

聖經人物 – 保羅 (2)

參考于弟兄 9 月 01 日的退修會信息 2 “我故此沒有違背那從天上來的異象” (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130901-Eve-01-Yu.mp3>) 和 9 月日的主日信息 『這些人是誰?』 (14) 一道成肉身的見證人：保羅(三) (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130908-01.mp3>)。

「我故此沒有違背那從天上來的異象」信息大綱

A) 保羅的一生只求忠心行完神的旨意與托付

- 亞基帕王啊，我故此沒有違背那從天上來的異象…(徒 26:19)
- 他的一生乃是馨香的奠祭—「我現在被澆奠，我離世的時候到了。那美好的仗我已經打過了，當跑的路我已經跑盡了，所信的道我已經守住了」(提後 4:6-7)
- 我卻不以性命為念，也不看為寶貴，只要行完我的路程，成就我從主耶穌所領受的職事，證明 神恩惠的福音。(徒 20:24)

B) 保羅的一生全然是為著『基督與教會』而活

保羅所得啟示和教導的核心—「基督與教會」

- 4 你們念了，就能曉得我深知基督的奧秘。 5 這奧秘在以前的世代沒有叫人知道…(弗 3:4-5)
- 8 …他還賜我這恩典，叫我把基督那測不透的豐富傳給外邦人， 9 又使眾人都明白，這歷代以來隱藏在創造萬物之神裏的奧秘是如何安排的， 10 為要藉著教會使天上執政的、掌權的，現在得知 神百般的智慧。 11 這是照 神從萬世以前，在我們主基督耶穌裏所定的旨意。…(弗 3:8-11)
- 現在我為你們受苦，倒覺歡樂；並且為基督的身體，就是為教會，要在我肉身上補滿基督患難的缺欠。(西 1:24)

C) 保羅的一生是『活出基督』的一生

- 「不再是我，乃是基督」(加 2:20)
- 「因我活著就是基督…」(腓 1:21)
- 「無論是生是死，總叫基督在我身上照常顯大…」(腓 1:20)
- 「感謝 神！常率領我們在基督裏誇勝，並藉著我們在各處顯揚那因認識基督而有的香氣。」(林後 2:14)

道成肉身的見證人：保羅(三) 信息大綱

經文：提前 1:12-16，弗 3:2-9，徒 20:23-24，加 2:20a，腓 1:20b-21a，羅 8:35-37，徒 26:19

背誦經文：你們該效法我，像我效法基督一樣。(林前 11:1)

詩歌：其他“有一位救贖主”；H90 “有一血泉”；SH124 “神真美好”；SH289 “來到神的面前”；H317 “無論何處我要跟隨”

『他不可抗拒的影響力，在所到之處波及周圍所有的人；他為父的心腸，叫眾人落淚；他懇切的禱告，挑動人深處愛神的火苗；他諄諄的勸誨，迴蕩在兩千年的教會歷史中；他風塵僕僕的行蹤，建立了一處又一處的見證…。

保羅，一位轉移時代，至死忠心的神僕。

他的生命，是你我的榜樣；他的腳蹤，也應是你我的腳蹤！』

(1) 是位被神從火中所抽出來的一根材

- … 13 我從前是褻瀆 神的，逼迫人的，侮慢人的；然而我還蒙了憐憫，…15 「基督耶穌降世，為要拯救罪人。」…在罪人中我是個罪魁。 16 然而，我蒙了憐憫，是因耶穌基督要在我這罪魁身上顯明他一切的忍耐，給後來信他得永生的人作榜樣。(提前 1:12-16)

(2) 是位深知神旨意奧秘與全備救恩的使徒

- 2 諒必你們曾聽見 神賜恩給我，將關切你們的職分託付我， 3 用啟示使我知道福音的奧秘… 4 你們念了，就能曉得我深知基督的奧秘。 5 這奧秘在以前的世代沒有叫人知道，像如今藉著聖靈啟示他的聖使徒和先知一樣…8 我本來比眾聖徒中最小的還小，然而他還賜我這恩典，叫我把基督那測不透的豐富傳給外邦人， 9 又使眾人都明白，這歷代以來隱藏在創造萬物之 神裏的奧秘是如何安排的，為要藉著教會...(弗 3:2-9)

(3) 是位不以性命為念，帶下翻天覆地影響力的忠僕

- 聖靈在各城裏向我指證，說有捆鎖與患難等待我。我卻不以性命為念，也不看為寶貴，只要行完我的路程，成就我從主耶穌所領受的職事，證明 神恩惠的福音。(徒 20:23-24)
- 那攪亂天下的也到這裏來了(徒 17:6) / 滿城都轟動起來…(徒 19:29) / 我們看這個人，如同瘟疫一般，是鼓動普天下眾猶太人生亂…(徒 24:5)

(4) 是位「活出基督」、道成肉身的見證人

- 我已經與基督同釘十字架，現在活著的不再是我，乃是基督在我裏面活著…(加 2:20a)

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- …只要凡事放膽，無論是生是死，總叫基督在我身上照常顯大。 21 因我活著就是基督…(腓 1:20b-21a)

(5) 是位靠主得勝有餘、也是這世界所不配有的得勝者

- 35 誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕呢？難道是…37 然而，靠著愛我們的主，在这一切的事上已經得勝有餘了。(羅 8:35-37)
- 『我故此沒有違背那從天上來的異象』(徒 26:19)

小組查經/回饋大綱

1. 保羅是一位深知神全備救恩的使徒。什麼是全備的救恩？我們對全備救恩的經歷如何？
2. 保羅深知神旨意的奧秘，他所得啟示和教導的核心是「基督與教會」，你對此的理解如何？這和我們的生活，工作，事奉有什麼關係？
3. 保羅的一生的目標是得著耶穌，而且活出基督，從而成為耶穌基督道成肉身的見證人。那麼我們個人的生命宣言又是什麼呢？你到底是為什麼活？如何才能活出我們的生命宣言？

Bible Figures — Paul (2)

Please refer to Brother Yu's Summer Retreat message 2 on 09/01 "Therefore, ... , I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130901-Eve-01-Yu.mp3>) , and Brother Yu's Sunday message on 09/08 "Who are these people? (14) – Paul (3): A Testament to the Word Becoming Flesh" (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130908-01.mp3>).

“Therefore, ... , I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision” Message outline

A. Paul lived his entire life to faithfully complete God's will and commission for him

- “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision...”(Acts 26:19)
- “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim 4:6-7)
- “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)

B. Paul lived his entire life for “Christ Church”

The centrality of Paul's teachings and revelation received is “Christ and the Church”

- “by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men ...” (Eph 3:4-5)
- “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord “ (Eph 3:8-11)
- “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church.” (Col 1:24)

C. Paul lived his entire life to “live out Christ”

- “No longer I, but Christ.” (Gal 2:20)
- “ For to me, to live is Christ ...”(Phil 1:21)
- “... as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20)
- “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.” (2 Cor 2:14)

Paul (3): A Testament to the Word Becoming Flesh Message outline

Scriptures: 1 Tim 1:12-16, Eph 3:2-9, Acts 20:23-24, Gal 2:20a, Phil 1:20b-21a, Rom 8:35-37, Acts 26:19

Memorization Verse: (1 Cor 11:1) Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Hymnary: Other “There Is A Redeemer”; H90 “There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”; SH124 “God Is So Good”; SH289 “Come Into His Presence”; H317 “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

“His irresistible influential power impacted people wherever he went; His fatherly heart moved all to tears; His fervent prayers kindled men's flame of love for God; His earnest teachings permeated through the church history for 2000 years; His diligent footsteps established testimonies after testimonies...”

Paul, a servant of God, turned his era and was faithful unto death. His life is an example for you and me; His footsteps should also be our footsteps!”

1. One who has been plucked out, as a branch out of the fire, by God

- “... although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy ... sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, ...” (1 Tim 1:12-16)

2. An apostle who intimately knows the will and mysteries of God and His full salvation

- 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10...by the church” (Eph 3:2-10)

3. A faithful servant with the influential power that turned the world upside down and did not count his life dear to himself

- “... except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20-23-24)
- “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.” (Acts 17:6)/ “The whole city was in an up roar...”(Acts 19:29)/ “For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world “(Acts 24:5)

4. One who “lived out Christ” and a testament to the word becoming flesh

- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;” (Gal 2:20a)
- “... but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ ...” (Phil 1:20b-21a)

5. One who is more than a conqueror through the Lord and a victor that the world is not worthy of

- “35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall ... 37 yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Rom 8:35-37)
- “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,” (Acts 26:19)

Small Group Meeting Outline

1. Paul is an apostle who intimately knows God’s full salvation. What is the full salvation? What is your experience on God’s full salvation?
2. Paul is also an apostle who intimately knows the will and mysteries of God. The centrality of Paul’s teachings and revelation received is “Christ and the Church”. What is your understanding on “Christ and the Church”? How does it affect our life, work and service?
3. Paul lived his entire life not only “to gain Christ” but also “to live out Christ”. His mission is to be a witness of the Word becoming flesh. Then what is our life statement? How can we live out our life statement?