

**** Beginning Remarks**

**** Scripture Reading: Mat 28:16-20**

1. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me => it has been done

1) He has revealed the mystery of "Emmanuel" which for ages past was kept hidden in God.

= "knowing" the greatest authority and power (the deceiver will not have power any longer)/ "the thoughts of those who know the gospel of Christ" are themselves authority and power, from which comes "the word of God which is living and active".

- Christ has revealed the mystery of "Emmanuel", taught us "God's good will in everything", and foretold "what will happen".

2) He has "died and resurrected", completely overcoming the power of "Satan, condemnation and death".

- having solved: the root of sin in the body of Christ, the final judgment, condemnation and death its body is faced with

- having brought us: eternal new life, identity, relationships, belonging and destiny

- having restored us to: eternal inheritance, power and authority, grace and love, blessings and crowns

3) He "sits on the right hand of the Throne" with all authority in heaven and on earth.

- "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the same of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth... <Phi 2:9-10>

- in the entire universe, there is no greater glory, love, holiness, power, authority, abundance, perfection than Christ...

=> Therefore, all those who know Christ, when they pray "in the name of Jesus Christ", will see:

immediate results (changes of heart / changes of people around, conditions, circumstances, events, solutions)

as time goes by, God's good will more clearly and obvious; those who, having been renewed, pray, thereby enjoying the blessings of "in all things God works for the good of those who love him

fulfillment of personal, family, regional and world evangelization

+ When we call on the name of Christ, forces of darkness will be broken. In this blessed process, we will sometimes experience persecution, contradictions, and problems; Christians will all see their complete victory and crowns in the end despite the wrongs and beatings they have suffered and sustained.

2. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations => the sole purpose saints sojourn in this world

1) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations (our fields of living, life's network, to the ends of the earth)

- where blessed saints are, there will the work of God be

- through our life's network and meetings with others, we will hear calls from Macedonia, continue to expand our network and accomplish the "four evangelizations".

2) baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (regeneration of those who have been chosen)

- set apart to gain 「 seek out the eight kinds of blessed people of God (God's chosen) 」 / we also have to wait for their

heart to change, i.e., those of whom we pray for to be transformed into “the eight kinds of blessed people”.

- when we see evidence of “the called”, we will tell them in full confidence that “they are the chosen people of God”.

- need to introduce them correctly to “God the Trinity, i.e., God the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit” so that they will be able to meet God.

- help them discover “the work of God in them and in their circumstances” so that they will be able to “communicate and walk with God”.

3) teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (sanctification of those are born again)

- after being born again, they will spend their life in sanctification / Jesus Christ’s discipleship training for 3.5 years

- rational knowledge, spiritual experience, personal heart-to-heart communication

3. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age => Enjoy Christ and live out Christ

1) Gain the evidence of “Lord Christ living in me” = we have to confirm this evidence in our lives and living

→ Does Christ guide and teach me in everything? Are Christ’s thoughts the same as mine? Is the spirit that worked in the life of Jesus Christ working in my life? Is Christ’s heart the same as mine? Are Christ’s beauty, peace, joy, wisdom, power and authority revealed in my life today?

2) See the evidence of “Lord Christ dwelling in the fellowship of Christians”

→ one Father, one Lord, one spirit, one body / hold and join up well together / each part does its work / the body of Christ grows and builds itself up (inner and outer)

→ see Lord’s revelation in our gatherings, gain his good will, witness his work, and confirm his answering of saints’ prayers together and their intercessions of love for one another / see evidence of the continued expansion of ways to spread the gospel and bless this region and other places

3) Enjoy everyday Christ’s life, his power and authority, and his fruit

→ need to gain the mystery of “praying in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

- the very first prayer of the day: “to live out Christ today the whole day”; need to reconfirm and restore a few times during the day; self-introspection during the night and thanksgiving / need to master the mystery of living by the Spirit to receive power in an instant / need also to know how to pray the prayer of triumph “in face of temptation and attacks”

4) More and more clearly master and enjoy the mystery of “preaching the gospel and bless people in a natural way whether in or out of season”

→ enjoy at any time and place the kingdom of heaven and the power of the H.S.; able to preach messages and share testimonies which are both practical and empowering so that those who hear will understand the gospel and be blessed...

****Concluding Remarks**

**** Prayer Topics of the Week ****

1) Have I gained the evidence of “Christ living in my life everyday”? *Does Christ guide and teach me in everything? Are Christ’s thoughts the same as mine? Is the spirit that worked in the life of Jesus Christ working in my life? Is Christ’s heart the same as mine? Are Christ’s beauty, peace, joy, wisdom, power and authority revealed in my life today?*

2) At present how much can I enjoy “preaching the gospel and blessing others”? *Can I do that whether in season or out of season? Is it natural for you to listen to messages of the gospel and give testimonies? Do I see the work of the H.S.? Does my language, facial expression and gestures have an impact on others? Do those who are often with me like me more?*

3) What's the current state of the work of the gospel in my life's network? *Do I see in my mind's eye a picture of "my life's network being blessed, my doors of spreading the gospel being continuously opened, my life being joined and built up well with others, and the gradual expansion of the kingdom thereby"? In the gospel ministry how are my relationships with the fellowship of Christ's disciples in terms of joining and building up together, praying for one another, and working together? In my current schedule, who are the people that I need to focus on and pray for?*