

The Bible and I

1. The central message of the Bible

- 1) Heaven, earth and seas, as well as the angels, man and every creature within them, are all created through one God, created for the glory of God, and in Him hold all things together, everything are all under this God's dominion <Col 1:15-17>
- 2) God created man according to His own image, placed His own life and glory on man's body, and also blessed man, telling them to increase in number, and rule over all things <Ge 1:27-28>
- 3) Satan opposes God, deceives man and causes man to sin, therefore Adam and all his descendants are all dead in transgressions and sins; they follow the customs of the world and religions, and live submitting under the rule of Satan; all under the wrath of God, only waiting for the final judgement <Ge 2:17; Eph 2: 1-3>
- 4) Before God had created the world, He had already prepared the road of salvation for the people He Himself had chosen - through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the everlasting righteousness and love of God was revealed, totally destroyed the authority of Satan that brings about sin and death, establishing the eternally glorious kingdom <Ge 3:15>
- 5) God used the one group of people who know blood-shedding sacrifice and the salvation of the Ark to manifest His judgment and salvation, to prefigure Jesus Christ; later He gained Abraham and his descendants, and used the history of Israel to prefigure the salvation of Jesus Christ
- 6) The Son of God, Jesus Christ, became flesh and came into this world, manifesting all the mysteries and glory of God, and explained the mysteries of salvation and the forthcoming kingdom, and on top of that, He accomplished salvation through death and resurrection, calling all who believe in Him to receive eternal life, and restore all the glory of God
- 7) All people who believe in Jesus Christ not only gained life but also have it to even more abundance, in all kinds of trials and problems have overwhelming victory, testify the works of God, gain parts of Christ's body to establish the kingdom <2Ti 3:14-17>

2. Synopsis of the Old and New Testaments

- 1) The understanding of the content of Genesis chapters one to eleven is extremely important, here is the secret of understanding the whole Bible
 - (1) Principle of creation and promises <Chapter 1-2>
 - (2) The source of all problems and the only answer: mystery of "offspring of woman" <Chapter 3>
 - (3) Judgment and the salvation of the ark <Chapter 4-9>
 - (4) World's culture of humanism and God's plan <Chapter 10-11>
- 2) The covenant that God established with the father of faith, Abraham, and his offspring, is Jesus Christ and God's faithful accomplishment
- 3) The Old Testament is wholly divided into four parts, which are Books of the Law (5 Books of Moses - The Pentateuch), Books of History (12 Books), Books of Prophets (17 Books), and Books of Songs (5 Books). The Books of the Law prefigure the great Priest that is to come, the Books of History prefigure the great King that is to come, the Books of Prophet prefigure the forthcoming great Prophet, the Books of Songs praise the forthcoming Messiah - the glorious beauty of Christ (His righteousness, love, salvation)
- 4) The Four Gospel Books revealed the mystery of the Messiah prophesied by the Old Testament. Through the things accomplished by Jesus, Jesus Christ manifested all the mysteries of God, and had preached the mysteries of the heavenly kingdom, saved people, healed people, nurtured disciples, on the cross died and resurrected, had accomplished salvation and the foundation of the kingdom. Finally, He entrusted His disciples the Great Commission of saving all peoples and establishing the kingdom and He rose to heaven. Until present, He sits on the throne helping the

ministry of disciples, and establishes the kingdom. In future, He will certainly come again to judge the living and the dead

- 5) The Book of Acts revealed how through the apostles and saints who have received the power of the Holy Spirit, starting from Jerusalem, God spreads the salvation of Christ to the ends and establishes the church of the Lord. Through the Book of Acts, we will get to know: how today we can rely on the promises of Christ and prayers, receive the power of the Holy Spirit and establish the kingdom in our living fields
- 6) The Church Epistles from the Book of Romans to Revelation, are revealed to the churches established by the ministries of the Book of Acts, telling God's people to clearer understand the mystery of Christ's gospel, and also the identity, belonging, promises, authority and inheritance of God's people, to lead a living of overwhelming victory and having testimonies, preparing the glory of the everlasting kingdom

3. The Bible and I

- 1) The fact that I can have the opportunity to hear and read the Bible, as well as can believe it, proves that I am the people chosen by God. The Bible is the heavenly Father Who loves me, revealing today's message to me, because He wants to give me life, strength and blessings <Jn 20:31; Ro 15:4; 1Co 10:11>
- 2) Through the Bible must reorganize my ideology and also obtain firm perspective. <Jas 1:4-8>
- 3) The Bible is the word promised by God, hence I must formally establish covenant with God by the word of God <Jos 1:1-9; Ac 1:1-11>
- 4) Must obtain the mystery of [God's word] and [the conviction of the Holy Spirit that comes through the conditions of my life and living]. From then on, the leading and perfect will of God upon my daily living can be understood, and when willing to submit, the great power of God comes upon my body, and I can see the word of God fulfilled in my everyday living
- 5) If I am willing to be more equipped with God's word, to experience God's word and testify God's word, then the blessing of meetings will begin, and I can bless many others through my life