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Sunday 1st Message

One Entrusted with Evangelism

Titus 1:1-4

Today, we celebrate Easter. The resurrection is humanity's ultimate hope and the fulfillment of faith. The precious blood of Christ is God's promise to rescue people from death and grant them eternal life. As proof that this promise is true, the Lord rose from the dead. Thus, he became our first fruit and showed us that we too will experience this resurrection through the precious blood. Since the Lord is God, death does not exist; yet, by taking on human form, he died and rose again to demonstrate this truth.

The resurrection is the ultimate triumph that shatters the authority of death and crushes the head of Satan. Therefore, the resurrection embodies our eternal hope and the authority of the Lord, who suffered in our place. Because he was pierced by a spear, our transgressions were resolved; because he was crushed, our iniquities were resolved. Because he was chastised, we can enjoy eternal peace; because of his wounds we can enjoy healing and restoration.

Now, we are forever freed from our transgressions and iniquities, and the peace he has given us is eternal; there will never be a rupture between God and us. The promise of restoration and healing is complete, and on that day, we will be fully healed. That restoration and healing will endure forever, and this is the promise God has given us through the resurrection. To enjoy the power of his sacrifice is to live the true meaning of Easter.

1. **One Entrusted with Evangelism**
    1) The book of Titus is a letter that Paul wrote to his disciple Titus. As a pastor in the field, Titus was a disciple every bit as capable as Timothy. Today's passage is the introduction and contains an important confession of Paul. Paul describes himself as one entrusted with God's evangelism. The phrase in verse 3, 'through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior' is a statement that confesses his mission and who he is. Preaching or evangelism is the act of bringing people back to life and the work of securing the promise of resurrection. It is a confession that he is the one entrusted by God with evangelism to bring resurrection to this world.
    2) 1 Cor 4:1 states, "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." Col 2:2 states, "understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ" This means that he and his fellow disciples are stewards of the mystery of God, which is Christ.
    3) Evangelism is the act of proclaiming God's gospel - Christ - to the world. Without exception, all people are under a curse and are lost in the problems of sin, separation from God, and the influence of Satan. Since there is no way out except through the gospel, we preach the gospel. There are many people around us who are struggling with spiritual problems.
    4) There are likely many people in this area who are struggling with unseen spiritual problems. We regularly receive reports from the nursing home where evangelists go every week to share the gospel. Those facing death are in great distress. Their appearance changes so much - their faces, expressions, the look in their eyes, and their speech - that anyone who sees them can tell they are in spiritual afflictions. Most people do not even want to look at them.
    5) In my experience, nursing homes in the States are in even more serious situations. You could say Satan's forces in America are that much stronger. Few people would be willing to go there and consistently share the gospel and preach the message after seeing all the conditions. If you ask your fellow believers, you will get the answer right away. However, we

are experts in this field. Just by going there and sharing the gospel, the entire place becomes revived. Naturally, the places our evangelists visit regularly are revived; people gain strength, new evangelists emerge, and even the staff have become very friendly - the atmosphere of worship has completely changed. Knowing the gospel means we are experts in this field and God has entrusted this work to us.

6) There are many areas where the gospel is absolutely essential - such as drugs, mental illnesses, various addictions, all sorts of spiritual habits, and prison ministry. We can both utilize the existing systems and create new ones…It is a place that awaits us, a place where we can discover God's purpose, and a place where we can serve God.
7) To continue this important work of God, you must first come to the answer of your Gospel. You must arrive at a personal answer - within your own field and your family - that this gospel alone is sufficient. Once this answer is clear, you can deliver a sure message wherever you go. You can relay the sure gospel with absolute clarity. Everyone wants to be like this, but how can we achieve it?
8) First, you must know the gospel. Once you are able to organize in a theoretical sense, a deep understanding naturally follows, and you come to hold onto the covenant. Then, there is the next step. It is to receive the word that is given to you through worship. Hearing the gospel and coming to the answer of Christ is fundamentally important. Without this answer, you cannot begin. However, the way to confirm this Christ in your field is through the word you receive in worship.
9) God continues to give us his word today, desiring to prove through its fulfillment that Jesus is the Christ. However, if you continue to live a life of worship that merely clings to the title of Christ without receiving the word during worship or seeing it fulfilled in your daily life, your faith will remain stagnant at the level of merely knowing Christ no matter how much time passes. If there is no word received this week to sustain the center of your life, you cannot spiritually be victorious. In addition to the victory found in the fundamental covenant of Christ, evidence must be added through the specific and promising word given this week.
10) Christ, the covenant within me, is the foundation. It is so important that if this covenant was not within you, then you would be a person with no relationship to God. However, it is not enough for Christ to simply be within you; he must be alive and active in your field. Only then will evidence and answers emerge. For this work, God gives us his word through worship.
11) Some people are very sensitive to these words, while others consistently organize and record them. There are those who truly pray and worship for the sake of the word, and there are those who, though passionate, lack the ability to approach it calmly and realistically. Some have not yet grasped the full understanding, while others understand but are unable to put it into practice. It is all according to God's time schedule. God will take care of everything.
12) But one thing is certain: Christ moves within you and your life to the extent that you receive his word. This alone is certain. God works through his word. As we celebrate Easter, I pray that we may experience the blessing of our own word being resurrected. If the word that you have received is living and active, then your life will come alive and move; everyone you meet will be revived, and the world will be revived. Joseph's word became living and active. Everything was revived. We are those entrusted with God's evangelism and experts in spiritual warfare. May the blessing of God's resurrection come upon us all.