

Hello. \ This is the second lecture on the prison epistles. \ Today's passage will begin with Ephesians 1:13.

\ Verses 13-14, the seal of the Holy Spirit. \ The title of Ephesians chapter 1 is "Salvation." \ Verses 3-6, election of the Father. \ The passage speaks about the salvation of believers by the election of God the Father.

\ Verses 7-12, redemption of the Son. \ The passage is about the fact that Jesus Christ redeemed us from sin. \ Today we will look at verses 13-14, the seal of the Holy Spirit.

\ Read verse 13. \ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

\ It says, "you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." \ We believers have been sealed with the Holy Spirit. \ Revelation 7:2-4 says, \ one hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed.

\ The content of the seal is the Word of God. \ John 3:33. \ The one who seals is the Holy Spirit. \ Therefore, it is called the seal of the Holy Spirit or the seal of the Word. \ How does the Holy Spirit seal?

\ The Holy Spirit takes the Word and makes us believe. \ Believers of Jesus Christ have been sealed with the Holy Spirit. \ "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

\ Therefore, it is the seal of the Holy Spirit that turns an unbeliever into a believer. \ Revelation 7:4 says that the number of the sealed were one hundred and forty-four thousand.

\ It first records in verse 5 that from among the "one hundred and forty-four thousand," twelve thousand from the tribe of Judah have been sealed. \ Twelve thousand from each of the twelve tribes have been sealed, which in total comes to one hundred and forty-four thousand in number.

\ One hundred and forty-four thousand is the number of the sealed, and it is the total number of those who are saved. \ If the number was seen through the blood lineage, Reuben the firstborn should have been recorded first.

\ However, since this is the number of those who are saved by Jesus Christ, the first recorded tribe here is the tribe of Judah. \ Judah was the fourth son of the twelve sons of Jacob.

\ The tribe of Judah is mentioned first, because Jesus Christ was born of this tribe. \ The tribe of Dan is not mentioned and the tribe of Manasseh is recorded instead. \ In Genesis 49:17 \ Dan is called "a serpent."

\ The "serpent" symbolizes the Antichrist. \ Thus, the tribe of Dan which symbolizes the Antichrist is not mentioned, and the tribe of Manasseh is recorded. \ The tribe of Judah, through which Jesus Christ came, is recorded first.

\ In addition, the number twelve symbolizes the number of salvation of man. \ There are twelve tribes of Israel, \ twelve disciples of Jesus, \ and twenty-four elders in Revelation.

\ Twelve elders represent the Old Testament and the other twelve elders represent the New Testament. \ They can also be seen as twelve elders representing Israel and twelve elders

representing gentiles.

\ The number “ten” symbolizes the number of salvation of man. \ Twelve multiplied by twelve. \ Then that number multiplied by a thousand is one hundred and forty-four thousand. \ In Psalm 90: 4 \ “a thousand” refers to a multitude.

\ It means that there is a great multitude of believers who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ. \ If a man lives by faith with Christ at the center of his life, he can be called a believer from the tribe of Judah.

\ There are also different believers and churches. \ There may be other tribes of believers that have good faith like the tribe of Judah. \ There were twelve thousand sealed from each tribe.

\ This is the seal of the Holy Spirit, the seal of the Word. \ What kind of sealing is done by the Holy Spirit? \ Man begins to believe the Word of God.

\ “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” \ Those who believe in Jesus Christ have been sealed in their spirits with the way of the cross.

\ Believers have been sealed with God’s Word, and they begin to understand the truth. \ Believers are shaped by God’s Word. \ The seal is made when it is absolutely necessary. \ A contract is sealed when a person buys a house.

\ One can lose the house if he does not properly stamp his seal. \ The seal is placed not just anywhere, but in a designated place.

\ If one buys a house and the contract is sealed, his rights to his new property will be recognized everywhere. \ However, if the contract is not sealed, no matter how well written the contract is, it will be invalid.

\ By putting his seal on us, the Holy Spirit guaranteed that we are “children of God.”

\ In verse 13 it says, “marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.” \ This refers to the Holy Spirit whom God sent as he promised. \ In Joel 2:28, God promised to send the Holy Spirit.

\ In the New Testament, God promised to send the Holy Spirit on the day of the Pentecost. \ We have been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

\ Verse 14. \ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.

\ He is the guarantee of our inheritance. \ It says that we have been redeemed to the praise of his glory. \ We have received a guarantee. \ The Holy Spirit sealed us and gave us the guarantee of inheritance in the kingdom of heaven.

\ A "guarantee" means that the Holy Spirit will be responsible for the promise of inheritance. \ Thus, it says, "to the praise of his glory." \ Earlier, in verse 12 it said, “for the praise of his glory.”

\ Here in verse 14 it says, "to the praise of his glory." \ Our lives should always glorify and praise God.

\ God the Father is love and he needed an object of his love, and hence, he created and chose

us.

\ God showed his love for us on the cross through the redemptive love of Jesus Christ. \ The Holy Spirit saved us and guaranteed for us.

\ The kingdom of heaven has been guaranteed for us. \ He redeemed the believers so that we would praise the glory of God. \ Therefore, we believers must worship God with our lives so that God would always be glorified.

\ God the Father chose us, \ Jesus the Son atoned for our sins, \ and the Holy Spirit has sealed us with God's Word and became a guarantee for us.

\ Thus, he made us citizens of heaven, gave us inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, and exalt the glory of God. \ God the Holy Spirit leads us to repentance, inspires us, and reproaches us.

\ Therefore, he who is guided by the Holy Spirit repents every day. \ Because God the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, he helps us realize the truth. \ He leads us to recognize the truth and believe the truth.

\ Everyone has a conscience, \ and believers are to use and keep their good conscience.

\ We can find God's will through the Holy Spirit, \ through guidance and inspiration of the Spirit of truth, \ and through the conscience of our faith.

\ It says that our faith will be shipwrecked when we reject our conscience. \ When we lose our conscience, the ship of faith will be shipwrecked. \ We must follow the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, \ and it is very important that we use the good conscience.

\ We will have a difficult time if we attempt to cut meat with our hands. \ We must use a knife to cut meat, \ and in the same way, we can walk down the correct path of faith by obeying God's will when we use our conscience.

\ Holy Spirit clothes believers with power. \ We must be believers who are led by the Holy Spirit and his inspiration.

\ Verses 15-18 are about prayer for advancement of faith.

\ Verse 15. \ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

\ Verse 16. \ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

\ Paul heard about the faith and love for all believers of the members of the church of Ephesus. \ Where did Paul heard about this? \ Paul was locked up in a Roman prison.

\ When Paul was in prison, he heard reports about the faith and love of the church in Ephesus.

\ In verse 16, Paul gave thanks and prayed upon hearing this. \ When members of a church love one another and keep their faith, pastors rejoice and give thanks.

\ It is evident that the members of the church of Ephesus loved one another. \ This brings joy and thanksgiving not only to pastors, but also to God. \ Therefore, Paul was thankful and prayed.

\ Verse 17. \ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give

you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

\ It says, “the glorious Father.” \ God the Father is clothed in glory. \ Paul prayed that the Father of glory would give them “the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.”

\ Paul prayed that God would give spiritual wisdom to the members of the church of Ephesus. \ He prayed for the spirit of revelation. \ “Spirit” is "Pneuma" in Greek, \ which means "spirit" or "spiritual."

\ The spirit of revelation is the Holy Spirit. \ Paul prayed that the believers would understand God’s Word through the Holy Spirit. \ 1 Corinthians 12:3 \ says that the Holy Spirit alone can bring understanding of God’s Word.

\ Paul also prayed that the church of Ephesus would get to know God better. \ It is very important to know God. \ We can know ourselves only by knowing God.

\ When the apostle John discovered God, he fell to the ground because he saw how shameful and filthy he was. \ Revelation 1:17. \ The more we know God, the more we get to discover ourselves and become humble before him.

\ The prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 6:5 \ when he discovered God and became aware of his uncleanness, “I am ruined!” \ A person who does not know God and his knowledge of God is no more, he will gradually grow prideful.

\ Therefore, knowledge of God is important. \ The more we know God, the more we will see how great God is in power. \ We will know that he is abundant in love. \ We will see how weak and lacking we are.

\ John 17: 3 says, \ “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” \ The apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:8, \ “the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

\ Paul said that everything he boasted of was like rubbish. \ When we find God, we will have so much joy that everything else in the world will appear like rubbish.

\ We also need the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in order to deeply know God and become humble.

\ Verse 18. \ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

\ Here, Paul prayed for understanding \ of how great the glory of the promised inheritance is. \ He prayed that the eyes of the heart be enlightened. \ This refers to spiritual eyes.

\ The eyes of the heart are opened when our hearts are moved by the born again spirit and the Holy Spirit. \ When our hearts are moved by the corruptions of the flesh, our hearts become wicked.

\ Our hearts become good when we are directed by the born again spirit and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. \ At that time, the spiritual eyes will be enlightened. \ It also says, “the hope to which he has called you.”

\ Believers are given great hope. \ When there is hope, there is strength to endure sufferings. \ As believers, we are strangers in this world. \ Author of the Bible Commentaries, Pastor

Byung Kyu Lee held a seminar in the provinces.

\ Pastor Lee is a tall man. \ At night in the village church he was given a blanket, which reached only his chest. \ When he tried to cover his chest, his legs peeped out. \ When he covered his legs, his chest got cold.

\ Even though he was uncomfortable as a stranger in the village, he was able to endure because he had the hope of returning home after the seminar.

\ We are strangers in this world and hence, we encounter sufferings, but we have hope for the kingdom of heaven. \ Whoever has hope for heaven will be able to endure current sufferings.

\ We must have hope to become like Jesus Christ. \ We believers have hope for glory that we would become like Jesus. \ We will be trained as we strive to be like Jesus.

\ Whoever has this hope must always remain clean. \ Thus, believers must always keep themselves clean, and live with the hope of becoming like Jesus.

\ Verse 18 also asks that believers know “the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.” \ We believers are God’s inheritance. \ The inheritance is in the glory of God. \ It is abundant, valuable, and eternal.

\ Verses 19-22 speak of power given to believers.

\ Verse 19. \ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

\ God gave his great power to believers, and Paul prays that they would know it. \ God gave us great power. \ We now have that power.

\ Paul said in Philippians 4:13, \ “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” \ God gave us incomparably great power, \ and those who received that power can do everything.

\ There is no need for us to despair or worry. \ God will work when we receive the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, and walk in truth.

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\ When we are anxious and worried, we must believe that God has given us great power, and then when we use that power and obey the truth, we can overcome our anxieties and worries.

\ When we find ourselves in the valley of the shadow of death, or in the lions’ den, \ or no matter how strong Pharaoh’s powers may be, \ we can conquer it all when we go forward with the great power of God.

\ This power only grows with each application. \ We must use it properly, according to the will of God. \ When we obey the Word of God, we will gain great power.

\ Even if we find ourselves in the lions’ den or in a fiery furnace, we can overcome it all when we hold to the Word of God and obey.

\ The great power of God will be manifested. \ When we overcome trials, we will gain power to overcome greater trials.

\ Verses 20-21 say that \ the power was first exerted in Jesus Christ. \ This power would be given to believers.

\ Verse 19 says that the great power would be given to us believers. \ In verse 20 it says, this power was first exerted in Jesus Christ.

\ This is the power that worked in Jesus Christ when He rose from the dead, \ which signifies the power that defeated the power of death. \ God gave us the same power.

\ It also says that the power seated Jesus at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. \ The right hand is an important place, a place for victors. \ It also says that all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given was given to Jesus.

\ This is power that surpasses all worldly authority, \ politics, \ organizations, society and state, and humanism that opposes the truth. \ This is power that defeats the works of the devil \ and all evil governments that go against God's will.

\ Believers must fight with and defeat evil worldly forces with this power. \ Daniel conquered all worldly rulers and authorities with the Word of God.

\ God gave believers great power. \ We can gain victory with this power. \ We do not lose to the devil because we do not have power, but because we do not use it.

\ When we receive guidance of the Holy Spirit and obey God's Word, then we can overcome everything because God's omnipotence is with us. \ We will have great power when we obey God.

\ The way to obey God is, \ to first, \ obey God's Word, the Bible. \ We must obey even if we face death or seem to fail. \ Then we will have succeeded even in death.

\ We will have succeeded even if we failed. \ Obedience to God's Word is success. \ Second, we must use the conscience of faith. \ Third, we must follow God's guidance. \ Fourth, we must find God's will and obey.

\ We must not seek personal benefits, but seek the will of God and obey. \ We must obey God's Word until the end, even if we face losses or face death.

\ Even if we lose personal glory and honor, we will have succeeded if we were obedient to God's will.

\ We must use the conscience of faith through the Bible, \ receive inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and seek God's providence, \ and seek God's will according to the rule of principles.

\ When we have found God's will, we must immediately obey. \ Then we will be able to overcome everything because the power of God will be manifested.

\ Therefore, verse 21 says, above "every title that can be given." \ When we use this great power, we will experience great power, gain victory, and rise to an honorable position.

\ In verse 22, the power in Christ has power to place all things under His feet. \ In the same way, when we believers use the power given to us, we can conquer all of creation.

\ Verses 22b-23. \ appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

\ The church is above all of creation. \ Christ is the Head of the church. \ The church stands

between Christ and creation.

\ The body must receive signals from the head so that the arms, legs and the whole body can work harmoniously. \ The church must obey the Lord because Jesus Christ is the Head of the church.

\ All of creation comes to God through the church, which is the redemption of all of creation. \ This is to glorify God.

\ Verse 23. \ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

\ The church is the body of Christ. \ The church stands below creation. \ The Head of the church is Jesus Christ.

\ Through Him, all creation glorifies God and is acceptable before God.

\ Everything in the world has a purpose for its creation. \ Clocks are made to tell time. \ In the same way, all of creation was made to glorify God.

\ Glorifying God through this microphone, speakers, and everything else is the redemption of creation. \ We believers must properly use all of creation to glorify God.

\ Here we will conclude the second lecture on the prison epistles. \ We must know the types of the Pauline epistles, and the types of the prison epistles.

\ We must know the individual works of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as we study the salvation of believers.

\ We must understand the great power that God gave Jesus Christ and then to us, through the contents of prayer that the apostle Paul prayed for the church of Ephesus.

\ We must use the power so that all of creation would glorify God, and we must work hard to fulfill the redemption of creation and have faith.

\ Here we will conclude the second lecture on the prison epistles. Thank you.