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“The Faith of Abraham, Accounted for Righteousness”

(Romans 4:1-3)

"Abraham, the father of faith. Wasn't he a man of perfect character who always did what was right, the most righteous man on earth?" This is not so different from what the Jews in Paul's day firmly believed. They thought God accepted Abraham because of his righteous deeds and faithfulness. And as his descendants, they believed they too were special in God's eyes. But the truth of Scripture is clear: no one can be made right with God by what they do. To think that Abraham was saved because he was righteous in himself is a serious misunderstanding that shakes the very foundation of salvation.

To correct this misunderstanding, Paul turned to Genesis 15:6, a passage the Jews loved to quote. "For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness'" (Romans 4:3). The word "accounted" was originally used for entering something in an account book. Abraham had no righteousness of his own to his credit, yet God accounted his faith as righteousness and entered righteousness into his spiritual account. Christ had not yet come, but on the basis of the redemption Christ would one day accomplish, Abraham's faith was accounted to him for righteousness. This was God's amazing grace.

When we look at Abraham's life as Scripture shows it, we see that he was not a righteous man. It was God alone who called him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, a land filled with idolatry. Yet Abraham did not fully obey God's command to leave his relatives behind and took his nephew Lot with him. When famine came, instead of trusting God, he turned to Egypt. There, to save his own life, he lied like a coward, saying his wife was his sister. He could not even hold on to God's promise to the

end and turned to a human solution, taking Hagar and fathering Ishmael. His choice brought deep conflict upon generations to come. Abraham stumbled and failed again and again. He was a weak man, just like us.

Yet God walked with Abraham. He stumbled again and again, but somehow, his trust in God continued to exert its power in him. Even when God told him to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering, Abraham obeyed without hesitation, believing that God could raise Isaac from the dead. This was not a strength Abraham had in himself. Under God's providence, there was a spiritual power at work, sustaining his faith. In the end, it was not Abraham who was great, but the grace of God—the grace that held on to this weak man to the end, supplied him with faith, and counted him righteous.

We have no power to make ourselves righteous. Even faith, in itself, is not the cause of our salvation. Faith is the only channel God uses to give us the grace of salvation. When we, with no merit of our own, reach out our hands to God to receive the grace He freely gives, the confident trust in our hearts at that moment is faith. Faith cannot be our own righteousness, nor do we have anything in ourselves to boast about because of our faith. Let us come to God with the trust He counts as righteousness. Though our deeds and even our faith may not be perfect, let us boldly come to the God of grace, who will receive our outstretched hands.

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Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*

“The Blessedness of Imputed Righteousness”

(Romans 4:6-8)

We commit sin, yet we cannot free ourselves from its guilt. Worse still, we do not even take this seriously. The problem is that this life on earth is not all there is. The “I” that lives focused on the things of the flesh is confused about its true identity. We think this is who we really are, but it is not. We do not even realize that we are living with sin or that we are bound by the curse of death. Yet Christ saved us from this desperate condition. He took our curse upon Himself and bore it in our place, and He imputed His perfect righteousness to us. In this way, we were delivered from the greatest misery and became the happiest of all.

David also spoke of this “happiness.” The apostle Paul quoted David’s words about this happiness when he spoke of “the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works”: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin” (Romans 4:7-8). David was the king most highly honored by the Jews, yet his happiness was found in discovering that God had covered his sins. He believed that God alone could wash away his sins, lift the crushing burden of condemnation brought upon him by his sin, and renew the nature within him that kept leading him into sin.

When the prophet rebuked David for committing adultery with Bathsheba and having her husband killed, David immediately admitted that he was a sinner and repented. He could do this because he was convinced that God had more than enough power to save a sinner and that He gives grace to those who repent. A person who does not believe

that God is alive does not repent. A person who disregards God’s justice does not repent. This was true of the Jewish religious leaders. Instead of repenting, they believed they had to make themselves righteous by their works and stand proudly before God as righteous people.

Many Christians today think in much the same way. They believe their salvation is secure because they attend church or because they have done a lot for the church. But if we seek to gain salvation by our works, we must never commit even a single sin, and we must completely remove every sin we have already committed. This is impossible by human strength. Serving in the church is not a way to be saved; it is evidence that we have been saved. No matter how faithfully we serve, we are still sinners. Unless we acknowledge this, we cannot repent, nor can we entrust our lives completely to Christ.

The person whose sins are forgiven is truly blessed. God never despises the one who repents, and He will surely take away their sin. David could speak of such happiness because he knew this. We who are in the love of God and the grace of Christ have experienced this for ourselves, and we possess the greatest happiness. Though we are sinners, we will not suffer the punishment of hell. We do not despair, because like Abraham and David, we too know our merciful God. We boldly proclaim the gospel and joyfully serve the church because we are happy. Let us never forget that we are debtors before God.

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Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*

“Walking in the Steps of Faith”

(Romans 4:9-12)

People are constantly drawn to rely on what they can see. It is easy to think that religious rituals such as baptism, Holy Communion, and even public worship possess a certain sacredness in themselves that somehow gives those who participate in them a special righteousness from God. But no ritual in itself can turn a sinner into a righteous person. We are accepted by God not because we have continued to attend worship, but because of the grace of God who has mercy on us and the righteousness Christ has accomplished for us. Religious rituals do not have the power to produce grace; they are precious opportunities God has given those who have received His grace to offer their hearts to Him.

The belief among some Christians that religious rituals have supernatural power in themselves is similar to the way the Jews regarded circumcision. They did not see circumcision merely as a sign that they were God's people; they believed it made them acceptable to God and even guaranteed their eternal salvation. But Abraham was not justified after he was circumcised. He had already believed God while he was still uncircumcised, and his faith was accounted to him for righteousness. He was circumcised at least fourteen years after he had been justified, so circumcision could not have been what made him righteous. Circumcision was not the cause of his righteousness, but a sign confirming the righteousness he had already received.

This does not mean that we should take worship and religious rituals lightly. God has given worship and various religious rituals to the church so that believers may serve Him with joy, keep their hearts reverent before Him, and enjoy a special spiritual fellowship with Him. When we participate in them with faith, our hearts are opened, we receive strength, wisdom, and assurance, and we experience God making a way through our difficulties. But this does not happen because religious rituals themselves produce some

supernatural power. The true source of all such grace is God. Therefore, our eyes must not remain fixed on the rituals and forms through which God works, but must turn to God Himself, who personally gives us grace through them.

Then why did God give circumcision? Circumcision was a physical sign showing that Abraham and his descendants were God's people, set apart from other nations and belonging to His covenant. At the same time, it was a seal confirming that Abraham had been accounted righteous by faith while he was still uncircumcised, and reminding every generation of the righteousness that comes by faith. Circumcision did not establish the covenant or take the place of faith. It revealed the covenant already given and the righteousness already received through faith. Therefore, what circumcision ultimately pointed to was not a mark on the body, but the heart. Those who are circumcised in heart are the true people of God.

Abraham is the father of all who walk in the steps of the faith he had while still uncircumcised. Even an uncircumcised Gentile becomes his spiritual descendant by believing God, while even a circumcised Jew cannot be called his true descendant if he does not follow that faith. What matters is not a physical mark or a religious background, but faith that relies entirely on God. Yet even that faith is not a merit by which we earn salvation. God values that faith and freely clothes us with the righteousness Christ has accomplished. Let us spend our lives not trying to establish a righteousness of our own, but holding firmly to the righteousness of Christ alone. Let us walk in these steps of faith to the end.

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Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*

“Hope Against Hope”

(Romans 4:18)

"Where does faith come from?" For Christians, this is an extremely important question. If we think that faith comes from within ourselves, we might boast, saying, "I was able to receive grace because I had faith." But is that really true? If Abraham, the father of faith, was justified because of a power he drew from within himself, then we who have become his descendants by faith could also boast about our own faith. But Abraham's faith was a remarkable faith that could never have come from within any human being.

Abraham had once been an idol worshiper, but when God called him, he left his homeland without even knowing where he was going. Though he had no son even at the age of seventy-five, God promised to make him a great nation. His original name was Abram, meaning "exalted father," so when people heard his name, they would naturally have asked, "How many sons do you have?" Again and again, Abram would have had to answer, "Not one." Yet even as he faced this awkward situation again and again, he never abandoned God's promise. This was because the God who called him also put within him the faith to obey that calling.

But as the waiting grew longer, Abram and his wife tried to fulfill the promise in their own way. The son born as a result was Ishmael, but he was not the son God had promised. When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God gave him the greater name "Abraham," declaring that he would become the father not merely of one nation, but of many nations. By then, his wife was ninety years old, and her childbearing years had already passed. God did not intend merely to help them accomplish

something extremely difficult. He intended to make possible what was fundamentally impossible.

Contrary to hope, in hope Abraham believed. People usually have hope when they can still see some possibility. But Abraham did not believe in the possibility; he believed God. Even when every circumstance declared, "It is impossible now," he believed that God would keep His promise and had the power to fulfill it. His hope, then, was a hope spelled "hope" but read as "faith." Of course, this does not mean that Abraham simply believed and did nothing. He strived to obey. But the fulfillment of the promise was not the result of his effort; it was the grace of God.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). We became children of God not because we had a greater power to believe than others, but because God called us and put faith within us. Therefore, we cannot claim our faith as our own merit or boast about it. And since we did not depend on our own strength in the first place, we have no reason to give up hope simply because we can see no possibility. We do not abandon hope even when there seems to be no reason for hope, because God will surely keep what He has promised. Believing this, let us boldly press on toward our hope.

*Lord's Day Service on August 9, 2026
Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*

“The Principle of Faith for All”

(Romans 4:23-25)

When we open the Bible, we meet Abraham, an old man who worshiped idols thousands of years ago on the other side of the world. Some may ask, "What does any of that have to do with me today? I'm just trying to make it through each day. Isn't that just history frozen in the pages of the Bible?" But that is far from true. The words of Scripture are the living voice of God, speaking across the ages. When God called Abraham and accounted his faith as righteousness, it was not a special privilege given to Abraham alone in the distant past. It was the eternal pattern of salvation God Himself established for us who would one day walk the same path of faith. It was a highway of grace prepared to reach even us.

From birth, we were bound by a sinful nature, unable to escape the destiny of eternal curse and destruction. God Himself solved this hopeless problem of human sin. He did not threaten us like the gods of this world or force us into submission by displaying His power. Nor did He give us a little at a time as though He were doing us a favor. For us, God gave up His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was as dear to Him as His own heart, to be put to death. He poured out all His passion, His love, and all His faithfulness. The one thing He required of us was not our qualifications or works, but pure faith, a complete trust in God that entrusts everything to Him.

This amazing grace of God, who gave His Son, works in all who believe, transcending time and space. What Christ accomplished through the cross completely took away even the sins of Abraham, who lived some two thousand years before Him, without losing even the slightest bit of its power. Abraham and we today stand on exactly the same rock: the same redemption of Jesus Christ. Think about it. Abraham had no written Word, yet with only a dim glimpse of what

was to come, he trusted in the God who gives life to the dead. We have all the truth of Scripture and even the testimony of the Holy Spirit. How much more, then, should we trust God! We have no reason at all to have a faith weaker than his.

Jesus Christ was delivered up to the cross to bear the punishment that we deserved. But He did not remain in the tomb. In the old days, when the high priest entered the Most Holy Place with the blood of the sacrifice, the people could know that the sacrifice had been accepted only when he came out again. In the same way, Jesus, our eternal High Priest, had to rise from the dead and appear before God after He was put to death. Through His death, He fully accomplished our redemption, and through His resurrection, He openly confirmed that this redemption had been accepted. The death and resurrection of Christ are therefore one complete victory that can never be divided.

God gave everything and sacrificed everything to give us life. Even when our circumstances are shaken and we feel as though we are about to fall, those who hold firmly to the hand of the risen Lord walk the path of glory and will never fall. The same path of grace that was opened to Abraham transcends the ages and remains open before us today. In this brief life, what we ought to do is praise Him, thank Him, and give Him glory all our days. Let us hold firmly to the power of Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again, and entrust the rest of our lives and all our hearts completely to the faithful love of our Lord.

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Sermon by Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim*

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The Lamb of God

in "Let Us Know Jesus", Chapter 16



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 placed 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.

in “Let Us Know Jesus”, Chapter 16

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Testimony of Blessing

from China, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Kenya

Through Overseer's sermon, "The Blessedness of Imputed Righteousness," I came to see one thing very clearly. My real problem is not that life is difficult. It is that I have become insensitive to sin and have lived without seriously thinking about eternity.

Overseer said that people often think of this body, which will remain only for a short time and then disappear, as though it were their whole existence, while forgetting that they are eternal beings. I realized that I have been living in much the same way. I have been careless about what will happen to my soul, while spending most of my strength on things that will eventually perish. I came to see how dangerous such a life can be.

What especially pierced my heart was the message about sin. I had not only failed to guard myself against sin, but had actually lived hand in hand with it, treating sin as though it were only a small weakness. The sermon compared sin to cancer, but I had been treating it more like a common cold. I had made countless excuses to defend myself, yet deep inside I knew that every time I compromised with sin, the weight of my curse was becoming heavier. I was in a condition from which I could never save myself by my own strength.

This sermon showed me the only way. God sent Jesus Christ to bear my curse and imputed His righteousness to me. All I can do is acknowledge my hopeless condition and depend entirely on the mercy of God.

David committed serious sins and had no good works of which he could boast. Yet he came before God with a broken and contrite heart. Amazingly, God did not deal with him according to his sins. I came to understand that if God says to us, "I will

not count your sin against you," there can be no greater blessedness than this.

Another part of the sermon that remained deeply in my heart was that a person who refuses to acknowledge sin cannot receive forgiveness. I often say, "I did nothing wrong," and shift the responsibility onto someone else, even when I know very well in my heart where the responsibility truly lies. I realized that this attitude can be even more serious than the wrong itself.

I also came to understand that no religious act—whether worship, service, or giving offerings—can become the reason for my salvation. These things are simply the natural fruit that flows from the life of someone who has already been saved. If I am still trying to gain peace in my heart through these things, it shows that I have not yet fully understood grace.

Through Overseer's sermon, I was made to face the truth directly. There are only two ways before me: to acknowledge that I am a sinner worthy of death and depend only on the cross of Jesus, or to continue deceiving myself until I finally stand before judgment. There is no middle ground.

Like David, I want to bow down before God and confess that I have no one else to depend on. I want to look only to His mercy. I confess that receiving the mercy of God is the greatest blessedness of all.

*Reflection on
Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim's Lord's Day Sermon
"The Blessedness of Imputed Righteousness"*

Sister Shen, China
August 12, 2026

At first, I thought I already knew everything. Because of that, I saw myself as a refined and spiritual person and even thought I was one step above others. When I shared the gospel, I believed that as long as a person was baptized, that person would be saved and go to heaven. Sometimes I even pressured people to believe in Jesus, and when they did not accept what I said, I became upset and disliked them.

Once, I shared Jesus with my nephew. He told me that he had no religion and did not want to believe. When I heard that, I thought to myself, "I am telling you about such a good Jesus, and you still will not believe? Then do whatever you want." In my heart, I looked down on him.

Until I heard this sermon, I thought, "I have been baptized, so I am righteous." I believed that the moment a person was baptized, all sin simply disappeared at once.

Over the past few weeks, Overseer has been preaching about how Abraham was accounted righteous by faith. For the first time, I came to understand that Abraham being accounted righteous was possible because of God's mercy, love, and grace. I had never heard this clearly before. Now I am beginning to understand properly that God gave us Jesus, and that Jesus shed His blood on the cross and paid the price for our sins in our place. In the past, I was not fully convinced of this and did not understand its true meaning.

I had read Romans 4:9–12, the passage used in the sermon, before, but I did not understand it. As I listened to Overseer's sermon, however, I began to understand it little by little. I feel that I need to continue listening to Overseer's sermons and keep learning.

In the past, when I received the Word materials you sent, I would sometimes stop reading halfway through. Even when I finished reading them, I often could not remember what I had read. But now I am beginning to long for the Word more and more.

I am truly thankful to Sungrak Church. Thank you for making it possible for me to hear the Word of God every week. I am deeply grateful for all the effort you put into this.

I pray that God will keep me from forgetting His grace and becoming ungrateful, and that He will help me continue following His Word with a humble heart.

Immanuel!

*Reflection on Overseer Sung-Hyun Kim's
Lord's Day Sermon "Walking in the Steps of Faith"*

Sister Li Jimei, China
August 9, 2026

Thank you for not forgetting me here in faraway Nigeria and for continuing to stand with me through your prayers and the Word.

As I reflected on this message, I was reminded of the priests in the Old Testament. Thinking about them helped me see in a fresh way that through Jesus, God has now entrusted authority and responsibility to all who believe. The work of preaching the gospel, casting out demons, and leading souls into the kingdom of God has also been entrusted to believers like me. This reminded me once again that I should live in such a way that even one soul may be led into God's kingdom.

Nigeria, where I live, is a place where persecution against Christians continues. Security is unstable, physical threats remain, and the rising cost of living makes daily life more and more difficult. Even in these circumstances, the Word sent by Sungrak Church has been a great comfort to me.

Whenever I read the letters and books you send, I am strengthened in the assurance that the blessing God gave to Abraham continues even to me today. Every passage of the Word has brought me great joy. Above all, the Word has renewed my heart to remain faithful to the end as a soldier of the cross, no matter what situation I may face.

In the past, I often became discouraged because my heart was completely occupied with the difficulties around me. But through the Word, I have come to depend more on the Holy Spirit, who is always with me and leads me. Little by little, I am learning to look to God first rather than to the circumstances before my eyes.

I would also like to share one more thankful piece of news. By the grace of God, I have successfully completed my Ph.D. program here. Considering the situation I have been living in, this was not an easy journey. Yet whenever I faced difficult moments, God gave me the strength and wisdom I needed, and by His grace I was able to complete my studies and graduate safely.

From now on as well, I want to live depending only on the Lord, trusting that He will continue to lead me in the way that is best.

Once again, thank you sincerely for praying for me and for continuing to send me the precious Word of God.

Brother U. Udofia, Nigeria
June 15, 2026



I am always thankful to the Lord for His steadfast love that nurtures me as I grow in my faith life. By being transplanted in Jesus, I have become complete in Him (Col 2:10). I am thankful for this message because I have come to have perfect assurance that I have received in becoming one with Jesus. This was not my life because I had a different understanding of the word, "Blessing."

Human validation is like an invisible piece of clothing that people yearn for because they feel naked. Like so many people, I didn't feel blessed if I didn't own many earthly possessions. When I began my faith life, all my prayers were consumed with desires of material things. I thank God that in Christ Jesus we are blessed. Not only are we blessed, we are a blessing as children of God. It was only when I realized that nothing on this earth is eternal although I desired the eternal (Eccl 3:11), that I truly understood what it meant to be blessed.

I can never be blessed with the eternal blessing of God if all my heart's fulfillment is satisfied with what I possess physically. That is a shallow way of seeing God's love. Before I met Jesus, I was spiritually empty with no power to save myself from the desires of temporary happiness, peace, and joy. Being blessed is completely independent of my outward circumstances; rather, I have divine deep joy and spiritual well-being that comes from being transplanted in Jesus. "Being one with the blessing."

In the past, when faced with trials and tribulations, I had no understanding that I was a blessing. I was always consumed with religious activities without hope. True peace cannot come without a heart rooted in the eternal. Yes, I can have temporary relief and possession in my body, but I thank God that my life is one with Jesus. The blessing cannot

be limited to one person's life or lifetime, one family, or one country. It is to all nations. Sungrak Church was blessed and became a blessing, and the blessing continues to nations. That's the beauty of The Blessing of Abraham: it cannot be bottled up. It continues even past our earthly life. With this in mind, I am also aware that our time on earth is very short. For this reason, my faith life is not a pursuit of comfort but of glorifying God. It is the blessing that sustains us daily to do the will of God, not through compulsion, but by the promptings of a life that has been blessed with eternity.

*Pastor L. Chitaraka, Zimbabwe
September 10, 2026*

You see the world and the society in particular values what one possesses. Men with high possessions are automatically important and of high value. The poor aren't considered as anything except useless. That's how society defines classes of importance and effectively executes it.

This is contrary to God's view on who's valuable. As believers, we ought to be transformed and renewed in our minds that our life is predicated on Christ alone and that's where abundance overflows. Notably, Jesus was made poor so that we may become rich — not in resources, but in abundance of life. This is very important to comprehend.

If material possessions could give life, then the world's richest people would still be alive to this day, living thousands of years. But we praise the Lord for His goodness: despite struggles or lack, we have life in abundance as believers. Life cannot be bought by mammon. In fact, the Scriptures warn us of the repercussions of engaging with mammon: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

Some while coveting it have gone astray from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

This suffices to mean that possessions are not everything. Wealth is good; however, if not meant for God, especially money, it is always tempting and tends to draw men away from the right direction of God. Possessions aren't enough proof of living a blessed life — no! But Jesus Christ is everything that's important for a believer. We truly need Jesus Christ in our daily endeavors and activities.

One may have a lot of possessions but end up in hell because of the false confidence it gives. One thing I've learned about rich men or people with material possessions is that they have false confidence in what they possess. They forget how temporal possessions are, and losing them is just like a wind blowing off. But the actual confidence is essentially being rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ alone, in whom we have confidence that we have abundance of all things meant for us here on earth and eternal blessings. Furthermore, Jesus is our eternal blessing that is irreplaceable.

Eternal blessing is the ultimate treasure believers can possess. The rest are meant to carry out life activities with ease; however, they are not reliable in the long run.

It's important to understand that with Jesus Christ we are rich and have abundance of life eternally. What we have to understand is living in the Spirit with the knowledge that Christ Jesus is enough to supply us, even with opportunities for material possessions. We are truly blessed.

Thank you so much for sharing powerful insight. I'll still think about it and meditate.

*Brother S. Benson, Kenya
September 9, 2026*

As I read your letter, I came to understand why my spiritual life had not been growing and why I had remained in the same place for so long. Whenever I received the Word, I did not try to understand God's heart. I misunderstood His Word, and because of that, I lost many opportunities to grow. Through your message, I realized that I misunderstood the guidance given for a fellow worker's growth as criticism.

I had been living inside my own world. Even when I listened to the Word, I focused only on the words and sentences and applied them to myself. When I saw that I had failed to live according to the Word, I blamed myself and became trapped in exhausting self-condemnation. The Word that was meant to give me life became a burden of condemnation pressing down on my heart. In doing so, I had completely missed God's true heart.

God's heart has never changed. What God desires is not for us to obey everything perfectly. He desires to change us, to make us more and more like Him, to make us His fellow workers, and to bring us into a beautiful and eternal relationship with Him. Immanuel! This is the blessing God promised to Abraham.

The Old Covenant and the New Covenant point toward the same goal, but the way that goal is accomplished is different. Under the Old Covenant, keeping the Law was the condition. But because human flesh was weak, people could not fulfill it, and the covenant could not achieve its purpose through their obedience. So God Himself changed the condition of the covenant. He sent His only begotten Son and established a new covenant with us through the blood of Jesus.

Under the New Covenant, the way is to repent and believe. Even when we fall again and again, God remains faithful to His covenant and stays with us. Through Jesus Christ, He gives us the blessing of Abraham, and He gives us the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of that blessing.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on me so that I will no longer misunderstand Your Word. May the Holy Spirit help me to understand the shepherd's heart whenever I receive Your Word, and to understand Your heart that desires all nations to be blessed. Make me a blessing, and make me a channel through which all nations may receive Your blessing. Amen.

*Minister OOO, China
July 31, 2026*





Reading this week's letter has filled my heart with overflowing gratitude toward God. What touched me most deeply was seeing clearly once again that the heart of faith is never about obsessing over rules or regulations, but about discerning the heart of God behind His Word.

You gave a simple example from ministry: regarding the same guidance from a team, some receive it as a grace for growth, while others take it as a condemning rebuke. The fundamental cause of this difference lies in whether one can discern the true heart of the teacher. This mirrors our attitude when facing God's Word. When reading Scripture or hearing a sermon, we often struggle internally, asking, "Did I do it right?" or "Did I mess up again?" We turn the Word, which was meant to give life, into a burden of condemnation, forgetting to stop and think, "What was in God's heart when He spoke these words?"

Following the context you unfolded, pastor, I came to see God's heart running through the entire Bible much more clearly. I realized that the covenant God made with Abraham was His fundamental promise all along. God desires to be with humanity, to bless us, and to make those who belong to Him a source of blessing so that all nations on earth may be blessed through them. The Old and New Covenants are not two separate promises; they point to the exact same goal—they simply differ in how that goal is fulfilled. While the Old Covenant depended on keeping the Law—which human weakness made impossible to complete—in the New Covenant, God Himself changed the condition, making repentance and reliance on Him the path. Thus, even when we stumble, He remains faithful to the covenant, stays with us, and bestows the blessing of Abraham upon us through Jesus Christ. God's heart has never changed: from beginning to end, what He longs for is not our "perfect performance," but a "genuine walk" with us.

Looking back, I cannot help but deeply reflect on how I lived trapped in my own small world throughout my past faith journey. For a long time, when listening to sermons, I clung only to the literal text, constantly checking "Did I achieve this?"—filling myself with self-condemnation and internal exhaustion. I failed to understand the labor and anxious heart of the evangelist, nor did I ever touch the warm love embedded in God's Word. On the outside, it seemed as though I had listened to countless sermons and done so much, but in reality, I was merely running in place—having a form of godliness, but lacking the essence of life. It was just as many people, when first encountering spiritual books, fixate on surface things like gifts or power rather than feeling the heart of the one sharing them, turning faith into a tool for self-satisfaction and straying completely from God's true heart. Now, looking back, I realize how foolishly wrong I was.

Pastor, thank you from the bottom of my heart for unpacking God's heart so thoroughly through this letter, helping me look beyond the letter of the law to see the essence. Furthermore, I am deeply grateful for God's grace—that despite our foolishness and self-centeredness, He never gave up on us, but through your guidance, led us into the truth so that we could deeply read His love in our hearts.

May the Lord help me lay down my prejudices and self-righteousness, so that I no longer live trapped in my own world. From now on, whenever I receive the Word, I pray that I may quiet my heart, deeply meditate on God's heart, and draw near to Him in truth. May I hold fast to the blessing of Abraham, live out this love and blessing that comes from God in my daily life, and become a channel that flows into the lives of many more souls.

*Minister OO, China
July 15, 2026*

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The Blessing of Abraham

(Galatians 3:13-14)

Following God's Word Sermon Series, Chapter 6

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Galatians 3:13-14, NKJV)

Galatians 3:13 tells us that "Jesus Christ became a curse." This may sound strange. In most other religions, people assume that whoever they believe in lived a grand and glorious life on this earth, enjoying great blessing and honor. And yet the One we rely on and believe in—He came to this earth and became a curse.

There is another strange thing that is hard to understand. When Jesus came up out of the water after being baptized, God said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And yet from that point on, His life was a continuous series of sufferings. We might think, "Well, maybe if I endure hardship when I'm young, things will get easier later on." But that was not the case at all for Jesus. Instead, it only ended in the most brutal of deaths—nailed to a cross, bleeding out until He was gone. It is truly difficult to understand.

And so most people think of Jesus as just another young man from Nazareth—someone who was tried as a criminal before a Roman court, sentenced to death, and nothing more. In the world today, some believe that Jesus is exactly who God declared Him to be: the Son of God, the One in whom God is well pleased. But others believe something quite different—that Jesus was a remarkable man, yes, but one whose life ended in death like everyone else's. That this world was simply too wicked for Him to change. That He lived a life under a curse,

and that His plans, His dreams, all came to nothing in the end. And that is why, even today, so many people want nothing to do with Jesus Christ. And they do not particularly like those who believe in Him either.

However, within all of this, there is a plan and a dream that God had in allowing it. There is a reason God permitted Jesus to become a curse in this way. And that reason is this: God has the heart of a mother. This is what a mother's love looks like. "My child, may you be blessed. May things go well for you. If there is a curse to be borne, I will bear it—so that you can go free." That is a mother's heart. "You eat—I'll go without. You spend—I'll cut back. I never got the chance to study, but you will. I've had a hard life, but you're going to make something of yourself." That is the heart of a mother who wants nothing more than to see her child do well.

That is exactly the heart of God had. And so He sent the One He loved and trusted most—Jesus Christ—and said to Him, "You will bear the curse in their place." God knew that Jesus would not stumble, would not feel bitter, and would not resist. That is why He sent Him to this earth, to die on the cross. In it all, there was love for humanity—and at the same time, there was a deep trust in His beloved Son.

But what if His beloved Son had refused to listen? What if He had said, "No! I don't want to be nailed to a cross. And look at those humans—see how wicked they are? And on top of that, they are utterly ungrateful. Even if you give them something good, they won't thank you for it. They'll point their fingers, curse you, and say, 'He gave us something worthless.' How futile would it be to give such a great gift only to be insulted by them? I don't want to do it!" ? What if He had argued like that?

In fact, Jesus prayed in that very way before He died. "I don't want to be cursed like this for those people. I don't understand it. God, why must I go through this curse for such ungrateful human beings? If it is possible, please let this pass from me." But God did not grant it. He simply left Jesus to face it. If God had said, "I know it's hard, but do it anyway"—Jesus would most likely have accepted it. But it was too much to make sense of. So Jesus went back and asked again. "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Must I really go through with this?" Silence. He went a third time and prayed the same prayer. "Does it have to be this way? Must you really go this far to save them?" God remained silent.

Now, since Jesus clearly understood the will of God, Jesus finished His prayer, stood up, and went to the place where the Roman soldiers were waiting. He was seized, interrogated, and then nailed to the cross to die. This was a choice that Jesus made. And it was also what God had willed for Him. This is how God allowed His beloved Son to become a curse—even though He loved Him deeply.

So then, why did God allow Him to become a curse? It was so that He could say, "I will take the curse, so that you may receive." What was that? A blessing. What God wants to give us is the blessing He has been preparing since before eternity began. And that is why we who believe in Jesus have come to receive that blessing. We truly live this life of faith in order to receive a blessing. We believe in Jesus in order to be blessed.

However, this blessing is a bit different from what the world typically thinks of as a blessing. In the world, people say that having strong teeth is a blessing. But even teeth will eventually be lost. These days, a lot of people get dental implants, don't they? But no matter how many you get, you can't take them with you when you leave this world. And people say that a long life is a blessing too—but even the longest life is only a hundred years. Every blessing

this world offers will one day be gone. But the blessing God wants to give us is nothing like that; it is an eternal blessing.

God made us as eternal beings so that He could give us an eternal blessing. And because of that, there is surely a longing for eternity deep within each of us. You want to be happy, don't you? But do you only want to be happy for the next ten years?

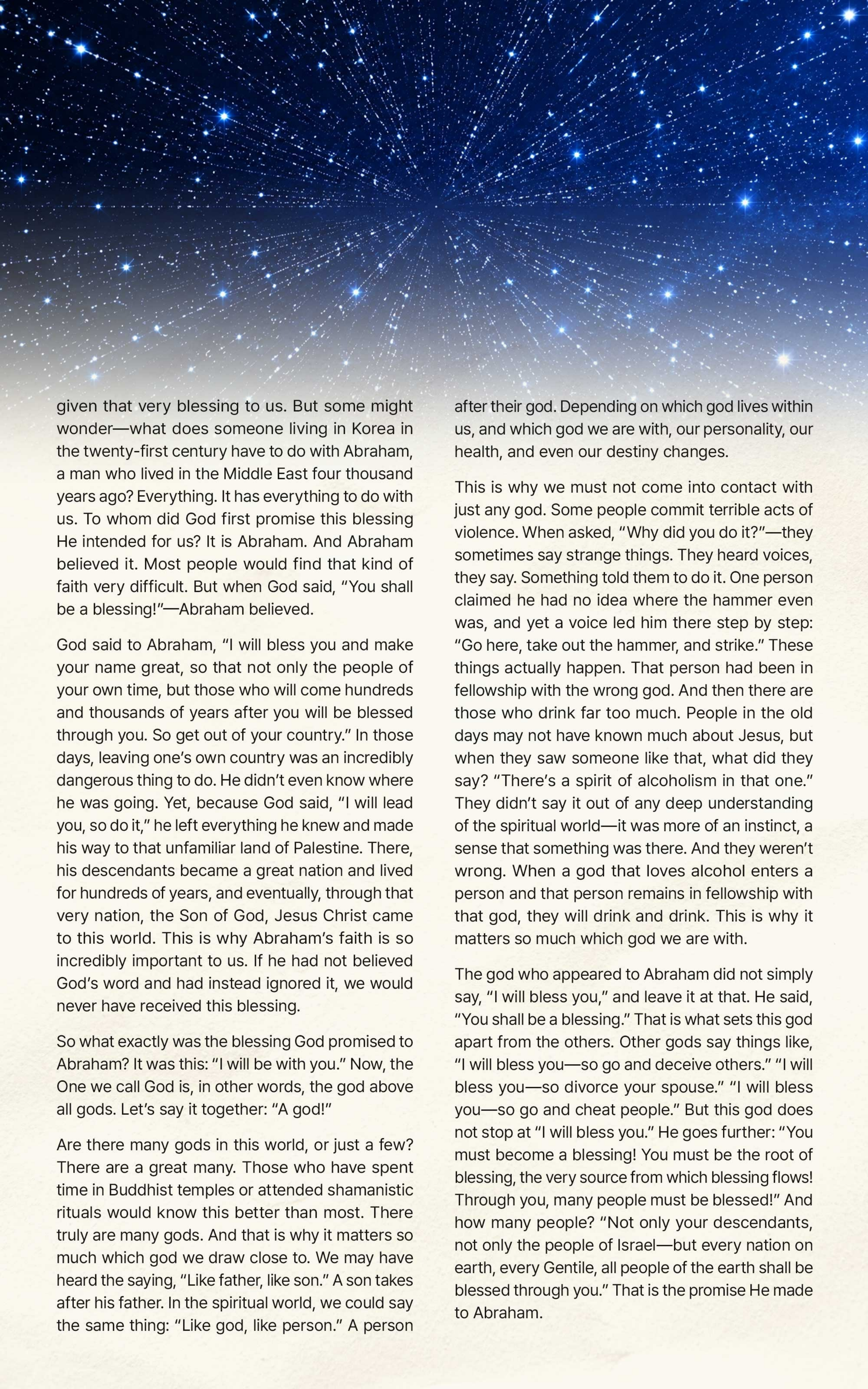
No one thinks that way. We want to be happy forever. Even someone who knows full well that their life will not last forever will still say, "I want to be happy forever." And think about two people in love. "Do you love me?" "Yes, I love you." "Will you love me forever?" "Forever!" But how can anyone love forever? Eventually one will go before the other, or they will be separated one way or another. The promise gets made, but it can't be kept. And yet we still long to be loved forever. Why is that? Why do we keep reaching for something eternal? It is because we ourselves are eternal beings. That is what we call the spirit. The body will one day die and decay. But the spirit most certainly exists. And so the spirit keeps seeking eternal things. When the spirit receives love, it wants to be happy forever. God is the only One who can give such things. Money cannot provide what is eternal, and people cannot give eternal happiness. Only God gives what is eternal, and that is why He promised to give us an eternal blessing. He even went so far as to say, "I will take the curse, so that you may be blessed."

Now, God has given this blessing a name. It is written in Galatians 3:14. He named it "the blessing of Abraham."

Let's say it together: "The blessing of Abraham!"

Abraham was a man who lived in the Middle East four thousand years ago. What is now Iraq was his homeland, and what is now Palestine was where he later settled and made his life. And this blessing bears his name—the blessing of Abraham. God has





given that very blessing to us. But some might wonder—what does someone living in Korea in the twenty-first century have to do with Abraham, a man who lived in the Middle East four thousand years ago? Everything. It has everything to do with us. To whom did God first promise this blessing He intended for us? It is Abraham. And Abraham believed it. Most people would find that kind of faith very difficult. But when God said, “You shall be a blessing!”—Abraham believed.

God said to Abraham, “I will bless you and make your name great, so that not only the people of your own time, but those who will come hundreds and thousands of years after you will be blessed through you. So get out of your country.” In those days, leaving one’s own country was an incredibly dangerous thing to do. He didn’t even know where he was going. Yet, because God said, “I will lead you, so do it,” he left everything he knew and made his way to that unfamiliar land of Palestine. There, his descendants became a great nation and lived for hundreds of years, and eventually, through that very nation, the Son of God, Jesus Christ came to this world. This is why Abraham’s faith is so incredibly important to us. If he had not believed God’s word and had instead ignored it, we would never have received this blessing.

So what exactly was the blessing God promised to Abraham? It was this: “I will be with you.” Now, the One we call God is, in other words, the god above all gods. Let’s say it together: “A god!”

Are there many gods in this world, or just a few? There are a great many. Those who have spent time in Buddhist temples or attended shamanistic rituals would know this better than most. There truly are many gods. And that is why it matters so much which god we draw close to. We may have heard the saying, “Like father, like son.” A son takes after his father. In the spiritual world, we could say the same thing: “Like god, like person.” A person

after their god. Depending on which god lives within us, and which god we are with, our personality, our health, and even our destiny changes.

This is why we must not come into contact with just any god. Some people commit terrible acts of violence. When asked, “Why did you do it?”—they sometimes say strange things. They heard voices, they say. Something told them to do it. One person claimed he had no idea where the hammer even was, and yet a voice led him there step by step: “Go here, take out the hammer, and strike.” These things actually happen. That person had been in fellowship with the wrong god. And then there are those who drink far too much. People in the old days may not have known much about Jesus, but when they saw someone like that, what did they say? “There’s a spirit of alcoholism in that one.” They didn’t say it out of any deep understanding of the spiritual world—it was more of an instinct, a sense that something was there. And they weren’t wrong. When a god that loves alcohol enters a person and that person remains in fellowship with that god, they will drink and drink. This is why it matters so much which god we are with.

The god who appeared to Abraham did not simply say, “I will bless you,” and leave it at that. He said, “You shall be a blessing.” That is what sets this god apart from the others. Other gods say things like, “I will bless you—so go and deceive others.” “I will bless you—so divorce your spouse.” “I will bless you—so go and cheat people.” But this god does not stop at “I will bless you.” He goes further: “You must become a blessing! You must be the root of blessing, the very source from which blessing flows! Through you, many people must be blessed!” And how many people? “Not only your descendants, not only the people of Israel—but every nation on earth, every Gentile, all people of the earth shall be blessed through you.” That is the promise He made to Abraham.

Abraham received all of it—every promise. And in the end, Jesus Christ came to this earth as one of his descendants, and became a curse and died. As a result, the blessing God had promised to Abraham has now come to us. God was with Abraham and made him a blessing—and that blessing has truly come upon us. What was promised four thousand years ago has now been fulfilled in me, in you, today. Is that not remarkable?

So what can we learn from all of this? The god who made that promise to Abraham has existed for at least 4,000 years. Other gods are not like that. You know the gods that fortune tellers call upon? They don't last. Even if they help you for a time, it won't be for long. But this god has kept his word for four thousand years and counting. And as it turns out, this god has existed from before eternity and will exist for all eternity. What is more, he created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. And among all the gods in this world, this god has no impossibilities. He calls into being what does not exist and raises the dead. That is the kind of god he is.

And that is exactly what I urge you to do—to be with that god. That is the blessing. To live with the very god who appeared to Abraham. To be united with him. To become one with him. He comes to live within us, and we come to live within God. All around us, people are walking through this world with demons living inside them. But for us, the Spirit of God comes to us and lives within us—the very god who appeared to Abraham, the god who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Our bodies will one day die. But this god will not simply let us fade away into nothing. He will raise us up. He will bring us back to life. And he has promised that we will be with him forever.

We are people who are fully convinced that being with this god is the blessing. We have already experienced that. When this god is with us, we receive his help even here on this earth. When other people face difficulties, the first thing they do is look for someone who can help. “Can you lend me some money?” or “Do you know anyone with connections I can call on?”—they go looking for people to turn to. But we Christians do not do that. No matter what difficulty we face, the greatest help of all is right here with us. And so we ask that god, “Please help me. I need your help right now!” Even when we are struggling financially—“Please take care of this problem!” When we are not well—“Please take care of this too.” And this god is incredibly generous. He does not give out his authority little by little when we ask for it—this god gives all of it to those he calls his friends. And so we who believe in Jesus live each day carrying that remarkable authority with us.

My son is here with us today; he came along with a friend. Let me tell you about something that happened when he was in kindergarten. We were walking to kindergarten one day when he suddenly collapsed to the ground. Well, if we fall down, we get back up—so I told him, “Get up.” But he couldn't. He just kept sinking back down. I didn't know if his legs had gone numb or what had happened, but he could not get up.

And in that moment, something came to mind. When I was in China, I had once met a man who could not walk. We had prayed for him together with a pastor who was with me, and he was healed—and afterward he even went out with us to share the gospel. This man had been unable to walk from the fifth grade all the way until he was twenty-five. I had asked him once, “How did it happen?” He told me he had simply collapsed while walking one day—and





from that point on, he could never get back up. He had lived that way for twenty years.

That memory came rushing back to me—and when I saw my child collapsed on the ground and unable to get up, fear gripped me. No matter how many times I tried to lift him, he just couldn't stand. Panic-stricken, I tried to flag down a taxi to take him to the hospital, but no taxi stopped. And then, all of a sudden, it hit me. "Wait—why am I running around like this? The greatest help of all is right here with me. The very god who was with Abraham—that god is with me right now." Yes, the Holy Spirit is with me.

And so I made up my mind to use the authority he had given me. "That's right—what am I doing? I have the authority God has given me!" With that settled in my heart, I spoke directly to my child. "In the name of Jesus, I command you—get up right now!" And he sprang straight to his feet. Then I said, "Run!" And he ran. From that point on, there was nothing wrong with him at all. If it had not been for that authority, I would have spent that day in tremendous worry, and no one knows what might have become of him. But it was resolved just like that—so simply, in fact, that you might almost say, "Well, maybe it was nothing after all."

There are so many moments like that in our lives. This god is always with us, always helping us. If I were to tell them all, a whole day would not be enough. Our lives are a continuous stream of testimonies. And so I urge you today—receive the blessing that God has already promised you. You must receive it.

Then, in order to make the blessing of Abraham your own, you must receive the Holy Spirit that God has promised. In other words, you must welcome the Spirit of God to come and live within you. It's

not about saying to that Spirit, "Just follow along beside me"; it's about completely accepting Him to dwell within you. I will guide you through this step by step in the days ahead. In the world, some people are possessed by demons and come under their influence. But for us, it is not a demon that enters—it is the Spirit of God Himself that comes to live within us. That is what it means to believe in Jesus—to welcome that Spirit in. It is an entirely new life. I bless you in the name of Jesus that you would come to fully possess and enjoy the blessing of Abraham as your very own.

God our Father, we pray that every soul gathered here today would, just as You promised long ago and just as Jesus Christ hoped when He died on the cross, come to possess the blessing of Abraham—and become a source of blessing. Not only for themselves, but for their families, their descendants, and for all people everywhere. Help them to become that very source from which blessing flows. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

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