

A PRESENTATION BY
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Gospel Seminar II

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Introduction

- What is the Gospel?
- What is faith in the Gospel?
- What is the power of the Gospel?

1. What is the Gospel? (What God has done)

“gospel”

- > Greek (“the good news”)
- > “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1.Cor 15:3,4)
 - a. Jesus’ death on the cross
 - b. Jesus’ resurrection

a) Jesus' death on the cross


- Historical fact
- Described and testified by all 4 evangelists

- Gods will, that Jesus should die for our sin
- “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World!”” (John 1:29)
- Did it with a clear purpose for us, as only way to save sinners from sin
- Expression of his absolute and unchanging love for us
- “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom 5:8)
- Jesus as sacrificial lamb, so that we are set free and became Gods children
- “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” (1Pet 2:24)

b) Jesus' resurrection

- Conquered death → became entrance door to eternal life for us
- “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 6:23)
- Death as consequence of sin = eternal separation from God
- Jesus rose from death and became eternal victor over death
- “If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.” (Rom 6:5)
- We got eternal life with him

c) *The history of God's salvation*

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- **Creation** of humans out of love
 - Didn't recognise love and transgressed Gods commandment (**fall**)
 - Love relationship to God destroyed & men more and more rebellious
 - Gods love declaration, **covenant** (Abraham & Sinai) not fundamental
 - New and eternal covenant through **Jesus**

2. What is faith in the gospel? (What we do)

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
 - a. Accept Jesus’ death on the cross
 - b. Accept Jesus’ resurrection as my resurrection

a) *Accept Jesus' death on the cross*

- Acknowledge oneself as a sinner
- “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:8,9)
- Come to God with repentance, then he will forgive us and give us Holy Spirit
- “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)
- Died the sinful life and have been delivered from Gods judgement
- “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” (John 5:24)

b) Jesus' resurrection is my resurrection

- “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.” (1.Peter 1:3,4)
- Faith in the resurrection of Jesus = born again
- no longer live for the perishable and stained = see kingdom of God

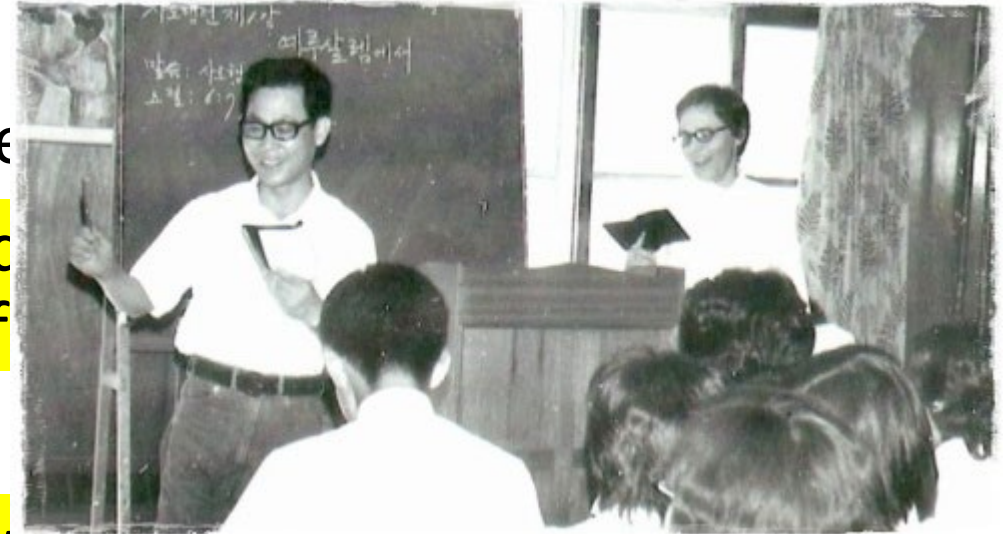
– No longer limited by worldly/ own desires

– “For we are God's workmanship, created in works, which God prepared in advance for us.”

– Living hope of kingdom of God

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– May live a new life by faith and be used in God's eternal plan of salvation



3. What is the power of the Gospel? (What the Gospel does)

– “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom 8:1)

- a. Victory over the power of sin
- b. Victory over the power of death

a) *Victory over the power of Sin*

- Set free from sin, no more dominion over us
- “For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.” (Rom 6:14)
- Live new and changed life
- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2Cor 5:17)
- Changes us into new creature (love and obey God)

- "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1Pet 2:9)
- Freed from live as slaves in sin, now royal priesthood, proclaiming Gods benefits
- "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph 2:10)
- Work of God = obeying, work for salvation,

b) Victory over the power of death

– Died the old life and freed from bondage of sin

– "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" (Rom 8:15)

– "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:38,39)



- Nothing can stop us, bc eternal victory and eternal life through gospel
- "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Rev 21:4)
- Already place in heaven = devote rest of our lives to Jesus, spreading gospel (instead seeking for worldly achievements)
- Joyful pilgrimage to Jesus' eternal kingdom

Personal Testimony

Learn ...

- Through faith saved and experienced power of God
- Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead
- Received forgiveness and eternal life
- May acknowledge ourselves as sinners, repent, come to God as we are