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Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 5 : 34

5:34 *And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

We will be saved if we have the faith. On the contrary, we will not be saved if we do not have the faith.

Luke 18: 8

18:8 *"I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

The faith is a rare thing on the last days, even it is questioned.

There are many people who have no faith, so they perish, although they are the sons of God who have served to Him.

Matthew 7: 21-23

7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

7:22 *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"*

7:23 *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

'does the will of My Father in heaven'= having the faith.

Having the faith equals to salvation.

Not having the faith equals to practicing lawlessness.

Where does the faith come from?

Romans 10 : 17

10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

It comes from hearing the Word of God in the anointing of Holy Spirit, namely the Word that is written in the bible, whose verse explains other verses or the revelation of God's Word.

The Word will never become the faith if it is not preached in the anointing of Holy Spirit, although it is explained with knowledge, interpretation, logic, and interesting habits.

The pastors must be careful about that. The Word that is preached without the anointing of Holy Spirit will never become the faith, for both the pastor and the congregation.

How is the process of the true teaching Word becoming the faith in our life?

- We hear it seriously and with a need, so we can understand it for sure.
- We believe in it or it is written in our heart to **become the faith**.

What is the proof of having the faith?

Romans 10 : 10

10:10 *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

1. **Believing** in Jesus as the only one Savior.
2. **Confessing sins** and not repeating them after being forgiven. It means repenting.
3. **Being reborn** of water and Holy Spirit to result in righteous life.
Being righteous = having faith = having salvation.
Not being righteous = not having faith = not having salvation.

In the gospel, "your faith has made you well" is written four times as follows.

1. **A woman with the flow of blood for twelve years (Mark 5, Matthew 9, Luke 8).**
2. **The blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10 : 52).**
3. **A sinful woman who anointed Jesus.**
4. **A leper.**

We will learn the fourth.

Luke 17: 11-19

17:11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

17:16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17:17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

17:18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

17:19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Leprosy means a condition without any faith.

Being made well means having the faith.

The consequence of having the leprosy is being separated from others and God until perishing forever.

What is the solution?

Luke 17: 13

17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

master or teacher= the teaching Word.

have mercy on us= the love of God.

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us= the love of God in the true teaching Word.

How is the love of God in the true teaching Word?

Revelation 3: 19

3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

It starts from the time when the Word shows us our faults, rebukes, and exhorts us, even in the chastening.

If we receive it, we will be healed. On the contrary, we will not be healed if we reject it.

Thus, the only one way out of the leprosy is **through the love of God in the true teaching Word.**

The meanings of the leprosy are as follows.

2 Chronicles 26: 16-19

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD--valiant men.

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furiously; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

- **Ministry to God in the wrong consecration that is not in line with the true teaching Word.**

According to the rule, only the sons of Aaron might burn the incense, but Uzziah did that. It was a wrong consecration not according to the true teaching Word.

Why does the ministry in the wrong consecration happen?

- **Because of feeling so strong with all the blessings of God and success.**
Miriam felt that she was used by God, and then she was leprous.

▪ **Being in distress and nothing can be done.**

For example, King Saul.

1 Samuel 13 : 6-13

13:6 *When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits.*

13:7 *And some of the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.*

13:8 *Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.*

13:9 *So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering.*

13:10 *Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.*

13:11 *And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,*

13:12 *"then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."*

13:13 *And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.*

Saul was in distress and he could not do anything. He was wrong because of offering the burnt offering when Samuel did not come soon. Samuel himself must have offered it. Consequently, it did not make a good condition. Moreover, it was considered as **a foolish deed**.

Finally, the kingdom was taken from him and he perished forever.

Where is the ministry often done in the wrong consecration?

- In marriage or household.
 - Husband does bitterly toward his wife.
 - Wife does not submit to her husband.
 - Child does not honor the parents.

The solution is holding fast to the Word of God.

- In shepherding.

The pastor does not feed the congregation; the priests and congregation do not do the right duty according to the ministry in the right consecration.

○ **Uncleanness sin.**

Leviticus 13: 45-46

13:45 *"Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'"*

13:46 *"He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.*

It separates the members of the body of Christ, starting from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

Mark 7 : 21-23

7:21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries⁽¹⁾, fornications⁽²⁾, murders⁽³⁾,*

7:22 *"thefts⁽⁴⁾, covetousness⁽⁵⁾, wickedness⁽⁶⁾, deceit⁽⁷⁾, lewdness⁽⁸⁾, an evil eye⁽⁹⁾, blasphemy⁽¹⁰⁾, pride⁽¹¹⁾, foolishness⁽¹²⁾.*

7:23 *"All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

The twelve wicked and unclean lusts dwell in the heart of human.

Keeping them, one will be separated from others ("*he shall dwell alone.*")

The solution is through the love of God in the true teaching Word that shows us our sins, rebukes, and exhorts us. It is the Word of God that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is able to sanctify us up to the deepest part of our heart and mind.

Hebrews 4: 12-13

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

It is able to cut and take away the twelve wicked and unclean lusts from our heart. Afterwards, the table of our heart is filled with the twelve loaves like the Table of Showbread.

It means that we have been healed from the leprosy or uncleanness.

The facts found in being filled by the Word or twelve loaves are as follows.

- **Our mind** thinks about the Word.
It is sealed by the Word. Let us check every time we will do something, whether it is in line with the Word or not.
- **Our hand is marked by the Word.**
Our deeds are in line with the Word.
- **Our mouth** can become blessings for others and worship God.

There will be a fellowship both in marriage and shepherding when the sin is thrown away and our heart is filled with the Word like the twelve loaves that were arranged in two rows; six in a row.

Why do the violence, divorce, and quarrel happen many times in the marriage or household?

- Because the husband is not filled with the Word or wife is not too.
- Because both the husband and wife are not filled with the Word.
It will hasten bad things to happen in the marriage and household, starting from the quarrel.

If our heart is filled with the Word, we will be one. We get the salvation because the antichrist has no opportunity to stamp our life in our forehead, hand, and mouth.

On the contrary, the heart that is stamped by the antichrist will result in wicked deeds, blasphemous saying, and the trinity of Satan or blasphemous names on the mind.

- **One who is tough and full of hatred as well revenge until he cannot forgive others.**

2 Samuel 3: 29

3:29 "Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and let there never fail to be in the house of Joab one who has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

This was the saying of David to Joab, so that there would be a leper in his descendants continually.

What was the cause?

Because Joab killed Abner.

1 Kings 2 : 5-6

2:5 "Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that was around his waist, and on his sandals that were on his feet.

2:6 "Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.

Joab killed Abner not in a war, but in peacetime.

Joab could not forgive because Abner had killed his brother, so there was revenge in him.

It means that one does not willingly forgive other, but keep their sins in his heart.

Actually, Abner did not hurt Joab (Abner killed Joab's brother, not Joab himself), but he kept Abner's sin. Joab could not go down to the grave in peace because of not forgiving Abner.

Peter asked Jesus about how many times he had to forgive his brothers.

Matthew 18: 21-22

18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

18:22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

Peter could forgive only seven times. The correct thing is seventy times seven of the forgiveness, namely the forgiveness that cannot be limited by the kind or frequency of the sin.

The leper cannot forgive others. Being set free from the leprosy, one is able to forgive.

Why do we have to forgive others?

Matthew 6: 14-15

6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

6:15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

If we willingly forgive other people, God will also forgive our sins, so that we can be without any blemish because all our sins have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus. On the contrary, He will not forgive us if we do not forgive other people.

The solution is through holding fast to the Word of God.

For example, Jesus kept on forgiving the people who hurt him when he was crucified without any sin. Just remember that Jesus has forgiven us when we are weak even unable to forgive others.

○ **The love of money.**

2 Kings 5: 27

5:27 "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

Gehazi was leprous because of the love of money, even he lied to Elisha.

The facts found in it are as follows.

- Cheating.
- Stealing.
- Looking for money in illegal ways.
- Serving and ministering to God only for physical things or money.

The solution so that we are not leprous, but right in finance, is as follows.

- Working and looking for money in legal ways according to the rule of the government.
- Returning the tithes and offering and the part of the blessings we get for others.

In **Luke 17**, only one leper from among ten who were healed went back to Jesus. The other nine lepers were Israelites. But he was a Gentile or foreigner. Being healed from the leprosy, he did not go to the priests, but Jesus, the High Priest.

We will meet Jesus, the High Priest, if we are healed from the leprosy until we can be right in finance.

The results of meeting Jesus, the High Priest, are as follows.

- **He is able to sympathize our weaknesses.**

Hebrews 4: 14-15

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus faced the temptations, but He had no sin, so He is able to feel our weaknesses until we do not sin in facing the temptations.

■ **The High Priest makes propitiation for our sins.**

Hebrews 2 :17-18

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

If we are reconciled, our problems have been solved. Facing a problem, check your heart whether there is peace in it or not.

Hebrews 4 : 16

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He is able to help us in time of need, so that we are not disappointed or hopeless.

■ *"He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee."*

Galilee = the area of Israel.

Samaria = the area of the Gentiles (half-caste).

There were lepers there when Jesus passed through it. It means that the leprosy is the separator between the house of Israel and the Gentiles. Jesus passed through that place to heal the leprosy. It means that He wants to unite the house of Israel and Gentiles.

The leprosy is healed and we can meet the High Priest. It means that **we can be used in the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ**. It starts from our marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and Gentiles.

■ **The High Priest we have is everlasting.**

It means that our ministry will be eternal if we meet Jesus, the High Priest. It begins from now when we are living in the world until the end line and we are resurrected to keep on ministering the Lord in New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.