knife and grabbed his son, God was certain he was really going to slay his son and burn him. God quickly said, "Abraham, Abraham!...Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Abraham heard this, looked up and saw a ram caught in a thicket by its horns and could not move. Abraham called the land 'Jehovah Jireh', which means, 'God will provide'. With the death of the ram prepared by God, Abraham recovered his son's life (Gen 22:9-14).

When God gave the revelation saying, "Offer your son!", how afraid, anxious and trembling must Abraham have been? From this moment until the word came saying, "Abraham, Abraham! Do not lay your hand on the lad," it corresponds to the Law. The Law was revealed by God. It made the people afraid, anxious and tremble. Finally, the voice came saying, "Abraham, Abraham! Do not lay your hand on the lad," and God provided the ram. This corresponds to the Gospel. Similarly, you should first know the Law to know the Gospel.

God said to Abraham, "By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Gen 22:16-17, KJV). Here the word "thy seed" is not plural but single form. The Hebrew word for 'gate' is similar to 'authority'. 'Possessing gates' means 'tearing down authority'. So the word "your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies" means "I will give you a Son and He will trample on the devil's authority." This fulfills what God said earlier to the serpent:

**"And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel"**

(Gen 3:15)

Several hundred years later, when the Israelites were in slavery in Egypt, God remembered the covenant He earlier established with Abraham and called Moses to save Israel. At the time, God made the people of Israel take a year-old lamb without blemish and put its blood on the sides and tops of the door frames. That night they ate the meat with their families. God said, "Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt" (Ex 12:13). On that day, though the firstborn of Egypt died, those who put the lamb's blood on their door frames and spent the night eating meat in their houses were saved. This too deals with God's promise about the Lamb, who came in the future.

Afterwards, Israel kept the Day of Atonement every year. After the High Priest went in and out of the Most Holy Place, he laid hands on the lamb's forehead and sent it into the desert. The lamb entered the desert and was eaten by a beast called 'Azazel'. It never appeared again (Lev 16:10, ESV). In the same way, because Jesus Christ took up our sins and was eternally punished, our sins can no longer press us. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb prophesied about in the Law and He saved us. The moment Abraham sacrificed his son (who is like his own spirit), the lamb appeared. Similarly, the moment our spirits were destroyed because of sin, Jesus (the Lamb of God) appeared. When we refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God, we mean He is the Sacrifice prepared by God.

The moment Jesus died on the cross, the curtain separating the Most Holy Place and the Holy Place was torn from top to bottom. Outside the curtain was where the people served God. Behind the curtain was where no one could enter and only God dwelt. In other words, one side was like the heaven of God and the other was like the world of man. When the curtain was torn, the division between the Most Holy Place and the Holy Place disappeared. Before, God and man could not dwell with each other, but now they could have fellowship.

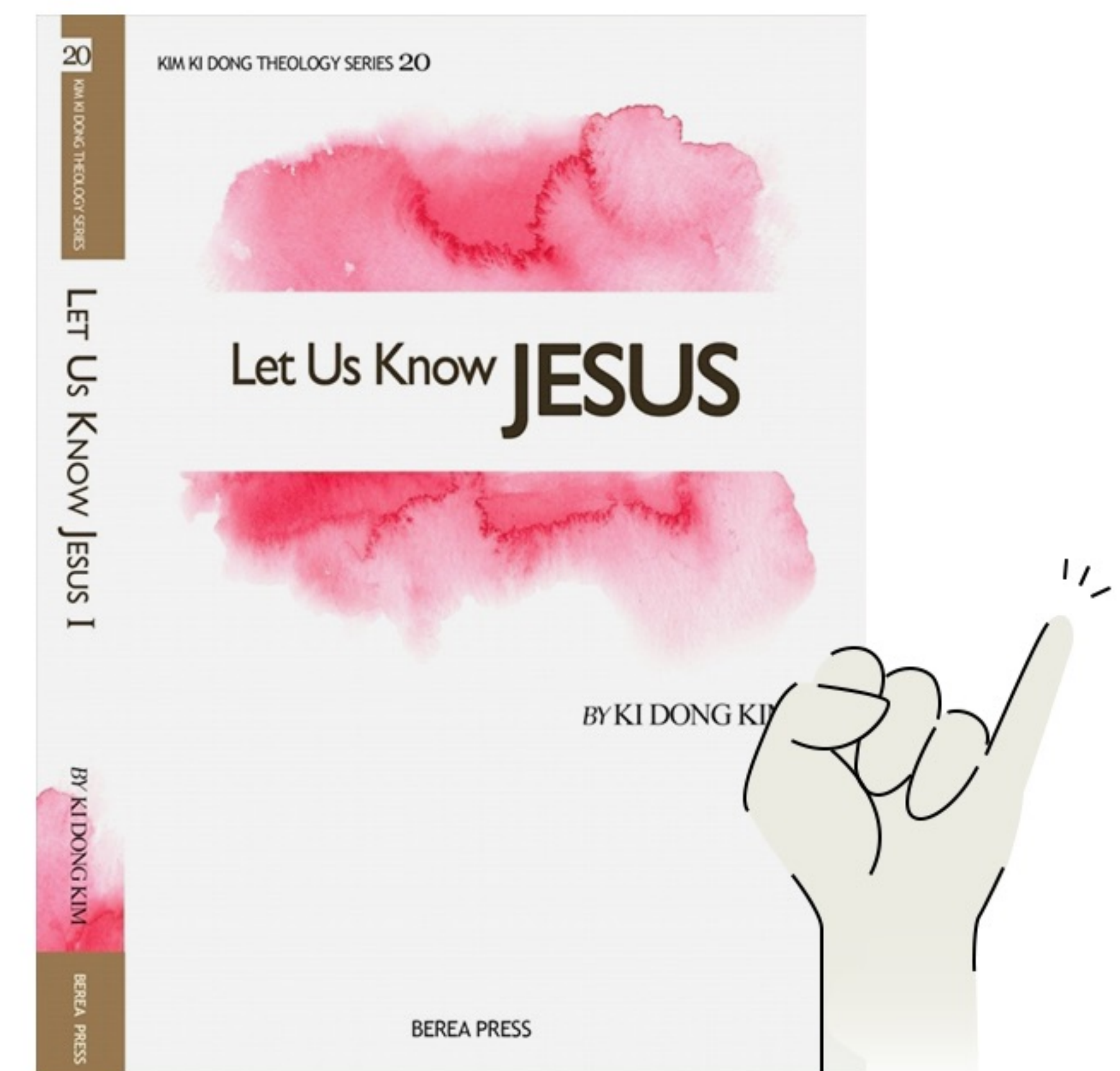
Jesus said, "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you" (Jn 14:20). He spoke about the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Sure enough, the Holy Spirit enters us, inspires our spirits and rules our personalities. This is how we know that Jesus dwells in us and we are in Jesus. To sum up, the Holy Spirit entering us proves that the Lord dwells in us and we dwell in the Lord.

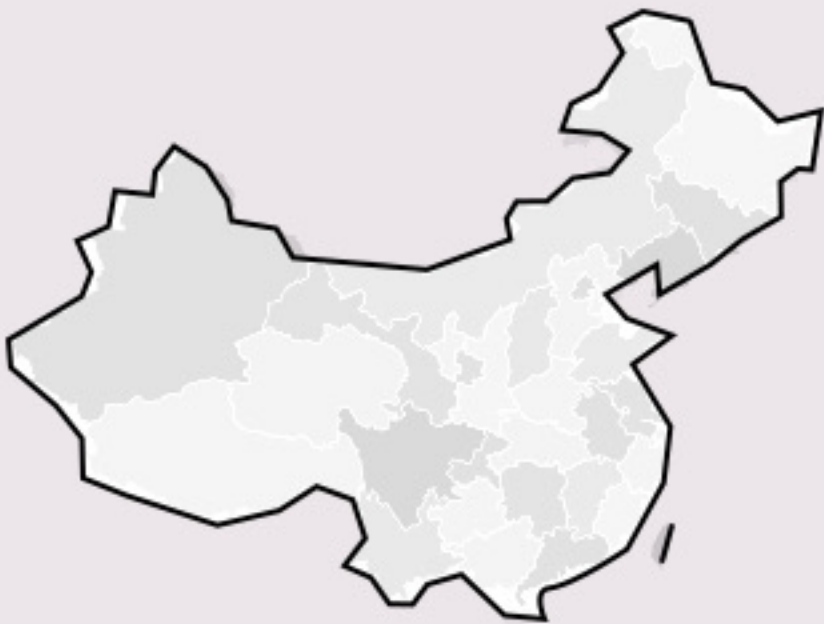
When the curtain was torn, the Most Holy Place and the Holy Place were united. In the same way, when Jesus Christ's flesh was torn, the wall blocking God and man collapsed. God's promised salvation was fulfilled through the Lamb provided by God. 1 Peter 1:18-20 says, "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world,

but was manifest in these last times for you." Jesus Christ is the Lamb provided by God from before creation. God said, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Just as God said, when man ate the fruit, he died. But the Lamb provided by God from eternity past died on man's behalf and man lived.

Acknowledging Jesus as the Lamb of God is our faith. There is true salvation in such faith. We understand Jesus as the Lamb of God because we believe our spirits—doomed to eternal death—now live through Him. The promise of the Lamb of God in the Law of Moses is therefore fulfilled by the appearing of Jesus Christ.

When we say Jesus is the Lamb of God, it does not mean He is cute and gentle like a lamb. He is the Sacrifice provided by God to be sacrificed on behalf of mankind. Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6:53). We have perfect life today because we eat the flesh of Jesus Christ and drink His blood. This is possible because of Christ's sacrifice. Jesus is the Lamb of God.





God's word guides Chinese Berea Churches



Christians heal their disease and their difficult problems are solved by the name of Jesus. It is because God has placed all His authority and power in Jesus' name. Jesus first saved and served many people who were in trouble in the world by His miracles and signs in His own name. Like this, through Jesus' truthful love and service, we received a new life, and then we can live loving and serving each other as the Lord commands us.

**"A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another"**

(John 13:34)

The overseer's sermon of Sungrak Church guides Bereans all over the world into the truth. It is to prevent their lives, which were saved by the truthful service of Jesus, from being taken away by darkness again. The Bereans strive to preach the Lord's love while they love and serve in the church. The gratitude overflows within them to live with the grace of Jesus' blood in their lives abundantly. Thus, they are trying their best to show the attitude of sincere faith commanded by Lord in the church He has called.

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood"

(Acts 20:28)

We would like to introduce Chinese Berea churches who serve each other and serve the mother church with love and humility through the guidance of the overseer who the Holy Spirit has made. The Chinese Berea churches are in a difficult situation to have a faith life because of the control of the Chinese government due to Covid-19. However, they do not lose their faith, they love each other and love their churches and the mother church more and more. Also, they are striving to keep on with God's work that He commands them. Here is the letter full of love toward the mother church from the saints of Chinese Berea church.

I understood the sin with just my own knowledge. I just thought I was a sinner because of Adam, and I did not think that I was full of sinful characteristics. Moreover, I thought that my sin was cleansed by Jesus' blood, so I misunderstood that I did not have any sins and that I was full of the holy attributes of God. For this reason, I judged other people involuntarily, and sometimes I struggled because I could not accept my evil thoughts and behaviors.

However, through the word of the mother church, I can admit that my nature is dirty, like trash. Before then, whenever I came to an evil mind, I was in pain because of my thoughts, "Why am I terrible even if I believe in Jesus? Am I qualified to receive God's love?" But now, I can truly know that I cannot be with God if I do not rely on the Lord's grace every time.

From now on, I will not focus on the fact that there are sinful characteristics in me. What is the point of distinguishing what is dirty or not?

Please help and pray for me so I can always rely on the grace of the Lord, Jesus, and clothe with the Lord's blood. Through this, I hope I can be the person who is interested in succeeding in God's work and always think about how I can participate in the ministries of the church more.

Wang, OOO Berea Church in China

When we gather, it is like gathering as one family. In other words, as we cherish and help each other and try not to hurt each other, we gather and contribute ourselves for the happiness of the whole. So we put ourselves down and consider others to have peace. When we do this to each other, we can have affection for one another and have a good relationship. In church, Christians should receive much happiness and joy that they cannot get in the world. By doing this, our faith life can have vital power. Consequently, serving each other humbly is the mark to testify the identity of Christ's church. Moreover, not only this but the personality of the church to serve each other helps preserve the church. They share love and cherish each other; they can get the power to overcome all the difficulties.

in Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim's sermon,
The Command to Resemble Jesus' Service
on November 27, 2022

In this way, we hope that Bereans all over the world can receive guidance through the mother church with humble hearts, love and encourage each other, and faithfully carry out their ministry with the attitude the Lord wants.





Letter from World Berean

Veiyo from Namibia

November 12, 2022

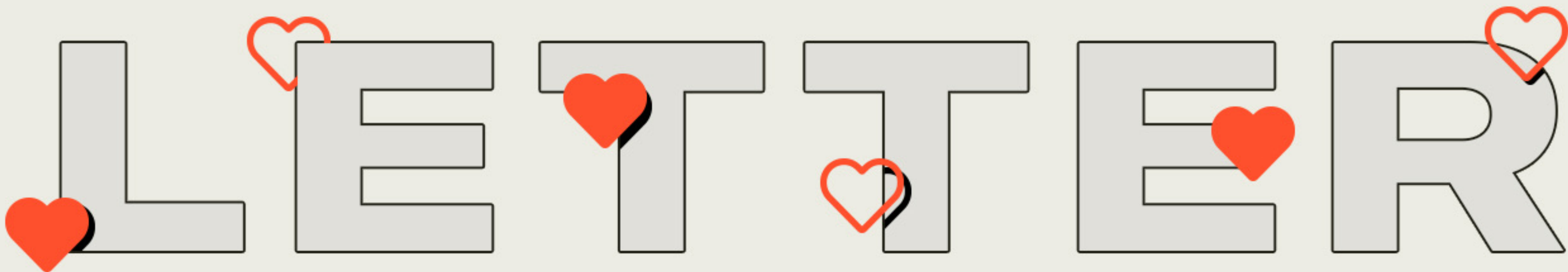
I'd like to convey my appreciation for the continues biblical materials that I keep on receiving from the Berea movement. I've been so much blessed by the teaching's.

I'd like to inform you that, I now understand the difference between the old testament and the new testament. It was a stumbling block in my life, but through the sermon of Sungrak Church, I've now come to understand that, the truth came from the Father's Bosom, and the truth was given to man-kind by Jesus. The truth sets me free from sin.

The law/old testament was, given to man by God through angels. I know clearly understand that, even though the law is also the word of God, it is still not the truth. For only the truth can set mankind from sin. I also under-stand that, the law was given to me to make me aware that I'm a sinner, and also to give me hope, that a saviour would one day come to save me from sin.

The most important part about the Berea teachings, is that it has taught me to always try to find Jesus in every scripture that I read, this is because, I've come to learn that, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the main character in the bible, and hence the law and the prophets all point to Jesus.

My Joy is in knowing that, the Truth of Christ Jesus (picture of God's will) that the Lord revealed to pastor Ki Dong Kim, will be spread by people who came to know of it. May the love of our Lord Jesus, His grace and favour be upon you.



Pastor Igba from Nigeria

October 28, 2022

My life has been a testimony since I received your books. I have experienced the peace of the Lord since I began deep studies on the Books I received from your church. I have been a person who love the God-centered Gospel right from "teenhood" but it has been a great challenge here in Nigeria with nowhere to turn to for books to study to know more about God's centered teaching even as an administrator of an online Christian library, where I can assess millions of books and also share ebook across Africa I have not to find the kind of books I received from your church.

Honestly, when I start the Morning Joy Family, I said Lord lead me to a place of rest. He lead my path till the very day I received the book titled "Let us know Jesus" and everything about my life changed even my family, as far as my children and other families God has placed in my care to share the God's-centered Gospel. God indeed has been helping us through the power of the Holy Spirit and we have been carrying this Gospel to rural communities in Delta state, Nigeria.

I know soon God will use us to command the same results in Sungrak Church, I desired the need for transformation for my country, Nigeria. Man-center Gospel has done more harm to our land than good. Many killings and atrocities but all I pray is revival and the spread of the God-centered Gospel which my team and I have started as we visit this community 3 times a week to teach and share God's will and God-centered faith in the Bible. More families are gradually waking up to God's picture for their lives and humanity.

As we make progress through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will send our testimonies through the mail. I'm very happy to identify with the Sungrak Church. On behalf of the team, Morning Joy Family ministry please accept my condolences for the passing on to Glory the founder of Sungrak Church, Pastor Ki-Dong Kim. My life is a testimony and proves his trans-generational impact as a father he touches my life with his growing up and ministry.

Finally, I want to ask you to keep praying for us, as will take the God-centered Gospel into families, communities, and cities across Nigeria that the signs and power of God will manifest as seen in the Bible. I also want to ask on behalf of other Christians here in Nigeria that the Gospel of God's will and God-centered faith in the Bible will capture their heart.

God bless Sungrak Church. Once again thank and God bless you.

Pastor Patrick from Malawi

October 14, 2022

I write this to share with you my testimony on the books I read. First of all let me give thanks to God my Father and yours too for so many things He is doing. And again thanks to Him that He called you to his Work.

It was early this year I met a man who gave me three books from his traveling bag who mentioned his name as Alex. I thank him for giving the books to me for no price.

I read the books and are very encouraging books. Before, I was not knowing about the Holy Spirit work in the life of the believer but now I know by studying the book *Let Us Know the Holy Spirit*. I was absent minded on Driving Out Demons in Jesus name but after studying your book *Know Jesus and Drive Out Demons* am no longer the same. The last book, *Pure Luck Does Not Exist God's Signs Do*. Also a good book full of knowledge and wisdom. I was more than happy to read these three books.

I remember one time in October I got sick. With the knowledge I got from know Jesus and drive out demons, I casted out the demon in my body in Jesus name whom Pastor Ki Dong Kim believe, I said and the demon left, I recovered instantly.

This has strengthened my faith, if it pleased you can you consider me worth of more literature and books like these to further build up my faith and other people's faith in my Church, more people need them to reach maturity. Pray for me Pastor. May God continue standing with you and supply everything for his purpose.

Yours faithfully Pastor Patrick in Malawi Blantyre.

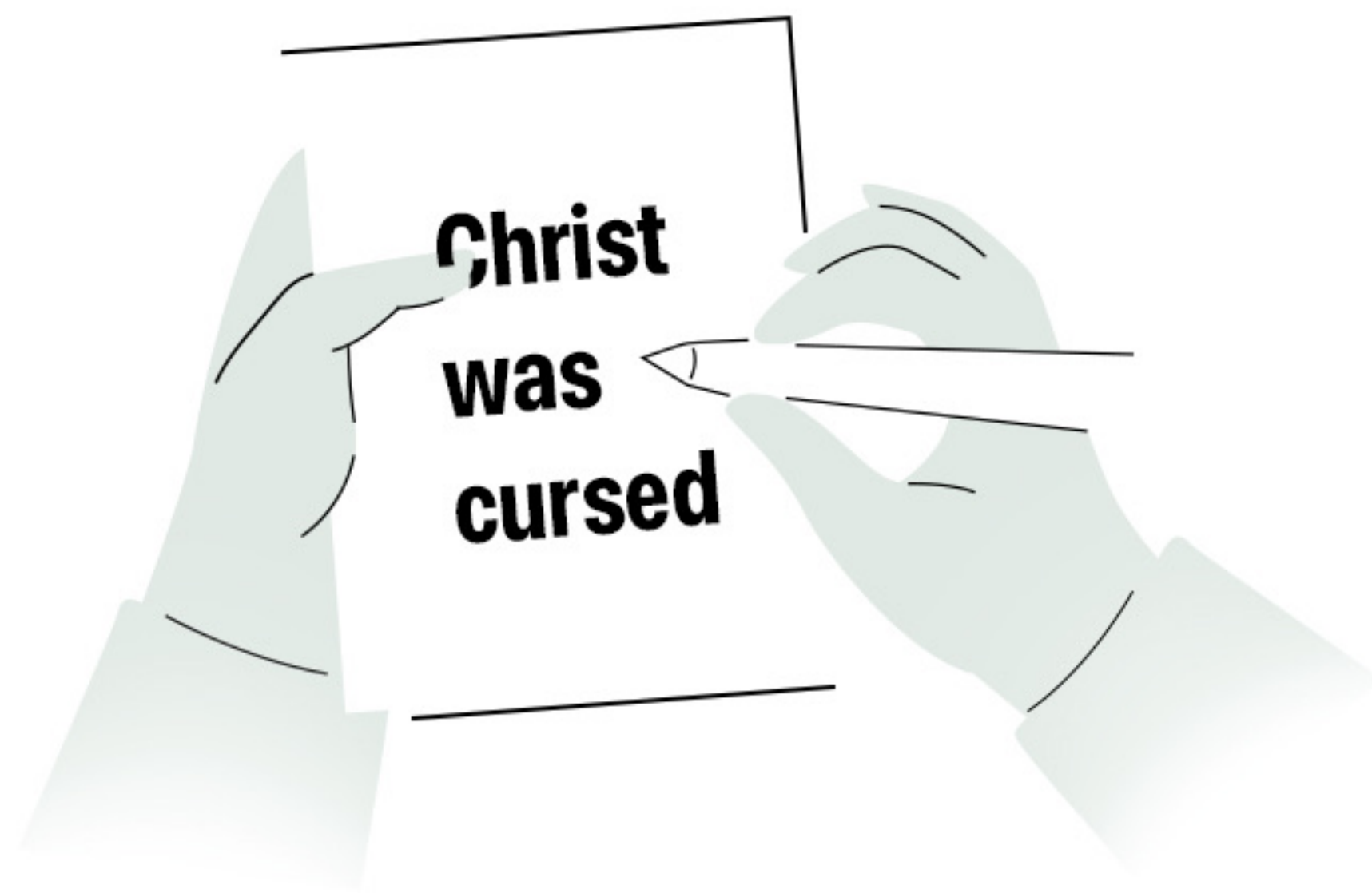
The Source of Blessing

(Genesis 12:1-3)



This was in the land of the modern Iraq about 4000 years ago that God appeared to the man Abraham and spoke these words: "Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your father's house! Go to a land that I will show you! And you shall be a blessing!" What did God say Abraham would become? A blessing. "And when you become a blessing, in you all families of the earth will be blessed!" This is what God promised.





This person is very significant. We believe in Jesus and serve God, and this man called Abraham is very important to our faith. You probably read the New Testament before. The Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments. The New Testament starts with the Gospel of Matthew doesn't it? What is the name of a person that appears in the first verse of the Gospel of Matthew? It is Abraham. He appears in the very first verse of the first book of the New Testament. It says, "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham". It mentions Abraham.

We don't believe in Abraham. Our faith is to believe in Jesus Christ and worship God. However the man Abraham appears as a significant figure. The reason for that is everything we are now enjoying in Jesus right now was promised by God to Abraham 4000 years ago. We are living in Seoul and here we live our faith lives, but everything that we are now enjoying was already promised to a certain man by God 4000 years ago. And that promise is being fulfilled upon us now. Hence if we carefully examine the promised made to Abraham, we can come to know clearly what it is that we are enjoying.

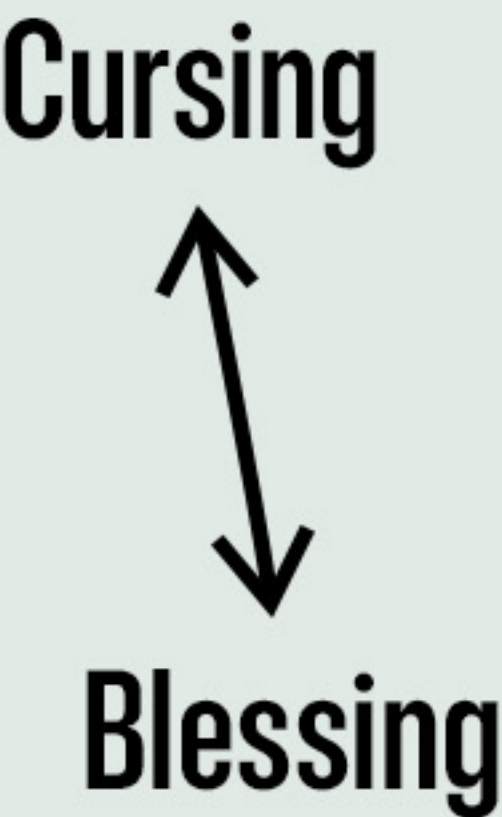
Another man called Paul also appears in the New Testament. Among the letters he wrote was a letter written to the people in the region of Galatia. The region of Galatia is the present day Turkey. After Jesus ascended the church was built, and there were a number of churches in the Turkish region. And among the letters he wrote to those churches is a letter he wrote to Galatia which is in the Book of Galatians. In that letter it says, "Christ was cursed." He is the Son of God. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. In other words, we believe Him as One who is equal to God. But it says that Jesus was accursed. Have a think about that. He is the One we believe in and He is the accursed One.





So why was He cursed? What kind of cursed did He go under? Jesus died on the cross. At that time the cross was used by the Roman Empire for capital punishment. Except for the most vicious criminals, many were not crucified. And they did not scourge a man who was to be crucified. The next severe form of punishment to crucifixion was scourging. Therefore, an offender was not both scourged and crucified. Because the scourge would already leave the person half dead. The person's face become unrecognisable. They flogged Jesus to that point but were still not satisfied, that they crucified Him to death.

Jesus whom we believe in, as we know is now glorified as the Son of God. However when He came to the earth, He was cursed. Why did He undergo such cursing? In order that all the Jews, the descendants of Abraham, and even Gentiles like us may receive that blessing, He was accursed. The opposite of blessing is cursing. And the opposite of cursing is blessing. Hence the reason Jesus was cursed was so that we may be blessed. Thus if we believe in Jesus now, we are the blessed ones.



The world also talks about blessings. But these blessings are mainly of the flesh, such as money and health, and then they will be of no use when we depart from this world. However, The blessing we received, the blessing which God wants to give is not like those blessing of the world that fades away but an everlasting blessing. And in turned out that this blessing was not prepared by God for mankind originally but for His Son Jesus. It was a blessing that was prepared in the eternal kingdom. And He has granted that blessing unto us too.

In one word, that blessing is called the blessing of Abraham. Should we say that together? The blessing of Abraham! The blessing is given by God. And it was through Jesus He gave us the blessing. However it is not called the blessing of Jesus Christ. It was called the blessing of Abraham. This is because the blessing was sown like a seed in a field called Abraham. That field was fertile. Therefore when the seed was sown in that field, many fruits were produced. If the soil was bad and dries up hard like concrete, then though the seed is planted it wouldn't bear any fruit. However Abraham accepted and obeyed the word - the promise - God gave him, and persevered so that many descendants came from him. Ultimately the Son of God Jesus Christ was born into the household of Abraham, and thereby the blessing which God had promised to Abraham came even to us.

There are many gods in this world. Whether people wish or not, they are influenced or controlled by some spirits, and some are so powerfully controlled that they even lost consciousness. Such spirits despise people. Therefore they go into people when they're not welcome and harass them, control them and torment them.

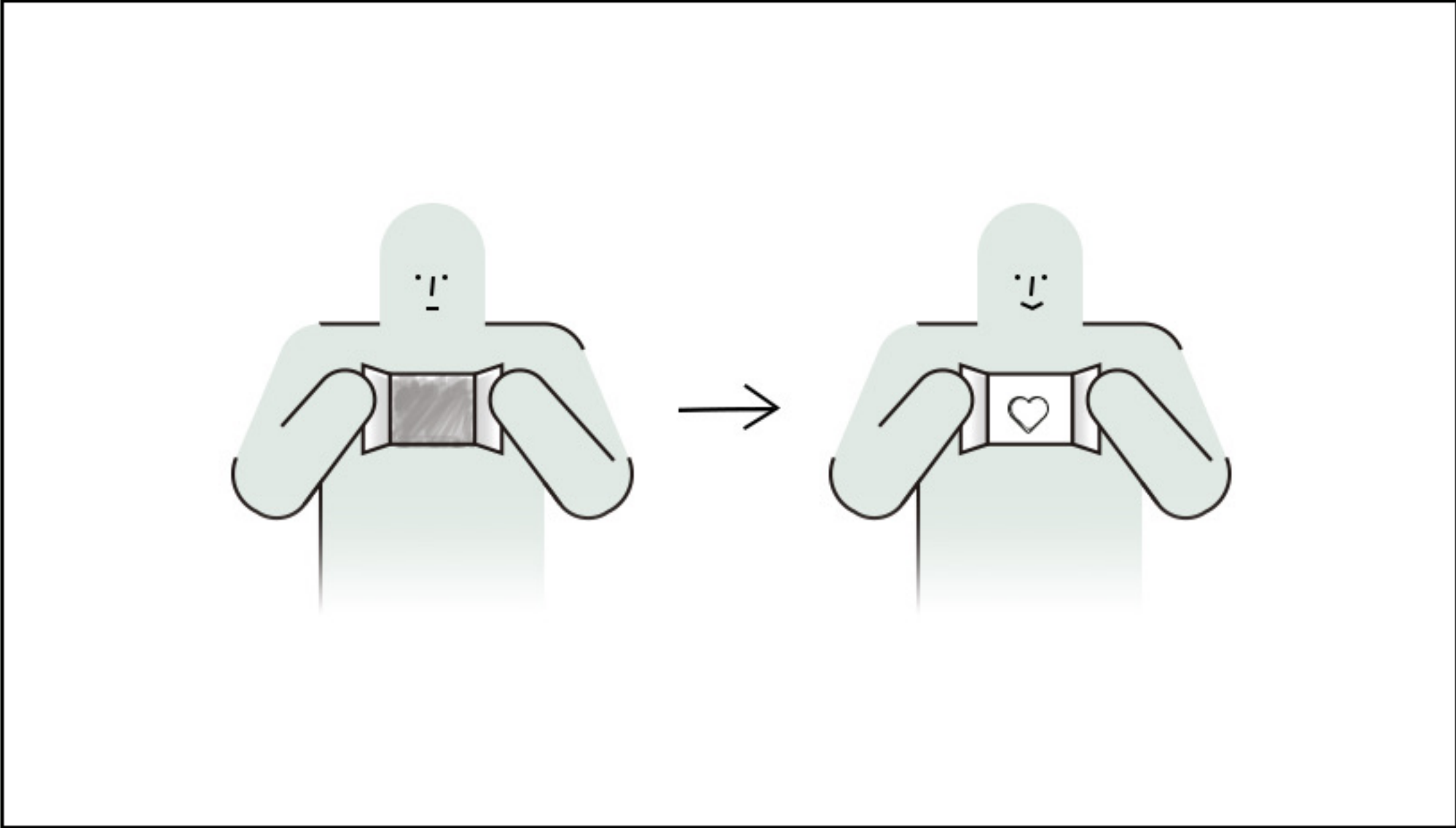
However the God we believe in, our God is very noble. He will not trespass on your will. He is not going to force Himself into someone when he doesn't want God. Hence we have to open our hearts wide and welcome Him that He may come in. But just because we open our hearts doesn't mean He will come in to everyone. Why? Unlike the gods of this world, God is sacred. He is holy and pure, and therefore enters those who are holy. Thus unless one's spirit is made clean, he cannot receive in God. And it was to make that spirit clean, Jesus became accursed. He paid the price of sin. Anyone who accepts that will be cleansed in his spirit. And it's needless to say for those who are already baptised. If one has been baptised and completely united with Jesus, his spirit has been made clean. Then the Holy Spirit goes into that person and he gets governed by the Holy Spirit.

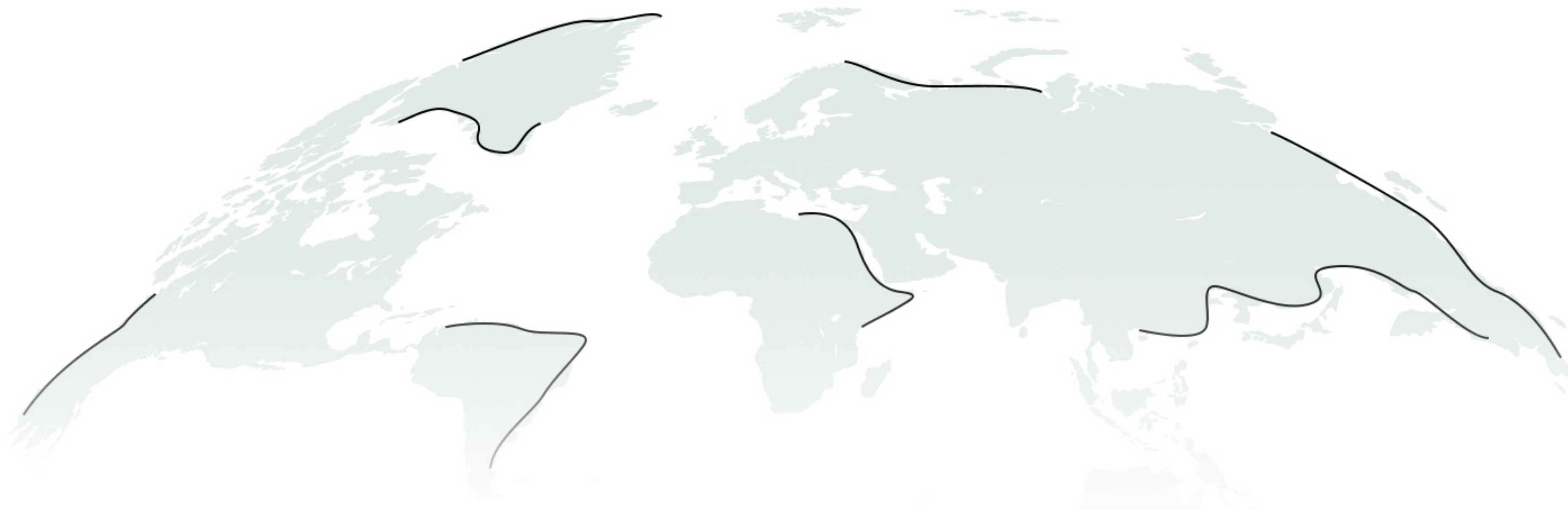
The gods of this world say to people, "I will bless you!" They say, "I can give you a blessing!" Do you know shamans? They perform shamanic rituals and do fortune-telling. When they are fortune telling, they say they are in contact with a spirit. And the shaman says, "I will bless you!" They claim that they can bless people. However none of those spirits have said, "I will make you a blessing (source of blessing)." Though they might say that they can bless someone, none of them says that they will make someone to become a source of blessing through whom others are blessed.

Yet this God, the God who appeared to Abraham said,

"I will make you a blessing (source of blessing)! And through you all peoples on earth will be blessed!"

Those people He referred to are not only the people that were around him. It didn't mean only the people living in that village, nor is it confined to the nations living in the Middle East. He means all nations on the earth will be blessed through him. Not only will the people of his time be blessed but the people after him, whether a thousand years, two thousand years, three thousand or four! This was the blessing God had promised to Abraham.





The Source of Blessings

God whom we are meeting now said, "I will bless you. Not only will you be blessed but you will become a blessing! And all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you." All the nations of the earth will be blessed. Those you meet will be blessed. The taxi driver who drives you will be blessed because of you; the teacher that teaches you will be blessed because of you; the people of different countries whom you have not met yet will be blessed on account of you. That is the blessing we are receiving today. And we truly become the source of blessings.

If we don't get this right from the start, we may not be in accord with God. We will be in conflict with Him. Hence you need to be in accord with God. You didn't come to church only for you to be blessed. Through you your whole family will be blessed. Through you, the people around you will all be blessed. Through you, people you don't even know will be blessed.

There are a great many people in China who are being nurtured by the word from our church. About 250 churches are receiving the word from our church - they learn and they teach that. Those 250 churches are sending us letters almost every day saying, "Thank you for sending us the word every week." They bless the overseer, bless us the Sungrak people, bless me who is doing this work for them. They have been blessed through us. They have been blessed through our overseer. Likewise we become a source of blessing and bless all peoples on earth.

You can do the same. Though you came to church originally to be blessed, but don't stop there. In Jesus' name I bless you to be a source of blessing through whom all peoples and nations are blessed.

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