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Sunday service

By Faith

Romans 4:1-12

Last week the message spoke of the unprecedented work that took place in Israel's history. The Israelites brought the ark of the covenant to the battlefield in order to win the battle and conquer the enemies. However, many soldiers died and the ark of the covenant was taken away. Even all of the important figures died. But the important thing is that even after all of these things took place, no one knew the accurate cause and none of them spoke of restoring the accurate covenant. Now that the issue was over and the result was revealed, the Israelites should have taken the time to reflect on their actions. There is an idiom that says that you repair the barn after losing a cow, meaning that the Israelites should've corrected themselves even after losing the ark of the covenant. That is how they could have avoided incidents in the future, but there was no one among them who could see this. Even if God may be able to yield for everything else, He will never yield when it comes to the covenant. God will never allow other gods to take over the position of the covenant. Though God can forgive all over your sins, He will never forgive the act of betraying the covenant. Once again may the blood of Christ take root and be deeply imprinted in you, so that by nature we can live the life of the gospel.

1. By faith

- 1) The core of today's bible passage is that you can receive salvation through faith. Abraham was shown as an example for he did not receive salvation for being circumcised for he received salvation through faith as it is written in Genesis 15:6.
- 2) He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith. (Verse 11) Therefore, circumcision cannot be the reason for salvation for it is a method for those who have already received salvation to confirm it once again.
- 3) Genesis 17:14 states, "Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." In a literal sense, this states that there is no salvation if you are not circumcised. And it clearly states that it was because they have broken His covenant.
- 4) At the time, the Jews who believed this confused many of the new believers in Rome. However, it states in Verse 10 that Abraham received salvation even before he was circumcised. This means that there is no connection between salvation and circumcision.
- 5) If you look back at the biblical figures before Abraham, they received salvation and went to heaven without getting circumcised. If someone like Noah would be in hell, who would be rightful enough to go to heaven? It is the same for Adam. He is the start of the sin but is also the start of the covenant.
- 6) The covenant that we believe has been passed down from him. It is Christ from Genesis 3:15 and the sacrificial offering from Genesis 3:21. That is why it states in Romans 5:14 that Adam is a type of the one who has to come. But Adam did not receive circumcision. If the one who is set as the type for all goes to hell, who would go to heaven?
- 7) Apostle Paul re-interpreted circumcision and stated that circumcision is not the reason for salvation but a seal of salvation. (Verse 11) This is the same for the Passover. Exodus 12:14 states, "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord." Exodus 12:19 states, "For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land."
- 8) If you understand that in literal terms, it states that the condition for salvation is whether one eats what is leavened. However, all historical figures before Moses did not keep the Passover. Abraham did not keep the Passover as well. But they still received salvation and went to heaven.
- 9) To organize the scriptures and focus on the core message, it is the Christ from Genesis 3:15 and the sacrificial offering from Genesis 3:21. Keeping the ways of the law is a method for those that received salvation by believing in this covenant to enjoy the mystery of the covenant.

Circumcision, the Sabbath Day, and the Passover are within the law. If you keep the law, then the promised mysteries inside of the fundamental covenant will appear in your field.

- 10) Therefore, circumcision, the Sabbath Day, and the Passover are methods of enjoyment and utilizing the covenant in your life. It does not have a literal connection to salvation. No matter how well you keep such promises like circumcision, the Sabbath Day, or the Passover, it can never overcome the authority of the fundamental covenant. Rather, these promises are kept for the fundamental covenant.
- 11) When you keep the contents of the law, the promises inside of the covenant will appear in your field as answers and works as you can become a witness that saves people and conquers the world. This is why practices such as circumcision, the Sabbath Day, and the Passover are made for people to keep.
- 12) These methods are never meant to break or misinterpret the cross of Christ or the blood of the covenant from Genesis 3:15 and 3:21. You cannot overcome this for this is below the fundamental covenant.
- 13) This is a more effective way for one to truly live by the fundamental covenant and receive blessings as a witness. He has given you the method for you to carry out the fundamental covenant in your life. Therefore, the conclusion is that the method for salvation is by faith regardless of if it was from the Old Testament or the New Testament for the content of faith is Christ. All things given to you apart from this is a mystery to enjoy Christ.

2. **It begins by grace**

- 1) Verse 4-8 states blessed are those who have received God's grace to which God does not remember their sins. God who makes all judgment acknowledges you as the one who has no sin for no apparent reason.
- 2) The start of your salvation is by God's grace. Also, your faith is a process. Ephesians 1:4 "even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him." Salvation is not by your own decision, but God's decision. That was the case before creation. John 15:16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you." John 15:19 "but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world."
- 3) Salvation cannot be done with your own will. Salvation has been given to you by God's plan, reason, and grace. Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."
- 4) It is God's gift that has been given to you. Faith is not of your own as well. The reason salvation is given to you is to revive yourself, those around you and the world.
- 5) The method is to keep the Passover, Sabbath Day, and circumcision. That is the way to enjoy salvation. You can keep the Passover on the Lord's day. During Lord's day worship, you must place the blood of the lamb on the doorpost of your life. Through that, you must circumcise your heart. Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."
- 6) If you keep the covenant of the Passover right now, the miracles that arose on that night will appear to your life. Also, if you keep the Sabbath Day, then the blessing will be upon your life as well. True Sabbath will conquer all things. This is God's promise.
- 7) Circumcision signifies the identity and authority of a child of God. If you are able to make the spiritual circumcision, you will be able to enjoy the promise and blessing as a child of God.
- 8) May this be your covenant once again and the Word that you continuously hold to. May you receive God's word to see many evidences upon your life. You will be the witness that will conquer your life.