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福音

GOSPEL

读经:

Please read the Bible verse:

加二 20 我已经与基督同钉十字架;现在活着的,不再是我,乃是基督在我里面活着;并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命,是我在神儿子的信里,与祂联结所活的,祂是爱我,为我舍了自己。

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

神给我们的福音是什么呢?就是神将他的儿子赐给我们,他复活了,我们也复活了,他就活在我们里面,作我们的生命,叫我们活出他的生活,遵行了他的要求,这就是福音。福音就是神出的命令,神也在我们里面来遵守!福音不是要你不可犯这个,不可犯那个,叫你好像一棵爬蔓的草,一直在地上爬,天天对自己说,不可犯罪,不可犯罪!这不是福音,这是祸音!是神到我们里面来活,来遵行,这是福音!

What is the glad tiding that God gave us? It is the bestowing of His Son to us. By His resurrection we are resurrected. Now He is living inside of us to be our life, so that we may live Him out and fulfill His demands. This is the glad tiding. The glad tiding is that God is fulfilling His own commandments inside of us! The gospel is not a set of do's and don'ts. You do not have to crawl around the earth day and night like crabgrass, telling yourself over and over again that you are not supposed to sin. This is not a glad tiding. This is a grievous tiding. The gospel is that God is coming into us to live and obey for us.

只有神能

God Himself is the only able One

基督的命令,只有基督自己才能遵守,你不能,我也不能。所以第二个问题的答案是说,只有神的儿子耶稣,才能遵守神的命令。我我们都不能,只有神能!

The commandments of Christ can only be fulfilled by Christ Himself. Neither you nor I can do anything. Hence, the answer to our second question is that only the Son of God can fulfill the requirements of God. All of us are unable. God alone is able.

所以每逢有主内的弟兄,对我说,没有办法,我这个人刚爬起来又倒下了,我越想好,就越容易失败的时候,我就欢喜起来。他越是为他的犯罪,为他的失败流泪的时候,我就越发欢喜得笑起来。我会说,你今天才知道你不行了,乃是一件可喜的事情!虽然该早一点知道,今天能知道也不错,我们无法遵行神的旨意,神的旨意只有神能遵守,基督的命令只有基督能遵行。

Therefore, whenever a brother in the Lord tells me that he is hopeless, that he falls as soon as he rises, and that the more he tries the more he fails, I rejoice greatly. The more he weeps for his transgressions and failures, the more I laugh inside. I will say, "Today you know that you are a failure. This is something to be congratulated. Although you should have known this earlier, it is not too late to know it now." We cannot obey God's will. God's will can only be done by God Himself, and the commandments of Christ can be fulfilled by none other than Christ.

是神使我们能

God makes us able

我们不光是要看见我不能,更是要看见神能! (路十八 27)。那个少年官只看了自己不能,他似乎以为神也不能,所以只有忧忧愁愁的走了。不,神能。不要以为自己不能就完了,人不能是神能的起头,是要显出神能的时候。不是我们能,乃是神替我们,所以我们就能了。

Not only do we have to see that we are unable; we have to realize that God is able! (Luke 18:27). The young ruler only saw that he was unable and concluded that God was the same and proceeded to leave sorrowfully. But God is able! Do not think that when you are unable everything is over with you. The inability of man is the beginning of the ability of God. It is the time for God to show forth His power. Not that we are able, but His doing a work for us makes us able.

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新约是在里面

The new covenant whithin

现在,律法是放在人的里面了。不是在石版上,也不是在圣经里,乃是写在人的心里了。律法写在我们里面有什么好处呢?若看旧约以西结三十六章二十七节:我必将我的灵,放在你们里面,使你们顺从我的律例,谨守遵行我的典章。请注意这里的"使"字,在希伯来原文中是一个很重的字。以前在旧约的时候,是人用力去遵行神的命令;现在是神的灵在我们里面,使我们能以遵行。从前出命令的是神,出力量来遵守命令的是我们。现在,出命令的还是神,出力量遵守这命令的也是神。基督复活以后,住在我们里面作我们的生命,就是为着叫我们能遵守神的命令,这就叫作福音。凡基督所能的,你也都能,因为是基督替你,所以一切的问题就都解决了。

Now the law is put within man. It is no longer inscribed on stones, nor is it recorded merely in the Bible; it is written upon our hearts. What is the good of having the law put inside of us? Ezekiel 36:27 says, "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Please note the word "cause." It is a strong word in the Hebrew language. Under the old covenant, man had to struggle to obey God's commandments. Now the Spirit of God is in us. He causes us to obey. Hitherto God gave the commandments, and we supplied our own strength for their fulfillment. Now the commanding One is God, but the supplying One becomes God also. After resurrection, Christ came into us to become our life. The result is that we are enabled to fulfill God's commandments. This is the gospel. Christ's sufficiency has become our ability. Because Christ is living for us, all the problems are solved.

我已经与基督同钉十字架

I am crucified with Christ

我就要问你,你对于你自己绝望了没有?是不是还想把自己改良一点,修理得像样一点?我对自己完全绝望!我的自己已经钉了十字架,好坏都已经完了,现在的一切都是基督,这是唯一的路。保罗说:"我已经与基督同钉十字架;现在活着的,不再是我,乃是基督在我里面活着;并且我如今在肉身活着,是因信神的儿子而活,他是爱我,为我舍己"(加二 20)。

I turn the question now to you. Have you given up hope in yourself? Are you still trying to improve yourself and reform to a better status? I have completely abandoned any hope in myself! I am crucified on the cross. My goodness and wickedness alike are terminated. Now everything is Christ. This is the only way. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20).

对于我们的得救,以及得胜的问题,也是这样。并不是说盼望神能救我。有些人恐怕在地狱里还要盼望。也不是盼望两天之后才能得胜,乃是说:"主,我感谢你,我的罪已经赦免了。我感谢你,主,不是我活,乃是你在我里面活。"你相信已经了了,你相信是了了,你这个人得救了。

The same principle applies to our salvation and the living of a victorious life. We are not hoping that God will save us. I am afraid some will keep hoping even after they reach hell. Neither are we hoping that victory will come in another two days. What we should say is, "Lord, I thank You. My sins are forgiven. Thank You, Lord, that it is no longer I who live, but You live within me." We have to believe in what is and what has been. When we do this, we will be saved.

信已成的事实

Believing in the facts

在这里,我们再一次的看到这个信。凡是信心,都是对着已过的、已成的事实。凡是要等到明天的,都不是信心。所有在盼望中的,也都不是信心。有许多人听了这些道理后说我信。但是到底信了没有呢?这是很重要的事。

Once again it is a matter of faith. Faith always concerns accomplished facts. Anything for tomorrow is not faith. Nor is anything in hope. Many, after hearing such messages, say that they have faith. But whether or not they really possess it is an open question.

我举一个事实来作例子。我有两个同工,一个是弟兄姓倪,一个是姊妹姓李,两个人都是刚出来作工,两个也都是近视眼,而先后都去配了眼镜。这位李小姐在主面前祷告说:"主!你曾开了瞎子的眼睛,难道不能医好我的近视么?叫我一个女人,带了副眼镜到乡下去布道,非常不便当,主,求你医治。"她是在一条开往乡下的小汽船上祷告的。她祷告完了,知道神听了她的祷告,她有了信心,就把眼镜摘下来,扔到闽江里去了,她的眼也不近视了。

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Let me illustrate my point by a real story. I have two co-workers. One is a brother by the name of Nee. The other is a sister called Lee. Both started in their Christian work recently and both are nearsighted. Eventually, both had a pair of glasses. Miss Lee went to the Lord and prayed, "Lord, You have healed the blind. Can't You do the same for me? It is very inconvenient for me to go around preaching in villages with this pair of glasses. Lord, heal me." She made this prayer on a little steamboat on her way to a village. After her prayer she knew that God had answered her request. She had the faith within her to throw her glasses into the river. Her eyes were consequently healed.

信心上的得着

Received through faith

圣经中另有一处,是说到有关信心的时候的问题,是马可十一章二十四节,我们必须小心的、仔细的来读它:"所以我告诉你们,凡你们告祈求的,无论是什么,只要信是得着的,就必得着。"这一节中最重要的字,就在只要信是得着的,就必得着的"是"字。我个人就把我的圣经上的"是"字,画上个大记号。信是得着的,是过去式;就必得着,是将来的。圣经里只有这一种的信心,就是信是得着的,并不是信盼望得着。信是得着的,是在信心里的得着;就必得着,才是在事实上的得着。没有信心里的得着,就没有事实上的得着。

There is another passage in the Bible concerning faith. Mark 11:24 should be read with care: "For this reason I say to you, All things that you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and you will have them." The crucial word in this verse is "received." I have underlined this word in my Bible. The first clause gives the past tense, while the second is in the future. The Bible gives only this kind of faith. It is faith that believes in having received, not one that hopes to receive. Only the receiving that is through faith is the true receiving. Without the receiving in faith, there is no receiving in reality.

有的时候,我,或者我们几位弟兄,为病人抹油、祷告。我常问病人说,神听了你的祷告没有?有信心的病人就回答说,神听了我的祷告,我的病已经好了。这样的病人,即或是热度仍旧很高,光景看来也很不好,但是他终必好了。还有的人说,神要医治我,或者说我会得到医治,我们就还得为他祷告,因为看不见他有信心。他所有的不是信心,是盼望。盼望得医治和信是得了医治是不同的,信是得着的就必得着

Sometimes my co-workers or I would anoint sick people with oil and pray for them. Often, I ask a sick man, "Has God answered your prayers yet?" Those who have faith say, "Yes, God has answered prayers. My illness is gone." This kind of patient may still have a high fever and not look too positive, but he eventually gets well. There are others who say, "God will heal me," or "I will be healed." We have to pray again for these because we detect no faith in them. What they have is not faith, but mere hope. To hope to be healed and to believe that one is healed are very different. Those who believe that they have received will receive.

得胜也是这样

The same is victory

如果你信是得胜了,你就会得胜了又得胜。如果是将来要得胜,你就还得将来才得胜。"是"这个字在我们的祷告中, 占有非常重要的地位。是"是"不是"要","要"是不信的表示,"要"字常叫你的祷告不得答应,因为主的话非常的清 楚:信是得着的,就必得着。(倪柝声文集第二辑第七册,二一九至二二三、二二五至二二八页。)

If you believe that you are victorious already, then you will experience victory after victory. But if you put your hope in the future, you can only experience victory in the future. The past tense occupies a vital position in our prayers. It is what I have and not what I want. Wanting something is a sign of unbelief. The word want often blocks our prayers from being answered. The word of the Lord is clear: he who believes that he has received shall receive. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee (Set 2) Vol. 7, Pages 219-223, 225-228.)

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