

20230820 TRUTH INDEBTED IN LOVE PART 2

(The revelation of the mystery)

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,

26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith -

27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Intro: Romans 1:1-3

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God -

2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures

3 regarding his Son...

- Understanding the gospel is to know Jesus Christ (Knowledge)
- Understanding the gospel is to recognize the new life that Jesus brought for us (Relationship)
- Understanding the gospel is to practice the new life in Christ with others (Togetherness)

1. UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL IS TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST (KNOWLEDGE)

Isaiah 41:21

21 "Present your case," says the LORD.

"Set forth your arguments," says Jacob's King.

22 "Tell us, you idols,

what is going to happen.

Tell us what the former things were,
so that we may consider them
and know their final outcome.

Or declare to us the things to come,

23 tell us what the future holds,

so we may know that you are gods.

Do something, whether good or bad,

so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear.

Luke 1:1-4

1 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us.

2 They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples.

3 Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus,

4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

One of the main problems that cause the delay of spiritual growth: The lack of inquisitive mindset on the truthfulness of Christian faith with scientific and logical data collecting and processing effort.

2. UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL IS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW LIFE THAT JESUS BROUGHT FOR US (RELATIONSHIP)

Luke 24:27

27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:32

32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Their hearts burning within them.

How do we know that we have our personal story with Jesus?

It's our prayer life.

So, how do we start this kind of intimate relationship with Him?

By talking to Him about the people or the situation He brings to our daily life.

Sample prayer: "Lord, is there any of Your plan in my meeting this person today? Jesus, is there anything you want me to learn from this situation?"

3. UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL IS TO PRACTICE THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST WITH OTHERS (TOGETHERNESS)

Hebrews 10:21-25

21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,

22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Question: **Is our gathering as the body of Christ as important as your personal devotion to Christ in your understanding?**

Sin, in its core, the character is selfish individualism.

And our effort for one another in Christ shows that we have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness and transferred into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, Jesus Christ.