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Sunday 1st

Heir of the Inheritance

Titus 3:7-15

Last week, we received a precious message: Listen diligently to me. Do not simply hear it, but incline your ear and come to me to hear. Then your soul shall live, and you will eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food. This means that when we sincerely listen to the word of God, our souls, which have already been given eternal life, will continue to be revived today as well. As a result, our spiritual state will be revived, and in the course of our lives God will answer us with good things and rich blessings. Even today, if we listen carefully to the Word, God will give us His Word, and as that Word is fulfilled, our souls will live, and our fields, families, and future will come alive as well.

World evangelization is not merely our mission; it is the answer to life itself, and it becomes the power and authority by which we overcome the world and our own fields. We can quickly see this by comparing the disciples of the two representative apostles, Peter and Paul.

Peter was an apostle who showed historic evidence in the early church of Jerusalem. However, afterward, he and his disciples gradually faded away from the field of world evangelization. But the disciples of Apostle Paul ultimately accomplished world evangelization, and even amid persecution they left behind answers and works that would remain in history. The Bible records many disciples of Paul.

How did such a difference arise? It was not because of the disciples' personal wrongdoings. Their destinies were determined by whose disciples they became. One could not even say that they consciously made the choice themselves. Perhaps it simply happened that way as they lived their lives. Yet from this, we must discern the reason and use it as an important standard for our own choices.

The first thing we must mention regarding the difference between Apostle Peter and Apostle Paul is likely their difference in understanding the gospel. One could say that the extent of Paul's understanding of the gospel is expressed through the epistles he wrote. The fact that nearly half of the New Testament consists of Paul's letters means that he had that much to say about the gospel and its application in the field.

However, in Galatians 2:11–13, there is a record of Peter eating with Gentiles, but then withdrawing and separating himself out of fear when those of the circumcision party arrived. As the Lord's chief disciple, this could be seen as a rather decisive negative example. But Paul had a clear biblical interpretation regarding circumcision, which was the greatest issue of that time. Therefore, he did not compel Titus, who was Greek, to receive circumcision (Galatians 2:3). Yet in the case of Timothy, whose father was Greek, he intentionally had him circumcised so that there would be no hindrance to ministry (Acts 16:3). In this way, Paul demonstrated through his actions that circumcision was something one could either receive or not receive, but that it was not an absolute condition for salvation. At that time, there was no other apostle who possessed such clear biblical evidence regarding the highly controversial issue of circumcision. To fully explain the difference between the two men's understanding of the gospel would require an enormous amount of discussion. But due to time limitations, this may be considered one representative example.

And the next thing that must be mentioned is the difference regarding world evangelization. Paul received his personal message in Acts 9:15, while Peter heard the resurrection message on the Mount of Olives and likely held onto Acts 1:8 as his covenant throughout his life. However, it is certain that after bringing about tremendous works in the beginning, Peter gradually ceased to play a leading role in the movement of world evangelization, and the record of him slowly faded away. There is no passage that explicitly records the reason, yet it is a fact that anyone would have to acknowledge.

Right now, we are speaking about the disciples of these two apostles. Why did the lives and histories of their disciples become so sharply divided? What should become the standard? Could it be that the

difference in the two apostles' understanding of the gospel and of God's desire for world evangelization ultimately determined the destinies of their disciples?
If this is true, then we also must establish two things clearly. First, we must firmly organize the gospel. Second, we too must have the message of world evangelization that we will follow.

1. **Heir of the Inheritance**
    1) We are people who have inherited God's inheritance. Titus 3:5 tells us how we became heirs of God's inheritance. We are those who have been entrusted with God's mystery for the world. The work of saving and giving life to the world has been entrusted to us. Apart from proclaiming Christ, who is the mystery of God that we possess, there is no way for the world to be liberated from the hands of Satan. Therefore, there is no one in the world more precious than we are, and for that reason God grants us the authority of the heavenly throne.
    2) The secret to enjoying this authority is to receive the word and hold onto it as the covenant in prayer. Then, even while living in this world, we will see that we are heirs who will inherit God's inheritance, and we will first come to enjoy that authority spiritually. We are heirs chosen by God to receive His inheritance. May all of us never forget this, but instead hold onto it as the covenant and enjoy this blessing.

2. **That Person**
    1) They are heirs who are outside in the field — prepared heirs, that is, the ones who remain. They are the people whom God has preserved and whom He will use to leave behind His works. How did Paul come to meet so many disciples? It is truly amazing. He did not make them himself. Rather, he met the people whom God had prepared. Then he planted the gospel and planted God's desire within them, thereby making God's masterpiece of the ones who remain.
    2) All of this was accomplished through the guidance of the word. In Acts 9:15, Paul received the words of "gentiles, kings, and the people of Israel." And while doing ministry at the Antioch church and worshiping the Lord and fasting, God gave His word again: "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2).
    3) Later, while preaching the gospel for a long time in Troas, the doors were continually blocked. As he prayed, Paul received the vision of a Macedonian man saying, "Come to us," and so he went to Macedonia. When he arrived in Philippi, he searched for a place of prayer and met Lydia there. By the same principle, he met the next people afterward as well.
    4) In this way, countless disciples were raised up. And we call this biblical evangelism. The key is the Word and prayer. It is meeting those who have been prepared with these two things. This is the way to receive God's inheritance, and we are in the midst of receiving training regarding this until now.
    5) The 6th Intensive Evangelism Training is the same. May evangelists who possess this desire gather together. God will allow us to receive true biblical training. Those who possess the mindset of "only" to live according to the Word will receive the answer of uniqueness which will be fulfilled, and this will bring re-creation upon their personal lives. It will also bring re-creation to the field and the world in the same way. The Word always has the authority to recreate. May this blessing come upon all of us today, even now.