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**But We See Jesus (4)**

## **The Calling of Jesus**

Every time after we remember our Lord before Him this way, I feel that I should not say anything. I often feel this is a difficult thing to do. We have already come before our Lord. We can only be still, bow down and worship Him. May the words that we will release not bring us outside of Him.

### **Bible Passages**

*Hebrews 3:1*

*1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus.*

*Hebrews 10:19-25*

*Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness for entering into the holy of holies by the blood of Jesus, 20 the new and living way which he has dedicated for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, 21 and having a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, sprinkled as to our hearts from a wicked conscience, and washed as to our body with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of the hope unwavering, (for he is faithful who has promised;) 24 and let us consider one another for provoking to love and good works; 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom is with some; but encouraging one another, and by so much the more as ye see the day drawing near.*

### **Seeing the glory and excellence of Lord Jesus and offering up our worship**

This time every morning we shared together, "But we see Jesus." May God already have mercy on us, and in our hearts we see only our Lord Jesus. We see how majestic is His person. He is the Son of God, the one who created all, and

He is the inheritor of all things. He is the radiance of the glory of God, the expression of the substance of God. All things were established through Him, and He has bled and cleansed our sins. Our Lord is also the Son of Man. How He has emptied Himself, put on the form of a bondsman, and with the form of man, He made Himself to be obedient to death, even the death on the cross. Because He came down to be a man, because He is our substitute, and for those who have no hope, today we can even be called sons and daughters of God, and He is going to lead us into glory.

Our Lord is so majestic, and His ministry is so great. Only He is the Apostle of God. He has completely represented God. When we see Him, we see God. When we hear Him, we hear God. And He has completely accomplished the will with which God had sent Him. And on the cross He said, "It is finished." The work of redemption is finished. Not only He is the Apostle of God, He is also our great High Priest. Not only He has accomplished salvation on Earth for us, and in heavens today He continues to minister to us, and He will save us to the end.

Therefore, we see that His position is supreme and incomparable. And because of His identity and ministry, He has such a position, and we have to really bow down before Him. And we have to put Him at the position that He deserves, and we should also stand on where we [should] stand. This is worship. Worship does not have other meaning. To worship Him is to put Him at the position which He deserves, and we should stand at the position where we should, and this is true worship before God.

This morning, we would like to share the fourth thing, which is the calling of Jesus.

### **The extraordinary calling – heavenly calling**

We have seen His ministry, and we have seen His position. From His person, ministry and position, there comes a calling. We know that calling is not according to us. The calling is according to Him who calls. Because the One who calls us is the Son of God. He is the Son of Man. He is the beginning of a new race. Because of the One who calls us has such a complete work, not only in the past, but also now, but also ages to come, because He has this incomparable position, here we see that His calling must be a glorious calling. The Bible tells us, "God has called us with a holy calling, not according to our deeds, but according to His will and grace. This grace has been predestined for us before the ages."

And the calling we have today, or to say that the Lord today calls us, not according to our works, not according to our conditions, but according to the eternal will of God, and also according to the grace which He has given to us in Christ. So this calling is not an ordinary calling, and this calling is not for us to just be barely saved. And this calling must correspond to His person, His

ministry and His position. This calling is so that He could be satisfied. So dear brothers and sisters, today, we who have been saved by grace, here the Bible tells us that we are the holy brethren being receivers of heavenly calling. We are holy brethren. What does it mean by holy brethren? That is to say, we are a group that is separated. We have been separated from all men, matters and things, and we are separated to Him completely. And since we have been separated to be holy, and this calling we have received is a heavenly calling. So the Book of Hebrews tells us, we are partakers of the heavenly calling. The heavens is calling us, and we are been called heaven-ward. Although today we are still on the earth, we have been called to heaven.

### **He has also given us a special identity, ministry and position**

Today, because of the person of our Lord, He has also given us an identification. Our identification is heavenly citizen. We remember Philippians 3:20 tells us, our citizenship is in the heaven, and we are the citizens of the heaven. And today on earth, in whichever country we are, we are only sojourners because our citizenship is in the heaven. Because of the ministry of our Lord Jesus, He has also given us a ministry. We are today kingly priests. Today, we can all rise up to do the functions of God and His will. Because of the incomparable position of Lord Jesus, He has also given us a position. What is our position today? Our position is king. Dear brothers and sisters, do not despise yourself. Do not admire those positions of the world. Because of the position of our Lord, He has given us a position. We are all kings. This is our position.

Now that we have such identification, such ministry and such position, and therefore, we respond to the calling of our Lord Jesus. Today, the calling our Lord Jesus has given us is a heavenly calling. He wants us to separate from all things that belongs to the world, so that we can go fully heaven-ward. You know, at the time of the Hebrew believers, because they were not clear about their identification. Not only they did not know the person of our Lord. If you do not know the identification of your Lord, you would not know the identification of yourself. They did not know the ministry of the Lord, so they did not know their own ministry. They did not know the position of the Lord, and therefore, they did not know their own position. For this reason, they were not clear about the calling of Jesus. They did not know what they have is a heavenly calling. So they were still bounded by the things of this world.

### **The substance of the object has arrived, and all the images shall pass away**

You know, Judaism at its beginning it was revelation. It was when God told them through the prophets. It was God who sent the angels to reveal to them.

It's God who sent Moses to lead them. It's God who set up Aaron to help them. It's God on Mt. Sinai to give them the Law. It's God who specify sacrifices and offering. It's God who taught them to build the Tabernacle. So you see these things originally came from God. But God gave these to the Israelites as a type. It was a shadow of things to come. So the Book of Hebrews tells us, all this is but a shadow of things to come. And when would the shadow last? Until the real thing comes and this shadow will pass away.

Now Christ has come, and the true image has come. The One who was prophecized has come. The One that the angels have announced has come. The One who was foretold by Moses has come. The One who has a higher order than Aaron has come. Grace has come. The New Covenant has come. The more excellent sacrifice has come. He offered Himself once and become the redemption forever. The True Tabernacle is established. Dear brothers and sisters, these things will stay until the Day of Restoration, and all these things will pass away. But brothers and sisters, we see the Jews at that time, although the (image) [substance] of the true thing has come, but they still lay hold on the shadow and would not let it go, and rejected the true thing. They thought this shadow is the most precious. They have despised the real substance. And this is Judaism. So you have to see that although the prophets are sent by God, when Christ comes, prophets should fade away. Although angels were used by God, when the Son of God comes to this earth, all the angels have to bow down and worship Him. Although God used Moses to be faithful in His household, the Son has come and the One who rules the house of God is the Son. Therefore, Moses have passed away. Aaron has passed away. The Law has passed away. The sacrifices and offerings have passed away. Even the Tabernacle has passed away. All these are but a shadow. They should pass away.

### **Only Lord Jesus is the reality**

But brothers and sisters, when man treasure these things and got hold of these things, these things became the earth that constrains us, that we cannot answer the heavenly calling. Therefore, we see the wisest man Solomon told us, today many people are just chasing vanity. Outside of Lord Jesus, all are just wind and shadows and emptiness. But today man loves shadow, and man rejected the real substance. Today, the same way, we esteem the prophets and ignored the one whom the prophets prophecized to. We believe the angels but we put aside the One the angels would worship. Yesterday, after I shared, a brother came to remind me, he said even in United States today, in Kansas there was a big problem. There was one that was esteemed as the highest prophet. He got into trouble. Why people thought him to be the highest prophet? Because everyday there was angel coming to speak to him. No wonder there was a problem. Because satan disguise himself to be a bright angel to tempt man. Dear brothers and sisters, let us today not chase the wind and shadows. Because if we do it this way, not only these things should pass away in the will of God, but if we try

to lay hold onto these things, we shall pass away, too, and our whole life on this earth will become the emptiness of emptiness. We have to see our Lord Jesus. He is the true substance. We thank God because He has sent the prophets and even given man the Law. Because the Law is the teacher of the children, to bring us into Christ. But brothers and sisters, let's not make a mistake here and try to lay hold on these shadows. Let the shadows pass away, because all these things are false. They are empty. The shadow is empty. When the true substance comes, the reality comes, we have to lay hold on the reality, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Religion (Christianity) bounds men to the earth**

Dear brothers and sisters, for this reason, we have to see that God is calling us today so that we can be separated from all things of this world. And even things from God, if that surpasses the will that God predestined, because, according to the will of God, this is nothing but a shadow, although the shadow looks good, what God predestine is this must pass away. If we do not let these things pass away, if we want to keep these things, then these things become bound to earth. So the Judaism becomes an earth-bound thing. Today, the same with Christianity. Christianity is chasing wind and shadows and therefore becomes a worldly, earthly religion. We need a chapel on earth, as if we do not have this chapel then we cannot worship, and outside of chapel we cannot worship. We have to have rules, as if there are no rules then we do not know how to be a Christian. And we have to have a mediator, and otherwise we do not know how to worship and serve God. We have to have earthly blessings, otherwise we think we are more pitiful than the people of the world. Hasn't Christianity today become an earthly organization, a worldly organization, and bound us on the earth so that we cannot answer the heavenly calling.

### **The heaven and the earth shall be shaken, but only the Kingdom of God shall remain forever**

Dear brothers and sisters, Paul told us that he sees all things but dung and consider it precious the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we have to be the same way. Let us separate from all things of the earth, because today God not only is going to shake the earth, but is also going to shake the heaven. Here heaven means all these so-called spiritual man, things and matter. Not only these man and matters and things of the worlds have to be shaken, but also the man and matters in the religious world they have to be shaken. All that can be shaken will be shaken away, so that we can have that unshakable kingdom. We thank God because He is here doing to shaking work. Dear brothers and sisters, have we been shaken? Are we still laying hold of these things that can be shaken? God is going to give us the unshakable kingdom. Why do we still

want to lay hold onto these shakable things. Let these things go away. It is sufficient to have the Lord.

### **How believers should live on the earth**

Dear brothers and sisters, now that God has given us such identity, such ministry, and this position, how should we live on this earth? Simply put, the Book of Hebrews tells us two things.

#### **1. Into the veil; live a life in the veil**

One is that we have to enter into veil. We have to live a life inside the veil. We all know that between the Holy Place and the Holy of the Holies, there is a veil. This veil is thick and heavy. It separates the Holy of the Holies and the Holy Place. Not only man cannot see the Throne inside the Holy of Holies from the outer court, but even in the Holy Place, you cannot see the glory inside the Holy of the Holies. Not only the people in the world cannot see God, but these priests who serve in the Holy Place cannot see the glory of God either. The High Priest, once a year, has to bring blood and incense behind the veil. The blood is to take away sins. The smoke of the incense is to cover. Because nobody is worthy to see God, no one can come before God. If one dares to come before God, he will be struck to death. So when the High Priest enters into the Holy of the Holies, he would be trembling in fear, because other people do not know whether he would come out or not. But we thank God, he went in bringing blood and incense, but he could only stay in the Holy of the Holies in a short period of time. Then he has to retreat immediately. Therefore, you see, the Book of Hebrews says that the way to the Holy of the Holies is not dedicated yet, and man live a life outside of the veil. Man cannot live a life inside the veil. They are not qualified to live a life inside the veil. Man can only worship God at a distance, because He is the great and dreadful God. You can only worship Him from a distance. But brothers and sisters, today, the calling we have is that God calls us so that we can enter into the Holy of the Holies, and we can enter the Holy of the Holies with boldness. Why? Because the veil has been rent. When our Lord was outside the city of Jerusalem, on Mt Calvary, before He had the last breath on the cross, He cried out loud, "It is finished." When that was announced, inside the city, in the Temple, the thick and heavy veil, split in two from top to bottom.

(1) Do not remain at the foundation

That veil is the body of Jesus. When the body of Lord Jesus is rent, the veil is split into halves. And now, the way to the Holy of the Holies is dedicated. The Lord calls us to enter into the Holy of the Holies. Do not live in the outer court anymore. Do not live even in the Holy Place. You should live in the Holy of the Holies, and do not live in the outer court. What is in the outer court? There was an altar. In another word, God is telling us that we who have been saved by grace should not just walk around on the foundation. The Hebrew believers did not grow forward. They circle around the base. The one who wrote the Hebrews said, the base is already founded. If it were not there, it should be there. But the foundation was already laid. You cannot lay the foundation again. You have to move forward. Today, many sons and daughters of God are circling around the experience of just being saved and stay in this experience or merely being saved. He only knows the blood of the cross. We thank and praise our Lord. The cross of Christ and his blood bears all our sins, and this is a tremendous thing. But brothers and sisters, now according to the glory of God, this is just a beginning, and He wants us to leave the beginning of doctrine to enter into the fullness of Christ. Not to leave the foundation, but do not just circle there at the foundation, as the Israelites in the wilderness they just circle around there. Many of God's children today live in the outer court. They only know that they are saved. They do not know anything. They do not know other things about the Lord. They do not know what the Lord has done other than these.

(2) Do not be busy for the whole day on matters of the Sanctuary

Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord said, "Come to the Holy of the Holies." Of course, you have to pass through the altar, then you can come to the Holy of the Holies. But do not just stay there. Dear brothers and sisters, some are like priests. His life is in the Holy Place. Not only he has been saved, and he has some zeal, and he wants to serve the Lord, so he kept himself busy. He wants to light up the lamp. He puts forth the showbread. He lights up the incense. We often heard people telling us, if you have not been saved, you need to be saved. Now that you are saved, what else to do? To be zealous serving the Lord, and that is to live in the Holy Place.

(3) Enter into the Holy of the Holies to the presence of God

But brothers and sisters, the Lord is calling us to go into heaven, to enter into the Holy of the Holies, because the veil is split. Our Lord Jesus is our pioneer. He has entered the veil. He is on the right hand of God. Our High Priest is calling us, "Come into the Holy of the Holies." This is where you should dwell. Do not

dwell in the outer court. Do not dwell in the Holy Place. Dwell in the Holy of the Holies. We can serve in the Holy Place, but we cannot live there. We can preach the gospel in the outer court, but we cannot live there. We have to live in the Holy of the Holies. We have to live behind the veil. What does this mean? It means that we have to dwell in God.

Let me tell you today. You have a home. You are not homeless. God is your home. God is your dwelling place. Your life is hidden with Christ in God. We thank and praise our God. God is our home. We dwell in home daily. Daily we see the face of the heavenly Father. We see the glory of God expressed in the face of Lord Jesus. We can draw nigh to Him everyday. We can worship Him everyday. We can stand before Him everyday. Daily we can hear Him. Because God is on His throne in the Holy of the Holies speaking to the Israelites. Why can't we hear the word of God? Because we have not live in the Holy of the Holies. Dear brothers and sisters, we have a heavenly calling, daily we have to live inside the Holy of the Holies, behind the veil. There we can draw near to God. There we can communicate with God. There we can hear His voice. We can worship Him there, and this is our heavenly calling.

## **2. Following Jesus outside the camp**

Brothers and sisters, there another aspect of this heavenly calling, that is to go out of the camp. In Hebrews 13, we have to go out of the camp to draw near to our Lord, because we have a sin offering, whose blood is shed on the altar, but the body of the beast is brought outside of the camp to be burnt. Likewise, our Lord Jesus, He has been brought outside of the city of Jerusalem. He was crucified on Calvary. Today, what is our heavenly calling? Our heavenly calling is that we have to go out of the camp to our Lord Jesus.

### **(1) The religious world is the camp**

What does this camp refer to? To the Hebrew saints, this camp is Judaism. Judaism is like a camp. If you're inside the camp, you are protected. If you are not there, you are rejected outside the camp. And we can say that he has fellowship inside the camp, and they have ministry inside the camp, and they can be close together inside the camp. They say the same things inside the camp. They think the same things. Everything is uniform, because this is a camp. You cannot have a different thought inside the came, you cannot have different words inside the camp, otherwise, you will be chased out.

Brothers and sisters, Judaism is a camp. If you want to be in that camp, you have to receive the traditions of the fathers of Judaism. If you are not willing to take these traditions, you have to be casted out of the Temple. To be excommunicated is a tremendous thing because there is no priests. Priest cannot

give offering. If you are casted out of the Temple, you cannot live and you cannot even die. So you have to see that the Jews at that time, the thing they are most afraid of is being excommunicated outside of the Temple. But our Lord Jesus is casted out of the camp. He was rejected. He was crucified. Those who follow the Lord have to go outside of the camp. It is not possible for you to stay in the camp. You have to go out of the camp to suffer with Him. There is shame. Many Jews, because they are afraid of being excommunicated, they dare not confess the Lord. They cannot answer the heavenly calling.

(2) Those who follow the footprints of the Lamb can answer the heavenly calling

Today, what is our camp? Our camp is not the world. Our camp is this religious world. When did Christianity turn into a religion? Turn into a system? Turn into an organization? Turn into a camp? It is easy to be in the camp. You can have all supply inside the camp. You are protected in the camp. But if you want to fully follow, you have to fully obey the rules of the camp. Otherwise, even if you do not want to, you will be casted out. Instead, we just go out. Where is the Lord today? And this is our question today. Where is the Lord? If the Lord is inside the camp, you stay in the camp. If the Lord is not inside the camp, why do you stay in the camp. If the Lord is outside of the camp, today will you choose the camp, or you choose the Lord? Dear brothers and sisters, indeed, inside the camp there is the glory of man, but outside the camp there is shame, the shame of the Lord. Dear brothers and sisters, today we have to go outside of the camp to suffer the shame of Christ. The Lord is there, and there we shall be. Wherever is the Lamb, there we should follow His footsteps. Then we can answer this heavenly calling.

### **Three things that should happen to those who answer the heavenly calling: faith, hope and love**

So, dear brothers and sisters, we thank and praise our God. Because of our Lord, He has given us such an identification. He has given us such a great ministry. He has given us such an exalted position, that we cannot just waste away ourselves. We have to rise up to answer His call. When we answer this calling, in our daily lives, there are three things, and this is what Hebrews 10:19 onward tells us. Because we see Jesus, and it is not a theoretical thing, and it is not just for us to think about, but we see the Lord, and it is going to have real effect in our lives. How do we prove that we have answered His call? Here it tells us 3 things.

Hebrews 10:22 the latter part, "Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith to God." This is the first thing. The one who answers this heavenly calling, from now on, he lives a life of faith, and by assurance of faith,

he would come before God. Second, in verse 23, “Let us hold fast the confession of the hope without wavering, for He who has promised us is faithful.” Second, the one who has answered the heavenly calling lives the life of hope everyday, because God is faithful. Third, verse 24, “and let us consider one another for provoking to love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the custom is with some, but encourage one another and be so much more, as you see, the day is drawing near.” The one who answer the heavenly calling lives daily a life of love. So you see that today what remains forever are 3 things, faith, hope and love. Chapter 11 talks about faith. Chapter 12, hope. Chapter 13, love. And let’s just mention them briefly.

### **1. To live a life of faith**

#### (1) By faith seeing the God who is invisible

Today, we have been called by the heavenly calling. Our life is a life of faith. Often times, we are not clear. And sometimes we feel that only those who are called the full time workers. (And I do not like this term “full time,” because we are all “full time,” but let’s just put it this way. We think these full time workers live a life by faith. And they live by faith. They do not live by God. As if faith is one thing, and God is another thing. And those who are not full time workers, and we do not live by faith. We live by our hands. We live by our heads. We do not live by God either. Do you think this is logical? Therefore, I do not like this term.) Every believer, and we are called by the heavenly calling, and we live by faith. I’m not saying that I live by faith. I’m saying “to live a life of faith.” Because the faith itself is not a thing for us to depend on. The anchor of faith is set at God who can be trusted. How can we live before God? We live before God with a full faith. Because man lives by sight. Man lives by feelings. Visible things, touchable things, things you can grasp. We depend on these things in our lives. But when you talk about spiritual things, talking about things of God, we feel they are not touchable. You cannot see it. You cannot touch it. It’s not touchable. It seems to be something you cannot depend upon. So here we see we need a life of faith. Dear brothers and sisters, everyone of us have to live a life of faith, and not by sight, not by feeling. We see the invisible God with our faith.

#### (2) Faith can substantiate what is hoped for

Moses can despise all the riches of Egypt, and he can esteem the shame of Christ. Why? Because he has seen the unseen God. Who can see the unseen God? By the eyes of the flesh you can never see Him. But the eyes of faith can see. Dear brothers and sisters, today, we trust our God. The eyes of our faith has already seen Him. The ears of our faith has already heard Him. We know all the material things are false. All the visible things are nothing but transient. The invisible is forever. Brothers and sisters, in faith, we have seen. We believe that

God is. We believe that He is all and all to us. We have Him, that's sufficient. We trust that He will reward all those who seek Him.

In chapter 11, we see that "Faith is the substantiating of things hoped for." So Darby's Bible says that "Faith substantiate what we hope for." What we hope for is something substantial, and that is forever. Although we cannot see with our eyes, God and all things of God are real. But how can you substantiate? How can you let this be your real experience inside? God is there in the heaven. How can you make it real so that He becomes the God living in you? Faith is this instrument.

When we believe, God becomes the one closest to us. Everything else is false. Only God is real. Because we believe, all the promises of God become true and Amen in Christ. Although 2000 years ago, our Lord Jesus shed His blood on the cross, but because we believe, this blood today sprinkles our conscience. Although our Lord Jesus was crucified and died 2000 years ago, by faith, we die with Him, buried with Him, risen with Him, and sat on heaven with Him. Dear brothers and sisters, the fathers in the past, by faith, they have done many things. They have obeyed the will of God. They have got the proof. Today, God calls us to live a life of faith.

## **2. To live a life of hope**

### (1) To gain the Lord

Second, that we have a life of hope. Dear brothers and sisters, if we, the believers, can only have something of this life, and we have no portion in the coming ages, then we are more pitiful than the people of this world. People of the world can enjoy the pleasure of sin, but we cannot. When we have sinned, there is no joy in our hearts. If you are not in joy, why do you sin? If you see that, if Christians do not have hope, we are more pitiful than man of the world. But we thank God. The One who has promised is faithful. Dear brothers and sisters, in Hebrews 12, we are told, these saints in the past surround us like clouds. Today, we race. Every believer, from the day you are saved, God put you on a course. He wants you to run the course. What is the goal? The goal is our Lord. To gain our Lord. Dear brothers and sisters, the Greeks in the past, because they wanted to have a crown, they put themselves in exercise. They rejected many legal or illegal things, so that they can gain this majestic crown of glory, but that crown of glory fades away. Dear brothers and sisters, today, we are running on this course, what we are to obtain is this crown forever. Not only that. We are gaining our Lord who gives us the crown.

(2) Cast away all burdens and press onto the goal

For this reason, we have to cast away the sins that entangles us. We have to cast away the weights. This may not be sin. But this is a weight. We have to look steadfastly the Lord Jesus who is our leader and completer of our faith. Do not look here and there. Do not look at men. Do not look behind. Do not even look at yourself. Look off to Jesus, then you press forward and press towards the goal.

(3) Transformed daily, from glory to glory

Indeed, on the course, there are many hurdles. This is an obstacle race. There are many obstacles, but God uses these suffering to train us so that we can grow up from a child to a grown-up, so that we can be transformed from glory to glory, as the glorious Lord. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit. When the glory fills inside, then we enter into glory. This is our hope. Dear brothers and sister, we are people of great hope, this world is going to pass away, but we have got an unshakable kingdom, and we want to be even more godly to server our Lord.

### **3. To live a life of love**

(1) Love the Lord with all the heart

Third, those who answers the heavenly calling have to live a life of love. Dear brothers and sisters, what is our heavenly calling? In heaven, who else do I have outside of you? Outside of you, on earth, I have nothing to love. The Lord wants us to live this life of love. Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole strength. Who is more lovable than God? What is more lovable than our Lord? He loves us. He loved us before we do. May His love encourage us, so that we do not lose the firstlove. Do not let the man and things in this world occupy our heart. These are nothing but dung. Let us consider it as treasure the knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Let us love Him with our whole heart.

(2) Brotherly love

If we love Him, we love brothers, we love each other. Dear brothers and sisters, the church is the house of God, not a legal court. The church is the house of God, not a debate place. The church is the house of God. In a household, the air is love. No love, no home. Brothers and sisters, therefore the Lord says, love each other. How I loved you, you love each other. The Lord gave Himself for us. We have to lay down our lives for our brothers. We have to care for each other, and to provoke us, to encourage good work. Why do we have to gather? Why we cannot stop meeting? Because when you're alone, nobody can encourage you.

Love is mutual. Therefore, we need to meet. Now we can encourage one another, prepare our hearts to welcome our Lord. Dear brothers and sisters, the day our Lord is coming is near, and there is only a little while left, and the one who is to come will come. The righteous shall live by faith. Let us not be those who withdraw. Let us be the ones who urge His coming.

**May it be that, from now on, that we only see Jesus**

Finally, we see only Jesus. May we, when we go home, we only see Jesus. If you only see Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit can transform you, that you are conformed to the image of the Son of God. That only begotten of God, He is the firstborn. He will lead many sons to glory. May God have grace on us.

**Prayer**

Our Lord, our God, what can we say before you? You so loved us, and for our sake, you came to this earth. You paid the highest price, even your precious blood, your body. You gave for us. Oh you have redeemed us. Today you are on the right hand of the great God, interceding for us. You are still ministering to us. Our Lord, what else can we say? We belong to you. We do not want to exit. We want to stay to be your bondslave of love, and our whole life we serve you.

Our Lord, have mercy on us, so that when we go home this time, we do not see prophets, angels, Moses, Aaron. No more sacrifices. No more laws. No more tent. Let us see only you. Lord, you are the most precious. Fill our eyes. Fill our hearts. In the name of our Lord, Amen.