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The Witness and The Testimony (4)

II Thessalonians 1: 10 For our testimony to you have been believed.

In the Chinese translation, it is 'our witness to you'. In the English translation, it is heavier and it said 'our testimony, you have believed'.

We thank the Lord for leading us to the last message. We have been looking at the matter of the testimony and the witness. We know that this matter is dear to the heart of God. And it is a central point in the word of God. It should also be a central point in us. Many times, we pay attention to fragmentary things and we give testimony for the fragmentary things. But we neglect the central point that is in God's mind. We neglected the matter of His testimony. I believe in these last days, God has to recover the rightful position of His testimony in the heart of His children.

Since the creation of the heaven and the earth, God has continuously testified Himself to men. He wanted men to know who He is, so that we can truly know Him. And because we know Him, we can unite with Him. And because we can unite with Him, we can testify for Him. Our testimony is not objective. Our testimony is subjective. Our testimony is not passive. Our testimony is our experience of God and our testimony of Him. Not only do we have to testify for God individually, we need a body to testify for this glorious Head. It is because this testimony is too big, and individual testimony cannot bring out a complete testimony.

The Call for Witnesses is Universal

This morning I would like to share with you some words that I have not finished yet. We want to look at the making of the witness and our testimony. We know that God looks for His witnesses on this earth. God is calling men to rise up to be His witnesses. Of course, He will not call those who do not believe in Him to be His witnesses. But to all the people who have been redeemed, God calls us to be His witnesses. The call to be His witnesses is universal. It is not to say that the call to testify for God is given only to some of those who believe in God. We need to see that all who have been saved by grace are called by God to be His witnesses. Why does God save us? Or we ask why does God create us? God created us and God saved us. There is purpose to it and that is He

wants us to testify for Him. This call is a universal one. Every brother and sister are called by God. He calls every one of us to be His witness.

Sufficient Grace

But the bible said: for many are called but few are chosen. We are all called by God. But whether we can be chosen to be the witness is another question. The call has been given to each of God's children. Some people will answer to this call. And some will not answer to this call. Some received the grace and answer the call according to the grace. Some received the grace but wasted the grace and did not answer to the call. As mentioned before that in the Old Testament times, the testimony of God in men's hand is the law. But because of men's weakness, the law could not be carried out. So the law did not accomplish anything. The Israelites could not observe the laws of God. They lost the testimony of God and shamed the name of God. The bible tells us 'through the law comes the knowledge of sin'. Why did God give the law to man? God knew men cannot keep the law. God knew that man cannot bear witness for Him. But men do not know themselves and think they can. Just like the Israelites said: whatever God commanded; we will do. And the law proved that the Israelites could not keep the law. The law bound us in sins. The law is to lead us to Christ.

We thank and praise God. In the New Testament times, when our Lord came to this earth, the testimony of God is our Lord, Jesus Christ. The law came from Moses. But grace and truth come from the Lord Jesus. Today when the testimony of God comes upon us, it is no longer law. It is grace because our Lord Jesus is grace. He has accomplished all for us. He has given us His life. His life dwells in us. He will accomplish on us all that He wants to do. This is grace. Today, the testimony of God is more complete than before. And so it seems that it is harder to carry out the testimony of God. But thank and praise God. The Holy Spirit testifies for God and for our Lord. And it is the Holy Spirit in us with God's grace that leads us into His testimony so we also will be able to testify for the Lord. I hope brothers and sisters will not feel that it is a great burden and that they cannot bear this burden when they see the greatness and vastness of this testimony. We have to remember what Paul said: What kind of a man I have become today; it is the grace of God which made me so. He became this kind of a man because of God's grace. Dear brothers and sisters, we have to see that when God called us to be His witnesses, He has already prepared sufficient grace for us. As long as we receive and cooperate with this grace, we can respond to God's calling. It is not we are doing the work ourselves, but it is His grace in us that leads us to do it. Only this way can we testify for God.

Though it is this way, the bible said, those who are called are many, but those who are chosen are few. Although it is grace to be chosen, yet there are considerable conditions. Because this testimony is so great, it is not simple to

carry out this testimony. We cannot carry it out based on our ability. Because the testimony is great, so the requirements are great too. But we thank and praise God. His grace is great too. Thus, we should not feel it is a law in us. We should have a feeling of grace in us. Thank and praise God even though we, who are weak as water and with nothing good in us, yet God is willing to entrust His testimony to us. He knows His grace is sufficient for us.

Not Depending on Ourselves

Today we have received what He entrusted to us. We want to testify for our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a tremendous thing. But a lot of times, we see that we are carrying out an opposing testimony. We should testify for our Lord Jesus Christ. But what we testified is in opposition to the true testimony. Although we are already saved by grace. But because we do not know the cross, we still live in our flesh. The result is that our life differs so much from that of Jesus Christ. When others observe us, they wonder whether the God you believe is just this kind of a God. Is the Jesus you believe in like this? Today, many of God's children are doing things that are opposite to the testimony.

And many times, we do a false testimony. False testimony is not necessarily without any facts. We said a testimony has to have facts. But if there are only facts, it is still not adequate for it to be a testimony. Although the fact is a true fact, but if you have not personally seen, heard or experienced it, then you cannot testify to it. If you do the testimony, then your testimony is false. Many times, we have not truly experienced our Lord in our life, even though we speak of how our Lord is to others. Then we have not touched the spiritual reality. There is the objective fact, that is, that which has been accomplished by Christ will never change. But when we rise up to give the testimony, we need to have touched the spiritual reality. If we have not touched the spiritual reality, although our words are accurate, this testimony in the eyes of God is still a false testimony.

Dear brothers and sisters, we have given false testimonies so many times. And many times, our testimonies are not pure. Although we have received God's grace and we can testify a little of His grace, but a lot comes out from inside ourselves. A lot also comes from this world. This kind of testimony is not a pure testimony. As a result, the testimony of God is belittled. Thus our testimony is without power. The words are right, but there is no power because we depend on ourselves to give the testimony. We use our eloquence and intelligence to give the testimony. We do not depend on the great power and the might of the Holy Spirit.

Paul said: When I come into your midst, I did not use eloquent words or great wisdom. But in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and of power, that your faith might not stand in men's wisdom, but in God's power. Today God calls us to be His witnesses. He wants us to give a pure testimony for Him. He wants us to

give a complete testimony for Him. He does not want us to add in a lot of other things in our testimony. This will side track His testimony. Being a witness is not a simple matter. There has to be a considerable dealing in a witness.

Qualifications of a Witness – Revealed in the Witnesses in Old Testament Times

We have already mentioned in Hebrews 11 we saw that all those people being mentioned were witnesses. They are like a cloud surrounding us. They are there encouraging us to run forward; to walk the way of the testimony. In the past we looked at them from the point of view of their history. Now we want to learn from them. We want to see the requirements we need to be a true witness.

Accepted by God – Characteristic of Abel

The first one we looked at is Abel. In Abel we see the first requirement. For one who wants to testify for God, he needs to be accepted by God. We know we all are sinners. There is no good in us. None of us can come before God by ourselves. If we come before God by ourselves, we will be consumed by the holy fire. When Abel came before God, he came based on that better sacrifice. This better sacrifice of course symbolized our Lord. Abel admitted he was a sinner. He admitted that he should die for his sins. He admitted he could not come before God by himself. So he trusted in God and received what God has prepared. He used a lamb as atonement. As a result, God accepted him. Although he was killed by Cain, yet he still speaks. To speak is to give the testimony. One needs to be accepted by God before he can be God's witness. We are accepted by God by being in His beloved Son. One who is not saved and is not accepted by God will not be called to be His witness. Only one who has been saved by grace and accepted by God in His beloved Son will be called to be His witness.

Walk with God – Characteristic of Enoch

The second person is Enoch. Enoch was one who walked with God. A witness not only has to be accepted by God, he needs to rise up and walk with God. Many of God's children, although they have already been accepted in Christ, have not walked with God. God walks this way and they will go the other way. They were unwilling to walk with God. They try to force God to walk with them. Our Lord Jesus said, wherever I am, those who believe in me will be there with me. For us who have been saved by grace, if we want to be God's witnesses, we need to learn to walk with God in our daily life. That is to say we need to draw near to Him; to hear His voice. Then we can understand His will and we can

walk with Him together. If you do not walk with Him, how can you hear Him and understand His will?

The prophet told us, if you cannot have a heart of one accord with God, then you cannot walk with Him (Amos 3: 3). So if we want to walk with God, we have to have the same heart. We need to have a desire for Him. We need to have a perfect heart before Him. We need to offer our heart to Him. In the book of Proverbs, it says: my son, give me your heart. Your eyes should delight in my way (Proverbs 23: 26). We do not delight in His way because our eyes are not on Him. Romans 12 said: I beseech you in the mercy of God, to offer up your body as a living sacrifice. It is holy and acceptable. Such service is intelligent service. Do not conform to this world. Let your mind be transformed, so you can prove what is the good and acceptable will of God. One who wants to testify for God is a consecrated person. He offers his body as a living sacrifice. A living sacrifice is one living for God. His heart is for God. Then you can prove the will of God. You will delight in the will of God. Then you can walk with God. This is a very basic requirement.

Our Brother Watchman Nee once said: consecration is a Christian's first experience. Salvation only brings you into the presence of God. After you are saved, the first spiritual experience is consecration. If you have never offered yourself up; if your consecration is not thorough; then in your spiritual walk you have not moved even a step forward because this is the most basic, first step. If we want to testify for God, we need to walk with God.

Must Have Revelation – the Characteristic of Noah

The third person we want to look at is Noah. We can see from him there is another requirement. And that is revelation. We need to have revelation from God. In the past, God had many times and, in many ways, through the prophets, revealed Himself to our forefathers. Now in the end times, He speaks to us in His own Son. The revelation of God is already complete and it is all in this bible. We cannot have new revelation that is not in the bible. If it is so, then it is heresy. Although it is so, what God has revealed, He wants to reveal again to each one of us.

The revelation in the bible is already complete in the first century. But now for us in the twentieth century, this God who has breathed out words, He wants to speak to us again from inside of us. He wants to speak again to each one of us what He has spoken in the bible. This is to say, every brother and sister needs to receive revelations. Paul said: I asked God to give you the Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that you truly know God. We have to truly know God and to truly know our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not enough to rely on the past revelation. We need to have the Spirit reveals to us again the past revelation. That way we can see our Lord in our spirit.

This revelation can transform us. Many times, we know a lot of the doctrines in the bible. Although we know these doctrines, yet these doctrines in us are just letters. Letters can kill. The more we know about these doctrines, the more we are judged because in practice we are too far from these doctrines. We tried to keep these doctrines by our own strength but we cannot keep them. Letters kill but spirit gives life. When the Holy Spirit quickens these words and reveals these words to us, we said we thank God, now I truly see. Then there will be a power coming from us that cause us to truly know Christ. And we will be transformed inside. Then we can rise up and testify for God. And we said we heard of Him before, but now I see Him with my own eyes.

Every time when God reveals Jesus Christ to us, we prostrate before Him. Revelation humbles us. Knowledge only puffs up. When we truly see the Lord, we cannot but prostrate before Him. We see that except for His grace, we have nothing. Dear brothers and sisters, today what we need most among the children of God is revelation. We know a lot of doctrines. But we have too little revelation. It pleases our Father to reveal His Son in our heart. Why is it we do not have revelations? It is because our heart is not right. Matthew 5 said, blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God. If your heart really longs for God, our Lord will surely reveal Himself to you.

Faith – Characteristic of Abraham

Not only does one need revelations, one who wants to testify for God needs to have faith after receiving the revelation. And this is Abraham. When the God of glory appeared to him, by faith he left his own country and left for the land that God wanted him to go. When God gives His revelation to us, we need to receive it by faith. Even though in practice we might not see it. We all are led by our feelings and we live by sight. But the bible tells us a Christian life should be one by faith and not by feeling. The unseen is much more important than those that can be seen. So when we receive revelation from God, we need to receive it by faith. We believe that He can call into existence things that are not, and He can resurrect the dead. He can turn the revelations received from Him in us into our life. He is able to bring us to resurrection. He can turn His revelations in us to testimony. And this is His working. But we need to believe. Only when you believe then you can submit. This is the life of Abraham.

Willing to Pay the Price – Characteristic of Moses

Finally, we are going to look at Moses. In Moses we again see another requirement. Now that you have seen and you have believed; you have to pay the price for what you have seen and for what you have received. You have to choose to suffer for Christ. You do not choose to love the treasure of Egypt. And this is the price you need to pay. Dear brothers and sisters, our brother kept

saying to be a witness, we need to pay the price. We need to forsake all in order to follow our Lord Jesus.

Our Lord Jesus said, if you do not deny yourself, pick up the cross and follow me, you are not worthy to be my disciple. Dear brothers and sisters, one who truly wants to be a witness needs to pay the price. The greatest price is not the things outside. The greatest price is our self. We can forsake all things, but we are unwilling to deny our self. If we do not deny our self, all the things that we forsake come to nothing. Truly speaking, one who truly sees the Lord will say, I have sacrificed nothing and everything is His grace. Only this kind of people can be God's witnesses.

The Examples of the Disciples in the New Testament Time

There are the same examples in the New Testament time. When our Lord first said to the people: Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Immediately a group of people came to our Lord. John the Baptist said: Behold the lamb of God. John and James then followed the Lord Jesus. Peter was brought before the Lord, and he got to know our Lord. The first requirement is that we need to believe in the Lord.

Then when our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Peter and his brother Andrew and He said, come follow me. He saw the sons of Zebedee mending their nets; the Lord said, come follow me. He saw Matthew collecting taxes; He said, come follow me. These people who were called left everything and followed the Lord. These people were examples of those who walked with the Lord. They were together with the Lord for about three and a half years. They were there learning our Lord. Although they did not learn well, yet our Lord was very patient with them. He was leading them all the time and teaching them. But at that time, the revelation was not enough. Although the Lord taught them many things, yet they listened but did not hear. They looked but they did not see.

Indeed, it was a heavy cross to our Lord in the three years that He was with the apostles. You see these twelve apostles fought who would be the greater. Our Lord spoke to them and they did not listen. The Lord said: I have to go to Jerusalem to the cross. And they told the Lord I want to sit on your left and on your right. Our Lord had great patience with them. When they were having the Passover dinner that night which was the last night, Peter asked the Lord: where are you going? Thomas said: we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way? And Philip said: You show us the father and we will be satisfied. Judas (not the one who sold Jesus) said: why do you reveal only to us and not reveal yourself to the world? It was the last night that Jesus was with the disciples, yet they still did not understand. They said to each other: 'He just said

He will be going away for a while and then will come back. What does that mean? They still did not understand because they did not have the revelations.

But we thank and praise God, after our Lord resurrected, He opened their hearts. He started from the Pentateuch, and explained to them what the prophets and the Psalms said about Himself. The Lord said: *'When the Holy Spirit comes, He shall instruct you of all the things about me. There are many words that I cannot tell you now because you will not be able to listen. But when the Spirit of truth comes, He shall lead you into all the truth. He will glorify me'*.

Brothers and sisters, indeed after our Lord resurrected and ascended into heaven, and the Holy Spirit came, the disciples received revelations. They had the faith. When Peter stood with the eleven and spoke, their testimony was so powerful. They testified of the Lord's resurrection because they have seen the risen Lord. They suffered a great deal for the sake of this testimony of our Lord. But they were very joyful. They counted themselves to be worthy to be persecuted for the Lord. You see this feeling was so different from before. Such people were the witnesses of God.

The Teaching from the Word of God

These are the examples we see in the Old and New Testament times. If we go back to the word of God, we see it is the same situation. I just want to mention a few.

Abide in Christ – Walk with God

First, if we want to testify for God, we need to walk with God. In the Gospel of John 15, our Lord said: The Holy Spirit testifies for me; you are going to testify for me also because you have always been with me. Although today we cannot be like the apostles who were always with the Lord because our Lord already ascended into heaven, yet today our walk with the Lord is better than their walk with the Lord. At that time, they could only physically walk with the Lord and they were only walking side by side with the Lord. But now the Lord dwells in us and we are in Him. Thus the Lord said in John 15: You have to abide in me always and I will abide in you. Then you can bear much fruits and my Father will be glorified.

Dear brothers and sisters, here we said it again; if we want to be a witness for the Lord, we have to always abide in the Lord. Indeed, we are in the Lord. God has put us in Christ. Now that God has given us this position, in our experience, we need to abide in the Lord all the time. We have to always fellowship with our Lord. How can one always abide in the Lord? Some said if you always read the bible, you will always abide in the Lord. Some said if you

pray all the time, you will be abiding in Christ. Or if you always gather, then you will be always abiding in the Lord. All these are good ideas and it is what we should do.

1 John 2: 27 tells us the secret to continuously abiding in the Lord. *'The unction which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have not need that any one should teach you; but as the same unction teaches you as to all things, and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, you shall abide in Him'*. Here you can see that God has put the anointing in us. We know this anointing is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in us. He abides in us. He permanently dwells in us. The Lord said: He will always be with you. And He will never leave you. You can grieve Him; you can quench His promptings. But you cannot send Him away. He dwells in us all the time. And He will teach you how to always abide in the Lord.

The anointing in us continuously teaches us. Sometimes He uses a small voice. Sometimes He is like a light in us. Sometimes He is like a brake to us. Sometimes He urges us. He is always in us teaching us. We need to follow the teachings of the anointing. If we obey His teaching, then we will abide in the Lord always. One who wants to be a witness must have an abiding life. He must continuously abide in the Lord.

Not been Disobedient to the Heavenly Vision

The second thing is revelation. To be a witness for God, we have to have revelation. The Book of Acts recorded the testimony of Paul three times. Every matter is established according to the mouth of two or three. In his testimony, he said: King Agrippa, I have not been disobedient to the Heavenly vision. Dear brothers and sisters, in God there is revelation. He reveals to us. What we see inside us is vision. Vision is not what you see with your naked eye. The vision is what you see in your spirit.

On the way to Damascus, Paul saw a heavenly vision. Paul saw the risen Lord. He is the Lord of all. He is high up there and nothing can resist Him. Nothing can violate His will. He saw the glorious Head. He saw the universal body on earth. All who believe in Him are members of His body. That union is a complete oneness. If you touch one member, you touch the Head. That was why Christ said: Why do you persecute me? When you persecute my disciples, you are persecuting me. The Lord and His church are one. Since Paul saw the heavenly vision, He had never been disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Dear brothers and sisters, the revelations that God gives us is not for us just to admire. It is for us to obey. We have to walk out the vision. Of course, it is the anointing from God inside us but we have to surrender. And that vision dominated the entire life of Paul - his living and his work. Dear brothers and

sisters, today do we have the heavenly vision? Have we been disobedient to the heavenly vision?

And Have not Loved Their Life Even unto Death – Faith and the Price

Lastly, in Revelation 12: 11, it said, 'And they have overcome him by reason of the blood of the Lamb, and by reason of the word of their testimony and have not loved their life even unto death'. These people are not better than others. It is not because they are perfect. They have weaknesses and failures. But they believe in the blood of the Lamb. They see the power of the blood. They are cleansed by the blood every day. They do not keep their sins overnight. They do not have their failures overnight. When they failed, they went straight back to the blood. So they are always cleansed. Dear brothers and sisters, they have testimony. They can testify and give words. When their words come out there are spiritual realities. They said Jesus is Lord. And Jesus is indeed their Lord. So their words are powerful.

There is an interesting passage in the book of Acts 19. In Ephesus there were some Jews who drove out demons with spells. And in one instance the seven sons of Sceva, the Jewish high priest, were doing this. They saw that Paul drove out demons by the name of our Lord Jesus. And it was effective. And they felt that was a good way. So they called upon the evil spirit with the same saying: 'by the name of the Jesus Christ that Paul preached, I command you to leave'. The demon said: Paul, I know, the Lord Jesus I know, who are you? The demons then jumped onto them and mastered them.

Dear brothers and sisters, if we were to have word of testimony, we have to have the reality inside. If there is no reality, there will be no effect. In Revelation 12 the Lord is indeed the Lord in these brothers and sisters. So when they speak, they overcome the enemy. And they have an attitude that they do not love their lives unto death. They value the testimony of God more than their life. Dear brothers and sisters, in this end times, the enemy is threatening us with our life. They want to cause us to compromise and to fall by threatening our life. But this group of people love the testimony of our Lord more than their life.

Actually, the word 'testimony' in the original language is the English word 'martyr'. It means that they testify to the point that they give their own life. So all witnesses are martyrs. They may not be martyred by death. But the life is a martyr's life. They are willing to give up everything for the sake of the testimony. Brothers and sisters, if we do not have the spirit of a martyr in us, then we cannot be His witness.

He is Worthy and He Can

Thank and praise the Lord. God calls us and by His grace, we can answer His call. Yes, when we think about ourselves, we tremble. We feel we are so unworthy and we are not able to do it. But we thank and praise the Lord, He is worthy and He can. What God requires of us is just the heart. May we be willing to put ourselves into His hands. His grace will complete His work.

Our (the Church) Testimony

Lastly, I would like to fellowship with you our testimony. Paul said in II Thessalonians 'our testimony to you has been believed'. Three people wrote II Thessalonians – Paul, Silas and Timothy. So Paul said 'our testimony'. Is that just the testimony of Paul, Silas and Timothy? We know that it is because the three of them with one accord testified for God. But when Paul said our testimony, he was not referring just to the three of them. He was referring to the testimony of all the disciples. And He was also referring to the testimony of the church. So our testimony is the testimony of the church.

Subjective Experience

The testimony of God is the testimony of Jesus Christ. The testimony of Jesus Christ is our testimony. Dear brothers and sisters, do we not know that we have a testimony? Today, the testimony of Jesus Christ becomes our testimony. The testimony of Jesus Christ is not only an objective fact. It turns to be our subjective experience through revelations and faith. This fact leads us to touch the reality and the fact in us will be changed. The testimony becomes our testimony.

To Preach that Christ Jesus is Lord

What is our testimony? Our testimony is not to testify ourselves. In II Corinthians, Paul said: we are not preaching ourselves; we are preaching Jesus Christ is Lord. Yes, when we preach His gospel, we have to recommend ourselves to the conscience of men. When others are listening to the gospel we preach, they are measuring us. If we cannot pass their conscience, they will not accept the gospel. Even though we are testifying for Jesus Christ, yet men are there observing us. If there is a problem with us in their conscience, then our testimony will not be effective in them. Dear brothers and sisters, although this is the case, we are not testifying ourselves. We are not telling others to see what kind of a person I am, how advanced or deep my knowledge is, or how spiritual

I am. If people just see you and not see the Lord when you are testifying, then you did an anti-testimony.

What we testify is Jesus Christ is Lord. Even though the people were there listening to us, watching us, contacting us, and measuring us, yet the impression they get inside of them should be the Lord Jesus and not us. They forget about us. But they remember the Lord. This then is the true testimony and this should be our testimony. Our testimony is not to draw others to us. We are leading them to Christ. He shall increase and I decrease. This is a true testimony.

Not Testifying for the Church

When we testify, we are not testifying for the church. The church is only a vessel for the testimony. The church is a golden lampstand. You do not beautify the golden lampstand. Otherwise, people just see the golden lampstand and not see the light. The only purpose of the golden lampstand is to hold up the light. We are not testifying for the church. The church itself is not a testimony. The church is to testify the Lord Jesus. When people come into your midst, they see God there. And they will prostrate and worship God. This is the testimony. It is not to let others see that there are many people in your church; that you are so prosperous; that you have a lot of work and even a lot of love and so much toil. Brothers and sisters if we have lost the first love, we have fallen because this is not our testimony.

Our testimony is that the Lord is here and He is our Lord. Our Lord said: Wherever you gather in two or three in My name, I will be in your midst. Dear brothers and sisters, if the Lord is not among us, then it will be vanity of vanity. If the children of God gather together, and do not honor the Lord as Lord, and not let the Lord has the dominion, but let men have the power, let men give ideas, let men just have activities there, and to a point where there is mixture, then the testimony is lost. When men come among us, they should be able to see the Lord. They should meet the Lord there, so that they will prostrate and worship the Lord. That is our testimony.

Not Testifying a Section of the Truth

Dear brothers and sisters, today we are not testifying a section of the truth. Although it is part of the truth and it is accurate. Even if we have the experience of the truth, we are not testifying just a part of the truth. We are testifying the reality behind all the truth.

Our Lord Jesus said: I am the truth. In the bible, the word truth is singular. Today there are a lot of the so-called truths. But in the bible, there is only one

truth. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all the truth. This truth is singular. The truth is the Lord. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of the truth. The truth is reality. It is not a doctrine. There are many doctrines today. But these doctrines will only make our head big but will not change our life. The truth can transform us. The Lord said: You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. That is to say, you need to know the Son of God and the Son of God will set you free.

So our testimony is not to testify a certain portion of the truth. For example, we are not testifying holiness, although we believe in holiness. We are not testifying spiritual gifts, although we believe in spiritual gifts. We are not testifying baptism, although we are baptized. We are not testifying the church, although we believe in the church. We are testifying the Lord Jesus. Dear brothers and sisters, doctrines divide people. Truth unites us because the truth is our Lord. So our testimony is our Lord Jesus Christ.

May We Be A Witness After God's Heart

We thank and praise God. In these last days, God is still calling for witnesses. In these end times, on the one hand, it is a most difficult time. But on the other hand, it is the most gracious. It is because we receive the testimony of the witnesses throughout the ages and all these are our inheritance. Today the testimony of Jesus Christ is rich in us; richer than the time in the nineteenth century or the time in the eighteenth century. Today we have received all the fullness. The revelation to us regarding the testimony of Jesus Christ are clearer to us than to the people before us. For this reason, our responsibility is greater.

Have we truly given a good testimony for the Lord? Is our testimony mixed and not pure? Is our testimony weak? Is our testimony not complete? Paul said: I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision. Have we been obedient to certain parts of the revelation and violated other parts? Have we been obedient to the testimony of Jesus Christ? All who have been obedient to this testimony are blessed. We know our days on earth to witness are not many. We thank and praise the Lord. Our Lord is coming. We hope when He comes, He will say you are my good witness. You have truly testified for me.

Let us pray:

Our God, however You have testified for Your Son, the Holy Spirit that You have sent to dwell in us also testifies for Your Son. Lord, today you have entrusted this testimony to the Church. Thus You have entrusted Your testimony to us. Our Lord, we look upon You. May Your grace sustain us, so that we can be a good witness for you on this earth. Thus You will be exalted and be glorified because You are worthy. May Your testimony fill the earth like water fill the ocean. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.