**The Gospel That Surpasses All Things (Philippians 3:7–14) 6/29/2025**

Paul, who once gave pain to the church and lived as a persecutor, ends up living as an eternal masterpiece before God, in history, and for future generations. He becomes the first lead pastor of the Antioch church and the first to carry out multiethnic ministry to heal and save them. From there, he becomes a commissioned missionary and becomes one who saves all nations that were once called “Gentiles” by the Jews. Through him, much of the Bible was written, and future disciples like Timothy, Titus, and Onesimus rose up to save the future.

**Saved believers must experience this kind of turning point in life.** You may feel like you are living in incompetence or failure. Perhaps you are just getting by in life. At worst, you may be like Paul, giving the church hardships or living as a persecutor. Even such a life can leave behind a legacy that saves the church, the world, and the next generation. Life is not that long.

**We must arrive at a turning point. Does it seem like hardship, suffering, or failure? It’s not. It is a time of transformation.** It is opportunity to deeply connect with God, to receive unprecedented and never repeated answers, and to be used by God. All you need is to prepare a bartizan, system, and vessel that God will work through and use. Three things must become clear.

**1. You must come to a conclusion with God's answer that saves you.**

**1) That answer is the Gospel. God sent His Son as Christ to save, heal, and use you.**

**① He is the Creator God. That is why He became the absolute and eternal Gospel (Philippians 1).** Those who receive this Christ and are saved cannot fall because God will never give up on them (Philippians 1:6). That is because they are those chosen in Christ, set free, made children of God, and those who have found the way.

**② He humbled Himself, took on human form, and became our eternal redeemer and mediator (Philippians 2).** That’s why He is the unique Gospel. He alone died for us. When we have this conclusion of the only Gospel, even our small things, our pain, and tears become blessings of uniqueness, and lead to the work of recreation that saves all people.

**③ He resurrected and was acknowledged as the Lord who rules all creation (Philippians 3).** **So He became the** **“Gospel that surpasses all things”** **(Verse 8).** Only the power of the resurrection can surpass all things, overcome all things, and create works that transcend all things. That power alone can heal and transform our inadequate, failed, or ordinary lives and so that God can use us.

**2) In Philippians 3, Paul confesses three blessings of the Gospel that he personally experienced and enjoyed.**

**① Because of the Gospel, he could count everything else as rubbish, damage, or loss (Verse 8).**  
Those things hindered the deeper experience of the Gospel. So that is why we are told to let go of our things. But letting go isn’t the starting point. First we must discover the most precious thing (Matthew 13:44–46 parables). Paul faced many hardships, yet through them, he came to know the power of Christ’s resurrection and desired to share in His sufferings (10–11). Are you going through hardships? Then meditate and pray until the Gospel is experienced this deeply **(time to experience the 7 journeys**).

**② From the moment of salvation, Paul realized that Christ had taken hold of him, and he strove to take hold of that calling more deeply (Verse 12).** We didn’t choose Christ. Christ choseus and loved us (Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:10). Have you encountered pain or despair? Hold onto Christ more deeply and use it as a time to reach a conclusion in the gospel.

**③ Paul said he ran toward the clear goal in Christ and the prize of the heavenward** **calling (Verse 14).** That goal is the 7 guideposts we hold onto. They’re recorded in Acts, where even through hardship, world evangelization happened. Calvary (looked like despair; it was deliverance). Mount of Olives (seemed like gathered in failure; it was receiving the mission). Mark’s Upper Room (seemed like gathered amid persecution; it was deep spiritual experience). Antioch (seemed scattered by persecution; it was a turning point). And through those times, the Gospel spread to Asia, Europe, and Rome.

**2. You must receive the power of the throne that saves you, your family, your future generation, the church, and all nations (prayer of the 7 bartizans).** Even if you have no power of your own, it’s okay. The less you have, the better. True believers and disciples are those who enjoy His power (Philippians 3:3).

**1) Train yourself to focus your day in prayer (blessing of the 3 concentrations). Your daily spiritual routine matters.** Every person who succeeded in their time and was used by God had this spiritual routine. In the morning, even just for 5 minutes, hold onto the covenant and pray. In the evening, end the day with thanksgiving and meditative healing before sleeping. In between, pray unceasingly to discover God's plans and confirm His works. Those who have this spiritual routine can overcome problems or illnesses more easily.

**2) Gain the strength to find God's answers in all problems and situations (blessing of the 3 answers).** You need the strength to change your thoughts and standards. Only then will you not be deceived by Satan, and you'll enjoy the true answers God prepared. Problems become an opportunity to find God's answers. Conflicts become a chance to change and renew. Crises become the chance to enjoy unprecedented blessings. When you truly pray, you’ll see the hidden answers God has prepared (Jeremiah 33:2–3).

**3) What is formed through this is the system that saves the world (blessing of the 3 Systems, blessing of the 3 Settings).** People who need the Gospel come to you (platform).Through your prayer and devotion, people come alive (bartizan).Those people then become disciples of Christ, spreading the Gospel in the field and becoming eternal co-workers (antenna).

**3. Challenge toward the absolute mission that builds God's masterpiece throughout your lifetime. God's desire is world evangelization.** God wants toturn everything into evidence so that you can be used as an evangelist that saves your life, family, region, nation, and the world.

**1) Hold onto the absolute reason God desires and start with small things.** The past 15 years of our short-term missions was like that. If you're holding onto what God truly desires, nothing is small is “small” (Isaiah 60:21–22, Matthew 25:40).

**2) The faithful challenge of one person matters. You are not alone. It is done with the heavenly background (Philippians 3:20).** God has always changed the world with the faith and dedication of just one person holding onto the Gospel (Joseph, Daniel, Esther, Paul). We don’t challenge because conditions are right. We challenge holding onto God’s absolute reason, and all doors open.

**3) The one team God brings together is important. He has joined us into one team (One Mind, One Heart, One Spirit).** Even two or three praying together can change the world (Matthew 18:18–19). A five-person prayer team changed the world (Acts 13:1–3).  
A team is not about one person enjoying blessings. It becomes eternal blessings and answers that we will enjoy together on that day.

**Conclusion -** Missions are not optional—they are necessary and absolute. Whether you are one who goes, prays, or supports from behind, may all saints become witnesses of this gospel that surpasses all things, and may this become a turning point of blessing for all.