

WORKSHOP & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FACULTY SAINTS

Topic Three A Proper Daily Living and a Universal Love Needed for Preaching the Gospel on the Campuses

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:2-8; Matt. 5:14-16; 22:37; Phil. 2:15-16; John 13:35

- I. The Lord's recovery is His testimony; we also need to see that the testimony of the Lord's recovery has two pillars: truth and life—1 Tim. 3:15:**
- A. Life and truth characterize the Lord's recovery: Life is God Himself in all His processes to reach man, and truth is God Himself as the reality—John 14:6.
 - B. Truth brings us revelation and knowledge of all the realities in the universe—1 John 1:6:
 - 1. Truth is Christ with God as the reality; the reality of the truth is the processed Triune God in Christ for us to partake of and enjoy—John 14:6; 8:32.
 - 2. In order to know the truth, we must read and study the Bible—Acts 17:11.
 - C. Life is God coming to be our life that we may be regenerated, grow, be transformed, and be conformed into the image of Christ—1 Pet. 2:2-3; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; Eph. 4:12-16:
 - 1. We need to be rooted in Christ—Col. 2:7.
 - 2. We enjoy the Lord and long for the milk of the word in order that by it we may grow—1 Pet. 2:2-3.
 - D. The truth brings us life, life produces the church, and the church is responsible for the preaching of the gospel—Eph. 1:13; 1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 1:8:
 - 1. The operation of the truth and the growth in life are all for the coordination with the increase and spread of the church—John 15:1-5.
 - 2. We should preach the gospel in our living and take the gospel as our main occupation; we should preach the gospel everywhere—Mark 16:20.
 - 3. Before the Lord our main occupation is to preach the gospel; our job is a secondary occupation that enables us to cover our living expenses—Matt. 28:19.
 - 4. In order to propagate the gospel in the schools, we must first contact the saints who are on the teaching staff in the schools.
- II. For our gospel preaching we need not only the words spoken out of our mouth, but also a life that shines before men—Phil. 2:15-16:**
- A. The real preaching of the gospel is a matter of witnessing; witnesses bear a living testimony of the resurrected and ascended Christ in life, differing from preachers who merely preach doctrines in letters—Acts 1:8:
 - 1. The most convincing factor is our daily life; we must have the highest daily life to match our preaching, but this does not mean that we should have strict, legal standards of conduct.
 - 2. As Christians, we have a nature that is much higher than the human nature; we have the divine nature with a divine taste; we must live a life that matches the divine nature within us; the divine nature will regulate our hair, clothes, and behavior—2 Pet. 1:2-8.

3. As believers in Christ and children of God, we should walk worthily of God; to walk worthily of God by living God is to live the life of a God-man—1 Thes. 2:12; Phil. 1:20-21a.
- B. “Blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life”; we must be full of light, shining over people; we must have a daily life that holds forth the word of life—Phil. 2:15-16.

III. A universal love is a love for everyone except Satan; we should be those who love the Lord, love all our brothers in the Lord, and love all men; —2 Pet. 1:4-7; Matt. 5:14-16; Rom. 12:20:

- A. We have to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength; we have to love God with our whole being—Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37.
- B. The Bible tells us that we should love the brothers (1 John 3:11, 14); the Lord Jesus said, “All men shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).
- C. We also need love toward all men; in 2 Peter there is a progression from the divine nature to brotherly love and eventually to the divine love, a love that is toward all men—2 Pet. 1:4-7:
 1. The New Testament tells us that we have to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44-46); we should not hate any of our opposers or critics; we have to love all of them.
 2. We should be strong, be bold, and be steady in the truth; we should never compromise the truth, but we should exercise a universal love; all the opposers have been for our perfection—Phil 1:7; 1 Cor. 16:8-9; 2 Pet. 3:17-18.

IV. We are God-men living a God-man life; “We should all declare that we want to live the life of a God-man; eventually, the God-men will be the victors, the overcomers, the Zion within Jerusalem; this will bring in a new revival which has never been seen in history, and this will end this age.”