

10-20-2019 weekly messages

Meditation of the week: Psalms 100:1-5

Text: Titus 2:12-14

Word title: Joyful meeting with departed families in the glorious day of Christ

Apostle Paul wrote to Titus, to whom he had preached the gospel unto salvation to be his spiritual son. He assures us that the Savior Jesus Christ, who is going to appear, is the blessed hope and great God coming in glory.

Apostle Paul testified in great detail about the blessed hope unto the saints of Thessalonian Church, who had been severely persecuted in the midst of preaching the gospel of Christ unto the Jews who never believed in Christ even crucified him. They were only looking for the hope of the day of Christ appearing in the air to take them home in heaven.

He testified of them about the saints with them, who had believed in Christ and departed them to heaven in ahead of them, saying, "**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.... we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**" (1 Thess. 4: 14,15).

Their bodies are already dead in the graves, but their spirits and souls are already up in heaven to meet with the Lord, so they are ahead of them that are alive. The Lord said that He will bring their spirits and souls when the Lord appears in the air. Then they shall rise from the tomb, and the Lord is going to make their spirits and souls to be united with their bodies to bring them unto the image of Christ Jesus.

In addition, he continued to testify of the mystery of the rapture, when they shall meet again with the saints who are alove and ascend together to meet the Lord:

" For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ

shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4: 16-17).

How much comforting message this is especially for them who are living in suffering after they sent their loved ones to heaven ahead of them? What a thrilling moment it shall be when the Lord brings them and the bodies of their beloved ones rise from the grave and appear before them in the presence of them? The day when we meet our beloved wife, husband, children, and the beloved saints who left before will be the most joyful day on earth. It will be the most exciting moment in the human history, because it is not just to meet one another, but in the form of most beautiful figure of thirty-three years old as Jesus. As soon as we meet again, we shall be taken together into the air and ascend to the everlasting home of the celestial jewels decorated with golden jewelry. This is why Apostle Paul said, "**Wherefore Comfort one another with these words.**"

Apostle Paul also testified of this mysterious day when he wrote to the Corinthian Saints:

" Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15: 51-53)

Apostle Paul testified of this hope and exhorted them what kind of life they should live by believing in it:

" But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1Cor. 15: 57-58).

Meanwhile, the Saints of Thessalonica, who were severely persecuted in the midst of preaching waiting for Christ's day and urged them not to be shaken by those who deceived saying when it was coming.

" Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3Let no man deceive you by any means: "(2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3).

Apostle Paul testified specifically of the signs of the day of Christ, the day of the rapture. The signs are what will happen later in the future. But for us today, the signs are appearing right before our eyes.

First, he testified that the day would not come without falling away first. Apostasy is not about the people of the world but about apostasy in the churches that believe in God. Falling away is literally falling away from the faith in Jesus Christ. It refers to the loss of salvation from believing in Jesus as the only Christ. To be more specifically speaking, it is the separation from the church of the bride of Christ, to be united with the Roman Catholic Church that is the whore before Christ, being united with the WCC and WEA. Apostasy began more than a hundred years ago, and more than 95% of the world's churches, including the Korean church, have been falling away from the Christ, and wherefore God could not endure it anymore.

Second, Apostle Paul testified that the day (Christ's day) would not come without appearing the man of sin (the Antichrist), the son of perdition. Apostle John testified at the end of time that the great Babylon that is Roman Catholic sits on the beast, the Antichrist (Rev. 17: 3). In other words, the whore, Roman Catholic is preparing to hand over the whole world to the Antichrist, through finalizing Christian apostasy through religious integration. Apostle Paul testified of the Antichrist that shall soon appear:

" Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thess. 2: 4).

It is necessary to examine through the Bible who shall be the Antichrist known as the man of sin and the son of perdition. In his last prayer, Jesus spoke of the son of perdition:

" While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled." (John 17:12).

Jesus said Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed him in his last prayer, was the son of perdition. And at the last supper, he spoke of Judas Iscariot.

"Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" (John 6:70).

Apostle Peter also testified of him. He testified that he was a devil and went to hell, his dwelling place:

" That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." (Acts 1:25).

Now the apostasy is almost over and Christ will appear in the air as long as the Antichrist, the Son of perdition appears. Apostle Paul encouraged the Saints awaiting the day of Christ, encouraging them what kind of life they should live:

" Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.16Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. "(2 Thess. 2: 15-17).

Amen! Hallelujah!