「尊貴的身份,神聖的使命」

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【詩歌】我神何其偉大;我要讚美;偉大的神;美好的天父

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【綱要】

一.人人都是宣教士:由「成為新造」到「成為大使」

T若有人在基督裡,他就是新造的人,舊事已過,都變成新的了。¹⁸一切都是出於 神,祂藉著基督使我們與祂和好,又將勸人與祂和好的職分賜給我們。¹⁹這就是神在基督裡叫世人與自己和好…並且將這和好的道理託付了我們。²⁰所以,我們做基督的使者…替基督求你們與 神和好。(林後 5:17-20)

二. 處處都是宣教工場

- ¹⁴ 感謝 神,常率領我們在基督裡誇勝,並藉著我們在各 處顯揚那因認識基督而有的香氣。¹⁵ 因為我們在 神面 前,無論在得救的人身上或滅亡的人身上,都有基督馨 香之氣。(林後 2:14-15)
- 【保羅的榜樣】: ¹² 弟兄們,我願意你們知道,我所遭遇的事更是叫福音興旺, ¹³ 以致我受的捆鎖在御營全軍和其餘的人中,已經顯明是為基督的緣故; ¹⁴ 並且那在主裡的弟兄多半因我受的捆鎖就篤信不疑,越發放膽傳神的道,無所懼怕。(腓 1:12-14)

三. 我們該做什麼?

- 1. 獻上自己,當作活祭
- 所以弟兄們,我以神的慈悲勸你們,將身體獻上,當 做活祭,是聖潔的,是 神所喜悅的,你們如此事奉乃 是理所當然的。(羅 12:1)
- 2. 依靠聖靈,盡心竭力的「傳揚」祂
- 唯有你們是被揀選的族類,是有君尊的祭司,是聖潔的
 國度,是屬 神的子民,要叫你們宣揚那召你們出黑暗、
 入奇妙光明者的美德。(彼前 2:9)
- 老 我們傳揚祂,是用諸般的智慧勸戒各人,教導各人,要把各人在基督裡完完全全地引到神面前。²⁹ 我也為此勞苦,照著祂在我裡面運用的大能盡心竭力。(西 1:28-29)
- 3. 在各處「顯揚」那因認識基督而有的馨香之氣
- 15...你們顯在這世代中,好像明光照耀,16 將生命的道表明出來...(腓 2:15b-16a)
- ¹³ 你們是世上的鹽。鹽若失了味,怎能叫它再鹹呢?以 後無用,不過丢在外面,被人踐踏了。¹⁴ 你們是世上的 光。城造在山上,是不能隱藏的。¹⁵ 人點燈,不放在斗 底下,是放在燈臺上,就照亮一家的人。¹⁶ 你們的光也 當這樣照在人前,叫他們看見你們的好行為,便將榮耀 歸給你們在天上的父。(太 5:13-16)

Noble standing, Holy commission

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[Hymnary] How Great is Our God; I Sing Praises/How Great

Thou Art; Good Good Father

Speaker Pastor Yu

[Outline]

I. Everyone is a missionary: from "a new creation" to "ambassadors for Christ"

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

II. God gives the victory regardless of many or few

¹⁴ Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. ¹⁵ For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

[Examples of Paul]: ¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord,

having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. (Philippians 1:12-14)

III. What should we do?

a) Present ourselves as a living sacrifice

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

b) By the Holy Spirit, strive with all our might to proclaim Him But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... (1 Peter 2:9)

²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. (Colossians 1:28-29)

c) Reveal the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ in every place

...among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life... (Philippians 2:15b-16a)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)