

Have the Heart to Seek the True and Living Testimonies <Is 7:11,14> <Jn 3:11> <1 Jn 5:6-8> <Ac 4:8-20>

Introduction: Whether I believe or not, feel it or not, the truth is, God is with me, He loves me forever, and will add blessings upon blessings. It is also true that God already began the eternal great things for me, which are being fulfilled today, every day and will be more gloriously fulfilled in future! But before we have the heart to seek, that truth cannot become my truth, my power, my blessings, but only hidden in the conditions of my life, until my eyes are opened. However, when my spirit is upright one day, being determined to “seek the evidences of God loving me, using me, blessing me”, I will enter into another blessed timetable and world. I will become another person, can see what I never see before, hear what I never hear before, think of what I never think of before. Every word that God has promised me will begin to come alive before my eyes. We can say this is the “second born-again”! Furthermore, the spirits, expressions, speech, living of those who can see the evidences of Immanuel are completely different. The Lord’s true and living loving kindness, holiness, wisdom, power, glory, abundance will manifest through such a person’s life. Those who are together with him can also see the glory of the Lord, God’s people will also come to the Lord’s light because of the light he radiates.

1. Jesus Christ lives in me today1) **When we [have the heart] to centre our living on seeking evidences, the mystery of Immanuel will be revealed**

* Believers’ state of not having heart is the key factor to not being able to know the Holy Spirit, but the faith which continues to be confirmed will lead the believer to hear the practical voice of Holy Spirit increasingly, thus strengthening his heart.

2) **Through the mystery of Jesus Christ, seek in the deepest depths and highest heights<Is 7: 11>**

* Christ is Word and Spirit! Therefore, must bear the life of being loved and called to confirm the word of God, then Christ can come alive in our spirits and living.

* Example: God says: “I am with you” <How is He with us?>, “All peoples depart from God and are dead in their transgressions and sins” <able to see how all peoples depart from God?>, “You are my beloved, I bought you with heavy price” <where are the evidences of us being greatly loved by God? How can our spirits confirm this?>

3) **Only faith which has been confirmed can have true and living testimonies**

* There are different levels of believers’ testimonies. Most of the testimonies are the same as other religions. For example, testimonies of receiving blessings after prayers, good being repaid with good, evil being paid back with evil, etc.

<Therefore, many people seek Jesus for the needs and benefits of their flesh, and not because of knowing Christ the Lord in their spirits through the words of eternal life>

* Actually, the true and living and powerful testimonies all come from the fulfillment of Christ (i.e. the foundation of being loved, given grace, blessed, called in Christ).

2. In 2010, must prepare 7 true and living testimonies1) **Testimony of [Lord Jesus Christ coming to find me] and revealing to me**

⇒ Subsequently through His word, made me see how He works, guides me, heals me, gives power to me and uses me.

2) **Testimony of how I discovered the difference between [religion and gospel] in the process of my faith in the Lord**

E.g. From the God who can only be experienced in knowledge or in special situations, to a God who can be experienced 24 hours, in all things.

E.g. From a faith which always fears God or feels guilty toward God due to own weaknesses or powerlessness, to a faith that loves and is intimate with God.

E.g. From a belief of praying for blessings, to understanding how we are already blessed in all things and thus the more we let go, the more we receive.

3) **Testimony of the difference before and after my life [knows promises]**

E.g. Inferiority complex, setbacks, discontentment, state of loving the world without understanding promises Vs the self-confidence, joy, contentment, power, courage, etc that come when promises become fixed perspective.

E.g. Before understanding promises, often look down on own weak children/family members Vs After promises become fixed perspective, see the dignity of children/spouse and the fulfilment.

4) **Testimony of [receiving answers during prayers]**

* This is just like: The great mystery of relying on Holy Spirit to cast out demons, descending of heavenly kingdom! After prayer, although circumstances seem the same, perspective is different, thus will receive more beautiful testimonies later on.

* Furthermore, those who often see the Lord in the midst of prayers will have increasing joy and wisdom in normal and daily living, thus they will also enjoy prayers more and more.

5) **Testimonies of 10 areas of healing (please refer to the 10 healing lessons at the back of the 36 lessons)**

① Healing of my spirit, can see and hear God; ② Healing of my heart, can always rejoice and give thanks for all things; ③ Healing of my mental state (areas that lose self-control), can enjoy freedom; ④ Healing of my perspective toward my body, become a vessel being greatly used by the Lord; ⑤ Healing of my living, can walk with God always, daily glorifying God, benefitting men and building kingdom; ⑥ Healing of my interpersonal relationships, can love men, have compassion on others, bless others, hope in others; ⑦ Marital healing, can become blessing to children, descendants, regions, all nations; ⑧ Healing of children, can inherit my eternal blessings and inheritance; ⑨ Healing of my financial perspective, can enjoy the everlasting abundance in heaven and on earth, which should be enjoyed by God’s children and offspring; ⑩ Healing of my serving, can enjoy God’s leading, guidance and fulfilment.

6) **Testimony of how I gradually restore [walking with the Lord 24 hours]**

* First day of 7 days (the Lord’s Day) meet God, restore God’s grace and guidance in 7 days;

* First moment of every day restore God (fixed time prayer), 24 hours live before God, enjoy the harmony and encounters of being guided by God;

* When centres on church living, will restore God’s grace and works in 7 fields, always seeing the evidences of Immanuel.

7) **Testimony of [preaching the gospel] in season and out of season**

* In the past, faced obstacles in evangelism, or no authority to evangelise Vs Now rely on Holy Spirit to distinguish the persons loved by God (people besides me), and bless, help, touch them.

3. Spread the true and living testimonies to all peoples1) **In the continuous process of seeking testimonies, discover that the testimonies we receive are more and more [fitting with the truth in Bible, and very practical (relevant)]**

* Faith with foundation will make us see testimonies continuously and receive testimonies in any circumstance (even in suffering).

* Those who continue to seek the true and living testimonies will spread the word of God with foundation and bring out lively testimonies.

2) **As days pass, such a person becomes the beloved ‘princess’ (Song of Songs) in the eyes of the Lord, can shepherd all peoples**

* The Jesus Christ enjoyed in his life (deep and high) is different from many other believers.

* Therefore, when he is with other ordinary believers, he can open their eyes very quickly and let them see the value and glorious beauty of Lord Jesus Christ.

3) **When a certain timetable comes, all peoples will come to his light**

* Therefore, we have to stand well at our positions now, affirming the inheritance God wants to give us, pray in the beginning of 2010, to receive the blessings of the family, region and era.