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Preface

God has appointed us, a group of lowly and simple people — the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade, to be the ministers of the New Testament Church to defend and to testify for the full gospel. Ever since His choice came upon us, the Holy Spirit has led us to experience all kinds of ferocious spiritual battles, from which we deeply understand the different aspects of numerous spiritual mysteries. The Lord has been especially gracious and merciful to us. He personally made known to us the mystery of the heavenly kingdom — the truth and the vision about the New Testament Church. He has used us, insignificant vessels who have often been broken by the Holy Spirit, to reveal His good and acceptable and perfect will to His beloved children in this last generation. *The Golden Lampstand* that He commissioned us to write is also to radiate the glory of the complete faith of the New Testament Church — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, the mystery that has been hidden for generations. This light of the truth will shine till the end of the world.

On April 18 this year, the Lord prophesied to me through a sister. He commanded me to go into seclusion to finish the sacred literary work that He has entrusted to me. I was supposed to start on May 1, but I pled to the Lord to let me start earlier because I knew that my days were numbered. Satan has been attacking my health relentlessly. I don't have much time on earth, so I want to make the most of the little time left to finish the entrusted work.

With the Lord's permission, I began my seclusion a week earlier on April 24. Staying in the hut on the sky loft, I fasted and prayed while writing *The Golden Lampstand* and *Acts of the Holy Spirit* (a sequel to *A Living Testimony to the Truth*). When I was about to write the various aspects of the revelation (truth) of the New Testament Church, I was strongly urged by the Holy Spirit to compile them from reprinted let-

ters and also to put them in *The Golden Lampstand*.

I have been experiencing fiery trials ever since my return from Singapore and Malaysia. Whenever I start writing *Acts of the Holy Spirit*, I am hindered by Satan. Every day, I have to reply to letters from all over the world to defend the truth, solve many spiritual problems, and verify the truth about *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. The problems of one person are usually the problems of the churches, so we print out our reply letters and send them to brothers and sisters in various places to meet their spiritual needs. Thank and praise the Lord! Through the sharing, God soon made me realize that these letters that I wrote to help solve the problems of the New Testament Church are in fact the truth revealed by the Holy Spirit concerning the New Testament Church, and are materials for building the spiritual house (the New Testament Church).

In the early days after the Day of Pentecost, the apostles went around preaching the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. In all places, those who received the truth were established by the Holy Spirit into the New Testament Church. Problems arose after the establishment of the local churches because the holy body of Jesus Christ has always been a sore in Satan's eyes. Satan did everything he could to kill Jesus Christ — the Word that became flesh, by crucifying Him. But three days later, the Lord rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and sent down the Holy Spirit to establish His glorious New Testament Church. The devil, more vicious and ruthless than ever, deployed all kinds of schemes to harm the church. When persecutions and killings could not conquer the church, he would use internal confusion, false doctrines and heresies to harm her. Hence all the letters of the apostles helped solve the problems of a local church according to her urgent need. These letters had later become the nourishment and living bread of all the churches.

We know that Jesus Christ, the head of the church, is forever victorious! But before He rose from the tomb, He had to suffer death on the cross. Before He could boast victory over Satan, He had to fight a

bitter and fierce spiritual battle. The path of the New Testament Church is a path of battle, a path of the cross. It is also a path of glory and victory. When we follow the footsteps of the Lord, we must also endure the sufferings of the cross. It is inevitable to experience spiritual warfare. However, where ferocious battles are, there will be songs of victory. Wherever trials, afflictions and persecutions are, there the strong light of the truth will shine forth. The mystery of the cross is first to die then to live, to fail then to triumph, to lose then to gain. This has always been the good pleasure of the Father. The path of the cross is foolishness to those who disobey, but it is wisdom and power to those who obey. Hallelujah!

In 1963, when Jesus Christ — the head of the church — sent us to work in Singapore and Malaysia, He personally baptized many who belonged to Him with the Holy Spirit and fire. His purpose was to separate brothers and sisters from the various denominations and establish them into the spiritual house, the New Testament Church, that is according to His will. In this unbelieving and rebellious generation, the church testifies against the denominations that oppose the Spirit baptism and disobey the truth. She also testifies to the complete truth (pure faith) of the New Testament Church — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* — in order to bring the beloved brothers and sisters scattered in the various denominations back to the church — the true sheepfold built by the Holy Spirit Himself.

Following the establishment of the New Testament Church in Singapore and Malaysia, Satan began to launch his attacks. Nevertheless, the complete truth of the New Testament Church, which has long been veiled by traditional theology and human ideas, has now gradually been revealed in the midst of great afflictions, persecutions, spiritual battles and trials. Every one of our letters in this book is marked with the blood and tears we shed in Christ. They were written in afflictions, pain, fatigue, fasting, sleepless nights and manifold sufferings of the cross. The messages and words we shared in these chapters did not come from the human mind, but rather, they were hard

pressed out of our lives! This book is, in fact, the work of the Holy Spirit Himself, and the letters in it were personally written by the Holy Spirit. He wants to meet the spiritual needs of the brothers and sisters in the New Testament Church. Vessels have nothing to boast of. Only the God who uses the vessels to display His life is worthy of all praises.

Apart from letters, there are also prophecies, words of inspiration, and revelations about the New Testament Church in this book. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will continue to write sequels. The contents will be about the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* and messages concerning the workers of the New Testament Church. There are also many gracious words that drop down from heaven like dew. We are now compiling and typesetting these books. Brothers and sisters are welcomed to request them for distribution.

All this literature is printed and distributed by faith amidst great difficulties. Please sustain us with your earnest prayers in love. Please read these books with faith. Since they mostly concern the revelations and mysteries of the Spirit, you may not fully understand the contents the first time you read them. Please read them a few more times. We often receive letters from brothers and sisters telling us that they could not understand our spiritual publications the first time they read them, but after reading them a few times, they began to understand them. May the Lord grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, humility and obedience. May He personally guide all brothers and sisters into the vision of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*, and lead you to convey His will to this generation.

Please note that these messages are written by the Holy Spirit through His humble maidservant who stands on the side of God. References to denominations made in this book are not meant to attack the beloved brothers and sisters scattered in the denominations, but rather to attack the regulations and denominational systems that hinder brothers and sisters from doing God's will and from being established by God. All the brothers and sisters are God's children and should

separate themselves from the denominations that are not according to His will.

May brothers and sisters read this book in a prayerful spirit. Never judge things by the eyes of the flesh or give in to human affections, or be biased towards man-made organizations. Instead, you must stand on the side of the truth and read it with spiritual eyes — mind the heart of the Father. If your spirit is obedient to the truth, you will behold the glorious works of God.

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

(Isa. 60:1–3)

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name.

(Isa. 62:1–2)

May the Lord fulfill His own words!

Kong Duen Yee,
called to be the maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God

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**Letters about
The New Testament Church**

1.

A Synopsis of the Truth of the New Testament Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently, I received letters from brothers and sisters who do not understand the truth of the New Testament Church. God has entrusted us to write about the revelation and the truth on *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. But it will take us some time to experience fierce spiritual battles before we can clearly express His highest will. So before completing the book, I will first briefly relate the truth of the church to you. Then all the brothers and sisters who have fellowship with us can understand God's work and His will in these last days. His message in these last days is to rebuild the fallen tabernacle of David. I hope that you will join us in standing on the Lord's side, to go round the city of Jericho and then shout with one accord. We will destroy the power of hell, the dominion of darkness, and hasten the kingdom of the Lord. Amen!

The whole Bible testifies of Jesus Christ and His glorious church. This mystery that was hidden for ages has now been made known to His saints. When the Lord came to the world, His aim was to build His church, the New Testament Church (the temple). The prophecies in the Old Testament made references to the rebuilding of the long desolated temple and the law of building it. All these represent the rebuilding of the church in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost. Following that the Jews and the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit and were built together into a spiritual house — the New Testament Church — the Lord's body and bride. The church is not a material building or a cathedral of any denomination, but a local church like the Church of Ephesus, the Church of Galatia, the Church of Corinth, etc. After being baptized with the Holy Spirit, all the believers are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. There-

fore, the pristine church was not divided into denominations. All the believers accepted the full witness of *Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit*. They were redeemed by the Lord's blood, edified by the word (Water), and filled with the Holy Spirit (see 1 John 5:6–10). Every believer who has been cleansed by the Lord's blood is a member of the Lord's body. All members, should be baptized by one Spirit, be built up by the Spirit into one body, and be made to drink of one Spirit (see Eph. 2:18–22, 4:3–6, 5:18–32; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rev. 1:4). This body, the church, is to obey the Lord's complete truth (Water) and witness for it on earth. Unfortunately, a few hundred years after the church was built, the apostles and most of those who loved the Lord died as martyrs. The church then fell under the power of the Catholic pope, who combined church and state. So the church turned into a secular organization. Idol worshipping, religious rites, and worldly systems were introduced into the church, causing her to lose the holy testimony she should have had.

During the Reformation in the 16th century, Martin Luther restored the *Justification by Faith* (the Witness of Blood), but the Witness of Spirit and the Witness of Water (Word) were yet to be restored. Following the Reformation, sectarianism became increasingly widespread. In addition, the traditional leaven of Roman Catholicism hindered the truth from being preached.

Today, denominations and sects are full of practices that do not conform to the truth. They adhere to man-made rules and regulations that hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. They regard their traditions more highly than God's truth. Most of the denominations do not abide by the truth. They reject the Holy Spirit and do not worship God in spirit. Instead, they observe rules and regulations. They try to recruit more members using human methods, rites, organizations, social activities, and programs. These walls of the denominations hinder men from enjoying the Lord's abundant grace. Most of the pastors, preachers, elders, and deacons have only outward titles, not the real anointing of the Holy Spirit. They even forbid others from receiving the

Spirit baptism.

What's most pitiful is that many Pentecostal churches are also filled with denominational ways, systems, and organizations. Although they believe that spirit baptism is evidenced by speaking in tongues, they do not value the worship in spirit. Many of them even join hands with those who go against the Pentecostal grace. Preachers who have not seen the glorious body of Christ — the truth of the holy church — are only concerned with divine healing. They pay little attention to the holy word of life — the cross. As a result, many believers indulge in worldliness and are reluctant to deal with sins and the flesh. Those who have been healed, sin again. This is because they have not thoroughly departed from sins and submitted to the Holy Spirit, nor have they been built into the holy New Testament Church. Without a local church to edify them further in the truth, many Spirit-filled believers go back to their former denominations. The denominations that claim to be the church do not abide by the biblical truth (do not accept the full witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*). Their names, laws of worship, and systems are not from the Holy Spirit, but man.

Denominations are the *bushel* while the New Testament Church is the *lampstand*. A lamp should not be put under a bushel but on a lampstand so that it can give light. Most of the Spirit-baptized believers cannot freely pray in tongues or worship God in spirit and in truth when they return to their former denominations. Spiritually oppressed, their spiritual lives dwindle day by day. In the end they may begin to give counter-testimonies and disgrace God. If they return to the denominations, they will be easily persuaded to join hands with those who disbelieve in the Pentecostal grace, thus partaking in their evil deeds. The will of God is to rebuild the New Testament Church and restore the faith, power and ministration of the pristine church.

Every worker is revealed by God Himself. Pastorship is not a profession, rank or title, but a gift and responsibility of shepherding given by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will reveal and confirm this ministry with convincing facts. It is the same with apostleship. The apostle

is entrusted with the work of building the church. He labors more than others; he bears more burdens, suffers more sorrow, and bears the cross more often. They are rarely praised by men. Similarly, prophets, evangelists and teachers are not mere titles but ministers revealed and ordained by the Holy Spirit.

In these last days, God will accomplish His great work. All believers must accept the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. Since the church is purchased with the blood of Jesus, she ought to restore the ministration in Spirit and in truth, for only then will the Lord's heart be satisfied. Therefore, God commands us, this little flock — the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade — to be strong and courageous to do His work. He wants us to rebuild the temple, just as He wanted as did by Nehemiah, Ezra, Zerubbabel, Joshua, Haggai, and Zechariah to do. We know the work is going to be difficult, but we will preach whatever God commands us because we have been so greatly blessed by Him. The Spirit of God has used us, His lowly vessels, to establish the New Testament Church in various places. The New Testament Church is the pure golden lampstand that shines forth the truth, calling the children and workers of God in the denominations to return speedily. In the past, the Israelites defiled the land of Canaan and transgressed against God. They provoked God to wrath, which led to their captivity in Babylon. Today, because God's children refuse to obey the truth, they are also captured by the spiritual Babylon — false doctrines, iniquities, worldliness, traditions and denominations. They have lost the freedom to worship in spirit and in truth. In these last days, the Spirit of God will lead His children back to His sheepfold (New Testament Church) so that the Holy Spirit Himself may shepherd them. Only then can the truth be widely spread and the sheaves be brought back into the barn.

We should not use the spiritual gifts given by God in the denominations where people oppose the Spirit baptism. "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God give our offering to the holy work of building the New Testament Church.

You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk (God's grace must not be offered to the denominations that oppose the Spirit baptism and the truth)" (Exod. 23:19). In the past, the church experienced periods of revival, but they were short-lived because the Holy Spirit could not find a permanent dwelling place — the New Testament Church. Although some believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke with tongues, they soon lost the grace of God because they were not further established on the truth in the church.

"We would have healed Babylon (denominations), but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country (New Testament Church); for her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies" (Jer. 51:9). The denominations can never be healed. Therefore, God has set up the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade in these last days to demolish all the walls of the denominations and rebuild the New Testament Church. Through circumstances, God has revealed and confirmed that it is His good pleasure to rebuild the church. He Himself has established His churches in Singapore, West Malaysia, Taiwan, Sarawak, Borneo, Hong Kong, Macao and other places.

"The LORD has revealed our righteousness. Come and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God" (Jer. 51:10). All the Spirit-filled brothers and sisters should obey God's will to depart from man-made organizations and be built into the New Testament Church. God's purpose in filling us with the Holy Spirit is to build us into His glorious, living body. He gives all kinds of good and perfect spiritual gifts to His church, and sets up all kinds of spiritual ministries. So we will build with Him and glorify His name on earth. We ought to seize the chance to do His work. May God use us to fight a good fight for the truth. If we miss this chance, He cannot use us anymore, even if we beg Him to, for He is coming soon.

Now is the acceptable time. If God's servants and maidservants still do not forsake their old concepts and leave the dead organizations of men, God will not be able to use them to testify for this glorious truth of the church. God will raise up somebody instead. What a pity

to lose such a great blessing! We must not lose it. If we seek to please men, we are not the servants of Christ. So we must seek to please God in all things.

In these last days, men's hearts are hardened against the truth, but the truth will always stand. Amid opposition and trials, the truth will be manifested even more. This upcoming spiritual revolution will be more ferocious than Martin Luther's Reformation. He was entrusted only to restore the *Justification by Faith* (the Witness of Blood). In this last era, God is earnest to restore the Witness of Water (Word), and the Witness of the Holy Spirit. He will raise up workers to complete the work. They will demolish all that has to be demolished and build all that has to be built. The church will then advance in the complete truth. We know that Satan will not slack in his attempts to ruin the work of God, but we are not afraid! Let's strive on and be faithful to the Lord's trust. Let's fast, watch and pray. May the Lord stretch out His mighty arm to accomplish the great work Himself. May He also bless every brother and sister who supports our sacred work with their prayers in love.

When we first preached the truth on the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues, we faced all kinds of battles. But now the truth is preached. After reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth* and other books, many believers who love the Lord have come to understand the truth of the Spirit baptism and received it. Now that we are beginning to preach the truth on *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*, we will certainly encounter greater battles. No matter what, the truth will be preached!

Satan tries his best to deceive men into not preaching the word of God to its fullness. The word of God preached is thus discounted and falls short of His will. For example, the Modernists preach Jesus but do not believe in the remission of sins by His blood. People cannot receive salvation through them. The Fundamentalists preach the remission of sins by the Lord's precious blood, but do not believe in the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues, so believers do not have a

chance to receive the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostalists preach divine healing and the Holy Spirit, but they do not preach on dealing with carnality by the Holy Spirit and the truth on *the Holy Spirit builds the church*. They fail to depart from unspiritual things and walk in the holy truth — the Witness of Water. As a result, believers who have received the Spirit baptism cannot leave the denominations and be built up by God in His church.

Today, God wants us to defend the truth, and clearly preach the mystery of the gospel. That is why we encounter great trials and battles every day. We believe that all the attacks of Satan are permitted by God, for the light of the truth can only shine brightly amid trials (darkness). And through spiritual battles, God will let us understand His highest will more.

In the beginning, we thought that God only wanted us to restore the full witness (salvation) of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* that had been lost for centuries. But unexpectedly, with God's personal leading and the Holy Spirit's confirmation, He let us understand His higher will, which is to demolish all the walls of the denominations so that His children may come to the unity of the faith, the full salvation, and be built into the New Testament Church by the Holy Spirit.

Recently, God has gradually revealed to us the messages concerning the great judgment and His kingdom. He has shown us the way to escape His righteous judgment and tribulations in the last days and to gain the blessing of rapture into the glorious kingdom: Believers must not only receive the forgiveness of sins by the precious blood, but also the baptism of the Holy Spirit to gain strength to walk in the truth and keep the truth, and to annihilate the enemy, the self and the flesh. Only when we receive the salvation to its fullness will the Lord be satisfied.

All the brothers and sisters who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit must be built up as living stones into a spiritual house. The church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. God gives to His church

various spiritual gifts and workers with revealed ministries. These spiritual gifts and spiritual ministers will help all the members to coordinate together, manifesting the holiness, godliness, righteousness, meekness, perfection and many other riches of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has purchased His church with His blood. He also wants to fill her with His Spirit and Word (Water), so that she may become a pure golden lampstand, shining forth the light of the truth.

The purpose of the Spirit baptism is to build the church. And the purpose of the Holy Spirit rebuilding the church is to enable believers to abide by the holy truth (the Word of patience) and prepare themselves for the Lord's return. Before the Judgment Day, the truth must be quickly preached so that more people may depart from sins, heresies and denominations, and return to the true church, to be caught up together at the glorious return of the Lord. How earnest the Lord's heart is! The zeal for His house has consumed Him. He will cleanse His sanctuary and build the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia. He is going to choose a group of people who have no regard for their lives, nor care for any man, but only His will. They will blow the trumpet in these last days, proclaiming His highest will to this rebellious generation. May God turn around the hearts of His rebellious children at this acceptable time. Once these days are over, the Lord will descend with the clouds, and the church will be caught up. All those who do not believe in the truth will be left in the great tribulation and judgment. On many occasions, God has revealed to us that He wants us to be the latter-day John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord's coming.

It is commonly known that the carnal churches are filled with sins and that they have lost the testimony of the church. Man rules among them, while the Holy Spirit has no position! Because they do not hold fast the complete truth of God, they are divided, and few overcomers are found among them! God is earnest to proclaim His will through His vessels, so as to restore the full witness of His holy church. In the last days, God will fill His body (the church) with the glorious truth

and Holy Spirit. When the church is well adorned, the Lord will come again and will not tarry! So, dear brothers and sisters, be faithful, diligent, alert and prepared for the Lord's coming! Praise the Lord! Glory to His name. Hallelujah!

The epochal truth of *rebuilding the church* is a message that shakes the foundation of hell, dealing a fatal blow to the devil Satan. Therefore, Satan will wreak havoc and attack God's church in all ways. But God will exalt us above all our enemies with His mighty right hand. Through all these trials and ferocious battles, on one hand, God makes known His will to us. On the other hand, God wants to see if we can still be faithful to Him and obey Him in times of difficulties. Also, God is going to use these battles to try us and purge away our impurities so that He may increase in us.

Praise the Lord, for His eyes are upon us. Every attack of the devil only serves to fulfill God's wonderful will. Although the waves of the devil's attacks rise above our heads and, on many occasions, nearly cause us to lose our course of sailing, we still trust in the Lord wholeheartedly. Peter stepped onto the water by faith when he saw Jesus walking on the sea. He acted by faith because he knew that if the Lord could, he could, too. Though he almost sank into the sea due to his little faith, the Lord immediately caught him when he shouted, "Lord, save me!" This was because the Lord was above the waves. After testing Peter and knowing that he was willing to give his life for the Lord, the Lord entrusted him with the key of the heavenly kingdom (the great mission of building the New Testament Church). Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord's name!

The mission the Lord entrusts to us is also a great one, so we are sure that greater trials are ahead of us. When we experience battles, afflictions and persecutions, and are preserved by our Lord, we are all the more sure that what we preach is indeed the Lord's Word of life. Hence, we hope that brothers and sisters in all the churches will pray for us. May God help us to speedily further His truth amid great tribulations, persecutions and battles. May God help us to stand fast in the

truth, be greatly victorious, and be more than conquerors.

Recently, through our publications, God did great works in the United States, Germany, New Guinea, Singapore, West Malaysia, Taiwan, Sarawak, Borneo, Europe, Canada, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Burma, Indonesia and other countries. After reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth* and other books, many brothers and sisters came to understand the truth on the Spirit baptism, received it with a desirous heart, and spoke in tongues. Since they have accepted the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they have to be quickly built up by the Holy Spirit and nurtured with the truth. The calls of Macedonia are everywhere. May the Lord remove all the obstacles Satan has put in my way so that I may speedily complete the literary work entrusted by God and can be sent out by Him. May the truth of the Lord prosper and be victorious!

Kong Duen Yee, a maidservant of Jesus Christ called by the will of God, and co-workers.

Postscript: After Lazarus was raised from the dead (after the believers have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit), he had to come out of the tomb (the man-made organizations where there is no spiritual worship). If not, he would have suffocated because a raised person can no longer stay in a tomb. The bandages and graveclothes that bound his face, hands and feet (men's regulations, customs, systems, old concepts and ideas that bind up God's children) had to be discarded before he could stand up and walk to testify for His resurrection (see John 11:43–44).

When God prophesied through Ezekiel, the dry bones in the valley came to life (believers become alive after being baptized with the Holy Spirit) and stood up forming an exceedingly great army (to fight for the Lord). God further caused them to come up from their graves

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(man-made denominations) and brought them into the land of Israel (the church, where they will be united in the truth). God established His resting place in their midst (Ezek. 37:5–14). Hallelujah!

2.

The Holy Spirit Built the New Testament Church in Singapore and Malaysia

(Kong Duen Yee, a maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the nine churches in Singapore and Malaysia, built and comforted by the Holy Spirit.)

April 12, 1964

Dear co-workers and brothers and sisters,

Some ten thousand copies of *Praying in Spirit and Tongue Utterance*, written by old Bro. Tay and others, and *The Great Work of the Holy Spirit on Triple April 18*, which God charged me to write, have been published. To publish these two books, we went through many spiritual battles, because the devil tried his best to attack these genuine spiritual truths. However, God triumphed in the end. I have sent 500 copies of each of these books to Singapore. They are to be used during the Retreat Convention convened by the Church of Singapore. Very soon, thousands more will be shipped to Singapore by sea. I hope that the brothers and sisters in charge will distribute them to the nine churches in Malaysia. We will also send you the pamphlets on the full gospel. Please distribute them to brothers and sisters, denominations and those who have requested for them by mail. May the Lord reward your labor.

I heard that the sign of the Church of Sitiawan was destroyed by those who are against the Spirit baptism, and that our old Bro. Tiang was again assaulted by them. Upon hearing this news, we prayed earnestly to the Lord. God will surely raise up the banner of the local church in Sitiawan. I hope that brothers and sisters in all churches will fast and pray in one accord for the work of God. May the Lord give the churches a spirit of unity so that you will strive together to overcome all the attacks of Satan, and spread the truth boldly and speedily by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All the local churches established by the Holy Spirit must fight the good fight for the name of the Lord at all costs. We must not give in to false doctrines and denominations, but be faithful to God's trust. Let us be the golden lampstands which shine into all the world, leading men out of Babylon and back to the mountain of the LORD's house (the church). The Lord is coming soon, and so is the day for us to receive the glorious crown!

Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees (fundamentalists — most of them are self-righteous and have no regard for the righteousness of the Holy Spirit), the leaven of Herod (Pentecostalists — most of them mind the *will of man*, the world, and the flesh, and seek the *glory of man*), and the leaven of the Sadducees (modernists — most of them do not believe the biblical truth). We must be the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (a holy and faithful church), seeking only to please God. The eyes of God, the devil, men and angels are on the New Testament Church. We ought to be alert at all times and pray day and night.

Ephesians 5:18 mentions the need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Following that, the chapter 5 continues to expounds truth on *the Holy Spirit building the church*. From this chapter of Ephesians the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit is obvious — to build the church.

In general, those who specialized in preaching the Pentecostal grace would neglect the truth on *building the church*. After we started to preach on *building the church*, some in the Assembly of God in Singapore and Malaysia misunderstood us. They wrote letters to many places, attacking the work which God entrusted to us. They said that I had built the New Testament Church to disrupt them. They did not know that it was the Holy Spirit, who built the New Testament Church. This is not my work but that of the Holy Spirit; I am merely a vessel. God dislikes the Assembly of God, which has earthly headquarters, and many denominational organizations that are not according to His will. So God raised up His beloved New Testament Church. Since God has given this ministry to me and my co-workers, we should be faithful and obe-

dient till death, without any regrets.

We deeply believe that God has entrusted the New Testament Church with a great mission. He will make her a pure golden lampstand to bring light to the world. He will make her a model pattern to draw the believers in the denominations back and be established. We are fully confident that the words of the Lord will be fulfilled. May the Lord make known His messages to all the world through our literature. He will open a wide and effective door for us to speedily preach His full gospel, and bring the sheaves (the sheep — those who have been redeemed) into the barn (the Lord's sheepfold — the New Testament Church).

The work God entrusts us to do is extraordinary and marvelous. In August of 1963, we were in great distress when we were preaching in Kuala Lumpur. After we went back to Singapore, we received a call from the Assembly of God in Ipoh, telling us not to go to Ipoh as planned. They were afraid that those evil men who pursued us in Kuala Lumpur would follow us to Ipoh and continue to cause trouble there. They said they had invited another preacher to replace me for the gospel campaign. At the time, we didn't know if we should immediately return to Hong Kong. Two days later, they called and asked us to go to Ipoh at once because a few sisters among them had seen a vision of many sheep entering the sheepfold. They knew that God wanted to have the gospel campaign held as scheduled. Pastor Siaw of the Assembly of God asked me if I was afraid of those evil men. I answered him, "We do not count our lives dear to us. Our only goal is to accomplish the ministry which we received from the Lord, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Late that night, we packed our luggage and set off for the gospel campaign in Ipoh. Initially, very few came to attend the gospel meetings. But ten days later, the Holy Spirit began to work. The Lord had gained Bro. Lim, Bro. Wong, and a group of precious brothers and sisters from the Christian Assembly, the Methodist Church, and other denominations. Later, when we preached in the Assembly of God in

Penang, the Lord also gained old Bro. Tay, Sis. Chuan and other brothers and sisters. Then in Sitiawan, God wonderfully gained Bro. Lim and Bro. Tiang.

On our second visit to Ipoh, through the interpretation of tongues by a pastor of the Assembly of God, God told us that the Holy Spirit wants to build the *tabernacle of meeting* (New Testament Church), and that the churches must be named after their localities. God also revealed to us that the church is not a matter of outward beauty but of the presence of the Holy Spirit. She faithfully bears testimony to the complete truth of the Lord.

That night, the Holy Spirit worked in the assembly of the brothers and sisters who came from various denominations. A sister from the Assembly of God interpreted the tongues, asking the congregation to pray for the building of the local churches because God wanted to lead His people out of Egypt into the land of Canaan. Someone had seen a vision of sheep entering the sheepfold. The sister who interpreted the tongues, and many others thought that the sheepfold (the local church) was the Assembly of God, and that God wanted those in the denominations to come to the Assembly of God. After the interpretation of tongues, the Holy Spirit moved me to interpret the singing in spirit and to preach the will of God, declaring that the sheepfold is the New Testament Church — the spiritual house undefiled by men's will. Since then, many churches of the New Testament Church have been built in Singapore and Malaysia.

That night, in the premises of the Assembly of God, God moved me to declare the establishment of the Church of Ipoh. Brothers and sisters responded by offering money to build the spiritual house. We handed the whole amount of money to Bro. Lim and Bro. Wong, asking them to take care of it. Though it wasn't a large sum of money, it testified that God had done a great work. This was what men had not expected. Following that, the New Testament Church was also declared established in eight other places, including Sitiawan and Penang. In each local church, God appointed elders. All these are the works of

the Holy Spirit. Looking back at them now, we are amazed! We realize that God raised up the preachers of the Assembly of God to help with our visas to come to Singapore and Malaysia in order to build the New Testament Church. God let them have a share in the blessings of this holy work. They are His servants and ought to be faithful to Him, not to the Assembly of God.

The Assembly of God is nothing but an organization of man. It is a corporation of man that amounts to nothing. The living God is their true Master, so it is only right for them to mind God's heart. God will eventually let them understand this truth of building the church, and then they will depart from the yoke of the Assembly of God and bear the Lord's yoke. While we held gospel campaigns in Singapore and Malaysia, hundreds were baptized at the Assembly of God. They are not the sheep of the Assembly of God but of the Lord. One day, the Lord will lead them back to the land of Israel. Currently, because the preachers of the Assembly of God have yet to understand the truth of unity — the truth of the church, it is inevitable that they will misunderstand us, thinking that we are dividing their church and stealing their sheep. Actually, it is the Lord Himself who wants to destroy the denominations, build the church, and bring His sheep back to His sheepfold.

We had wanted to support the Assembly of God. After the gospel campaigns, we often wrote to encourage those spirit-filled believers to come back to the Assembly of God to have prayer meetings with us and to exercise their praying in tongues. However, God's Spirit did not allow it. These brothers and sisters were not willing to go back. They realized that the Assembly of God, like other denominations, practice many rules, traditions, and systems that hinder the Holy Spirit from working freely. Spirit baptism — speaking in tongues — is not considered important by their preachers, much less by the believers.

When we were preaching in Singapore and Malaysia, many believers and preachers from the Assembly of God received the Spirit baptism, and were revived. Many gentiles and believers from various de-

nominations also found grace. God did not want us to be a burden to the preachers of Assembly of God who received us. He wanted us to offer all the money we had to them for all the work they had done for us. But concerning the believers, we had no right to decide where they should go. God himself had chosen beforehand these Christians who are in the New Testament Church. Even if the New Testament Church were not established, these believers would still not go to the Assembly of God. Most of them had come out of the denominations, so they would not go back to them, including the Assembly of God. As I recall God's works, I revere God! I all the more know that this is God's will and the work He has entrusted to me.

During this morning's bread breaking service, I thought of our dear brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia, and also thought of the Lord who was crucified in order to establish us into His body. I couldn't help but weep bitterly and offer my life anew to the Lord. I don't want to grieve Him in the least bit.

This morning through me the Lord encouraged the co-workers of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade and the brothers and sisters of Hong Kong to be faithful to His entrustment. He also told me to constantly remind the beloved brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia: When you gather for services, my spirit is with you. It's just as Paul had said, "For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (1 Cor. 4:15).

Therefore, I miss you and love you more than before. Even though I cannot see you in person, my heart is always with you. May the grace and love of the Lord forever be engraved in your hearts. Love the Lord and uphold His truth, for He is the Word and the Spirit!

Ever since I returned to Hong Kong, I have been fasting and praying for you. For His own name and kingdom, may the Lord especially keep his beloved church and let you always walk in His will, and please and magnify Him. There are still many lands yet to be possessed in Singapore and Malaysia. May the Lord raise up more faithful workers.

May His truth prosper and be greatly victorious.

Kong Duen Yee,
called to be a maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and co-workers

3.

The New Testament Church Is in God's Will

(A letter to the churches in Singapore and Malaysia)

July 5, 1964

To brothers and sisters, partakers of the heavenly calling,

Peace in Christ. We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that grace and peace be given to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We earnestly pray that you will pursue holiness in the Lord's love, leading a life worthy of the calling with which we were called. I have not been able to correspond with you frequently because of the pressing literary work. Nevertheless, I always remember you in my prayers. Please pray for the literary work. Through this spiritual literature, may the Lord awaken the spirits of Christians, especially those of His servants and maidservants. May they see not only the truth of Spirit baptism and tongue utterance, but also the great work of the Holy Spirit in building the temple — His church. Since we have received the full witness of Jesus Christ — the truth — from God, we ought to holdfast the truth till the end.

Witness of Blood

The Witness of Blood does not just refer to the initial repentance and confession of sins, and the receiving of forgiveness by the precious blood of Jesus. After the first confession, we need to continually examine ourselves, humbly prostrate before God, to confess our shortcomings and transgressions, and experience the power of His precious blood in all our lives.

Witness of the Holy Spirit

The Witness of the Holy Spirit starts with the baptism of the Holy

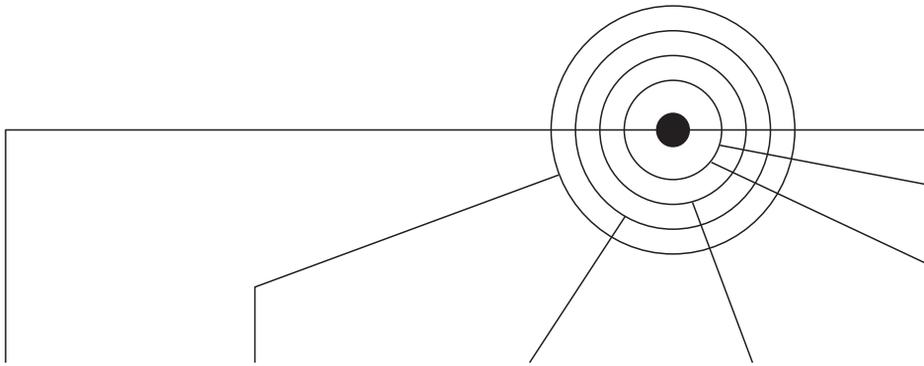
Spirit and speaking in tongues. After the baptism, we should continually obey the Holy Spirit to pursue holiness all the days of our lives. We should pray in tongues and live in the Holy Spirit, so that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit daily, becoming living stones, and be built up into a spiritual house.

Witness of Water

The Witness of Water is not just the one-time water baptism that the Lord commanded us to receive. After the baptism, we must daily abide by the Lord's statutes, ordinances, and truth (Water) for the rest of our lives. Those who keep the Lord's commandments are His true disciples. The church is the Lord's body and testifies for the glorious Christ. The church should abide by the Lord's Word and be daily immersed in the Word (Water). This is the genuine Witness of Water. On earth, the witness the church bears for the Lord should be three: *Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit*. Only then will God the Father be satisfied. (Study the diagram on the next page.)

We should thank God for letting us understand His will. He has been so gracious to us. He gives us all His spiritual blessings that we may testify for His salvation to all the denominational believers in the world. Therefore, we should not turn to others, but bring them back into the body of Christ — the New Testament Church. We are not being arrogant, but holding fast the truth and testimony the Lord has entrusted to us. Though the Christian Assembly and The Brethren also preach about the building of the church, unfortunately they lack the reality of the Holy Spirit. They preach from man's idea. It is like talking about an apple that they have never seen. But God has shown us the "apple," and we have also tasted it. We know its shape, color, taste, fragrance, texture and content from experience. We even know how it tastes when it goes bad. Hence we are able to tell others what an apple is really like. We will not only show the apple to others, we will also let them taste and experience it themselves.

When God led the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade to preach in



**The Prestine
New Testament
Church:**

She was established by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. She was the spiritual house built by God according to His will. The believers received the full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit, and worshiped God in spirit and in truth.

**Roman
Catholicism:**

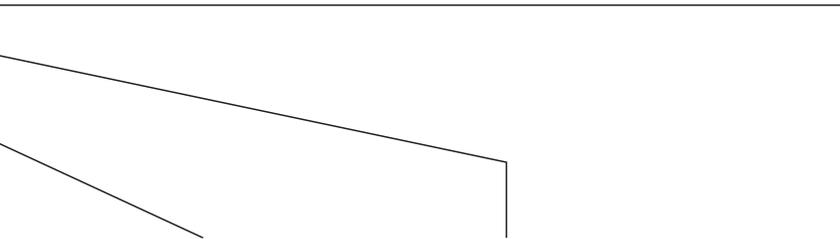
The church came under the dark political dominion of Rome and turned against the Scriptures. Eventually, the church's testimony of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit was lost. She committed spiritual fornication with idols and rebelled against the will of God, forming the Roman Catholic Church. God's Spirit abhors them!

**The Modernists
(New Theology):**

The call themselves Christians, but disbelieve the gospel of Jesus Christ. They deny the authority of the Bible and fail to follow the truth. They only preach the social gospela false gospel. God's Spirit is far from them.

**The
Fundamentalists:**

They believe in the redemption of the precious blood, but oppose the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues. They refuse to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, and emphasize human knowledge and theology. They profess to be Christians, but shut the Spirit of Christ outside the door. Therefore, God's Spirit cannot work in their midst.



**The Pentecostal
Groups
(Charismatics):**

They believe in the blood and in the Spirit baptism, but refuse to depart from the denominations. They lack the worship in spirit and the living testimony of obeying the holy truth (the Bible). Their man-made regulations, dogmas, rules, titles, etc. prevent the Holy Spirit from building the church (the testimony of unity) among them.

**The Christian Assembly
and the Brethren:**

Although they diligently study the truth on building the church, they do not begin with the Spirit. In their midst, man's method is prominent but the works of the Holy Spirit are few. The truth they preach on building the church is merely a theory to them. It cannot help believers to be built by the Holy Spirit. Though the Christian Assembly briefly tasted the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in its early days, it did not make the extra effort to walk on the spiritual high-ground. It left its course halfway. Its members rejected the Holy Spirit, so the Holy Spirit could no longer work among them.

**The New Testament Church
rebuilt by the Holy Spirit
in the last days:**

The New Testament Church is in accordance with the will of God. When she was rebuilt, the full witness of the early New Testament Church Blood, Water and Holy Spirit was restored. Today, Christians may again worship God in spirit and in truth, and the various ministries of the workers are manifested according to the Scriptures. New Testament Church members coordinate in ministration, keep the law of God, use spiritual gifts, seek holiness and lead a godly life. The Holy Spirit works freely among them as He wills. The New Testament Church leads denominational believers back to God and is preparing the way for Christ second coming.

Singapore and Malaysia, He let us work in the Assembly of God first. Though the Holy Spirit worked tremendously, there was no sheepfold for the sheep. Although many were revived, the flame of revival in them was soon extinguished because they went back to the denominations. The Assembly of God believes in the Spirit baptism, but it does not depart from the denominational organization and is full of the works of men. It lacks the worship in spirit and in truth and does not encourage believers to pray in tongues during services. I really love the brothers and sisters of the Assembly of God, just as they love me in Christ. During our days in Singapore and Malaysia, many brothers and sisters of the Assembly (both believers and preachers) shared the sufferings of the cross with us. However, I cannot, because of their love, tolerate the denominational rules and human organizations set up by the headquarters of the Assembly of God. I must mind the Lord's heart and let the Holy Spirit establish the New Testament Church according to His will. We hope that the Lord will one day let us bring out the truth — the revelation about the building of the New Testament Church. May the beloved brothers and sisters in the Assembly of God understand God's will, depart from that denominational organization, and be built up with us as dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

While we were anxious for a sheepfold, God instantly accomplished great things for us. He is truly the God who alone works wonders! Within just a little more than a month, the Holy Spirit established nine local churches in Singapore and Malaysia (including Church of Sitiawan that has services at two different locations). All the brothers and sisters of these different local churches are united by the Holy Spirit in God's love. They love one another and hold fast the truth together; each member according to his service, coordinating to become Christ's glorious body. Through me, His unworthy vessel, the Holy Spirit appointed elders in the churches and since then He has been gradually revealing their ministries, gifts and works. May the Holy Spirit compel you with the Lord's sacrificial love and keep you faithful in serving the Lord and loving Him, His church, His servants and all men till the

end.

Whenever I recall God's wonderful works, my heart is full of gratitude and I often prostrate before Him in tears. I remember you and mention your names in my prayers every day. I deeply believe that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your love for the Lord will grow with each passing day, and you will hold fast His entrustment till that Day.

I have seen many Spirit-filled preachers emphasizing certain spiritual gifts rather than pursuing a holy life. This is very dangerous. Workers of the New Testament Church must hold the two in equal balance. The testimony of a holy life outweighs any religious theory or dogma. However, we also cannot neglect the spiritual gifts which are given for the purpose of manifesting the riches of Christ's holy life. The Lord's heart will be satisfied if the gifts are appropriately used. All gifts are given for the establishment of the church. They ought to be used for building Christ's body, not for building denominations. Many brothers and sisters have given powerful testimonies for the truth we preach. May God put all His vessels behind the cross so that He alone may be seen and gain all the glory He deserves.

In these last days, God showed His good purpose in entrusting us, His lowly vessels, with His revelations. We are very unworthy, yet His grace is too profound. May God help us to preach the complete truth faithfully till the end. We used to preach only on *Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit* baptisms, and leading a holy life. Now the Lord will not be satisfied until we also preach on *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. This truth of rebuilding the church is a deeper step in the witness of Water (the Word). He wants me to carefully record the acts of the Holy Spirit in Singapore and Malaysia because it is about God's will (measurements, patterns and laws of building the spiritual house) to be revealed to the backsliding churches of this last generation.

After God led me back to Hong Kong, I experienced many afflictions and trials. These spiritual battles were also for the benefit of His house (church). I am compiling the book, *Testimonies of the Saints in Singapore and Malaysia*. Then I will obey the Lord to proceed to write

The Acts of the Holy Spirit in Singapore and Malaysia (a sequel to *A Living Testimony to the Truth*). It is a great task. I will have to fight many spiritual battles before I can finish these books. Please pray more for me. Another book that I am writing is *The Golden Lampstand* (the truth about the church). May God help me to concentrate and complete these books quickly so that they may be distributed to the world. Many brothers and sisters from Taiwan, Europe, America and Southeast Asia are corresponding with us and reading the literature we sent them. They are greatly revived after being baptized with the Holy Spirit and speaking with tongues. They have seen the truth about building the church and earnestly hope that God will send us to work in their midst so that they may be built up by the Holy Spirit in their respective locality. This response reflects the importance of the literary work. May the Lord remove all distractions and let me concentrate on the entrusted literary work.

When people receive our books, they will understand the will of God and see His glorious works. Through our spiritual literature, God will personally establish the testimony of Christ's body — the New Testament Church — in all parts of the world. The New Testament Church in Singapore and Malaysia are good examples of God's own work. God is wise. Because of Wu's attack on us in his book, *Comment on Today's Tongues-Speaking Movement*, you have faithfully risen to defend the truth and borne powerful testimonies of it. When these testimonies and our literature are published, many will know that we are not of the evil spirit, as some have claimed, but that we are the messengers of God with His entrustment. More people will believe in the truth through our spiritual publications. Satan's plots will turn to folly, and those who love God will ultimately benefit. May God be merciful and forgive those who attack us.

God will soon bring me back to Soares Avenue, the place He appointed me to preach the complete truth of the New Testament Church. It is also the place from which God's workers are commissioned and the spiritual publications distributed. A co-worker of mine who had

not kept her own position, moved to another place while I was in Singapore and Malaysia, but God will bring us back eventually. Our return will testify to the return of the captivity of Jacob's tents. He wants us to be a sign of the return of all His children from the denominations to the Lord's will — His church. Therefore, *Returning and Rebuilding the Temple* (New Testament Church) is the epochal message in these end times. We thank God. He has led us through many fierce and dangerous battles, which, if God permits, He will help me write about in books.

The co-workers and my daughter have gradually gained deeper understanding of the truth. They realize that if we do not preach that the purpose of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for the building of Christ's body (New Testament Church), our message will be incomplete. May the Lord help us preach it completely every day. If we preach the message completely, making it clear that the Spirit baptism is for the building of the church, people will find no grounds on which to oppose us. Recently, I talked to many evangelists. They have all received the Spirit baptism and are earnest for this aspect of the truth. Many oppose us in Hong Kong, for a prophet has no honor in his own country. I am confident that if the Lord lets me quickly complete the literary work, His word will be preached and the people of Hong Kong will also return. May all of us deny "self," the natural man, so that the Lord's highest will can be accomplished.

Most Pentecostal churches do not worship God in spirit and in truth during services. They maintain rituals, regulations, and other practices of man-made organizations. Other than acknowledging that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the Spirit baptism, and praying in tongues in private, they are no different than the fundamentalists. I have often thought: If the Assembly of God and the other Pentecostal churches were in accordance with God's will, God would not have raised up the New Testament Church. God rebuilt the New Testament Church to restore the testimony of the pristine church. He wants to deliver His people from the denominations and restore the original qualities of

the pristine church. So we must not join hands with the denominations. It's not that we are conceited and refuse to have fellowship with others. Rather, we ought to be firm in God's will, highly regard His entrustment, uphold the scriptural truth faithfully, and bring the truth to the Pentecostalists and other denominational believers soon.

Recently, God has been urging me to pray for the preachers of the denominations (especially those in the Pentecostal groups). May God let them see the true church and the testimony of unity, the testimony of Christ's body. The Pentecostalists conduct many meetings in Europe and America. Their testimonies and publications are widely read by the Fundamentalists. They emphasize healing, get-together meals, and other outward activities more than the truth of the cross, holiness, godliness, righteousness and the spiritual reality of the church. So, although they have miracles and wonders in their midst, they fail to attract the Fundamentalists. Many Pentecostal preachers think they are the first to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. However, the first have become last because they don't deal with their flesh or hold fast the scriptural truth. The New Testament Church, the last, has become first. Nevertheless, we ought not be contented, but continue in God's will with reverence.

Life (spiritual growth) and spiritual gifts must balance. Only when we have such spiritual quality can we guide the Pentecostalists, the Fundamentalists and other denominations onto the right path. God has entrusted the New Testament Church with the testimony of the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. He will reveal our ministry among all others. He has chosen the few of us to testify for the truth. If we acknowledge the Pentecostal churches, so and so Assemblies or so and so Halls, and regard them as the New Testament Church, that would mean overthrowing the work God that He has done on us. We must demolish the systems of the man-made organizations — the denominations. We must also demolish the bushels — the Assemblies of the Pentecostalists. Only then will we bring God's children back to the scriptural local churches.

Although the Pentecostalists claim to have begun with the Spirit, they do not walk in the truth nor abide by the Scripture. Their ministries are appointed by men, not through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Worse still, they conform to the world and refuse to deal with the flesh. The Holy Spirit has no way to accomplish God's work — build the temple — among them. For the past few days, I have been kneeling before the Lord the whole day in prayer. He showed me His light of glory. I trembled in fear when I saw how great His entrustment was upon us and could not help crying aloud as I asked God to keep us faithful in serving Him until the end.

The value of spiritual ministration lies in quality, not quantity. The testimony of life and the work of the Holy Spirit outweigh all religious dogmas and theories. May the Lord keep us and let us serve Him according to His will. If we depart from God's entrustment, we will be delinquent workers. May the Lord be merciful to us and sustain us with His gracious hand so that we may be His faithful and wise stewards, supplying spiritual food to the hungry souls of this world. May the Lord accomplish His will through your like-minded prayers. Amen! The word of the Lord shall spread widely and prevail!

May the Lord's word grow, multiply and be greatly victorious!

Sister Kong Duen Yee,
called to be a maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God

4.

The Rebuilding of the New Testament Church Is Entirely the Work of the Holy Spirit

(A Reply to a Preacher in Taiwan)

Oct. 8, 1964

Dear Brother A,

Peace to you in the Lord. I understand from your letter that you are willing to spread the Lord's word with us. My heart utters great praises and gives glory to him.

Building the church is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit. Who dares to interfere? We are only like a little channel, out of which flows the Lord's living water. Though I am the weakest among the workers in the house of God, He did not reject me. He loves me and has in these last days revealed His will to me, an insignificant vessel. The Day is at hand, so prior to the Lord's imminent return, the pattern, truth, testimony, ministration and power of the pristine church must be restored. He reveals the law of building the temple (Blood, Water and Holy Spirit) to me so that I may be like Mary Magdalene who proclaimed the good news of His resurrection to His disciples. Hence I will offer my life as a sacrifice.

May the Lord, according to His will, grind me and make me into bread, and break me to supply the spiritually needy. God searches my heart and confirms the ministry He has given me through the power of the Holy Spirit. He also confirms His truth through the work of the Holy Spirit in various circumstances. The truth I preach is what I have touched in my life. My Lord has been very gracious to me. Brother, how can I be unfaithful in preaching the truth that He has entrusted to me? When the Lord Jesus healed the sick and fed the people with bread, a great multitude gathered to Him. But when He talked about His body, saying that His flesh is food indeed, and His blood is drink

indeed, the people complained, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” Many left Him, and no longer walked with Him. Only a handful of the disciples understood that the Lord was talking about the word of life (see John 6:52–69).

When we were preaching in Singapore and Malaysia, the Lord did many wonders and miracles. Many sick people and sinners found great grace and were filled with the spirit of joy. Later, the Holy Spirit wanted to rebuild the New Testament Church — the glorious body of Christ, and the church has to restore the worship in spirit and in truth. However, many brothers and sisters born of the same gospel and baptized with the Holy Spirit began to misunderstand me. This is because the will of God can never be perceived with the mind of the flesh. Only a few who are humble and willing to obey God can perceive this hidden mystery, which is in the Spirit (Matt. 13:11, 17). The Lord anointed me, and revealed the vision of the New Testament Church to me: a true revival of the church must include the demolition of the denominations so that all the believers can be united in the truth, and be built together by the Holy Spirit into the spiritual temple which, according to the Bible, is the local church — free from divisions and human organizations. (See Isa. 41:18–20; 60:13–21; 58:12; 61:4, 7; 62:1–2; Dan. 9:25; Zech. 2:12–13; 4:6–7; 8:1–13; Mic. 4:1–8; 7:11; Amos 9:11; Ezek. 43:4; 10–12; Jer. 33:6–9; 30:18; Neh. 8:13–15; 11:1–2; Ps. 126; Eph. 2:18–22; 1 Pet. 2:4–5; etc.).

All that God says is to make clear His will about Zion, His resting place. He fills all the places in which He stands with glory. From Genesis to The Revelation, God has been doing the work of separation. He separates good from evil, the truth from falsehood, the spirit from the soul, holiness from worldliness, light from darkness, obedience from disobedience, the house of the living God from the denominations, the work of the Spirit from the organizations of man, etc. All these things need to be differentiated from one another. Even in the new heaven and new earth, there will be differences in glory and rewards. False doctrines are rampant in these last days. God’s pure and

holy word of life is often contaminated by man's ideas and doctrines. As a result, God's will becomes obscure. Hence, before planting and establishing the truth, false doctrines must be uprooted and destroyed. This matter may seem trivial to man, but a little yeast can leaven the whole lump. The church must be the true unleavened bread. If the worldly leaven of malice and wickedness is not eliminated, how can we become a new lump? (See 1 Cor. 5:7–8.)

Today, denominational churches have gone astray from the original will of God. They are like the Israelites who had been led captive to distant lands. But they will return at the appointed time. The broken wall, the burnt-down gates, and even the streets and trenches (major and minor issues) will be rebuilt (return to the Bible).

This construction is initiated and completed by God's Spirit. All of my own plans for the Lord's temple are nullified. Human strength is futile, because the Holy Spirit is the engineer who rebuilds the spiritual house. We are merely His instruments. Our footsteps in Singapore and Malaysia were entirely under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If God had not been with us, none of us would have been able to do anything, because the work was accomplished by the Spirit from the beginning to the end.

Brother, we have neither gold nor silver. Had it not been for the work of the Holy Spirit, how could nine local churches have been established in little more than a month? I used to hear other preachers say that in order to build a "church," they had to first put together some money to build a chapel before they carry out a membership drive. However, when the Holy Spirit wants to establish the church, He will first gain a group of people who have been baptized and sanctified with Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit, before uniting and establishing them.

Today, the denominations are rife with human organizations. Even the Pentecostals do not conform to the Bible in many aspects. Therefore, God is not satisfied and wants to establish the spiritual house according to His will.

Although the New Testament Church is still imperfect (just as it takes time for an infant to grow up), the brothers and sisters have a heart to pursue and abide by the truth. Their will to obey the truth is acceptable to God. He needs a group of people who are willing to bear the cross, abide by the complete truth, and be a contrast to the backsliding churches in this era. The New Testament Church is God's glorious habitation, rebuilt according to His will. It is done by His own hands for all to see. We are only the voices in the wilderness.

Immediately after the establishment of the churches in Singapore and Malaysia, we returned to Hong Kong. God did not permit us to stay longer, lest others esteem us more highly than they ought to. For the one who marries the bride is the Bridegroom (it is Christ's Spirit who rebuilds the church). When we hear His voice, we are filled with joy. We give all glory to Him, for He is worthy! May the Lord increase and we decrease!

Currently, with the help of God's gracious hand, the churches in Singapore and Malaysia are flourishing by the day. Despite persecutions and battles, God has preserved more than a thousand brothers and sisters who are willing to fight a good fight for the truth in one mind. During our six-month stay in Singapore and Malaysia, about ten thousand people were baptized with the Holy Spirit, hundreds of whom, after receiving water baptism, have either joined the Assembly of God or other denominations. Only about a thousand believers are preserved by God in the New Testament Church. This group of brothers and sisters have a greater burden than the others to bear the cross and bear a powerful testimony for the truth. For the sake of the truth, they have been attacked, persecuted and slandered by the denominations (many brothers and sisters were beaten), yet they stood firm in the Holy Spirit to testify for the complete truth of Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit. If you read *Clarification of the Truth, Life Experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit* and *Praying in Tongues*, you will understand God's purpose in choosing and establishing the New Testament Church.

Through us, God has ordained elders and deacons in various places

to administer His house and shepherd the flock. They are good and faithful stewards. Most of them used to be in the Christian Assembly, the Brethren, the Methodists, the Presbyterian and other denominations. We did not plan this beforehand, but did according to the constant leading of the Holy Spirit. Every member of the New Testament Church believes in the complete witness of the Spirit, Water, and Blood and helps others to receive it. The Holy Spirit leads every service. There are praying and singing in tongues and other ministrations in the Spirit. We have the mission to earnestly contend for the faith in this last generation. The believers' spiritual lives may be on different levels, but they are all willing to trust, obey, and hold fast to the truth wholeheartedly.

There are not many wealthy brothers and sisters, but they all do their best to offer their money and time to serve the Lord. Each local church in Singapore and Malaysia runs her own finance independently. But if a church is in need, the others would pray for and help that church. We are all members who have been built into the body of Christ. There are no archbishops, headquarters, or branches; only Jesus Christ reigns as King and the Holy Spirit Himself shepherds them.

Many misunderstand me, thinking that I'm dividing the church. God wants us to write out the actual flow of events so that they will read and understand the works of God, and begin to build the spiritual house with God. So, I must write out God's works in detail lest I fall short of His glory. I am willing to be a colt to carry the glorious Lord to wherever He wants to receive the glory He deserves. He will accomplish His glorious work which men cannot imagine.

May the Lord reveal the end-time vision of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* to all those who belong to Him. May every Spirit-baptized brother and sister perceive this mystery which has been hidden for ages — the truth about Christ and the church. Let all the saints willingly pay a price for the pearl (obey the truth), bear the cross, and follow our commander Jesus Christ to attack the walls of Jericho (the denominations). When we shout aloud (cry and pray) in one accord

according to God's will, Jericho will fall by itself. The walls and gates of Jericho must not be rebuilt. If anyone goes against God's will to rebuild Jericho, he will be cursed (Josh. 6:26), because the LORD wants to lead His people into the Promised Land (New Testament Church). Jericho's wall is huge, and the city is crowded, thus obstructing others from seeing the glorious Lord. But there will be those like Zacchaeus (who is humble and obedient to the truth) who will strive to break through the crowd (human opinions) and climb up the sycamore tree (to seek and abide by the truth). Because of Zacchaeus' act of faith, the Lord went and stayed in his house (the Lord's Spirit is present in the glorious church). Hallelujah!

For many years, I have had a great burden in my spirit for our divided country. God gave me a sorrowful spirit to fast and pray in tears for our countrymen. May God give me the opportunity to spread His message in Taiwan. I thank the Lord, who listens to men's prayers, for He has started His work in Taiwan. In recent years, through our continuous distribution of spiritual books, many brothers and sisters in Taiwan who were desirous for the Spirit baptism have, in fact, been baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoken in tongues. Some of them received it even before the laying on of hands. Some also laid hands on others to help them receive the Spirit baptism, some who were baptized long ago were revived again.

Every day, I receive many letters which express their desire for the Lord to pour out His grace upon Taiwan. They pray earnestly that the Lord will send us to Taiwan. Some who have perceived the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* are willing to preach it with us. Many of them have departed from the Christian Assembly and other denominations, and are now holding meetings and bread-breaking services in their own homes. They long to be further established by the Holy Spirit. From their letters, I can see the Holy Spirit has begun a great and wonderful revival in Taiwan. He will certainly accomplish it, for the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Whenever I received their letters, there would be an urge in my

spirit to go to Taiwan immediately to meet all the members and share the Lord's grace with them. I have been calling upon the Lord unceasingly to prepare men's hearts and the message He wants me to preach. May the Lord destroy all the fortresses of Satan and overthrow his dens. May God greatly glorify His name in this isle of the East, build up His habitation, and raise His victorious banner in all nations. I pray that I will soon finish writing *The Great Works of the Holy Spirit in Building the New Testament Church*, *The Golden Lampstands*, and the *New Testament Church Hymnal*, and have them quickly published so that I can bring them to Taiwan to supply the spiritually needy.

If the Lord permits, He will certainly send us to Taiwan to reap His harvest. May the Lord personally lead us into battle. If He is with us, there will be no city too strong to conquer. In a vision, the Lord showed me the wonderful work He is going to do in Taiwan. The flame of revival will burn many times stronger than that in Singapore and Malaysia. There will also be many persecutions, trials, battles, and afflictions on the path ahead. However, as long as the Lord can be satisfied and His will done, we will not count our lives dear to us. What is death to us? If He deems us worthy of such a blessing, He will give us the spirit of martyrs. Before His appointed time comes, we will not die, even if we want to. But since we have armed ourselves with such a mind, the faithful Lord will lead us to fight a victorious battle. We need more brothers and sisters to pray earnestly with one accord for this matter. May God raise up faithful workers everywhere to fight until His will is done. Amen!

May the Lord's word prosper! May the power of the Holy Spirit increase daily!

The Lord's maidservant,
Sister Kong Duen Yee & Co-workers

5.

Experiencing the Book of Job

(A Letter to the co-workers of the New Testament Church)

April 11, 1964

To my beloved co-workers in Christ,

Peace to you in the Lord! I continue to remember you in my prayers. I know that you are also amidst battles and trials, and am confident that you will be more than conquerors in the Lord.

Recently, God revealed to me that the Holy Spirit will use circumstances to guide us to experience the many aspects of the truth. Before the truth is revealed, there will be great battles and trials. The truth will be veiled if we mind our flesh or man's will. It will triumph if we mind the Holy Spirit and the Father's will. Therefore, when giving sermons or writing literature, let us testify more for the truth from our life experiences. If not, we will fail to help others touch the reality of the truth.

Co-workers of Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade are facing great trials in Hong Kong. For seven days and seven nights, I fought vehemently in the Lord. There were times when I almost died. God wants to train the co-workers, but Satan has been trying to hinder Him. Through a certain incidents, God put the co-workers through a series of difficult tests. There were a continuous, terrifying waves. It was so frightening that we almost lost our lives.

Had we not known the power of the Holy Spirit, we would have been discouraged long ago. But God showed that He was with us. In the end, the will of God was done, and peace was restored.

Through what had happened, God revealed to us many aspects of the truth about the building of the church, and brought many extremists back to the right track. Whenever we asked the Lord about something, He would teach us lessons through the environment. The things

of God cannot be understood or explained with the human mind. But God's ways are wonderful, just through an incident, He can reveal every man's thoughts and make known His will; He can remove all that displeases Him and enable men to differentiate the truth from false doctrines.

Unless we are tried by God, He cannot use us. Before He can entrust us with a great mission, He has to test our faithfulness in many areas. God is indeed wise. He tears and binds; He wounds and heals. Last week, at the most critical moment, I cried aloud and prayed to Him daily with fasting and little sleep. Thanks be to our wonderful and gracious Lord Jesus Christ for He has triumphed. None of my children or co-workers was lost. His truth was preserved, and every one of us learned a great lesson. Finally, the will of God was done, and the dark clouds were dispelled.

Only then I experienced the reality of the Book of Job, and understood the relationship between church workers and members, and other aspects of the truth. These truths had been veiled by Satan, but were uncovered through this battle. Through this experience, I realized that the wonderful works of the Holy Spirit are inexplicable by any religious theory. God used practical teaching aids to let us experience the truths so that they may relate by speech and writing what we have learned in life for the good of others. The truth is no longer a theory but our life experience.

Recently, I have been discussing with the co-workers the truths that God revealed to me. And I expound the reality of these mysteries through prayers. At first, no one could understand, but after going through this great trial, everyone was enlightened. God also tested and revealed everyone's faith, love, steadfastness, faithfulness, submissiveness, hope, self-control, watchfulness, fasting, endurance, reverence, discernment, etc. Before understanding God's work, many things seemed frightful and discouraging. However, we finally heard the Lord say, "Fear not! It's Me!"

Before we pray and preach, we must have a burden for God's work.

Messages are to be delivered out of a burdened spirit — the way God wants. Brothers and sisters should ask the Lord for the burden to *pray* and *work*, that they might be faithful workers who do not need to be ashamed. If you are moved by the Holy Spirit to write literature on the truth, you should first pray earnestly, fast and wait, until you are strongly urged by the Holy Spirit. Then you will write by the Holy Spirit, not by your flesh, and there will be power coming from such literature. Since it is of God and not of us, we must wait until God's time is ripe, and He will do the best work in us.

For the past few months, I have written a lot, yet God commanded me to publish them only after I have further experienced the truth in my life. With more experiences, I will be able to meet the needs of others with more abundant words. Many times when I fasted and prayed in tears, the Lord accomplished His work in an instant. I have learned that things are done not by power nor by might, but by the Spirit of God. Had I done the work earlier by my own intelligence, it would not have produced the result God desired. Whenever I was willing to patiently wait a little longer, God's will was done. For the same reason, I sometimes delay mailing some of my letters. Now that the New Testament Church is established, Satan's attacks will be even more numerous. So we must be precise with our literary works and our messages, not leaving any opportunity for the devil. Before we clearly understand God's revelation and confirm it, it is better to wait for God to reveal it through circumstances. In this way, we will not make erroneous judgments, instead, we will lead others to understand and accept it more quickly.

The spiritual battles in the New Testament Church are the best teaching materials. They are not found in any denomination. God let us experience them first so that we can help others. For instance, God wanted a certain brother to offer vigil prayer at midnight for seven weeks. Though some of his actions caused others to doubt whether it was of the Holy Spirit, God let our brother experience His grace peacefully. He was willing to accept God's demands, so God helped him

meet it. God will edify him until he becomes His useful vessel. Few workers are willing to pay the price. Therefore, when God finds one, He is very pleased. May the Lord preserve our brother so that he will submit to God's will at all times.

Recently, God made me learn more difficult lessons than those that I had learned while I was in seclusion writing *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. By the Lord's grace, I learned them. May God teach me how to write down these spiritual battles to edify other people. I have been praying for the New Testament Church's Holiday Retreat. May the Lord use the brothers who speaks for Him. Let every one of you pay up more price to receive the words of the Almighty One so you can meet the spiritual needs of the brothers and sisters. May the Lord's grace be with you. May the Lord's word greatly prosper.

Co-worker in Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

6.

The Meetings of the New Testament Church and the Laws of Using Spiritual Gifts

(A Letter to a Brother in Taiwan)

Dear Brother,

Peace to you in the Lord. During meetings, there should be praying in spirit and also in understanding. Both congregational and Individual (private) prayers should include these two kinds of prayers. During meetings, since brothers and sisters must pray in understanding with one accord for various matters, they must also pray together in spirit. However, they should carefully obey the Holy Spirit and stop their prayers simultaneously at an appropriate time. For instance, after the congregation has prayed in understanding for a while, and as the voices gradually become softer, brothers and sisters should submit and cease praying. If someone disobeys the law of the Spirit and purposely continues praying alone loudly, he will ruin the whole meeting. The same goes for praying in spirit. The Holy Spirit will guide brothers and sisters to gradually tune down their praying in the spirit after an appropriate time and they must submit and stop praying together. If anyone does not obey the law of the Spirit and persists in praying loudly by himself, he will upset the law of the Holy Spirit and the meeting will become chaotic. When praying and singing in spirit, everyone should pray and sing *in spirit* with one accord. No one should deliberately show off by praying loudly *in understanding*, because the effect of praying in one accord is great.

In our meetings here, we commence with a prayer in the Lord's name. We ask Him to cleanse us with His precious blood, rebuke Satan in the name of the Lord, and pray for the Holy Spirit to work among us and lead the meeting. Then the Holy Spirit leads us to sing hymns in understanding and, sometimes, in spirit. (Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the tune will be harmonious. The lyrics will be

tongue utterances. You can practice this). After a while, the singing in spirit gradually comes to a stop. It is the same when the congregation prays in understanding for various matters, or in spirit. As the prayer gradually comes to a stop, everybody should submit accordingly.

When all have quietened down, we must wait silently for a little while, because the Holy Spirit may move someone to prophesy, or speak in tongues and interpret the tongues, or sing in spirit to deliver a message. When someone is moved to speak, or when the person who leads the prayer presents praises, thanksgiving, and other matters before the Lord in understanding, the congregation says, "Amen," together. When someone binds the works of Satan, destroys his wiles, and demolishes his strongholds in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by His precious blood, the congregation should even more respond with "Amen." When someone prays for the kingdom of God, shouts of "Amen" will shake the whole premises. Following that we will have a sermon. The worker delivers the message to supply the spiritual needs according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The bread-breaking service is also led by the Holy Spirit. There is also praying and singing in spirit and in understanding. At the end of the meeting, brothers and sisters may testify, but this is not a rule. I am just relating to you the conditions of our meetings. This is not a program. There are no rules as to the order of events. The Holy Spirit will guide as He wills.

In our meetings, we have testimonies, interpretation of tongues, and prophesying. So they are longer than those of the denominations. Yet for the sake of the brothers and sisters, we must have some restraint. Each service usually needs two to three hours. Praying in understanding is usually longer than praying in spirit because praying in understanding is limited by speech and burden, and takes longer to express. One sentence in tongues can express numerous mysteries, so it's shorter.

Interpretation of tongues also needs to be practiced. Some brothers and sisters who have this gift will be able to interpret the will of

God, which moves many. But if they do not pursue deeper before God, God cannot use them for long. If brothers and sisters are not deeply rooted in God's words, their spiritual lives will gradually wither. Because they lack God's words, unnecessary and repetitive words will appear in their interpretation, and it will not edify people. Many who have received this gift are not willing to watch alertly, fast and pray, and study the Bible. As a result, they cannot further edify men or glorify God.

A vessel must lead a holy life, and especially seek righteousness. He must be a partner of God's divine nature, only then can he understand and convey His will. The more a vessel offers up, the more freely will God's words flow through him. If the spiritual condition of a vessel is unsound, his exercise of spiritual gifts will have problems. If the roots of a tree are holy, so will be the branches. If a vessel is carnally-minded, what he preaches will be of the flesh. If a vessel does not wait and sanctify himself before God, what he preaches will be of the soul and contradicts God's will.

Therefore, at the start of the service, we need to pray with one accord, asking the Lord to cleanse us with His precious blood. We also need to pray for the works of the Holy Spirit and His protection. We should, in the name of the Lord, rebuke Satan and forbid him to disturb us in any way. Look upon God to personally guide us in the use of spiritual gifts. He will surely lead us every step of the way.

A vessel who uses spiritual gifts must first pray earnestly and receive the gifts before the Lord. Living waters will flow from a vessel who has undergone much breaking. An unbroken vessel can only be used by the Lord for a while. God can make a donkey speak for Him, but only when He has no choice. A vessel used by God is completely obedient and filled with the spirit of righteousness and holiness. (Please read *Prophesying*.)

If the interpretation of tongues is a revelation from the truth of the Bible, there will be no problem. But if it is a special revelation, vision, or prophecy which is not in the Bible (special revelations that proph-

esy of the things yet to come), we have to pray more and wait for God's confirmation and manifestation. Some visions and revelations cannot be understood for the moment, but later God will reveal their spiritual significance through circumstances. For some revelations, we can only understand parts of them in the beginning, but will fully comprehend them when the Holy Spirit suddenly enlighten us. Therefore, never try to infer with the human mind, but wait for the Holy Spirit Himself to reveal them.

There is also a difference between a worker's ministration and that of an ordinary believer. A worker receives more discipline from God and he wholeheartedly labors for God. (Workers are like the Levites who devoted themselves to the work of the tabernacle.) They pay a greater price than an ordinary believer in spiritual pursuits. There are also special vessels of God, like Paul and Moses, who labor more than others, bear the cross more often, and suffer more reproaches. But they also receive more revelations than others. Therefore their speaking or interpretation of tongues carries special authority. The interpretation of tongues of ordinary brothers and sisters cannot match that of workers, because there is a difference in burden. The burden of a worker is of course heavier than that of an ordinary believer, so his messages and interpretations of tongues will carry more weight and authority. In large meetings, it is more appropriate for experienced workers to exercise spiritual gifts. Brothers and sisters can train themselves (through practicing, seek to be familiar with the refined words of God) during ordinary services or prayer meetings, before they can be used to speak in large meetings.

Sometimes we seem to have misused the spiritual gifts. Do not fear, for God tears us down and builds us up according to the way He thinks is the best for us. His thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are higher than our ways. In order to teach His children to walk, He must first let them fall and help them up so that they will be careful in all things. They will learn to run on the spiritual highland by His great power. Therefore, don't be afraid of difficulties. Just pray, and God

will lead you through peacefully. We must first go through fire and water before we can reach a place of abundance (see Ps. 66:12 NIV). Every blow is gain to those who love God. Satan often takes advantage of men's weaknesses and harms them with his vicious schemes. However, the good purpose of God will ultimately be accomplished. Do all things without murmuring and disputing, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (See Phil. 2:13–14.)

The purpose of every gift is to bring out the word of life. Therefore workers have to be strictly disciplined in all aspects. It is pitiful for a man to seek only spiritual gifts but not an abundant life. We must first seek to be a holy vessel before exercising the spiritual gifts in love. Let's edify men and glorify God in all things. Please read the chapters "The Spiritual Gifts," "Fruit of the Holy Spirit," and "What are Tongues?" in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. Many people could not understand the truth on the Holy Spirit baptism when they read this book. But after they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they started to understand this aspect of the truth.

In our ministration, we must beware of the carnally-minded who falsely speak in God's name. For instance, one might say, "God wants me to stay in your house," but would not consider whether the host was also moved. This is wrong. If God had truly moved him, He would also have moved the host simultaneously, just as God moved both Cornelius and Peter. God will not motivate just one party and not the other. It is carnal for one to seek only his own interests and speak falsely in God's name. If such a person does not repent, he will not stand before God.

When we left Hong Kong for the gospel campaign in Singapore and Malaysia, a co-worker claimed to have received a revelation. Without discussing with us, she moved the co-workers to another place and recruited new co-workers. She didn't give us the chance to pray for this matter together. She was like Saul, who went ahead of the Lord in offering sacrifice. This brought us great woes and hindered God's word

from being preached. After I returned to Hong Kong, I underwent seven months of ferocious spiritual battles, during which I nearly lost my children and my own life. Through the battles, God revealed the true and false co-workers. God Himself removed all the carnal things and led us back to His will, and only then did His work start to move on greatly. Therefore, in all spiritual matters we need to carefully seek God's will and be led by the Holy Spirit.

If anyone has a revelation, a vision, or a dream, let him pray and wait upon the Lord. God will confirm His work through various circumstances. He will reveal His will to us and guide us into it. Therefore, no matter who we are, never do things according to the flesh, lest the truth of God be hindered.

For the New Testament Church, God wants me to go through many fierce battles. If carnality is not severely dealt with and removed from the church, it will be very dangerous. God moves me to briefly mention this to you, not to frighten you, but to encourage you to hold fast to the truth and advance. Guard yourselves against the wiles of Satan. If you give no place to him, he will not be able to play his tricks on you. When we encounter problems, let us immediately come humbly before the Lord, confess our shortcomings, and pray for His forgiveness. He will show us great mercies (see Prov. 28:13,14; 2 Chron. 7:14). Every hardship we meet will become a blessing to thousands. We have to devour the tall Anakim and by doing so we will grow in faith. Hallelujah!

The New Testament Church is different from the denominations. The denominations can conceal their sins and be hypocritical, but the church cannot. Since the denominations lack the work of the Holy Spirit, they have no power to overcome sins. The Holy Spirit cannot work or move freely in the New Testament Church if there are hidden sins. Nevertheless, God has given the New Testament Church the Holy Spirit for enlightenment, purification, consuming, and revival. If we always obey and humble ourselves before the Lord in all things, exercising self-control, love, and courage, and fitly use the spiritual gifts in

the Holy Spirit, He will walk with us. May His grace abound in us.

The maidservant of God,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee and co-workers

7.

Demolishing the Old Concepts about “Church”

(This is a letter to a brother in the Christian Assembly in Taiwan who has received the Spirit baptism. He later obeyed the motivation of the Holy Spirit and separated himself from that human organization to serve God in the New Testament Church.)

January, 1965

Dear brother,

Peace to you in the Lord.

Everyday I pray for you before God, asking Him to embolden you so that you will daily discard your old concepts, thoughts, and feelings; that you will no longer long for the land east of the Jordan, but long to enter Canaan where you will be established and fight the spiritual battles.

Satan is not afraid of men serving God. He is, however, afraid of men offering themselves wholly and walking in the path of the Lord. One who offers himself wholly to the Lord (one who denies self) is the devil's greatest enemy. Satan is just like Pharaoh, who was most afraid to see the children of Israel going far away from him.

Regrettably, many Spirit-baptized believers have not given up their old ways and do they help others to do so. Their condition cannot satisfy God. Brother, if you can cast aside all that seem good to you, including those denominational doctrines and knowledge, you will be completely set free.

In the past, many preached about *church*, but out of their own mind. For example, the “Universal Church” you mentioned in your letter has no spiritual reality. However, after the Lord Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection from the dead, and ascension to heaven, He sent down the Holy Spirit to build the New Testament Church. Therefore, all the

saints had received the complete witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit. At that time, there were no dogmas or regulations among them. Instead, God gathered a group of people who obeyed Him and formed the local churches such as Church of Ephesus, Smyrna, Thyatira, Galatia, etc. The local churches are the seven golden lamps, which will give light in front of the lampstand (see Num. 8:2). Each lamp symbolizes a local church. Together, they form the golden lampstand, which is the New Testament Church, the body of Christ. All local churches must come to the unity of the faith and of the testimony in order to shine for the Lord.

The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost in order to build the New Testament Church. Speaking in tongues did not exist in the Old Testament. Evidently, tongues marked the turn of an era. In the Old Testament, the regulations for worship in the assembly of Israel were of the flesh and incomplete. But these regulations signify the complete salvation Christ would later accomplish. The saints in the New Testament can worship God in spirit, for we are no longer in the oldness of the letter but in the newness of the Spirit. The New Testament Church is established by the Holy Spirit Himself. She is always led by Him, and receives her needs from Him. The church is the spiritual house of the Lord (see Eph. 2:18–22), the whole building (all the local churches), being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord (the church of the Lord — the New Testament Church). The tabernacle and the temple of the Old Testament symbolize the New Testament Church (see Heb. 8).

You mentioned that the name Christian Assembly refers only to the building, so it does not imply that it is a denomination. Well, denominations such as XX Hall or XX Assembly may also refer to the buildings, but why do you call them denominations? You even said that the New Testament Church is like a denomination. You do not realize that the New Testament Church was built as early as on the Day of Pentecost. Later, Satan overthrew the full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit, and the testimony of the church was lost. Therefore,

the Lord wants to rebuild the fallen tabernacle of David (the church) in these last days. God will demolish man's organizations and bring His people back to Mount Zion.

The Christian Assembly does not preach the full witness of Jesus Christ. So what the saints receive there is incomplete truth. Its teachings are not true knowledge, because true knowledge comes from real life experiences. The knowledge of the mind often makes people self-righteous and denies the righteousness of God. The Christian Assembly claims that it is the church established by the Holy Spirit, but why does it reject the Spirit baptism that is necessary in building the Church? Its seemingly-right theories about church sound good. They have beguiled many people, preventing them from being built up in life. They are like the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that is pleasant to the eyes, but this tree will hinder men from eating the fruit of the tree of life.

The testimony of the church is not only in name, but more importantly in reality. The life of Christ comprises of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit. Since the Christian Assembly rejects the Spirit baptism (refuses to begin with the Holy Spirit) and does not have biblical names for its churches, how can it testify for the reality of the church? The Bible clearly recorded that churches should be named after the locality. When we put up a local church sign in Hong Kong, we are testifying that at such a location in Hong Kong — No. 7, Fifth Floor, Soares Avenue, Hong Kong — there is a group of people who have accepted the full witness. They gather together to testify to the complete truth of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit. If it's not called the Church of Hong Kong, then what should it be called? We always choose which shops to do our shopping at. Consumers will remember the name of the shop that sells genuine goods at reasonable prices, lest they run into dishonest shops. Similarly, if someone wants to believe in Jesus Christ, he will recognize the church by its name. If he cannot find a local church (because there is no church sign), he will surely go to a denomination by mistake. All the names of a denomination were chosen by men, but

the names of local churches are assumed according the Bible, and no one can reprove them (see Rev. 1:11).

In Malaysia, many brothers and sisters of the Christian Assembly were under the control of human organizations before they received the full witness. They were called brothers and sisters of the Christian Assembly in order to be distinguished from those of the Baptist and Episcopal churches. However, after receiving Spirit baptism, they are freed from *the yoke of the Assyrians* (the organizations, human ideas, regulations, oldness of the letter, head veils, etc. of the Christian Assembly) and return to their own land (land of Israel), where they are built into a spiritual house by the Holy Spirit, revive the testimony of the true church, and worship God in spirit and in truth. If their former organization had been right, God would not have sent us there to preach His words. It is because they were under the bondage of human ideas that God had to uproot and destroy all their old erroneous constructions.

The Holy Spirit will establish the pure and complete truth that comes from Him. The Lord Himself is doing this work. It is marvelous in the eyes of men. Brother, had it not been the work of God, could a weak vessel like me have accomplished so much? Could the traditional concepts of the Christian Assembly, which have been so deeply rooted, be possibly removed by human means? Certainly not! It is only possible when the Holy Spirit reveals the truth of God. And those who believe have found grace! If the foundation of the church is correctly laid on the Lord's full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit, who can pull it down? The foundation of the Christian Assembly is wrong so God wants to demolish it down to its foundation. He wants to bring His children out of these erroneous establishments and plant them in the land of Israel. God will continue to do this work.

Recently (on Nov. 5, 1964), the Holy Spirit moved me to write to the Spirit-baptized brothers and sisters in various places. A few days later, the Holy Spirit sent Bro. Fan to Sungei Patani in West Malaysia, where a majority of the Baptist Church members have accepted the

Spirit baptism. They received the Holy Spirit in 1963 when I went to preach in Singapore and Malaysia. However, the Holy Spirit did not send us there to establish them. They desired to be freed from the bondage and regulations of men. So they took down the sign of the Baptist Church and were established as the Church of Sungei Patani. Have we done anything wrong? No! It was God who was doing the work.

If brothers and sisters in Sungei Patani were unwilling to pay the price for the truth, God would not be able to work in their midst. If Abraham had refused to depart from Ur, how could he have been greatly blessed in Canaan and all generations be blessed through him? Thus, if one is unwilling to offer himself completely, God will not work freely in him. If one is willing to offer himself completely and walk absolutely in God's will, God's work will be accomplished. If a prophet refuses to speak for God, God will be very grieved, because He cannot find a mouthpiece. If the prophet speaks for God regardless of all difficulties, God's words will be fulfilled. The words of God are spirit and life. God will be grieved if there is no outlet for His word. If He can find an obeying mouthpiece, to faithfully preach His word, His work will be done, for His word is all powerful!

Thank and praise the Lord. In these last days, He has chosen me, a lowly person, to be His mouthpiece to preach His message boldly. I've experienced so much of the Lord's grace. I can never repay Him for His great love. Therefore, I do not mind if I am misunderstood. I will bear the cross and follow Him to Calvary. I seek only to satisfy the Lord and accomplish His work, even to the point of death.

Brother, you have been greatly influenced by the book written by Bro. Nee. You ought to know the time and understand the will of God. In these last days, God is earnest to pour out His Spirit to water the field, but there must be a barn (the New Testament Church) in which to store the grain, lest the grain be trampled under men's feet (ruined by the denominations). Without the barn; how can God be satisfied? Although Bro. Nee had received the Spirit baptism, he did

not pursue further in the Spirit, and so he fell back to human ideas. The book, *Spiritual Man*, has destroyed the faith of many people toward the Holy Spirit. Part of the book talks about the work of evil spirits because he failed to break through the raging waves. Had he trusted in the Lord, he would have seen the power of the Holy Spirit. However, failing in his test, he thought that it was the work of an evil spirit, and he caused many believers to be scared of the Holy Spirit.

While I was writing *A Living Testimony to the Truth* during my seclusion in 1962, someone gave me a copy of *Spiritual Man*. As I briefly flipped through the book, I was scared out of my wits by some of the examples depicted, for they were just like my experiences. Through the book's erroneous observations and explanations, Satan shook my faith. I almost abandoned the mission God had entrusted to me. I even thought of burning away the nearly completed *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. Nee stated: "The more one loves God, the easier it is for him to be possessed by the evil spirits..." This fallacious theory nearly made me lose my simple love for the Lord. I had come across many books that opposed the Spirit baptism, but none was more deceiving than this one. I stopped reading the book, asked the Lord to cleanse my sin of doubt with His precious blood, and rebuked Satan in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only then did I regain peace in my heart. From this you can see how much harm a spiritual book written out of human mind can cause.

The Christian Assembly, in its weak and helpless state, cannot rebuke sins and heresies because the testimony it receives is incomplete. It lacks the works of the Holy Spirit, and thus cannot catch up with the era of the Holy Spirit. Today, in this fiery generation, God wants us to catch up with the wheel of life, to continuously experience the works of God and the leading of the Spirit. Then we will no longer fall into the dead written code.

Many people think that I am establishing a denomination, but God knows what ministry He has entrusted to me, and I also know what He is doing. I will wait quietly for God to accomplish His work. When

it's time, men will see that it is the Lord God who works. God has promised to reveal my ministry this year. He will also reveal the mission of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade, the mission of rebuilding the temple, as well as the truth and revelation of the New Testament Church. However, I shall meet fearful darkness and extraordinary battles. But I thank the Lord, for He will be completely responsible. It is He who works. I am only a small vessel in His hand. May He increase and I decrease. In the near future, God will confirm the truth He has commissioned me to preach and write through various circumstances. He will confirm the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. By then, many will gradually understand the truth. For now, we still need to wait. There are too many old ideas hindering men from receiving new grace.

If you examine yourself humbly before the Lord, and are willing to lay aside all your own opinions and prejudice, He will grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation. He will let you see the vision of the glorious church. If you know this path, and are willing to pay a price to walk on this narrow way of the cross, God will co-work with you until the end of the world. Then your work will not be confined to only helping people receive the Spirit baptism or healing the sick, you will also lead them to know the purpose of the Spirit baptism — to be built up by the Holy Spirit into Christ's body. In the body, they will manifest the glorious gifts and functions, and experience the true love among the members who are united in spirit and in truth. They will also experience the reality of the seven lamps giving light in front of the lampstand.

Because my time is limited, I cannot write in more detail. I pray that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, will grant you understanding and fill up whatever is lacking in your heart. May God keep your pure love for Him until He comes.

Maidservant of the Lord Jesus Christ,
Kong Duen Yee

8.

The Recognition of Spiritual Matters that the Workers of the New Testament Church Should Have

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Dec. 9, 1964

Dear brothers and sisters,

Every day we remember you in the Lord. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always. God constantly reminds us that the special mission of the New Testament Church is to lead the brothers and sisters of various denominations (including the Fundamentalists and Pentecostals) to His truth, that we may all come to the unity of the faith. We must not turn to them, but they to us. Beware of their poisonous leaven, and not to be captured by the basic principles of the world. Instead, we should lead others to understand the truth. To testify for the truth, we will have to fight fierce spiritual battles. Without battles, God's truth will not be victorious. We must go through many tribulations to enter the kingdom of God, knowing that we are appointed to these afflictions (Acts 14:22; 1 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, we have to be strong before God and destroy the strongholds of the devil by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is easy for one to preach messages that please man. People like to hear pleasant messages, but these messages do not bring great spiritual results. On the other hand, a prophet who faithfully preaches God's words has to pay a high price. Messages that mind the Lord's heart are not welcomed by men. One needs a strong faith to preach these messages. False doctrines are pleasant to the ears and they are everywhere, but the truth that pricks men's hearts

is hard to find. May the Lord raise up more faithful workers who have the power of Elijah, the faithfulness of Jeremiah, the strength of Ezekiel, and the will power of Paul from your midst to preach the words that are after His heart. Please read the following message and receive it according to your understanding. Read it carefully even if you cannot fully understand the contents now. One day, it may be helpful to you or to others through you. Keep this message and take your time to read it.

A worker of God plays a very important role in the church. The authority God gives the workers is not to lord over the flock, but to edify it in love. May the Lord raise up more faithful workers who will give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word (totally separate themselves from the world), and will watch and pray for the church. There are differences in ministry and diversities of gifts among the workers. The church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. There are pastors (elders), evangelists, and teachers, each in his own work of ministry. Brothers and sisters are members that make up the body of Christ, until they reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:11–13; 1 Pet. 5:1–4).

The spiritual ministers are not ordained by men but revealed by God. Paul had said, “If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord” (1 Cor. 9:2). 2 Cor. 3:2–6 and 12:12 also show that God confirmed Paul as an apostle. Similarly, the ministry of a prophet is revealed by God. When a prophet’s words are fulfilled, people will know that he is sent by God and that his words are from God. Therefore, we must highly regard the honorable ministries God has given us. We should never give in to the things that aren’t in line with the truth. Instead, in all things we should help others to walk in the truth. God will be with us and co-work with us.

Let us earnestly desire the best gifts — the various wonderful spiritual gifts. We need to have not only the word of wisdom and knowl-

edge, but also the gift of prophecy; not only the gift of faith, but also the gifts of healings and working miracles; not only the gift of speaking in tongues, but also the gift of interpreting tongues and discerning spirits. All spiritual gifts have to be used in love. Let all things be done for edification. The New Testament Church should often stir up the spiritual gifts. Let's ask the Lord to raise up more vessels to prophesy, and speak in and interpret tongues.

We all the more seek a holy and abundant life. The manifestation of spiritual gifts is to reveal the life of Christ and to build His body. Spiritual gifts should not be used carnally. Abusing spiritual gifts is very dangerous. It is good only when we let the Holy Spirit Himself use the spiritual gifts. Exercise self-control in all things for the sake of others. Do not stumble others by our weaknesses. Seek to be honorable vessels, who love souls and faithfully watch over the church. God will surely reveal His will to us.

If one is moved by the Holy Spirit to prophesy and interpret tongues, let him first pray alertly and wait before the Lord. There may be inaccuracies in the beginning. However, do not fear or be dismayed. Each failure will teach us to be more humble before God. Through failure, God will lead us to perfection in the use of spiritual gifts. Impurities (activities of the flesh and the soul) are inevitable in the beginner's interpretation, but this does not mean that the spiritual gift is questionable. Rather, it is the interpreter's failure to use the gift in a proper manner while learning to exercise it. We have to be disciplined and dealt with by God in various aspects so as to become more refined and experienced. Moreover, some truths and revelations may not be fully understood in the beginning, but they will gradually become clearer. This is likened to the gradual sight recovery of the blind in Mark 8. When his eyes were opened, he saw walking trees before he saw men. This principle also applies to spiritual matters. The more experienced we are, the clearer we will be towards the leading of the Holy Spirit and the will of God.

Those who have the gifts of interpretation of tongues and proph-

ecy have to speak in the Spirit with humility and obedience. Sometimes the prophecies are still not fulfilled even though they have been made for quite a while. At this time, the prophet has to be prepared to endure misunderstandings and reproaches. When the time comes, God will personally confirm and fulfill the prophecy. Then all glory will be given to God! After a vessel has been thoroughly dealt with and purified by God, he will be able to use the spiritual gifts freely in the Spirit and bring glory to God's name in the church. The word of God is flawless and powerful. It pricks men's hearts, and will not cause confusion. Let's pray diligently. When the time comes, He will reveal the ministers He has ordained in the church. The Holy Spirit Himself will confirm their ministries. When we exercised spiritual gifts during our days in seclusion, we also encountered many errors and difficulties. However, by trusting in the leading of the Holy Spirit, we gradually found the way in the truth. Now we are in a position to help others overcome all these spiritual problems. All brothers and sisters who have the gift of interpretation of tongues should train yourselves in godliness and pursue the truth. Do not lose heart over any obstacle. Just pray diligently before God. He will help us understand and overcome all our problems.

Concerning the gift of discerning of spirits, let us realize that the word without the Spirit is *dead*, and the Spirit without the word is *wild*. Those who are born of water need to be baptized by the Spirit, and those who are born of the Spirit need to be planted in the word. Biblical knowledge will become life experiences only through the revelation of the Holy Sprit. Otherwise, it is dead. After receiving the Spirit baptism, we need to be edified by the truth to grow into the full stature of Christ. The true worshipers (those who are born again) will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Neither one can be left out. When the New Testament Church seeks and experiences the various spiritual gifts, Satan will not be at ease. So by God's grace, beware of Satan's disruptions in all aspects. Visions and revelations are specially given to some people and they serve to reveal His will. Not everyone

can have visions and revelations. One should not insist on having them, lest he gives place to Satan to attack. If someone receives a vision or revelation, he should not interpret it by his own will. If the Holy Spirit has not revealed the truth about it, let him wait patiently. When the time comes, God will suddenly reveal the truth to him through the circumstances. Sometimes it is partly revealed and sometimes it is fully revealed. Therefore, before the revelation is revealed, let him keep it to himself and refrain from misinterpreting it, lest he stumble others. He should testify to it only after it is fulfilled. By then, he will be able to bring out the truth to edify others. If anyone has been deceived by Satan into falsely expounding revelations, he should not be afraid because the precious blood of the Lord is powerful. Men have weaknesses and to err is human. And we should not say that someone is possessed by evil spirits just because he errs. Many were deceived by Satan into thinking that they were possessed when they made mistakes, even small mistakes. This is not right. Babies cry, and toddlers often fall when they learn to walk, but this should not stop us from having children. Instead, we should nurture our children with love until they grow up and can fight a good fight for the truth. After receiving the Spirit baptism, believers will encounter different temptations. For instance, Demas loved the world. This was the work of the evil spirit, but Demas himself was not possessed by the evil spirit. It is just that he failed to overcome the temptation of the evil spirit, and chose to walk on the path of the world (2 Tim. 4:10).

Satan will first tempt the flesh and the soul (thoughts and emotions) of men with wealth and the lusts of the flesh. If that fails, he will attack the spirit of men by making them doubt, fear, and become discouraged. Slowly, they will forget the grace of God and lose their faith. If the faith — the foundations — is destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps. 11:3.) Therefore, we must oppose Satan with faith. Never put up with him, acknowledge his words, or be deceived by him. If the Holy Spirit does not work, Satan will not cause any trouble. The more we pursue spiritual things, the more severely Satan will at-

tack us. He will use those who obey him to do something to dishonor God and make men fear the Holy Spirit, even to the extent of rejecting Him. Man is free to choose between obeying God and obeying the devil. If man obeys God, God will triumph. If he obeys the devil, the devil will be very happy. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from us (James 4:7). Since we have received the Holy Spirit, shouldn't we stand on God's side by the Holy Spirit and resist the devil? No matter how Satan tries to lure us, we should reject him. If someone were willing to be used by Satan to behave strangely to scare others or to speak rashly to dismay others, and cause them to doubt God and forsake His grace, wouldn't his sins be grave? How is he going to face the Lord? Therefore, never fall prey to Satan's deceptions. Stand firmly on the word of God and He will protect us.

Satan is still trying to tempt me in every way possible. Wouldn't I have caused many to stumble if I had given in to his temptations? I will, at all costs, stand firm by the Lord. He will sustain us with sufficient strength and uphold us with His righteous right hand. "The Lord said, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:9–10).

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified. Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

(2 Cor. 13:5–8)

How can we say that evil spirits are in us when we know that God dwells in our hearts? If anyone listens to Satan and thinks that the Holy Spirit within him is an evil spirit, he is only asking for trouble and will make many others stumble. Those who have already been de-

ceived by Satan in this aspect need not be afraid to come to the Lord, for His precious blood, word and Spirit are all powerful. As long as we confess our sins, He will forgive us immediately. The power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen us once again. In future, we will also strengthen the weak brethren.

A sister in Malaysia was greatly blessed by God. She had the gift of interpretation of tongues and she spoke the words of God with great power. She had also met the Lord in the spirit. On one occasion, while exercising spiritual gifts, she made a few mistakes. Satan deceived her into thinking that she had an evil spirit. She became so frightened that she dared not even pray in tongues, and she almost denied the faith. But thank God, her faith was immediately restored after we wrote and told her about the truth. We consoled her and assured her that the Lord would never forsake her. When she confessed that she had received was the Spirit of truth, Satan could no longer attack her. When she acknowledged the Holy Spirit and denounced the devil, her spirit was again strengthened. She has saved herself and will also help keep many of the weak from stumbling.

A poor craftsman should not blame his tool, but his poor training. Nor should a poor driver blame his car for an accident. All we need is training. We should not give up because of some failures. Likewise, we should not neglect spiritual gifts just because of minor mistakes. Do not blame the Holy Spirit for our own weaknesses. Instead, we must exercise godliness and abide by the truth.

Many brothers and sisters in the New Testament Church are like spiritual toddlers, learning how to walk. Some may become weak and stumble but when they do, do not think they are being possessed by evil spirits. Rather, we should sustain the weak with love.

The New Testament Church must never acknowledge the deceptions of evil spirits. The Holy Spirit is with us, and God is leading us to fight spiritual battles. Once, some members of the Christian Assembly ran into some spiritual problems. They thought that they were possessed by evil spirits and they dared not accept the baptism of the

Holy Spirit. Actually, God wanted them to experience some spiritual battles. If we can resolve these problems by faith, we will triumph and see the Lord's glory. The Christian Assembly does not understand this point. They became so afraid that they closed the door on the Holy Spirit. Today, they have gone to the extent of replacing the work of the Holy Spirit with men's will. Recently, God let us experience a far fiercer spiritual battle than what they had encountered. We cannot retreat like them. If we are dismayed by the harassment of Satan, God will dismay us before him. Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we must be strong and courageous, that we may sustain the weak and those who have fallen.

A brother in Macao had the same experience. After he was baptized with the Holy Spirit, without a proper guidance from others, he often sought spiritual gifts by himself. He was terrified when he was told that his interpretation of tongues came from an evil spirit. Step by step, Satan further attacked him until he almost died from fear. Later, God moved him to write me his problem. I told him the truth, and he was completely set free by God. Now, with his faith restored, and doubts removed, he is full of peace and joy. Shortly, God sent us to Macao for a few days, during which the Church of Macao was established by the Holy Spirit. This brother is currently learning to serve God in the church.

A spiritual man judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. (1 Cor. 2:15.) So he himself has to experience all things before he can help others. It is easy to walk on the plains but not the high mountains. On the plains, there are no battles, and one can sit down to eat and drink, and rise to play. This is the condition of the believers who do not seek spiritual growth. But mountain climbing is different. It is difficult and strenuous to climb a mountain, and there are endless trials on the journey. The higher it gets, the narrower the path becomes. Every step is a battle. So the climber has to discard all things that entangle him in order to proceed. After he reaches the peak and looks back, everything below will be clear to him. However, the people

down the mountain will not know his experiences up on the mountain. Therefore, if we hope to acquire the gift of discerning of spirits, we must pay the price to experience ferocious spiritual battles. Without spiritual experiences, one should not arrogantly criticize, saying, "It is an evil spirit!" In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by His precious blood, and by the word of our testimony, we rebuke the spirit of deception, and command it to depart from our midst. We will not allow it to deceive the church of God. The Holy Spirit works with man's faith. The work of faith lasts forever, but works without faith will be destroyed. May the Lord add to us faith, for faith accomplishes all things, and all things are possible to him who believes.

Every fierce spiritual battle is followed by a greater blessing and new enlightenment. Once, my youngest daughter had a severe gum inflammation. Gangrene set in and the gum turned bluish black. As a result, her face was swollen for a few days. Her condition was critical, but I commended her wholeheartedly into God's gracious hand, and prayed that He would personally heal her. True enough, God healed her. Hallelujah!

May the victorious Lord always protect the house (the New Testament Church) that is called by His name. We must closely abide by His will. Please read Jeremiah 13:1–11. The sash will only be useful when it clings to the waist of a man. (The Spirit-filled church has to completely cling to the Holy Spirit: honor Him, obey Him and mind His will.) If it leaves the waist of a man and is put in a hole in the rock by the River Euphrates (one who has lost faith and fallen into men's will), it will be useless. May God grant you the spirit of revelation, wisdom, strength, kindness, obedience, trust, power, joy, righteousness, holiness and discernment. God will be with you. The Lord said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you..." The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb. 13:5–6).

Thus said the Lord God, "My people err in their hearts; they have not known My ways." Many a time our spirits are weak and our faith wavers, and we forget the great works of God. In fact, the works of

God will never change. If we stand firm and are strong by the Holy Spirit, and lift up our faith, our spiritual eyes will be enlightened to see the great works of God. When our spiritual eyes are dim, we will only see the earthly things that dishearten us. When our spiritual eyes are opened, we will see all the heavenly riches. Hallelujah! May God open our spiritual eyes every day so that we will be in a true recognition of His great works. The more we witness and fight for the truth, the more faith and strength we will have. The strength of a horse is reserved for the day of battle. We have received the Spirit baptism and gained the power to testify for the truth. If we refuse to testify for the truth, the baptism we received will be in vain.

We must pray earnestly for the lost souls and the believers in the backsliding denominations. May God lead all of them back to His sheepfold. Hallelujah!

May the word of God grow and be greatly victorious! May His truth multiply and be preached widely!

Kong Duen Yee,

A maidservant of God by the will of God, and co-workers

9.

How to Deal with Disturbances of Evil Spirits

(A reply to a Brother in Taiwan)

Many brothers and sisters are eager to know how to deal with the disturbances of evil spirits during meetings when some are receiving the Holy Spirit baptism. These disturbances are aimed at destroying the works of God. Here we will describe some of our experiences before the Lord. We are sharing these with you so that you will be more steadfast in spirit and in truth, and triumph over Satan. Let brothers and sisters come more often before God and, by His Spirit, seek holiness. God's holiness, righteousness, power, and authority will fill you, and the devil will retreat in shame.

Jan. 17, 1965

To our dear Bro. A and wife, my fellow co-workers in Christ,

Peace to you in the Lord. I have received your letter and understand your situation. Every day I pray earnestly that God will preserve His own work and strengthen your faith, faithfulness and perseverance. Thanks be to God. I know that He wants to use you. He let you encounter endless problems, so that you may learn more lessons before Him.

In your letter you asked what should be done when frightening disorder occurs during the meetings of receiving the Spirit baptism. Here, we would like to share our experiences with you. In Singapore and Malaysia, we came across many similar cases. These happenings made people think that they were running the risk of being possessed by the devil in the course of seeking the Holy Spirit. Actually, it is just the opposite. The work of the Spirit of holiness is to cleanse the hearts of men and purge all wickedness and filthiness. Spiritual mysteries are

unraveled through our lives. The more we experience the truth with our lives, the clearer we will be. Generally, people reject the Spirit baptism because they misunderstand the work of the Holy Spirit. If God's workers do not overcome fiery trials by His power, they may give negative and disheartening testimonies. They would be like mountain climbers who gave up halfway, and whose message disheartened others. Therefore, God let us experience many fierce spiritual battles. With His righteous right hand, He led us to climb up the mountain. He let us experience His faithfulness in the midst of difficulties. Only through these experiences can we fully preach the mystery of the gospel.

The human mind cannot comprehend the work of the Holy Spirit. The breaking down and building up of one's life is usually carried out under unpleasant conditions. Some believers' spiritual lives changed greatly only after the Holy Spirit has worked in them and dealt with them severely. Here are some possible reasons why Satan could work during church meetings:

- 1) Some attended the meeting with an unbelieving and rebellious heart. This gives Satan room to work.
- 2) Those who received the Holy Spirit did not sincerely confess and resolve to forsake their sins, thus giving way to Satan.
- 3) Those who received the Holy Spirit had listened to vicious slanders, thinking that they had received an evil spirit. Their doubts and fears also gave way to Satan.
- 4) God allowed such battles to take place so as to reveal the power of His gospel. People will then know that the manifestation of the Son of God is to destroy the works of the devil.

God's workers need to be clean (Isa. 52:11) and stand firm for the Lord (Exod. 14:13–14). When we lift up the rod of righteousness, the Red Sea will part and the devil will be defeated. Do not presume that evil spirits will not work in a meeting where the Holy Spirit is present. On the contrary, the greater the Holy Spirit works, the busier the devil will be. The devil will spare no effort to destroy the works of God.

Therefore, if someone does not obey the truth but gives himself over to Satan's wiles, Satan will have room to work. However, do not fear, because the Lord has given us His precious promise: "And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11). If we hold fast the Word of life and remember that the Lord of heaven and earth had already crushed the head of Satan when He was lifted up at Golgotha, we will no longer be afraid.

We are certain that the Lord commands us to receive the Holy Spirit, and that our sins will be forgiven once we confess them. The blood, the word (truth), the Spirit and the name of the Lord are powerful. Who can harm us as long as we uphold the word of the Lord? When Satan causes disruption and tries to frighten the believers into rejecting the Spirit baptism, we will see the authority and victory of God. God specially chooses to manifest His divine authority under such adverse circumstances so that many will come to revere Him. Therefore, workers of God should pay the price to fast and pray, be faithful and vigilant before the Lord, and act by faith. Do not be afraid when you run into such circumstances, because *fear* is a poisonous dart of Satan. The more afraid you are, the more he will disturb you. But when we fear not and stand by the Lord, the devil will retreat in shame!

God often sends me to cast out demons. Sometimes the demons call me by my name, for they know me and also recognize the Holy One, Jesus Christ, who is in me. Several times, the devil made people beat me. The battles were ferocious. God allowed Satan to attack me with 80 percent of his power, but He gave me a 100 percent power to defeat Satan, and control him. It would have been terrible if I had feared a little, because Satan, like a barking German Shepherd, seeks to bite those who run in fear. Thanks be to God! He granted me the strength to firmly stand by Him. I know that I am nothing more than a vessel, and He who uses me is my Master. His mighty Spirit in me is more than enough to resist and overcome the evil one. When we curse Satan and his messengers in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and

sing praises to God, they will be cast out. We sing hymns that proclaim the precious blood the Holy Spirit, and that praise God (seven times of praising will make a perfect praising). The demons may throw their victims into convulsions, making them foam at the mouth in a most frightening way before they come out of them. (It takes a while for the convulsions to stop.) At such moment, do not be afraid, just stand firm in the Lord and lead the victims to confess their sins. (Sometimes I would confess their sins on their behalf if the demons were still in them). When I did not see instant results, I would commend the work back into God's hand, and He would settle the matter the next day or the day after. It's not that God is unable to work immediately, but that men's unbelieving heart will hinder the work of the Holy Spirit.

When I was in Singapore and Malaysia, many gave way to Satan because they did not deal with sins, unclean things, or abominable idols (both visible and invisible) when they received the Spirit baptism. Although they had verbally confessed their sins, they still didn't honor the grace of God in their hearts. Therefore, Satan used them to create disturbances.

But through these happenings, God dealt with them. There is an ongoing battle between the Lord Jesus and Satan. Jesus Christ is saving men while Satan is destroying men.

During our stay in Singapore and Malaysia, many frightening things happened. Nevertheless, Christ would be greatly victorious when we kept watch by His side. In the beginning, some of the preachers from the Assembly of God were frightened to see people falling on the floor and staying unconscious for hours after we helped them receive the Spirit baptism. They did not know what we were doing, but we knew. We were doing what God had commanded us. Our works were done in His name and by His precious blood. Since we were walking in the truth, we did not mind the misunderstandings of men. Instead, we waited patiently for God to show His power. Miracles appeared whenever we praised and trusted in Him. When these people who fell on the ground regained consciousness, they realized that their filthiness

had been consumed by spiritual fire. Their lives began to change dramatically as they lived out the image of Christ. Then all the misunderstandings and slanders were cleared up because God fought for Himself. Many of those who seemed to be asleep (but were still praying in tongues) saw visions of heaven and the lake of fire, of the crucified Christ shedding His blood on the cross, etc. Through these, they learned about Christ. At first, they could not accept the truth of the cross (which is foolishness to men). However, when the Spirit personally worked in their hearts, they turned from darkness to light in an instant. Many believers in the denominations were deceived by their pastors into opposing the Spirit baptism. But after they were severely dealt with by God, they could no longer deny this living testimony. As a result, many sinners gave up their evil ways for righteousness. Their testimonies silenced those who slandered us. If I had been frightened at that time, the work of God would have been ruined. So, brothers and sisters, do not be dismayed if you encounter these situations in the future. Instead, you should praise God, for He will certainly gain glory, and the army of Pharaoh will surely perish. Hallelujah!

After you have more of these battling experiences, you will be able to help brothers and sisters wage spiritual battles. Besides disrupting the works of God during church meetings, Satan will also disrupt the work of God in those who have received the Spirit baptism and pursue the truth. Through many misleading issues and circumstances, Satan deceives men into thinking that they have been cut off from God, and that evil spirits are working in them. They don't know that when spiritual battles happen, it is the time for God to manifest His power by delivering His people out of Pharaoh's hands. When the children of God came to a dead end, with the Red Sea before them and the pursuing Egyptian army behind them, God displayed His power in Pharaoh and all his army. God let His people come out of Egypt fearlessly. The more Pharaoh hardened his heart, the more God performed His miracles. The more malicious Satan's wiles are, the more glory God will gain. Hallelujah! Since you know that the grace of God is mani-

fested in times of afflictions, you should be calm and fearless, and readily accept trials and hardships.

Since I started to preach the holy word of God, I encountered more problems every time. I turned my heart to God. My spirit, soul, and body are under the constant attacks of Satan. Daily, I suffer severe blows and dangers of death. (Such a death is a spiritual battle and is harder to bear than physical death.) But daily, I triumph over the bonds of death by His grace. What has happened to me become the encouragement of those in trouble. Many have been set free by God through my experiences!

Sometimes battles come one after another, each fiercer than the last. Waging these seemingly never-ending battles, I cannot help feeling a little weary. However, my weariness leaves me when I remember my Lord: who was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief on earth, who was rejected and despised by men and had no place to lay His head. But our Lord never became weary. Isaiah 40:31 says, “But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.” A Christian will encounter spiritual battles everyday. Since the Lord had experienced all things, He will lead us through all the tempests and raging waves. The waves may be taller than us, but our Lord is above them. His words are powerful. Since He commands us to sail to the other side of the sea, He will rebuke the devil who stirs up the storm, and lead us safely to the other side of the sea — our destination. Thus, we will accomplish His entrustment and enter His glorious kingdom. Hallelujah!

The Lord will bear all our difficulties. We only have to deny ourselves and offer ourselves more for His will. When we decrease, the kingdom of God will come. The Fundamentalists talk about “dealing with the old men,” “self-denial,” and “offering oneself to God,” yet they do not rely on the Spirit. They even reject the Spirit baptism that everybody should begin with. How pitiful! Let’s preach this glorious truth so that people will know the battles the church is facing on earth and be willing to bear the cross with the Lord and stand by the truth.

Then Satan will flee in shame.

Brother, stand firm for the truth of Christ! The Lord wants to use you. Although I have not seen you, I know you in the spirit. God showed me that He has chosen a group of mighty men in Taiwan like those who followed Gideon. Hence, I have been praying for them. I know I'm lowly and incapable of anything, but He will listen to my prayers and glorify His name in Taiwan! The day has come for the Lord to show mercy to Zion! Sacred literary works will be done quickly amidst many battles. God Himself will accomplish this work. May God send us to Taiwan to show the house of Israel the pattern and law of building His temple.

For many years, I have been fasting and praying before the Lord in tears. God promised that He would do unprecedented works in Taiwan. Knowing that tribulations will come upon the earth after the revival, we pray that God will have mercy on the people of Taiwan before the judgment comes. May God move them to repentance. May God also lead His children back to His church, lest they face the judgment. God wants to show His grace to our kinsmen. At the moment, many brothers and sisters in mainland China thirst for the Spirit baptism after reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. More and more brothers and sisters are coming to receive the Spirit baptism and speak in tongues, and they are revived. Please pray earnestly for them.

Co-worker in Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

10.

How God Established the Church of Sungei Patani in Malaysia

*(An excerpt from a letter written by a co-worker of
the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade, Bro. Fan, in Malaysia)*

Dec. 1, 1964

Dear Sis. Kong and co-workers,

Peace to you in the Lord! I have received both your letter and photos. Thank the Lord for preserving the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. God has really blessed us, His little flock. He grants us His power and authority so we will accomplish His entrusted work. We thank the Lord for preparing two printing presses for the co-workers in Hong Kong. May the Lord bless the literary work so that more spiritual bread may be sent out every day to meet the needs of the thousands of hungry souls in all the world.

From Nov. 24 to 29, God led us to do His work in Sungei Patani. Now I'll briefly tell you about our current situation. In 1963, many brothers and sisters of Sungei Patani received the Spirit baptism during our gospel campaign in Penang. Now it's been over a year. During this period, God edified them in all aspects. Although some preachers attempted to quench the work of the Spirit in their midst, God strengthened their faith through your letters and spiritual books. Ever since they came to know of your prophecy through your letter, they have been longing to be established by the Lord. We lived with them these few days, and found them very precious. They are just like a flame, having great fervency and burden in their prayers. God truly wants to use Bro. Chew. He has greatly edified him through the recent meetings and spiritual battles, and let him understand His will and see His works. Bro. Chew personally saw how the Holy Spirit confirmed the speaker, and how the people were eager to receive the Spirit baptism after lis-

tening to the sermon. This scene was unprecedented in Sungei Patani. Within a few days, a total of nineteen people were baptized.

A few days ago, we earnestly prayed that the Lord would establish His local church in Sungei Patani. As we had mentioned in our previous letter, we did not know what to do. However, we thank the Lord, for He often spoke to us, telling us that He would perform mighty acts. He commanded us to be courageous and to confront the fierce battles in one mind, and He would lead us through safely. Thanks be to God!

One Saturday night, we learned that the president of a Baptist church and a professor of a Baptist Seminary would come and preach to the congregation the next day. But God strengthened the brothers and sisters with His words beforehand. He wanted us to disregard men's ideas but to serve Him according to the Holy Spirit. Brothers and sisters were moved to use the New Testament Church hymnals instead of the Baptist's. They prayed in tongues and broke bread to commemorate the Lord. (In the past, they had bread-breaking service only once a month, conducted by the Baptist pastor.) Bro. Chew blessed the bread and the cup, and several other brothers prayed. They also changed their way of giving offerings. They used an offering box, so that brothers and sisters could offer freely. (The Baptists always pass an offering bag around.) That Sunday, as soon as we commenced our meeting with singing, the two pastors came in. We worshipped the Lord in the newness of the Spirit. God used me to preach His message, while the two pastors sat there, listening quietly. They left after the sermon before we broke the bread. A deacon, who opposed the Spirit baptism, spoke out in support of the Baptists. The Sunday before, he created quite a scene when the saints of the Church of Parit Buntar gave their testimonies. But on this Sunday, the Holy Spirit sealed his mouth. He kept silent throughout the meeting and left without breaking the bread. The Lord let him leave because He wanted to keep His bread holy from those who opposed the Spirit baptism. The two Baptist pastors did not partake of the bread either. During the meeting, we succeeded

in serving the Lord according to His will. Only after the meeting ended, at noon on November 29, did we realize that God had established the Church of Sungei Patani. All the brothers and sisters have come out from the man-made organizations (a majority from the Baptist Church, and others from the Gospel Hall, the Methodist Church, and the Catholic Church) to be established by the Holy Spirit into the New Testament Church. Hallelujah! Glory be to His holy name.

On the evening of November 29, some 50–60 members from the Church of Penang attended our meeting. Bro. Chew related in detail the establishment of the Church of Sungei Patani. Also, old Bro. Teh testified of how the Lord brought him out of the Gospel Hall and how the New Testament Church was established and blessed by the Holy Spirit. He exhorted brothers and sisters to be in one heart. The Holy Spirit worked mightily. Brothers and sisters of the Church of Sungei Patani are joyous because God has established the church. They still meet at the same premises, but they have changed their meeting time. They have declared complete separation from the Baptist Church. A Baptist preacher planned to stay one more month in Sungei Patani, but they have stopped inviting him to speak because the New Testament Church has been established. Brothers and sisters are prepared to hold meetings in Bro. Chai's house if the Baptists forbid them to have meetings at the premises. Thank the Lord for giving the brothers and sisters a determined and strong spirit to co-work with Him in accomplishing His great work.

Bro. Chew is suffering severe persecutions for the truth. His father, who is in charge at the Gospel Hall, greatly opposes the Spirit baptism. Last Saturday, Bro. Chew baptized some people, among whom were his brothers. When his father learned about this, he scolded him and even threatened to disown him. However, Bro. Chew was still joyous. His brothers and sisters who came out from the Gospel Hall are also facing persecutions. Please remember them in your prayers.

After the meeting on Nov. 29, I went back to Penang with the brothers and sisters. I will leave for Parit Buntar tomorrow for a five-day

gospel campaign, from Dec. 4 to Dec. 8. Please pray for this campaign and for me so that I may boldly preach the Lord's message. After the work is done, I shall return to Singapore because the Church of Singapore will be conducting a gospel campaign from Dec. 14 to Dec. 18. Realizing that the Lord has been so merciful and using useless vessels like us, I really tremble in fear. I feel that I have not done enough nor have I been faithful enough. God has shown us how abominable the denominations are. We must boldly demolish them by the Spirit. When we are strong in the Lord, the enemy will flee in shame; if we retreat, the enemy will win.

Thank the Lord! The brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia are like-minded, so the churches prosper with each passing day. During the holidays, the Church of Sitiawan will charter a bus to the Church of Penang and the Church of Ipoh to attend their meetings. They hope to have fellowship with other members and be edified. The churches in Penang, Sitiawan, and Sungei Patani will participate in the gospel campaign in Parit Buntar tomorrow evening. It is quite convenient for them because they have their own transportation. It is really touching to see all the churches love the Lord in one mind. We render glory to Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, forever and ever. Amen!

May the Lord's word prosper!

Your co-worker,
Bro. Fan

11.

Revival will Flow from the New Testament Church

In September 1963, the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade held a gospel campaign in Penang. There was a theological college where most of the students strongly opposed the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues. However, God did something wonderful when He sent us to preach in their midst. In just one day, God gained all the students and professors. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Among them, God specially chose Bro. Chew to be His vessel. After he was filled with the Holy Spirit, Satan tried to shake his faith. But God preserved him and vividly revealed to him the works of the Holy Spirit, so that he could not deny them. Now he is willing to pay any price to preach this truth.

In November, we returned to Penang to conduct a second gospel campaign. Bro. Chew brought many brothers and sisters from Sungei Patani to attend the meeting. After they had received the Spirit baptism, every one of them became extremely zealous for the Lord. After I returned to Hong Kong, Bro. Chew often went to Sungei Patani to shepherd them. When they were in the Baptist Church, they were bound by the preachers and regulations of the Baptist Church. They could not worship God by praying in spirit. They could not freely breathe in spiritual air, and were suppressed in the spirit. They wrote us frequently to express their desire to depart from the denominational organization (the hands of Pharaoh) and to be built by the Holy Spirit into the local church (enter the promised land of Canaan).

On Nov. 5, the Spirit of God moved me to prophesy through an open letter to all the local New Testament churches built by the Holy Spirit that God wanted to expand their boundaries. Very wonderfully, within one month after the letter was sent out, God established the New Testament churches in several places. For nothing is impossible

with God. Glory to His name! Brothers and sisters in Sungei Patani were built by the Spirit shortly after they received the letter. Hallelujah!

Building the New Testament Church is the only will of God in these last days. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this work! The Lord will establish the New Testament Church in the East, from where the flow of revival will spread quickly. People may not notice this flow of revival at the beginning, but they will gradually realize it and know that this is a manifestation of God's power. It will be like the vision as recorded in Ezekiel 47:1-5.

The time will come when the revival will flow farther and farther, and become a river that one cannot wade through but swim in. The New Testament Church will be established in all the world. Hallelujah! When the Holy Spirit works, Satan will not stand by and do nothing. God's children must stand by the Lord's side and fight with Him. Satan will retreat in shame, and the Lord's glorious kingdom will come quickly. Amen!

The maidservant of Jesus Christ,
Kong Duen Yee

12.

We Must Depart from Self, Worldliness, and Denominations

Jan. 22, 1965

Kong Duen Yee, called to be a maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and the co-workers greet you — our dear brothers and sisters. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Though I still have not had the opportunity to meet you, my heart longs for you. I constantly remember you in my prayers. I shed tears of thanksgiving whenever I remember your obedience in the Lord. I truly fall short of you because I have not done my duty well to preach the word of God to you. Thank God for His mercy. He continuously shows us the revelations concerning the last days. During these few months, the Holy Spirit has been speaking to His people from the pulpit. The words of God keep coming to us. Recently, God moved us to send you audio tapes, bringing you the messages from the throne — God's abundant grace. May God prepare tape recorders for you. We pray that He will bless and use these tapes. May the word of the Lord supply your spiritual needs. Glory be to His name!

Our co-worker, Bro. Fan, has been sent by the Lord to Sarawak and Borneo to do His work. The Holy Spirit has established some local churches there. Please pray for them. The brothers and sisters there hope that there will be a fellowship meeting for the co-workers of all churches. May God guide and lead us. Please pray earnestly for this matter.

All the brothers and sisters in the New Testament Church have received the Spirit baptism and are built by the Spirit. Having begun with the Spirit, we should walk in the Spirit, mind the Spirit, and not grieve the Spirit. For this reason, we must severely deal with sins and reject all that comes from the flesh and human emotions, which in-

clude carnal affections and ideas. All love and forbearance, humility and obedience, forgiveness and patience are in the truth. Words that mind the flesh and man's ways will not benefit others, but will only make them suffer spiritual loss. Therefore, meekness and harmony are only applicable to members who obey the truth. All strifes, divisions, jealousies, and all things that displease God must be eradicated before the Holy Spirit can do great works. As for members who disobey the truth or mind the flesh, we must admonish them frankly in love, and help them deal with the flesh thoroughly through prayers. We may be misunderstood but this is the price we need to pay in order to bring benefits to both God and men.

If we do not point out the mistake of a brother and instead conceal it for him, his sins will spread like gangrene. His actions will bring shame to God's name and his own life suffer loss. Not pointing out someone's wrong does not mean forbearance in love, but condonation of sins. True love is to fast and pray for the brother, and help him solve his spiritual problems. As soon as he repents, we must forgive and forbear. This is showing love in the truth. Achan, alone had caused all the Israelites to suffer. Likewise, a little hidden sin will hinder God's truth from being preached. A small dead fly will give perfume a bad smell. Since God has brought us into the beautiful land of Canaan (He has built us into His glorious New Testament Church), we must obey His statutes and ordinances, without turning to the right or the left. Do not associate with the nations that remain among us (Have no part in sins, worldliness, and the poisonous leaven from the denominations.) We must not invoke the names of their gods (make no mention of the denominations' systems, regulations, and man-made organizations), nor serve them or bow down to them (we should not follow their ways of worship or testify for them). We are to hold fast to the LORD our God (obey the Spirit). In this way, one of us shall chase a thousand, because the LORD our God will fight for us, just as He has promised. So be very careful to love the LORD our God (defend His truth and be faithful to His trust). If we turn away and ally ourselves with the sur-

vivors of these nations that remain among us and if we intermarry with them and associate with them (if we join hands with the denominations), then God will no longer drive out these nations from before us. Instead they will become snares and traps for us, whips on our backs, and thorns in our eyes, until we perish from this good land, which the LORD our God has given us. Therefore, let's fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. We must fear and serve Him in sincerity and in truth, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God. (See Joshua 23:7–14; 24:14–19.) In holding fast God's word, the New Testament Church will experience many hardships and battles. May God strengthen you. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (See Eph. 6:13; 2 Cor. 10:4–5.) May your spirit, soul and body be sanctified and be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord. Amen!

The truth of God will grow and be victorious!

13.

A Wonderful Revival Will Come to This Generation

(A Letter to the Brothers and Sisters in Taiwan)

Nov. 3, 1964

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace to you in the Lord. I continue to remember you in the Lord. Every day, I do my best to mention your names one by one before God and pray that the Spirit of love and fire will keep burning in your hearts. These few days, I have been sorting the letters from the brothers and sisters in Taiwan. I intend to publish them in a book called *Fellowship in the Spirit, Volume I*. This will be a collection of correspondence between us and them. The book will also include testimonies of how they desired for the Spirit baptism and came to receive it after reading the spiritual books. While reviewing these letters, I realized how wonderfully the Holy Spirit has worked. More and more brothers and sisters thirst for the Spirit baptism and have received it. And more people have also realized the desolation of the church today, and have understood and accepted God's revelation of rebuilding the fallen tabernacle of David in this last generation. The Holy Spirit has thus wonderfully united us, who were once unacquainted with each other.

When the Holy Spirit works greatly, the devil will also get busy. In Hong Kong, those who oppose the Spirit baptism have come out with a lot of books against it, with Wu's *A Critique of Today's Tongues-speaking Movement* and *The Spiritual Dangers* being the most lethal. These books have gravely stumbled many brothers and sisters who love God and are desirous of the Spirit baptism, making them turn against God's will. Nevertheless, we thank the Lord. His Spirit has moved many brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia to defend the truth earnestly. They wrote a book entitled *For the Defense of the Truth* to expose

the wiles of Satan. This book has cleared the doubts and fears of many Christians who were then turned around to accept the Spirit baptism. Glory be to the Lord's name!

Thank the Lord! Recently, God raised up many brothers and sisters in Taiwan who are willing to bear the cross and walk on the narrow path, regardless of the slanderous attacks. They bear witness to the Spirit of truth at all costs, readily distributing the spiritual books we sent them. Though persecuted and slandered by many, their works in the Lord will not be in vain. Recently, God revealed to me that a great and wonderful revival will come to this generation in 1966, flowing from the New Testament Church established by God in the East to the ends of the earth. In order to catch up with the work of God, we have published large quantities of spiritual books and distributed them to all parts of the world with prayers. Daily we receive letters from all places, requesting for more spiritual publications. God has raised up people everywhere to pray for us and distribute these books. Thank the Lord! He has moved you, who are far away in Taiwan and other places, to co-work with Him and to watch and pray with one accord for the worldwide revival. In Taiwan, some are willing to pay the price of fasting or vigil prayers for our up-coming gospel campaign in Taiwan, and for our pressing literary work. May God richly reward them!

Today, we received a letter from Bro. Chen of the Church of Taichung, saying that Wu, the author of *A Critique of Today's Tongues-speaking Movement*, has come to Taiwan to sow tares, speaking against the Spirit baptism. Bro. Chang of the Church of Fengshan also told us in his letter that anti-Spirit books such as: *A Critique of Today's Tongues-speaking Movement*, *The Spiritual Dangers*, and others, are being widely distributed among theology students. Let all the brothers and sisters in Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Macao pray earnestly before the Lord. May He destroy the wiles of the devil and turn them to folly.

Two days ago, I was suddenly moved to compose a few hymns, which I've enclosed with this letter. Please sing them in unison fre-

quently. God revealed to me that the city of Jericho shall fall by itself when we pray and sing with one accord according to His will. God's ark (Holy Spirit) will enter the sanctuary (church). God will reclaim the lost lands and deliver the captives of Zion. At the appointed time, God will send us to reap His harvest. Prior to the great revival, backslidings and persecutions against the Holy Spirit will be rampant. Those who abide by the truth will be persecuted and afflicted. Brethren, we are destined to suffer afflictions. Therefore, do not be surprised when fiery trials come upon us, as though something strange are happening to us. But rejoice that we participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that we may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. Hallelujah!

Dear brothers and sisters, what can satisfy the Lord's heart more than to suffer willingly for His truth? Come, let us offer our lives to the Lord! If we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel, we will find eternal life. Since the Lord gave His life and shed His blood for us, it is right that we offer all we have to Him. In these last days, God urgently needs workers who will completely give themselves to Him: absolutely obey Him, serve Him according to His will, and willingly give their lives to fight for the truth and against the evil one in the spiritual realm! In whatever circumstances, we are not alone, because the Lord and His mighty Spirit are always co-working with us. Who is He? He is the LORD strong and mighty in battle. May God open our spiritual eyes so that we will see the glorious army of the LORD — the horses and chariots of fire, not the army of Arameans. With the LORD as our commander, whom shall we fear?

On August 19 last year, I faced great persecutions in Kuala Lumpur. After I returned to Singapore, I saw a vision: many people standing in anguish before the Lord. I wondered why they were sad, when they had been caught up to be with the glorious Lord in the air. The Lord told me that this group of people, having found great grace, were unwilling to pay the price to completely offer themselves to do God's will. They esteemed the glory of men more than that of God, thus

losing great blessings. Now it's too late to regret it. Only a minority truly rejoiced. They are praised and rewarded by the Lord. They are called good and faithful servants by Him. They had testified for God's word on earth, not loving their lives even to the point of death.

This vision strengthened me and many brothers and sisters. The Lord praised Mary of Bethany and called her action *good work* when she poured the fragrant oil on Him. We must likewise break the alabaster flask and pour out the fragrant oil (break our old self and offer our lives completely) on the body of Christ (the church) promptly (when we still have a little time before the coming of the Lord). Let us faithfully preach the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* so that the Holy Spirit may establish a resting place for the Lord and that the Holy One of Israel may gain great glory on Mount Zion. When the Holy Spirit reigns in the New Testament Church, the kingdom and dominion of the enemy will collapse. Hallelujah!

The Lord said that when the branch of the fig tree is tender and puts forth leaves, we know that summer is near. Likewise, when the nation of true Israel is restored (when the New Testament Church is rebuilt by the Holy Spirit), the glorious kingdom of the Lord will come. The Lord said, "You will not have gone through the cities of Israel, before the Son of Man comes." (Matt. 24:32; 10:23) As soon as the New Testament Church is widely established, the Lord will appear in glory.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us mind the Lord's heart and be the present-day John the Baptist to pave His path! May I decrease and the Lord increase! The house of David (the New Testament Church that does the will of God) shall be strong and the house of Saul (the denominations that do not obey the will of God) shall be weak. Today, for some personal interests, many preachers refuse to depart from the denominations, so they cannot build according to God's will. They choose to uphold those unscriptural things. They help man-made denominations to oppose the truth and the Holy Spirit. In order to please men they consciously sin against the Holy Spirit. Woes betide those

who rebuild the gates of Jericho! May God grant them a penitent heart so that they will contritely repent of what they have done and build according to His will. May God open the eyes of His servants and maidservants all over the world so that they may see the glorious body of Christ — the New Testament Church. The church is free from human ideas. It is where the Holy Spirit works freely. May all God's servants be like John the Baptist who said, "The Lord must increase, but I must decrease." For He who has the bride is the bridegroom. He who builds the spiritual house is the Spirit of the Lord!

The inhabitants of Meroz were cursed because they did not come to help the LORD against the mighty (Judg. 5:23). A curse on him who is lax in doing the LORD'S work. (See Jer. 48:10 NIV.) Shouldn't we tremble at God's words? In the past, the Israelites gathered to build the tabernacle. May the Lord gather all the Christians today to build the spiritual house. (See Jer. 50:2–8, 14–15; 51:5–10.) May the Lord raise the victorious banner in all nations. May He establish the New Testament Church and restore the testimony, faith, and ministration of the pristine church that was established on the Day of Pentecost, and lead His people out of the denominations (Babylon)! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! May His grace abound!

Servants and maidservant of Jesus Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee and the co-workers of the Grace of Jesus Christ
Crusade

14.

Separate Yourself from Worldliness During the Chinese New Year

Jan. 15, 1965

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For though I'm absent in the flesh, I'm with you in the spirit. Every day I pray earnestly for you before the Lord. It is my prayer that your love will abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness. May God fill you with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. It is also my prayer that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, and please Him in every way. Build yourselves up daily in your most holy faith. Learn righteousness and godliness. Pray at all times in the Spirit. Cleanse yourself from what is dishonor, and be a vessel for honor, useful for the Lord. Since you have tasted the Lord's grace, you should abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against your soul. You are strangers and exiles, having no lasting city on earth. Therefore, set your mind on things above, not on things on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Let us watch and be sober. Live a holy and godly life and hope for the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ. Love one another fervently. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, for you have need of endurance, that you may do the will of God. For yet a little while the Lord will come in glory. On that day, you will receive the promised reward. He has prepared for us a better home, the unshakable kingdom.

The Chinese New Year is drawing near. Brothers and sisters, you have to separate yourselves from worldliness. You must not follow the customs of men, but the will of God. Refrain from all the secular New

Year's greetings and red envelopes, and worldly entertainment, such as: listening to pop music, watching movies, and television. Calendars with pictures of movie stars, superstitious practices, pictures of dragons and phoenixes as symbols of luck, are all abhorred by God. The Holy Spirit is jealous – evil-hating. Friendship with the world is enmity with God. As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance. As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, for He has said, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Many believers say, “I have overcome gambling, movie-going, dancing, smoking, and everything by the Lord’s grace. But the practice of giving and taking red envelopes is hard to overcome. The problem is our relatives and family members are unbelievers. They think that I’ll bring bad luck if I refuse to give or take red envelopes.” Brothers and sisters, the red envelope is Satan’s tool in leading many into superstition. This is abominable to God, so how can it bring luck? Only those who obey God’s will can find favor before Him. Therefore, we must refrain from doing things that God hates and do the things that please Him.

The Chinese New Year holidays should be spent in gospel preaching, distributing gospel pamphlets, and leading men to Christ. If you obey Him, He will bless and protect you from the beginning of the year to its end as He has promised. Brothers and sisters of the New Testament Church, do not forget the entrustment the Lord has given us in these last days. He wants us to lead the believers from all denominations back to His complete truth. Hold fast our faith, so that you may not be carried away by the error of the wicked, but instead, help the weak. Be strong, and stand firm in the truth by the Spirit. The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, be steadfast in the faith. Since you are looking forward to the glorious coming of Christ, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit,

I urge you to strive together with me in prayers. Pray that I may be delivered from those who disobey the truth, and that all my work may be accepted by God. Please pray earnestly for the co-workers of Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade and for the wide distribution of the spiritual publications. The Spirit of God has not only worked mightily in Taiwan but also in mainland China. All over the world, there is an increasing number of people receiving the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues, and desiring for the Holy Spirit to rebuild of the New Testament Church. The kingdom of God is expanding, and its territory is being enlarged daily.

Brothers and sisters, do your best to fast and pray watchfully at all times. Offer up more prayers for the revival that God is going to send upon the earth in 1966. The Lord is anxious to find workers after His own heart, who will co-work with Him in one mind to accomplish the great work in this last era.

May the Lord's kingdom come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

Sis. Kong Duen Yee and the co-workers of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade

P.S. Red envelopes are monetary gifts given during the Chinese New Year and other celebrations, such as birthdays, as a symbol of good luck.

15.

God Wonderfully Let Us Experience the Reality of the New Testament Church

(A letter to the brothers and sisters in Taiwan)

Nov. 13, 1964

To my beloved brothers and sisters all over Taiwan,

I remember you unceasingly in my prayers. I am anxious to meet with all of you and to have fellowship with you, but God has a time for everything. When His appointed time comes, we shall sit together at His feet. Please forgive me in the Lord for not sharing the grace of God more often with you through letters. Due to the pressing sacred literary work and the many letters I receive daily from various places, I have not been able to reply to every letter myself. However, I read every letter in detail, and lay hands on each of them as I pray and mention your names before God. I believe that God will fulfill all your desires. Every morning, I try my best to mention all your names before the Lord in my prayers. May the Lord accomplish His highest will on every brother and sister. Sometimes I am so busy that I have to ask Sis. Soon to reply your letters on my behalf. She is a good co-worker God has specially prepared for me. I can't thank the Lord enough for His grace.

I thank God even more that He has not forsaken me, a lowly and unworthy person. Whenever I think of His immense grace, I cannot hold back my tears of joy. He is pleased to entrust to us the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, which will be preached to the ends of the earth. This complete truth concerns the revival of the church in these last days. For this reason, we tremble before Him. We pray that He will, by His mercy, protect us so that we will obey Him completely and be His faithful mouthpiece. Whether by life or by death, may Christ be magnified in our body. I possess nothing, yet God gladly

manifests His rich wisdom on me. So I can only accept the entrusted ministry with thanks.

I have just finished writing a few hymns that concern the revelation about the church. They will be sent to you in a few days. There are also some books that testify to the revelations yet to be completed. Because we are pressed for time, we spend all our time on literary the few hours of sleep at night. We dare not be slack with His work. We will surely meet fierce spiritual battles before each spiritual book is published. Usually, the books are not printed as scheduled because of Satan's aggressive hindrances. However, we know that God has His good pleasure in it, for He has appointed a time for everything. If the revelations of the New Testament Church are manifested before the appointed time, that may hinder many from receiving the Spirit baptism. They must first see the importance of the Spirit baptism and receive it before they accept the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the church and demolishes the denominations*.

Thank the Lord. He first used large quantities of spiritual books to guide countless people in all over Taiwan to receive the Spirit baptism. Only then did He command me to impart a deeper truth to you so that you might be established by the Holy Spirit into His spiritual house. The truth of the New Testament Church is truly the mystery of the heavenly kingdom. This mystery is not seen with carnal eyes or heard with carnal ears. Neither can it be understood with the carnal mind nor explained by man's theories. Its spiritual reality can only be perceived through our life experiences. "The church" preached by the Christian Assembly sounds fascinating, but it is imperfect because the Christian Assembly lacks the structure, reality, testimony and revelation of the Spirit. The head of the church is Christ. If the church shuts her doors on the Holy Spirit, she is no longer a church. I did not know anything about the truth of *the church*, nor had I ever thought of preaching it. But our Lord Jesus Christ wants to accomplish His great work in these last days, so He has specially chosen a person who has not done any research on the truth of *the church* to preach it. I received this holy

truth not from men but from Jesus Christ who personally revealed it to me. What He has commanded me to preach is not the vain theory of men, but the power of the Holy Spirit, because what I preach is what the Lord has let me experience.

The truth that we experienced with our lives is the true word of life. Only this word of life can meet men's real spiritual needs. I remember in 1963, before I went to Singapore and Malaysia, God gave me the inspiration of 7.21 concerning *ending the drought*. (There was a severe drought in Hong Kong at that time.) We did not understand it until much later. On July 21 that year, God reestablished the foundation of the New Testament Church, thus ending the long spiritual drought. On that Sunday, the family meeting held at *No. 7 Soares Ave. Fifth Floor* had a bread-breaking service for the first time, with worship in spirit and in truth. Later, God sent me to work in Singapore and Malaysia to destroy the things made by men, idols, and unscriptural things. We even abolished the head veiling of the sisters in the Christian Assembly and led them to the real head covering, i.e. submitting to the Holy Spirit. Within a month, the Spirit of God personally established nine local churches (there are actually ten including Pekan Gurney which is in Sitiawan). At that time I had no money and was greatly persecuted. If it wasn't God, who could have accomplished such great works? But the people were rebellious. They didn't believe God's works; they thought I was causing divisions within the church. Actually, through us the Holy Spirit was uniting the church. (Please refer to Isaiah 60:13–15.)

I have seen many preachers going around collecting donations for building chapels. These preachers are building the gates of Jericho (the denominations). Yet we can see many Christians offering generously for such projects, and encouraging others to do the same. Now, God is building His sheepfold and doesn't ask a dime from them, yet many of them oppose. No wonder the Lord said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her

brood under her wings, but you were not willing!” (Luke 13:34). However, we thank God. A group of pure-hearted Christians have been established by the Lord. As mentioned in Luke 2:34–35, there will be the fall and rise of many. Those who submit to the truth will rise, and those who disobey will fall.

All the believers in Singapore and Malaysia, having received the complete witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, pray both in spirit and in understanding. Although many believers in the Pentecostal sects claim that they believe in the Spirit baptism, they refuse to depart from the practices of the denominations. Even many preachers do not pray in tongues or worship God in spirit. Other denominations oppose the Spirit baptism. Thus, our Lord cannot find a resting place. Since the church is a spiritual house, how can she lack the ministration in the Spirit?

While I was writing *A Living Testimony to the Truth* in seclusion, God revealed to me the law and pattern of building the New Testament Church: Everyone has to receive the full witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. Please refer to the chapters “The Spiritual Gifts” and “In Seclusion” in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. At that time I was not fully enlightened on the name of the church, forms of worship, roles of ministers, spiritual gifts, etc. Spiritual revelations are usually not very clear in the beginning, but God will gradually confirm them through circumstances. It’s like when a blind man first regains his sight, people look like trees to him. But when his sight is fully restored, he will see every person clearly.

After the Holy Spirit had established the New Testament Church in Singapore and Malaysia, He appointed elders among them through us, later God also revealed each of their ministries. After we went back to Hong Kong, the Holy Spirit Himself shepherded the local churches there. Until now, the Holy Spirit is reigning in their midst. When brothers and sisters fall behind, the Holy Spirit deals with their sins and revives them. During our six-month gospel campaign, about ten thousand people received the Spirit baptism and spoke in tongues. How-

ever, many of them returned to the denominations, where their preachers opposed the Spirit baptism and put out the spiritual flame in their hearts. Some of them have even turned against us. Only about a thousand were established in the New Testament Church. This group of brothers and sisters are preserved by the Holy Spirit, and many of them are fighting a good fight of the faith by testifying to it openly. They help people recognize the full salvation, and help them receive the Spirit baptism by laying hands on them. Various spiritual gifts are used in the church, making the church a functional and glorious body of Christ. Hallelujah!

Through the interpretation of tongues, the Holy Spirit said that the churches should be named after their respective localities, as they were in the Bible (see Gal. 1:2; Rev. 1:4–11). God did this when He thought it was needed. It did not even cross our mind that God would do it in such a way. When the Lord gave the command, it was accomplished. This incident reminds me of Joshua 24:12–13: “I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow. I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.” This is so true! The Lord goes before us and fights for us. It doesn’t depend on what we do. If we harbor selfish ambitions and intend to build the church on our own, God will strike us, for we can never build up Zion (the New Testament Church) with blood (with men’s carnal ways)(see Mic.3:10). He who marries the bride is the bridegroom (it is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ who builds the church); we are merely vessels who pave the way for the Lord. Since my return to Hong Kong, I have been writing to the local churches in Singapore and Malaysia, imparting the words of God to them. I pray even more earnestly that He will preserve His own works.

The Lord promised me: “I, the Lord, keep it, I water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day. Fury is not in Me. Who would set briars and thorns against Me in battle? I would go through

them, I would burn them together. Or let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me. Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit” (Isa. 27:3–6).

God’s word is settled in heaven. All His promises will be fulfilled! Although we are often in fiery trials and fierce spiritual battles, our Lord is the ultimate victor. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Author and the Finisher! He shall preserve the work of His own hand. God did all the above so that the denominations might consider and understand His will and work. He had commanded me to write the book, *The Mighty Works of the Holy Spirit in Singapore and Malaysia*. This work was delayed until now because no one could accept these messages at that time. Another reason of the delay is that, besides, after coming back to Hong Kong, the co-workers and I met fierce internal and external spiritual battles. My spirit, soul and body were so greatly attacked that I almost lost my life. But God wanted me to learn the lesson of obedience through sufferings. Through these afflictions, He showed me profound revelations, which I couldn’t understand before. During that period, God let us experience more breakings, through which He allowed us to witness the power of the Holy Spirit and the reality of the church. Daily we experienced death. The attacks from outside were fierce in those days. Many thought of me as a demon. Even brothers and sisters who had listened to my sermons and received the Spirit baptism avoided me. They didn’t even dare to mention my name. If I had testified for the truth of the New Testament Church at that time, they certainly would not have accepted it. So God used *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, *The Green Olive*, *Triple April 18*, *Wearing Veils and Prophesying* and the testimonies written by brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia to testify for the truth in Taiwan. Even now, many in Hong Kong are still against us. Other than the brothers and sisters who serve God in one mind with us in the church, no one else dares to have anything to do with us.

Ever since I offered myself to serve God in 1959, I have been sent by God to preach in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Every chapel I preached in, whether big or small, was filled to its capacity, and many found God's grace. Later, I received the Holy Spirit and started to preach on *the Spirit baptism*. Before I was sent to Singapore, I suffered great persecutions when I preached this truth, yet many still came to listen. Miracles followed us. Many were moved to tears upon receiving the Holy Spirit, and were healed both spiritually and physically. However, when God established the churches in Singapore and Malaysia, many of them began to dislike and forsake the truth. Even those who had received the Spirit baptism and had once been like-minded with us turned against us and attacked the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. This reminds me of the Lord's encounter. When the Lord was healing and casting out demons on earth, many gathered around Him. But when He said that His blood was drink and His flesh was meat, which is the truth of the cross, (signifying He sacrificed His life and shed His blood to build up the church — His own body), they rejected Him and many of His disciples left Him (John 6:53–68). This is no surprise, for their heart was covered with fat and their eyes could not see the work of God. They could only understand the things of the flesh, not the things of the Spirit. May God have mercy on this unbelieving generation!

At the same time, another fierce spiritual battle erupted within our midst. One of the co-workers disobeyed the will of God and walked after her flesh. While I was preaching in Singapore and Malaysia, she did what she should not have done: She moved into a new premises and recruited some co-workers who had not undergone the breaking of the cross. This brought disastrous consequences and great sufferings to me. Satan took this chance to attack me furiously, almost overthrowing the truth God had entrusted me to preach. "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Ps. 27:13). We thank God for leading us through the terrible storms. After the trial, both the deceitfulness

of men and the faithfulness of God were revealed. The Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade is God's special chosen army in this last era, so nobody can scatter or destroy her. God will separate the wheat from the tares. He will not tolerate worldliness or false doctrines — the leaven of wickedness in His holy lump! God has done a great work in our midst by removing those who are not like-minded with us. Now, we can fight for the truth wholeheartedly and expand our literary work. In Taiwan, many brothers and sisters have come to understand this truth. In all parts of the world, people who are desirous for the truth have come to recognize the true light. A great spiritual revolution has begun. God wants us to be more dedicated, to willingly shed our blood as martyrs. We believe that because there is a group of humble people who offer their lives for the truth, God will accept their sacrifices. He will send down spiritual fire from heaven and bring about a great revival! Hallelujah!

Through this great spiritual battle that lasted nearly a year, we have come to understand many spiritual mysteries, and the gift of *discerning of spirits* is even more manifested in our midst. There are many falsely called knowledge which confuses *the holy with the secular, the soul with the spirit, and the true with the false*. Thank the Lord! He let us experience all these trials, which have become the blessings of thousands of saints in the New Testament! Before we testify to the pattern of the New Testament Church, God wants us to gain a better understanding of His revelation and truth each day. We thank and praise Him for this!

The word “church” means “a congregation of people called by God.” The tabernacle and the temple of the Israelites in the Old Testament symbolize and testify of the New Testament Church. When the high priests of the Old Testament offered sacrifices to God, they used blood, water (the Word) and oil (the Spirit). The tabernacle was divided into the *outer court, the sanctuary, and the Holy of Holies*. Our Lord shed His blood for us and gave us *the Holy Spirit*. He also planted His statutes (*the word*) in our hearts so that our spirit, soul and body can testify for Him on earth. He was the Word that became flesh. And He wants us, who

are in flesh, to become the word, living in His likeness.

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

(1 Tim. 3:16).

How can God be made manifest in the flesh? Through His Spirit. God has prepared various spiritual gifts for the New Testament Church in Christ. When the members coordinate well among themselves and use the spiritual gifts in a fitting manner, God's glory will be manifested. Men will be edified and God glorified.

There were no spiritual sacrifices — speaking in tongues and prophesying in tongues — before the day of Pentecost. Speaking in tongues was the seal of the establishment of the New Testament Church. To be baptized with the Holy Spirit is to receive true circumcision. Every Israelite had to receive circumcision as a seal of justification by faith. Likewise, every believer in the New Testament era has to receive the Spirit baptism as a seal of justification by faith. Without the ministration in Spirit, there will be no ministration in the Holy of Holies.

The constructions of the denominations are the ministration of the *outer court* of the temple, where the ministration is one of “slaughtering cows and sheep” and “yelling.” It seems boisterous and busy, but it cannot satisfy God's heart. What God wants is the worship of *the Holy of Holies* — of the inner life. Even the worship in the *sanctuary* (such as the Pentecostal group and the Christian Assembly) cannot satisfy God. Although the Pentecostal groups believe in the Spirit baptism, they are filled with human ideas. Their organizations, systems and services are not in the Spirit, so God's Spirit cannot do great works in their midst. The Christian Assembly knows that the church should be named after the locality, but regrettably, they have only the outward appearance but not the spiritual reality.

It is right that the church should be named after its locality. Other than this way of naming the church, no other means of designation is biblical. But putting up the sign alone will serve no purpose if the living stones within are not in right measurements (if the believers do not receive the full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit). If there are still members who refuse to accept the Spirit baptism and oppose the work of the Holy Spirit, how can the testimony of the church appear? Therefore, both the internal and external testimonies of the church must conform to the Bible. Only then can she be considered a spiritual house according to God's will. A local church is not restricted to only one place of worship. For example, if the Church of Singapore grows in member, brothers and sisters will have to meet in a few different places, but these meetings are still the Church of Singapore, for they have all received the same witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*.

God is wise in all His work. Recently, many local churches were established in Singapore and Malaysia. God worked differently in each church. The Church of Johore Bahru was established when the whole congregation of the Christian Assembly obeyed the truth, received the Holy Spirit, and discarded their head veils and traditions of man. They began to worship God freely in spirit and in truth. Thus, they were established by the Holy Spirit into the Church of Johore Bahru. God worked likewise in Yong Peng. In just a few hours, all the brothers and sisters in the local Christian Assembly were filled with the Holy Spirit. They took down the sign of the Christian Assembly and replaced it with the sign of the Church of Yong Peng. But it was different for the Church of Ipoh. The brothers and sisters there came out of various denominations. Some of them are youths who were expelled from the Methodist Church after they received the Spirit baptism and spoke in tongues. Brothers and sisters who were persecuted in the Christian Assembly also came out. Together, they were built into the New Testament Church. At almost the same time, God separated His children from various denominations. The Church of Penang was established when a group of believers who, after receiving the

water baptism, had nowhere to go because no denominations would receive them. In the beginning, only forty-nine were baptized. Now, a year later, there are over three hundred, including more than a hundred youths and children. Hence, all the local churches were established by the Holy Spirit under different circumstances.

The Church of Hong Kong started out as a small family meeting. On July 14, 1963, when God's time had arrived, He sent one of His servants from abroad to prophesy that He wanted to establish the New Testament Church at No.7, Fifth floor, Soares Avenue. He also moved him to announce that the first bread breaking service was to be held on the following Sunday, July 21. Bread breaking is the testimony of the church in remembrance of the Lord who sacrificed His life, shed His blood, and made the new covenant with us. The bread and cup testify for Christ and His church, as well as the complete witness — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* — that the New Testament Church must receive.

Before we went to Singapore and Malaysia, God had already revealed the vision of the New Testament Church to us. Therefore, in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, I often mentioned that the New Testament Church, which is different from the denominations. Although the denominations also call themselves churches, they are far from being the New Testament Church as stated in the Bible.

A local church can only be named after a locality. For example, in Hong Kong it is named the "Church of Hong Kong," in Macao the "Church of Macao," in Tainan the "Church of Tainan," in Taipei the "Church of Taipei," etc. A local church cannot have branches in other localities. For example, in Singapore, we can only have Church of Singapore, but not Church of Ipoh. This is because the Church of Singapore cannot branch out to Ipoh, another locality. Similarly, the Church of Kuala Lumpur can only be in Kuala Lumpur; she cannot have a branch in Johore Bahru. The various assemblies and halls of the denominations often branch out to different places: Assembly A in America, Hall A in Hong Kong, or Hall A in Japan. This is not right.

All the local churches in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Sarawak, North Borneo (Sabah) etc. are united to become the whole New Testament Church.

The ministration of the New Testament Church is of the spirit, not rituals. And the ministries of the workers are revealed by the Holy Spirit. God searches the hearts of men and will only use those who are faithful and willing to suffer for Him. “Apostle” is not a title, but a ministry ordained by God to establish the church. An apostle labors and carries the cross more than others. He has more burdens and is often in tears. Many people envy the authority of an apostle, but few are willing to labor like an apostle. A prophet is also revealed by God. When his prophecy is fulfilled, all will know that he is a prophet sent by God. False prophets may deceive men for a while, but their lies will be eventually exposed, and their consequences will be serious. The office of a pastor is also given by God. God gave him the gift of shepherding, and he has the burden to carry out the work. So “pastor” is not a vain title. The same principle applies to the other ministries of the church, such as evangelists and teachers.

No one can plan God’s work. God accomplishes His own work according to the need of that very time with the help of man’s submission. If the Israelites had refused to obey, God would not have brought them into Canaan. For example, in the beginning, you brothers and sisters in Taiwan did not understand the truth on the Holy Spirit, and you had not expected Him to bless and establish you. But later, because of your obedience, His grace has come upon you.

Romans 16 and 1 Corinthians 16 talk about church services held in houses, just like the many family meetings in Taiwan today, where group after group of brothers and sisters are baptized with the Holy Spirit. God wants to establish you so that you will testify for Him. The splendor of the temple rests not on the material building but on the spiritual reality.

Now that you have found God’s favor and been established by Him, He will lead you to fight the spiritual battle every step of the way. In

the future, I will have more fellowship with you through the spiritual books. May God help me write out His will quickly. The Holy Spirit has confirmed our work through many circumstances. We have not had enough time to compile these testimonies because we constantly receive and reply to many letters. Through these pressing circumstances, God hastens me and molds me so that I may become a pen in His hand.

Some prefer to stay on the east bank of the Jordan rather than live in Canaan. They are the Pentecostal Church and the Assembly of God who prefer to stay in the denominations. We must completely satisfy the heart of God and fight the good fight in Canaan. If I stay under the “bushel” — the denomination — of the Assembly of God, then my testimony will be weak. People will say that what I believe in is the faith of the Assembly of God. Then, brothers and sisters from the Baptist Church, the Christian Assembly and other denominations will not come for accept the full truth I preach. However, if I stand in my position in the New Testament Church and preach according to the Bible, brothers and sisters from all the denominations, including the Assembly of God, will return. And there is nothing others can say. Recently, many believers of the True Jesus Church in Taiwan have been writing me to find out more about the faith of the New Testament Church. The Holy Spirit moves me to tell them that many of their doctrines are unbiblical, and that the New Testament Church today is the restoration of the testimony of the New Testament Church on the Day of Pentecost.

When I first began preaching on the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I thought receiving the Holy Spirit was only to gain power to testify for Christ. However, gradually God revealed to me through various circumstances that there is a more important aspect of this truth: The purpose of the Spirit baptism is to establish all the saints into one body — the New Testament Church — and together they will gain power to witness for the Lord. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are made acceptable to the Lord. This is very important. In the past, we

did not know that the Holy Spirit wanted to build the New Testament Church. We only knew that the Holy Spirit filled each individual to give him strength to testify for the Lord *individually*. But now we know that the Holy Spirit wants to rebuild the New Testament Church. Now we understand that God's higher will is to fill, His children with the Holy Spirit, to unite them together, and to give them power to testify for Him *congregationally*. This is the testimony of the church, and only this testimony can satisfy God's heart!

Following the establishment of the New Testament Church, many revelations were made known to us. Gradually, we begin to understand what we could not understand. "For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (Mic. 4:2). Since the New Testament Church is the bride of the Lamb (just as in the Old Testament, the assembly of Israel was the wife of the LORD), we have to suffer what the Lord suffered. If we suffer with the Lord, we will also enjoy the glory with Him.

God severely punished the Israelites because they departed from Him and committed adultery with idols. Today, the denominations have committed adultery with false doctrines, heresies, worldliness and human ideas. They, too, will be judged by God. The fallen church is like the adulterous wife of Hosea. However, God has called for a group of people who, like the Church of Philadelphia, have a little strength, yet have kept His word, and have done His will on earth. May the grace of the Lord build up my beloved brothers and sisters! Blessed are those who are planted by God in His vineyard! Blessed are those who dwell in Jerusalem (Neh. 11:1–2)!

In the last days, believers of the denominations must be united in the Holy Spirit, in the truth and in the life of Christ. There will be one flock and one shepherd. This scene is just like that of the Israelites using branches of different leafy trees to make booths during the Feast of Tabernacles (see Neh. 8:15–16). May God accomplish His will on brothers and sisters. Please forgive me for not writing more. May the Holy Spirit supplement whatever is lacking. He will guide you into the

truth. May the Spirit of God come upon you greatly and may His truth be victorious!

Your co-worker in Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

16.

Workers of God Must Depart from the Denominations

(A Letter to a Pastor of the Assembly of God)

Jan. 19, 1965

Peace be to my beloved brother in Christ,

May the Lord guide you to walk in His will. Be strong by the power of the Spirit! When the workers of God hold fast the truth courageously by the Holy Spirit, God's work will be done. Brother, if you take out the precious (the best) from the vile (the second best), you will be God's honorable mouthpiece. If you stand before God (in your position as God's servant), He will cause people to return to you, but you will not return to them (Jer. 15:19–20).

You were restricting God's work when you asked Him to add five hundred members to the Assembly of God. You should offer yourself totally for His use. Since you are aware that the denominations hinder the work of the Holy Spirit, you should help the Lord against the mighty (Judg. 5:23). Pull down these man-made barriers, so the servants and children of God may see the law and the pattern of building the temple. Let God's children put away their water pots (their own concepts and carnal friendships), and witness for the Messiah (the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, who wants to rebuild the New Testament Church and usher in the glorious kingdom of God).

Dear brother, the days are numbered. We barely have time to do the will of God. If we waste our time on things that are not completely according to God's will, we will fall short of both God and men. Words that mind man's ideas and the flesh are unprofitable. Only words that are faithfully spoken according to God's will can help men understand God.

Though God has established the New Testament Church in various

places, there is a lack of Levites (people who devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.) How anxious God is! You are a Levite, but you are bound by your contract with a denomination. As a result, you are unable to build His house (the church) according to His will. How displeased He is! O Lord! When will You let Your servants understand Your highest will? When will Your word be widely preached? Dear brother, my heart is burning with God's love and Spirit. I earnestly beseech Him to raise up more workers.

My dear brother, though other preachers do not understand the truth God has entrusted us to preach, you do. You have seen it with your own eyes, heard it with your own ears, and have even taken part in this sacred work. Hence you are obliged to testify to the truth — *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* — that God wants to proclaim in these last days. And you have to pour the ointment in time on the Lord's body (the New Testament Church that is free from the bondage of men's concepts). May the Lord move you to co-work with us in building the tabernacle. The Lord will enlighten you and guide you ahead, so that you will no longer be controlled by men but by God. You will no longer need the support of any missionary group, but directly look upon the living God for your needs. Then you will no more preach the beliefs of the Assembly of God but the messages from the Almighty. May all God's servants and children come to know of His work in these last days!

May God grant you deeper insight into His will and work. I also hope that all the brothers and sisters in the Assembly of God will hear the heart cry of God, and realize that they do not belong to the Assembly of God, but to Christ. Let them build according to the will of God, and bring their freewill offerings and burnt offerings to the sanctuary called by His name (the New Testament Church built by the Holy Spirit is free from man-made organizations). When they understand this aspect of the truth, and are willing to submit to God's will to depart from the head-quarters control of the Assembly of God, forsake all her systems, man-made regulations, organizations, and titles,

they will immediately become the New Testament Church.

I hope you will impart the truth to the members of the Assembly of God before you leave, so that they may understand God's will and not be bound by the ways of men. This is much more important than asking for five hundred more members in the Assembly of God. If they do not understand the will of God, a bigger congregation will still be meaningless. These people will become the manpower for constructing the gates of Jericho. If they understand the will of God, then they will become Gideon and his three hundred mighty warriors who will destroy the camps of the Midianites. God can use the least number of people who abide by His will to perform the greatest works.

I have been praying unceasingly for God's servants and the brothers and sisters in the Assembly of God. God loves them and so do we. They love the Lord and they also love us. I am not attacking them or finding faults, but telling them the truth (God's will in more detail). May God's love melt their hearts so that they will stand on the side of God, not on the side of the Assembly of God, a man-made organization; and that they will renounce their friendships for the Lord's will. This way, the word of God will spread rapidly. There should no longer be divisions in the church, for all members must come to the unity of the faith.

In the past, we failed to satisfy God's heart in many aspects. What the locusts and grasshoppers have eaten away, now God will make it up for us. So as long as we are willing to obey the truth, He will make it up immediately. I really love the brothers and sisters of the Assembly of God and I often pray for them. I all the more have the responsibility to bring God's words to my beloved brothers and sisters. When Deborah stood in the position God put her in, the Israelites prevailed in the battle. Barak, Jael, and all the Israelites were raised up timely. The people willingly offered themselves, and the leaders also stood up to take the lead! Hallelujah! Oh, my Lord, my God! Thus let all Your enemies perish! (Anything from the denominations that hinders God's work will be wiped out completely.) Let those who love You (saints in

the New Testament Church who abide by God's will) be like the sun when it comes out in full strength. (See Judg. 5:31) Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, please pray for the work which God has entrusted to the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. May God give the spirit of obeying the truth so that all people will obey this truth of the era — the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the glorious spiritual house* — preached by us. May the grace of God be with you always! May the word of God grow and be victorious!

Called to be the maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

Editor's Note: Thank and praise the Lord! While we were proofreading this text, God brought this brother to Hong Kong to meet us. God has indeed separated His servant from the denominations. This brother has now been sent to many places to preach the messages which are after God's will. Hallelujah!

17.

Arise and Fight for the Lord

(A letter to the churches built by the Holy Spirit in Malaysia and Singapore)

March 30, 1965

Peace be to my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus:

May the God of peace lavish upon your complete faith, unfeigned love and abiding faithfulness so that you will hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us encourage one another to stir up love and good works and to be diligent in the Lord's work until He comes. May all the churches in Malaysia and Singapore become an enclosed garden, a shut up spring, and a sealed fountain (be completely consecrated and separated from worldliness, sins, denominations, false doctrines and invisible idols; and let us consider and love God wholeheartedly), to be enjoyed only by our Beloved. (Jesus Christ, the head of the church). This way, we will be praised before His throne. May all glory and honor be unto Him forever and ever. Amen!

Recently, God has done even greater works in Taiwan. He has chosen many workers who love Him with a pure heart and who are willing to bear the cross for His complete truth. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, God has prepared a group of mighty men who co-work with us to break down the walls of the denominations, pull down the strongholds of the devil in men's hearts, destroy Satan's wiles, exalt the banner of the cross, and rebuild the house of the Lord.

Thank God for enlightening the brothers and sisters in many aspects. Recently, many preachers have also accepted the Spirit baptism and come to realize the mission of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. Everyone thinks that it is time for the great spiritual revolution to begin. God will work according to His own will. All God's people (Christians who have received the complete testimony of Blood, Water and

Holy Spirit) must fight side by side with us.

“Curse Meroz,” said the angel of the LORD, “Curse its inhabitants bitterly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.”

(Judges 5:23)

Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

(Jer. 48:10)

Arise, O leaders of Israel! Capture the enemy! Fight for the LORD! God is calling for faithful workers to enter His vineyard at dusk. What God needs most is faithful vessels. The New Testament Church urgently needs large numbers of workers who will offer themselves completely, and who will risk their lives to serve God faithfully. Please pray unceasingly for the workers in Taiwan who are willing to offer themselves for God’s use.

Amid fierce spiritual battles this month, we’ve printed many leaflets and books which include *The Testimonies of the Saints in Singapore and Malaysia*. They have been shipped to the churches in Malaysia and Singapore. Thank the Lord! He has confirmed, blessed and used these leaflets in many ways. In Sarawak, America, Taiwan, and other parts of the world, many people received the Spirit baptism after reading these leaflets. Moreover, those who were immediately healed of their sicknesses have written to us their testimonies. A Bro. Feng of the Church of Makung in the Taiwan Straits had suffered from a leprosy-like skin disease for many years. One day, while he was stamping the address of the Church of Makung on the leaflets entitled *Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?* the Holy Spirit told him to read the leaflet. After he read it, God said to him, “You are healed!” He quickly knelt down and prayed in tongues. While praying, his whole body shook. When he got up, he found that the skin disease had left him and he was completely

cleansed. Hallelujah! Glory be to the Lord's Name!

May the brothers and sisters of Malaysia and Singapore unitedly distribute the pamphlets to spread the word of God. When God's words are preached, men's hearts will turn back to God, and Satan will be put to shame. There will be opposition when the truth is preached, but God will gain some whom He has predestined to save. We did not offer much, yet God has been so gracious to the churches in Malaysia and Singapore. If we had offered more, the Spirit of God would have worked even more mightily there. Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, do not be afraid of persecutions! Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake!

Because of our willingness to suffer for the Lord, His truth is preached. There is not much time left and we have to build up the spiritual house quickly according to His will. God has been very gracious to the New Testament Church, and He has high expectations of her. Believers must pursue holiness and never join hands with worldliness, sins, human ideas and friendships, or the false doctrines of denominations. Separate yourselves from them, and the Spirit of God will be with you, for He is a holy and jealous God. If there is a trace of unclean things in the camp (in the body, soul or spirit; at home or at church), God's Spirit will be hindered from working freely. Because He is a holy, evil-hating God, the further we separate ourselves from unclean things, the mightier His Spirit will work. God grants the infinite power of the Holy Spirit to those who are obedient to Him! God knows who are faithful to Him, and He will bless and use them. The righteous God will not forget our work; work done in the Lord will never be in vain.

Although the righteous are often afflicted, those who suffer for the truth are loved by God. The persecutions, tribulations and battles we are facing are unprecedented. Nevertheless, we know whom we believe and are convinced that He is able to keep what we have committed to Him until that Day. I would like to imitate Paul in saying, "Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which

is your glory” (Eph. 3:13). Satan has been trying to destroy the work which God has entrusted to me. With his most vicious schemes, the attacks I suffer in my spirit, soul, and body are fierce. Please pray earnestly for me. Pray also for my children and my co-workers so that they will bear the cross with me, have a share in the Lord’s afflictions and accomplish His work faithfully. The books and leaflets we sent you are the results of our tears and prayers. May the Almighty God greatly bless those who distribute these leaflets and books, as well as and those who read them. May the Spirit of God pour out bountifully upon you.

May the Lord’s truth multiply and be ever victorious!

The Lord’s maidservant,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee & co-workers

18.

A Summary of the Inspiration of 7.21 — the Holy Spirit Rebuilds the New Testament Church

(This is an excerpt from a letter to a brother in Tainan, Taiwan. It has now been printed and distributed to all brothers and sisters. It is a summary of the Inspiration of 7.21 and other revelations. May brothers and sisters receive the message according to your faith.)

March 1965

To the co-workers and brothers and sisters who share in the heavenly calling in Christ,

May the Lord, according to His eternal purpose, abound His grace toward you in all wisdom and prudence through the Holy Spirit.

Thank the gracious Lord, for He has been merciful to us. He has raised up so many of you, the mighty warriors in Taiwan, to co-work with us in attacking the stronghold of Satan. May God bestow upon you a double portion of the Spirit with which He has moved me, His humble maidservant. You should rise and fight courageously for the Lord. He will confirm you as faithful servants chosen by Him. You must suffer for the Lord's truth and fast and watch often for His kingdom. Remind the brothers and sisters to pray often for the literary work of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade and for the sacred work overseas. Let's pray that the Lord will grant us the messages of the Mighty One and that these messages will shake the whole world. May He grant people the spirit of obedience so that whoever hears the truth we preach will accept the words of God with a humble heart.

God has promised that 1965 is a preparatory year. He will uproot what must be uprooted and plant what must be planted. He has also promised to manifest our ministry of proclaiming the rebuilding of the New Testament Church — It is inevitable that great tribulations and battles will be in our way. Recently, I have been severely attacked. The

battles are unprecedented. Therefore, I ask that brothers and sisters pray more for me and my children. May the Lord destroy the wiles of Satan and preserve my children so that they will tread on the path of the cross and fight the good fight with us. Please pray for my co-workers too. May the Lord grant us the spirit of faithfulness, obedience, watchfulness, faith, wisdom and revelation so that we can shatter the power of death and preach the truth despite great darkness. Please also pray for all the workers of the New Testament Church. May the love of God urge them. May He raise up more faithful, strong, courageous, righteous, holy, loving, and evil-hating workers who will submit completely to the Holy Spirit, deny their “self,” obey the commandments of God, and abide by His will to accomplish His work.

Brothers and sisters, the work that God has entrusted to the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade is truly extraordinary. It is an epochal spiritual revolution! God wants us to wipe out all the abominable and accursed things (unscriptural things) and faithfully preach the message of the end time (the complete and holy truth). Some people will misunderstand, reject, attack and persecute us. Since we have the vision from heaven, we shall pour out our lives at the Lord’s feet and give everything to Him. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will break through the evil dominion of darkness, attack the den of Satan, demolish all denominations, and rebuild the spiritual house (the New Testament Church). We shall blow the trumpet of God, announce the coming of His kingdom, and proclaim His judgment and punishment.

Satan is certainly furious and is trying to deceive men by all means. He causes men to reject God’s messages and to hate us who preach them. We know that the Lord had to first shed His blood on the cross before the truth could be preached. So we are not surprised to meet a similar fate. Every brother and sister who is like-minded with us will also face trials and battles. But do not be afraid, for the Lord has baptized us with the Spirit and fire. Do not be surprised when the fiery trials come upon us, for we know that the end is near. Things that oppose the Holy Spirit are being all the more revealed. There will be

unprecedented persecution of the work of the Holy Spirit, which includes the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. Therefore, we know that the Lord's return is near!

The Lord revealed to me: Now the spiritual revolution is at its height. He needs spiritual warriors who are willing to sacrifice their lives to preach the message of the end times. He needs them to warn those who have gone astray, to call them back, and to lead the lost sheep from the denominations back to His only sheepfold — the Holy Spirit and the church.

During the new year, particularly of late, the Holy Spirit revealed that we would face a great trial. True enough, the devil did everything to attack my spirit, soul and body. But the Lord strengthened my faith through these battles. Please pray earnestly for us. May the Lord help us to remain faithful to His trust, even to the point of death. May He also keep all the local churches completely holy and without blemish. May He forbid the little foxes from doing any destructive work. May the Lord give me time to quickly finish writing the books that He has entrusted to me. May He grant me the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that I will fully express His will with spiritual words. May God also protect my children and co-workers from Satan's deceptions and disturbances, that they may be more than conquerors in the Lord and hold fast the sound doctrine. May the Lord destroy all the wiles of Satan and turn them to folly. May the Lord fill up all the loopholes with His precious blood, that the wall may be quickly rebuilt.

I received the Inspiration of 7.21 — the rebuilding of the New Testament Church — before I went to Singapore and Malaysia in 1963. On May 5, 1963, God sent a sister from the West to prophesy to me, saying that the Lord would build the New Testament Church and that He wanted me to preach the message faithfully. On May 6, God sent a Bro. Lim to prophesy that on July 21, there would be a heavy downpour that would bring an end to the drought (Hong Kong was suffering from a drought at the time). True enough, on July 21, 1963, God restored the fundamental faith of the New Testament Church in Hong

Kong. It was a Sunday. The co-workers and brothers and sisters conducted a bread-breaking service. The Sunday before, a servant of God from the West came in the name of the Lord to the church premise (7, 5th floor, Soares Avenue — the place we used to have family services before July 21), announced that God wanted to establish the New Testament Church, and ordered that a bread-breaking service be held on the following Sunday, July 21. Later, God continued to establish numerous local churches in Singapore and Malaysia (the spiritual down-pour ended the spiritual drought). All these were done by God Himself. At first, I did not understand at all. Only after He had accomplished the work that I realized how wonderful the revelation of God was. (This is a long testimony. The details are written in *Acts of the Holy Spirit, Volume II* — the sequel to *A Living Testimony to the Truth*.)

Many leaflets were printed before I went to preach in Singapore. God commanded me to print “7.21” on some of the leaflets. Many people wandered what it meant. During the June 1963 gospel campaign in Singapore and Malaysia, a theology lecturer saw “7.21” and asked me what it meant. I told him that it was an inspiration from God and that it would be understood later when the time came.

At first, even I myself did not know how the New Testament Church should be named. Later, the Holy Spirit revealed that the churches should be named after their localities. In November 1963, when I was commissioned to Kluang, I received a revelation on Haggai 2:1, a verse I had never paid any attention to before. When I was in Kluang, I had questions about the New Testament Church. I felt that the path of the New Testament Church was narrow and difficult to walk on. Then God enlightened me into many revelations. He moved me to read Haggai 2:1, “In the seventh *month*, on the twenty-first *day* of the month...” The words “month” and “day” are italicized, showing that they do not exist in the original text. Then I remembered how we came to Singapore. At first, a brother offered us Thai Airway tickets, but the tickets were later replaced with Cathay Pacific tickets, (for details, please refer to “1963’s Triple April 18” in *Acts of the Holy Spirit*) and

the flight number was 721. I was astonished at the many ways God confirmed this number.

On my way from Kluang to Johor Baru for a gospel campaign, I still had doubts, but God immediately revealed His confirmation through the Scriptures and a vision. Someone wrote me some Bible verses that he had obtained from revelation. These verses were exactly what God had spoken to me. One day, in the garden of a brother's house, God showed me a circular rainbow in the sky. It was a sunny day, yet there was a rainbow. Moreover, it was a circular rainbow, not an arc! How wonderful! I understood that this was a sign of God's covenant with me. God strengthened me with this celestial phenomenon so I would no longer be afraid. This rainbow reminded me of the scene in Revelation 4, which says that there was a rainbow around the throne. On seeing this, I was moved with godly fear. The center of the bow was bright, while the outside was very dark. Gradually, the light within the bow spread out, brightening up the dark area outside the circle and the rainbow faded away. My heart felt that the light signified the New Testament Church, while the darkness outside was the denominations. The believers in the denominations will soon return and be established together with us. This vision made me strong and courageous. Later, under impossible circumstances, I went to Singapore and completed the final work that God had commissioned me to do in Singapore and Malaysia — to establish the New Testament Church.

After the Church of Singapore was established, God immediately led me back to Hong Kong to fight a fierce spiritual battle. The devil did me great harm through many false teachers and brethren. God allowed these to come upon me because He wanted to use Satan's malicious wiles to accomplish His own will. My daughter was deceived by Satan several times, almost abandoning the ministry which God had entrusted to her. However, God wonderfully preserved her. He let her go through Penuel where she wrestled with God and conceded. After she was changed from Jacob to Israel, she willingly offered her life to faithfully preach this truth, even to the point of death. Without

these fierce battles, my co-workers and I would not have understood many spiritual mysteries. (If the Lord permits, I will write them all in a book to let believers know how to discern spirits and wage spiritual battles.)

After going through that period of darkness, we began to realize how precious light was. The light of the truth was then revealed to us. All the afflictions Joseph suffered were to fulfill God's will. Yes, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight! God has made us see much distress, battles, trials, and pain for the edification of His church. God has let us suffer more labor pains, because He wants us to give birth to many spiritual children. For as soon as Zion is in travail, she will give birth to her children.

Therefore we will suffer like the woman pursued by the great, fiery, red dragon in Revelation 12. In the last days, Satan will do his best to persecute and destroy the work of the Holy Spirit. Any vessel who co-works with the Holy Spirit will also be persecuted by Satan! This woman who was clothed with the sun (the Holy Spirit has restored the complete, holy truth of Jesus Christ — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*), had the moon under her feet (the rebuilding of the New Testament Church), and a garland of twelve stars on her head (succeeding the work of the twelve apostles who were sent out during the early days). A great, fiery, red dragon (the devil), having seven heads and ten horns (the various iniquities; idols; evil religions; heresies; false doctrines; atheism; military; politics; doctrines; theories; entertainment; harmful drugs; worldliness; sins; denominations; plausible knowledge; and things that go against the precious blood, truth, and Holy Spirit) stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born (the devil persecutes the New Testament Church built by the Holy Spirit), for the male Child (the glorious body of Christ, the New Testament Church) will rule all nations with a rod of iron (the overcomers shall reign as kings with the Lord).

After the New Testament Church was rebuilt, many lawless activities of Satan were exposed. In all aspects, he opposes the truth God

has entrusted us to preach. This is just like the last *week* (the very last days) mentioned in Daniel 9:27. The first half of the week refers to the period of the fiercest spiritual battles, and the latter half the great tribulation. The rest of the woman's offspring mentioned in Rev. 12:17 refers to the believers left behind in the tribulation because they failed to abide by the truth. In the tribulation, they will repent and turn around to witness for the Lord Jesus. In the past I could not comprehend these revelations, but now God has let us touch the reality of some of these prophecies in our lives.

The recent union between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism and the alliance between various denominations show that Satan's plan of building Babylon is beginning to take shape. We have seen these works of Satan with our own eyes! Furthermore, the opposition to the truth and Spirit baptism increases by the day and is unprecedented. Now we see what we have not seen. Seeing the appearance of these unlawful acts we know that the kingdom of God is at hand. People often say, "There were many great revivals in the past, but the Lord still hasn't come!" We must know that past revivals were but shadows, because the New Testament Church had not been rebuilt then. For this reason, there have never been as many persecutions as there are now. Now that the work of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* is revealed, Satan's work of constructing great Babylon is also exposed. From this, we are convinced that the Day is indeed near!

In these days of ferocious battles, because God has chosen me to co-work with Him, Satan has gone all out to attack my health. (A while ago there was a rumor that I had died of vomiting blood. Some said that I had become critically ill. Others said that I had become insane...) But many times, the loving hand of the Lord wonderfully healed me. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I was able to overcome all pains and difficulties. He gave me sufficient strength to fast and pray watchfully for long periods of time. Through unceasing prayers, I accomplished the work that He had entrusted to me.

After I left for the gospel campaigns in Singapore and Malaysia in

1963, my co-worker moved into a big house without informing me. She wasted a lot of money recruiting a group of co-workers who had not gone through trials or the discipline of the cross. The result was disastrous. After I returned to Hong Kong, I went through severe trials because of this and almost died. For me to suffer personally is nothing, but it's a serious problem when the truth is hindered. They tried all means to prevent me from moving back to 7, *Soares Avenue, Fifth Floor*, the place where God wants me to serve Him. God finally led us back after many battles and fasting and praying in tears. Many of God's truths are issued from this tiny place to all parts of the world.

On July 14, 1964, God delivered us from the land of captivity and led us back to His house. More wonderfully, at the same time He revealed the Inspiration of 7.21 to me. It dawned on me that the fifteenth day of the seventh month — July 15, as stated in Leviticus 23:34 — is the Feast of Tabernacles. (God brought us home, signifying the Feast of Tabernacles.) The Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes the church on earth and also the everlasting tabernacle of New Jerusalem in heaven. The feast lasted seven days, the last day being the twenty-first day. John 7:37–39 says that on the last day (twenty-first day of the seventh month — 7.21), the greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, telling all believers to receive the Spirit baptism, because the Holy Spirit wanted to establish the church (the bride of the Lord). This river of living water will flow into eternity (see Rev. 22:17). Although the Jewish calendar is different from ours, the biblical prophecies are revealed by the confirmation of the Holy Spirit, not by carnal substance. In Hag. 2:1, the words “month” and “day” are not in the original text; it only has the number “7.21.” This is indeed a wonderful revelation. It was also during the Feast of Tabernacles that Haggai announced the rebuilding of the temple!

Today, God wants us to proclaim the rebuilding of the fallen tabernacle of David — the rebuilding of the New Testament Church by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Himself confirms this revelation in many ways. It is too wonderful! The different kinds of branches men-

tioned in Nehemiah 8:14 – 17 represent the various denominations. The congregation that returned from the land of captivity made booths with branches of different trees. This signifies that the believers from various denominations will return and be built together by the Holy Spirit into a spiritual house. Isaiah 41:19–20 talks of the same revelation.

True enough, God established His holy church in many different places shortly afterward. Although we have not gone to Taiwan, God has heard our pleas and chosen a group of beloved brothers and sisters there. Many find it hard to believe and accept the fact that God has chosen me, an insignificant and unworthy sister, to do this work. Because of this, the spiritual battles that I encounter are exceptionally numerous. Nevertheless, God led me through the valley of Baca (tears) and let me see a spring (the New Testament Church), and the blessings from the early rain (the Holy Spirit). (See Ps. 84:6).

Dear brothers and sisters, I am a lowly sister who is weaker and slower than anyone else. It is all because God has approved me and chosen me to be His mouthpiece to rebuke sins and false doctrines in this dark generation. When God called me, He gave me Jeremiah 1 as my motto in preaching. He also revealed Jeremiah 33:3 to me. He wants me to imitate Jeremiah and serve Him with tears. My heart stands in awe because His grace is especially great upon me. When He confirms my ministry in many ways, I cannot help praising and thanking Him for His grace. Although many people in Hong Kong who oppose the Spirit baptism are doing everything they can to attack me, the Lord has protected me. When they saw that they couldn't knock me down, they used my past to defame me, intending to make me feel unworthy of God's work, so I would give up. Actually, I felt unworthy long ago, but the more the forgiveness, the more the love. Whenever I think of the grace of God, I can only praise Him with tears. His love is too profound to express in words.

Dear brother, you are blessed because you have understood a very important thing, that is, God has to find a vessel in each era before He

can start a revolution (or a revival). “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent” (John 6:29). God has chosen us, the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade, to co-work with Him as the ministers of Christ, of the gospel, of the New Testament and of the Church. He wants us to bring forth the capstone in these last days (see Zech. 4:6–10). If all brothers and sisters are like-minded with us, the work of God will be accomplished.

“Believe in the LORD your God (the Holy Spirit), and you shall be established; believe His prophets (the vessel appointed by the Holy Spirit), and you shall prosper” (2 Chron. 20:20). In the past, God showed Moses the pattern of the tabernacle. But Moses alone could not build it. God prepared Aaron, the Levites, and the rest of the Israelites to work with him. Today, God has also shown me, His humble vessel, the revelation of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. He wants me to spread this good news to every beloved brother and sister in the Lord. The Lord also needs every co-worker and brother and sister in Christ to build with Him in one mind. Only then will His work be completed. The vessels are nothing; all they do is convey the will of God to brothers and sisters. May every brother and sister obey God’s will and stand on the same battle front with Him. May they blow the trumpet for Him!

At the end of last year, when we were in poverty, God gave us a collotype printer. Since then, we have published His messages daily, meeting the needs of both believers and unbelievers in all the world. Although we are often without a single penny, we have never lacked in the enormous costs of printing and postage. “As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:10). God is using us, who have nothing, to manage a big spiritual enterprise. Last year, we sent out nearly a hundred thousand books. More leaflets were printed, and hundreds of thousands were sent out in a matter of days. God confirmed that He would open the gospel door in all places through these silent messengers. Believers were fervent in distributing our spiritual books, even in the face of persecutions. They

are willing to bear the cross.

Through these silent messengers, the full gospel is preached far and wide, and the Holy Spirit works with wonderful results. Brothers and sisters in mainland China have also received these spiritual publications and are desirous for the Spirit baptism. Many have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoken in tongues. Their spirits are revived and their sicknesses healed. Often, a single tract or book is circulated and read by many. All these are done by God Himself. We render all glory to Him.

I mention you all by name in my daily prayers. I am anxious to meet all of you soon so that we may offer prayers of sweet savor to the Lord together. Presently, printing books is taking up most of our time. Due to great demand in all over the world, we are printing books day and night. I have yet to complete writing *Acts of the Holy Spirit* (the sequel to *A Living Testimony to the Truth*). I know that God has His own time for me to finish it. He wants me to experience more pains and crushing, for only then will His truth be fully made known through me. Every day we receive letters inquiring about various aspects of the truth. Other than answering these letters, we still have to deal with many spiritual problems. I hardly have time to rest. The more difficulties we have, the more we have to pray.

Thank the Lord! Although it seemed impossible to overcome each difficulty that confronted us, our faithful God heard our unceasing cries and led us through. After returning from Singapore and Malaysia, God let me experience endless terrifying storms. But I thank the Lord, since He is above the waves, I was able to sail through safely. From these experiences, I learned how to help, console, support, and edify brothers and sisters on this narrow path of the cross.

God is very anxious to nurture and edify the workers of the New Testament Church because they are the lifeblood of the Church. Workers must be well established by the Holy Spirit and be firmly grounded in the complete truth before the truth can be widely preached. In a vision, God showed me that now in Taiwan, there is a group of faith-

ful workers who are willing to be martyrs for Christ's sake. God will send them to various places to preach the message of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. Many brothers and sisters who love God have written to me to confirm this. May all co-workers and brothers and sisters pray earnestly for this matter. I am confident that God will bestow great blessings upon us. May the Lord equip us so that we will devastate the camps of Satan when the time comes! May the Lord's truth grow and be victorious!

Called to be a maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
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19.

Re-Enter Seclusion to Accomplish the Lord's Work

(A letter to the brothers and sisters in Tainan)

April 25, 1965

Peace to you, the beloved brothers and sisters who are called to be fellow members in Christ:

“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). Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God” (2 Cor. 4:12). “We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you” (2 Cor. 4:8–12).

Thank and praise the Lord! He has let me experience the mystery of the cross. That is, first to die and then to live, first to lose and then to gain, first to fail and then to triumph. Lately, after we had experienced a great trial of fire, the will of God was revealed. He tested the co-workers and me in many ways, so that after experiencing death, we could understand the mystery of life. Satan has been ferociously attacking my spirit, soul and body in recent months. But I know that God has His good purpose in permitting it. Through this, He urges me to quickly finish the literary work that He has entrusted to me. When

the revelation of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the glorious New Testament Church* is widely preached through literature, the city of Jericho (the walls of the denominations) will collapse. When the mighty words (the complete truth) of God are issued from the throne and flow out of the sanctuary, they become a river (of truth) which makes all things live wherever it goes. “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it (believers in the denomination shall return to the New Testament Church and be established by the Holy Spirit)” (see Mic. 4:1).

On the 18th of this month, God sent a sister to prophesy to me, telling me to go into seclusion to complete His work. At the same time, I was physically attacked by Satan. I knew that God was urging me to stop preaching from the pulpit and enter seclusion to finish the literary work He had entrusted to me.

We recently encountered ferocious battles. Day and night, my co-workers and I had to pray earnestly to deal with the numerous attacks of Satan. We also had to reply to letters that came from various places to defend the truth. As a result, I have made little progress in writing *The Golden Candlestick* and *Acts of the Holy Spirit*, which concerns many revelations. I have really fallen short of the Lord and brothers and sisters. May the Lord and all of you forgive me. Realizing that I do not have much time left on earth, my heart is very anxious to finish the Lord’s work quickly. I’m even more anxious to go to Taiwan to meet with my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ and to impart to you the Word of life which the Lord has revealed to me and let me experience. However, God made me realize that the most important work was the literary work. If the literary work He entrusted to me was not completed, I would not go out to work. God wanted me to regard myself as dead and put away all the things that kept me busy. So I obeyed Him, and went into seclusion to fast and pray wholeheartedly, and wrote the contemporary messages, the revelation of the truth, that He had shown to me.

From the church premises, No. 7 Fifth Floor, Soares Avenue, day and night books are being printed, packed, and sent out. There is a lot of work, and many brothers and sisters come here to serve the Lord, so it is hard to find some quiet moments in the premise. Thank the Lord for preparing a small wooden hut for me on the sky loft, where I can draw closer to Him and serve Him in peace. Please pray earnestly for me and for this small hut, so that I can accomplish the Lord's work without any hindrance or disturbance.

God has wonderfully confirmed the project of rebuilding the spiritual house, which He wants to do in these last days. Not too long ago, we had great financial difficulties that seemed impossible to solve. When we were in despair, God became our hope. He wonderfully moved brothers and sisters from all places to offer money and time to help complete the various sacred works. Many of them testified that God moved them to offer money for the sacred work, and they had no peace in them when they tried to quench the motivation of the Holy Spirit. God even vividly helped them fulfill His demand. That was how God solved our grave problem. He strengthened our faith through this great test. Hallelujah!

God wants us to completely trust and obey Him, and hold fast His holy truth unconditionally. He forbids us to compromise with the denominations, men's will, false doctrines, or sins. God's will is to demolish the denominations and rebuild His spiritual house. He needs to raise up large numbers of New Testament Church workers who are faithful, strong, and courageous to speak on His behalf against the erroneous beliefs of the denominations and to guide the lost sheep back to the sheepfold. We are not dealing with the brothers and sisters of the denominations, but the man-made organizations that lead them into captivity and prevent them from obeying God's will. God does not expect much from us, He only wants us to do His will. (Please read Matt. 7:21–29; John 14:21–24; 1 John 2:3–6, 15–17.)

After receiving the Spirit baptism, we must, by the Holy Spirit, put to death the deeds of the body, deal with the lusts of the flesh, the old

self and, most of all, come out from the organizations of men. Old Adam (natural man) hinders believers from doing God's will individually, and the age-old denominations (man's organizations) hinder them from doing God's will congregationally. Therefore, we must undergo the death of the cross daily, forsake our old self, and willingly be forsaken by others. Then the life of God will be manifested through us. We have to cast out the idea of seeking our own plans and interests. Let the Holy Spirit reign and find rest in us. If God's will can be carried out in us, both God and men will find rest. Our Lord Jesus baptized us with the Holy Spirit and fire so that we could gain power to obey the Holy Spirit and do God's will.

David vowed to the LORD, "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob" (Ps. 132:3-5).

May the Lord grant every one of us the determination like that of David. May God help us not to run away from the breaking of the cross. The New Testament Church has to suffer with Christ so that she may, with Him, enjoy glory and rule all nations with a rod of iron. Through afflictions, a man learns to be obedient, and by obeying he will satisfy the Lord's heart. Let us learn to obey the Holy Spirit and deny the old self. We will not stop learning this lesson. May the Lord break us every day so we can become His habitation. When God's children are willing to obey His will and accept the breaking and molding of the cross, they will surely discard the denominational signs, organizations, systems, human ideas, traditions, and theological theories. If man is willing to humble himself, the Holy Spirit will move and work freely in him, and revival will come upon this generation.

Let us pray to the Lord together, "Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place (the Lord's church), You and the ark of Your strength (the mighty Holy Spirit). Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness (workers of the New Testament Church be filled with the holy and righteous Spirit, and preach the Lord's word with power), and let Your saints

shout for joy (all believers receive the complete testimony of Jesus Christ)” (Ps. 132:8–9). May the grace of the Lord abound in us and the truth be widely preached!

Called to be the maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

20.

Do Not Fear Any Difficulty That Comes Your Way

(A Letter to the Brothers and Sisters in Taiwan)

May 11, 1965

Peace be to my beloved brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling in Christ:

I long for all of you in the Lord. Although we have not met before, whenever I received and replied your letters, I would lay hands on them and pray for you all. Everyday, when I mention your names in my prayer, I feel as though we are worshipping God together. May the grace of God be with you always, that you may stand perfect and complete in all His will. In all things let's walk worthy of the God who called you into His kingdom and glory.

When Bro. Chow came from Taiwan, he brought us good news of your faith and love. He told us that you always think of us and long to see us just as we long to see you. We also know that many dear brothers and sisters have been fasting and praying for us, and also keeping vigil for us 24 hours a day. Your faith and love have greatly comforted us in our afflictions. There were also offerings of money, including two gold rings. We thanked our heavenly Father and receive His grace with tears and prayers. Beloved brothers and sisters, your prayers in love and the money you offered out of concern for my health and my work have become a sweet sacrifice acceptable to God. We greatly treasure such a precious sacrifice. May God supply all the needs of your spirit, soul and body in Jesus Christ according to the riches of His glory. We give all glory to God. Amen!

I know that God's love moved you all to be concerned for my health. Thanks the Lord! He has kept me mentally and physically fit to handle the many difficult circumstances and heavy workload despite my long-

term fasting. Hallelujah! My tongue has been attacked by Satan, making it somewhat difficult for me to speak, pray and eat. Nonetheless, I thank God, for His grace is sufficient for me, and His strength is made perfect in my weakness.

The end-time spiritual revolution that God is going to stir up has to be a success. (It will not fail for He will not permit it.) For this reason, I need to offer up more prayers. The Lord is wonderful! He is the faithful Almighty God. There is no mountain too big that He cannot remove and no ocean too deep that He cannot cross. By His grace, I will be more than a conqueror. The Lord is my helper, what can Satan do to me? Hallelujah! The wiles of Satan will always turn into foolishness, and all his plots will eventually fulfill the will of God. I need God to break and deal with me more because I fail to satisfy Him in many ways. A vessel must be tried and molded before God can freely use him. Through all the trials we encounter, God has increased the burden of brothers and sisters to pray for me. He has also increased our burden for His work. This is the good pleasure of the Father. Let's thank and praise Him.

The time has come for God to accomplish His work. The walls of the denominations will be demolished, and the New Testament Church will be established everywhere. No one can hinder the work of God. The Lord's hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? According to the leading of the Lord, I am now in seclusion, writing messages — the truth and revelation on rebuilding the New Testament Church. God has wonderfully confirmed this revelation in various ways. Many people in various parts of the world have begun to pay attention to this work of God. They have seen this revelation and vision of building the church and hope to be established by God in their respective localities at an early date. God will expedite the literary work to support the great revival He is about to bring in. Therefore, we have to speed up our work.

Dear brothers and sisters, blessed are you who serve with us to further the truth in Taiwan! May the Lord strengthen your faith. We

know that God has chosen a group of mighty men (workers of the New Testament Church) in Taiwan, just like the sixty valiant men in Song of Solomon 3:7–8, who dedicated their strength to King Solomon (the Lord Jesus Christ) and his couch (the New Testament Church). These are the valiant men of Israel. They all hold swords (uphold the complete faith of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit), being expert in war (workers are chosen to fight for His complete truth). Every man with his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night. (In the last days, there will be fierce attacks from Satan. The day for the Lord to receive His bride is approaching. Workers must gird their loins and be watchful for the flock). The Lord said to me, “Some day, the believers from the denominations will return to the New Testament Church according to My predestined will.” Now the spiritual revolution has started, and the battles will be numerous. Many people do not understand the truth and oppose it, but they will understand one day. Some people may harden their hearts and refuse to obey the truth, but they will repent when tribulation comes. Those who obey the Lord after hearing this message are blessed. Those who co-work with the Lord in this spiritual revolution are even more blessed, for they will gain glorious rewards.

The second edition of *A Living Testimony to the Truth* has been published and will soon be sent to you. May brothers and sisters distribute them according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The work of editing the *New Testament Church Hymnal* is rather tedious. We will first send you the main section of the hymnal to meet the urgent needs of brothers and sisters. Please pray earnestly for this matter. At the time God entrusted us to freely give out books in large quantities, we were penniless and did it entirely by faith. Thank and praise the Lord! He is the Lord of all. When we stepped into the Jordan, the river turned back. He provided so bountifully for us that we have never failed to meet the great publishing and postage expenses every month. God wants these books to be distributed unlimitedly to all parts of the world. We know that there will be an even greater demand for books and He will

prepare everything we need. A while ago, we confronted great and unprecedented financial stress. It looked as if we could not overcome. However, we thank God for showing us His mercy when everything seemed so hopeless and critical. His grace was beyond what we had expected and asked for.

Therefore, brothers and sisters do not be afraid of difficulties, because our Lord is ever faithful and trustworthy! Whoever trusts in Him will not be ashamed! Lately, God moved me to pray more for brothers and sisters who are willing to forsake all to follow Him. May the Lord add to them faith, love and faithfulness so that they will not look at the circumstances or themselves, but solely upon Him, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Just as He has been merciful to me, may He likewise be doubly merciful to every worker who is willing to depart from the denominations and enter His field (the New Testament Church) to serve Him by faith. I know that many brothers and sisters have problems, and I am confident that the Lord will help you overcome them. Sometimes the Lord will test and train your faith with difficulties. Do not fear. Know that if you overcome your difficulties by the Lord's grace, blessings from heaven will pour out upon you. Many think that the path of faith is risky. They don't know that it is actually the most blessed and secure way. This path of faith is also a blessing to many others.

Brothers and sisters, faithfully follow the Lord! He will bear all your responsibilities. I often write and inquire the brothers and sisters in all places to pray for the workers of the New Testament Church God is going to raise up in Taiwan. Brothers and sisters of the Church of Hong Kong fast and pray a day each week, and they also have been praying earnestly for this matter. May the Lord stretch forth His hand and uphold every worker He has chosen. No soldier needs to serve at his own expense, for *Jehovah-jireh* (the LORD will provide) is the name of our Commander! Hallelujah! The more we separate ourselves from the denominations, the more God will confirm and bless us.

Brothers and sisters, you must fight the enemies courageously. Love

one another sincerely, and obey the Holy Spirit in all matters. Some spiritual matters may seem wrong and cause much sorrow and despair. But if you patiently pray, wait, and watch, you will realize that the seemingly wrong things are actually a guide that leads you onto the right path. The things that disheartened you will bring you unexpected blessings. In all things, God works together for good to those who love Him, for His wisdom is infinite. We must trust and obey Him completely. At times our prayers seemed unanswered and instead, adverse circumstances come upon us. It is God testing our faith. Do not doubt or be discouraged, but rest assured that the Lord will help you till the end.

May the grace of God abound in you and the truth of the Lord flourish!

The maidservant of Jesus Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

P.S. We have just sent you a large shipment of books and leaflets. Have you received them? Our literary work has been much hindered. If the Lord wills, may He prepare some brothers and sisters in Taipei and Tainan who have the burden to help print and distribute some of the books and leaflets in Taiwan. The co-workers must often pray and watch in one mind. May the Lord Himself arrange and prepare all our needs. Please pray for this matter. If brothers and sisters are moved to do the printing, please write and discuss this with us. May the grace of God abound in you. (Please excuse me for my bad hand writing.)

I am now writing *The Acts of the Holy Spirit* — a sequel of *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, and also *The Golden Lampstand*. Please pray earnestly for this.

Please note: During services, brothers and sisters must observe the law of the Spirit. Forbid all unedifying actions and sounds that come from the flesh. In all things, bring honor to the truth of God, and put no stumbling block in anyone's path. Let the Holy Spirit work freely in the meeting. The beginning and ending of both singing and praying in tongues must be according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must not only abide by the law of the Spirit during church meetings, but also obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in our daily life and walk in the will of God. My co-workers, Bro. Fan and Sis. Esther have left Singapore for Hong Kong. Some co-workers from Singapore and Malaysia may be coming to Hong Kong very soon. I hope that God will also bring co-workers from Taiwan.

21.

Take Heed to Cleanse the Lord's House

(A Letter to an Elderly Brother in Taipei)

May 25, 1965

Dear brother,

Peace to you and your family in the Lord. I have received your letter. We are extremely thankful for the grace of God. We are nothing but He still moves so many brothers and sisters to love us, fast and pray vigilantly for us. We do not know how to repay the grace of God and the unfeigned love of brothers and sisters. I can only pray that the Lord will pour upon you — beloved brothers and sisters the heavenly riches and the joy of the Spirit.

Dear brother, may the church established by God in your house prosper greatly, for God will not uproot what He has built. The Lord will increase the number of the house of Israel like a flock. He will also increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the fields so that His New Testament Church will no longer suffer disgrace of famine among the nations. Thus says the Lord, “Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it” (Jer. 33:6, 9).

Dear brother, all the Lord's word will come to pass in this last generation. The rebuilding of the New Testament Church by the Holy Spirit was planned by God long before creation. Even the books of the prophets testify to the building of His glorious church in this last generation. God has predestined us to co-work with Him in this work. How blessed we are!

Dear brother, since God has chosen your house to be His house, to

be the temple of the Living God, you should take heed to cleanse the temple of the LORD. Discard all the accursed things that disliked by God, such as: traditions, leaven of the denominations (including the wearing of caps and head veils), and worldly possessions (worldly pictures, radios, televisions, worldly books and magazines, etc.). Only then the holy, evil-hating Spirit of God can work freely in your midst. Brothers and sisters must also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, purge away all maliciousness, selfishness, strife, clamor, backbiting, gossip, envy, deceitfulness... so that the Lord will bless you bountifully and do greater works among you.

After entering Canaan and being established, we will meet a lot of battles. These few days, God has been leading me to write a message on this aspect of the truth. It will soon be published in *The Golden Lampstand*. If the Lord permits, I will send you a copy so that you may have a share in the Lord's grace. We remember the church of the Living God daily in the Lord. He lifts us who are needy from the ash heap and raises us who are poor from the dust. Through the years, God has gradually revealed to us the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. He has also increased our burden to pray for the rebuilding of His church and made us offer all to Him in tears.

Thank the Lord! He has done wonderful things in us. None of the works is done by us but by the gracious Lord Himself. We give all glory to Him. God spent many years training Moses and Joshua for the sake of the children of Israel. Vessels of God must undergo all kinds of trials, moldings and breakings in order to become His useful vessels. Therefore, before we can be sent by God to accomplish His work, we have to be strictly dealt with. If the old self is not thoroughly purged, the heavenly abundance — the riches of Christ — will not be manifested through us. Thus, God gives us the bread of adversity and the water of affliction to benefit us, that we may learn to obey in the furnace of afflictions. The teacher will no longer hide himself (see Isa. 30:20). The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, will lead us to touch the truth of the New Testament Church — the mystery of Christ, with our life

so we may preach the mystery clearly and accurately.

O Lord, how great is Your wisdom and how deep is Your love! How can we, the lowly people, comprehend them? Who has been Your counselor? Who has first given to You, that You should repay him? O Lord! We can only bow ourselves and worship You. Since our natural man often hinder the progress of God's work in many ways, we have to be strictly dealt with, uprooted and demolished by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then we will be established, planted, and sent to build His house and plant in His field (the church). We thank the Lord for His mercy. He constantly trains us, a group of unworthy vessels, the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade.

Grace — the pentecostal grace — the *Holy Spirit* baptizes and establishes the saints.

Jesus Christ — the Passover Lamb who shed His precious *blood* for us.

Crusade — The evangelist group that preaches the complete truth (*water*), that wars against the old leaven and builds up the holy new lump, the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth — the *New Testament Church*.

When God first gave us this precious name — Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade, we were ignorant of its spiritual significance. Recently, God has been gradually revealing to us the meaning of the verses in 1 Corinthian 5:7–8. Only then did we realize His good purpose in this wonderful name. This is a new name written on the white stone (see Rev. 2:17). He has chosen us, this group of simple and incompetent workers, to be the ministers of the full gospel, ministers of the New Testament Church and the stewards of His mysteries (1 Cor. 4:1; 2 Cor. 3:6; Eph. 3:7; Col. 1:23, 25).

Though we are weaker and poorer than anyone else, we have a heart to dedicate ourselves willingly and totally to the Lord so He can use us freely. Through the prayers of brothers and sisters in love, God has placed this treasure (the Holy Spirit) in us (small, lowly vessels) so we may preach the complete truth of the Lord in this crooked and

perverse generation. The light of God will shine in this dark generation because before His judgment comes upon the earth, He will show His mercy. He will raise up Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. When the truth concerning the revelation of the *rebuilding of the New Testament Church* is preached, Christians and preachers in the denominations will be spiritually enlightened. The Holy Spirit will rebuild the New Testament Church throughout the whole world, and the full gospel of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit will be preached to all nations.

Brothers and sisters, be diligent and faithful in doing the will of God. Supplicate for Jerusalem (the New Testament Church) until God establishes her and makes her a praise in the earth! God has ordained workers (the seven priests) to hold fast the complete truth (to bear the seven trumpets of rams' horns) and charge towards the strongholds of Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit (to walk before the ark). I beseech brothers and sisters to pray faithfully in one heart (the Israelites daily marched round the city in one accord) until the time is ripe (the seventh day). The workers must proclaim the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church* to this generation (the priests blew the trumpets). All Christians must respond with one accord (the people responded and shouted with a great shout), and the walls of the denominations (Jericho) will collapse by themselves. Hallelujah! (See Joshua 6.)

Dear brothers and sisters, though we are anxious to meet you in Taiwan, we have to wait for the Lord's time because this revival is not only about Taiwan but also the whole world. God wants to send this glorious message to the whole world through the literary work. May the Lord accomplish this wonderful work in 1966. Brothers and sisters need to pray earnestly and beseech God to raise up vessels to translate these spiritual books into all languages to keep pace with the great revival. My daughter Ruth and Sis. Esther have begun to translate *A Living Testimony to the Truth* into English. I am also writing books on various aspects of the truth. Continue to pray diligently with us in the

love of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord fulfill all that pleases Him. When the testimony and signs (the banner of the Lord) of the local churches are raised, God will boast victory over Satan, and the end of the denominations will come! God will reclaim all the lost lands. When the light shines, darkness will disappear! All nations (Christians of the denominations) shall flow to the mountain of the LORD's house, to the sanctuary which is called by the LORD's name (the New Testament Church) to worship and serve Him in spirit and in truth. Blessed are those who live in Jerusalem!

The Golden Lampstand, Volume I and the *Acts of the Holy Spirit* will be published soon. Under the guidance of the Lord, future publications of the truth on the New Testament Church will be included in *The Golden Lampstand*. The *New Testament Church Hymnal* will also be published soon. The second edition of *A Living Testimony to the Truth* has been printed, and the *Fellowship in the Spirit, Volume II* will be out shortly. The second edition of *The Testimonies of the Saints in Singapore and Malaysia* will be available in a couple of days. Please remember our work in your prayers. You are welcomed to write us for these books to help in distribution. May the Lord bless all the brothers and sisters.

May the Lord's grace abound.

The maidservant of Jesus Christ,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

**Letters about
Defending the Truth**

1.

Should Workers of God Defend the Truth? Should Sisters Wear Veils to Cover Their Heads?

(This is a letter to a brother who could not fully agree in his spirit with the books, Clarification of the Truth and Wearing Veils & Prophesying. This letter is being reprinted and distributed to brothers and sisters who have similar problems.)

Dec. 6, 1964

Dear brother in the Lord,

Satan will never let go of any brother or sister who loves and seeks God with a simple heart. He will try all means to make them gradually shift their tents to Sodom, leaving God's will and moving closer to human ideas. Therefore, I have been watching and praying for the brothers and sisters in Taiwan, and for you as well. Recently, your letters have been few. This makes me worried that your love has grown cold from the influence of men's words. May the Lord preserve you to be faithful always, and let you judge things by God's truth, not by men's feelings.

Brother, in a little while, He who is coming will come. How we should remain watchful! Satan makes people give up on themselves and deceives them by into thinking that fate determines who will gain the crown. However, the Lord wants us to be faithful even to the point of death and hold fast what we have, lest others take away our crown. This world is not our home. There is nothing on earth that we yearn for, for we have a glorious and beautiful homeland with our Lord. We must not say with our lips, "May the Lord come soon," while our hearts still desire for the secular things, which include denominations and religious concepts. We must pray and defend the truth with the spirit of martyrdom.

During the reign of King Ahab, there were seven thousand Israel-

ites whose knees had not bowed down to Baal, but God needed only one Elijah. Let us not receive His grace in vain, but be filled with the spirit and power of Elijah. The power of Elijah was the strength of righteous that made him hate what God hated and kill the false prophets on Mount Carmel. If Elijah had spared the prophets of Baal, the drought would have been prolonged, and the people would continue to be deceived by the false prophets. When Elijah was willing to give his life to testify for the LORD, the true and false prophets were revealed (see 1 Kings 18). Although Jezebel relentlessly pursued Elijah, God was with him.

God always reveals the ministry of His chosen workers through circumstances so that men cannot deny it. For example, in the New Testament, Paul, the servant of Jesus Christ, boldly rebuked heresies and guarded against poisonous leaven, because the New Testament Church is the real unleavened bread of sincerity and she will not be defiled by any poisonous leaven.

While the Lord was on earth, He healed the sick, preached the gospel, and severely rebuked the hypocritical Pharisees who kept the code of law and refused to abide by the truth. In defending the gospel, Paul was harsh in rebuking those who had perverted the gospel (see Gal. 1:6–10). He would not tolerate those who slandered the truth; no, not even for a moment. (See 2 Tim. 2:16–18; 4:14–15; Acts 13:8–12.) Paul was not being narrow-minded, nor was he unable to take persecutions. Paul rebuked them because they went against the truth and had ruined the faith of many. He rebuked them because he wanted to stand up for the truth. He contended for the faith in order to prevent more people from being deceived by what was falsely called knowledge. Paul was not defending himself, because he had reckoned himself dead and for him to live was Christ. He knew that all that happened to him was for the furtherance of the gospel. If two cups of medicine are placed before a sick man, one being the genuine medicine that heals while the other is a fake medicine that brings death, can we hold our peace without telling the sick man which is which? If a man deceives

others with his fake medicine which kills, can the seller of the genuine medicine stay silent and be indifferent about it?

The new book, *Critique on Today's Charismatic Movement* by Wu has harmed the spirits of many believers. After reading the false messages in this book, many believers who once longed for the Spirit baptism now completely oppose it. Not only the believers in Hong Kong were poisoned, but also the believers and theological students in Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, and America. Almost all the believers in Hong Kong have read books that are against the Spirit baptism. The most common one is *Critique on Today's Charismatic Movement*. Even brothers and sisters who had received the Holy Spirit were also stumbled! Because of this, many oppose and persecute the Spirit of grace, thinking that it is an evil spirit. Thankfully, you were not poisoned by these books, or oppressed by the denominational preachers who used these books to forbid people from receiving the Spirit baptism. Perhaps that's why you do not find this matter detestable. Brother, do you think that this is forbearance in love? If you understand the love of the truth and are concerned about the spiritual well-being of men, you should arise to testify bravely for the truth, turn back the backsliding hearts, appease the wrath of God, fill up the gaps and rebuild the wall. This is how God's children are supposed to defend the truth.

As for the attacks of Wu against me, I do not care at all for I am a maidservant of God and I need not avenge myself. Justice will be revealed one day, and God will avenge the innocent blood of His servants. I have no hard feelings towards Wu but only weep and pray for him. I know that he and the preachers who go against the Holy Spirit are acting out of ignorance. I had once also gone against the Spirit baptism out of ignorance. I was poisoned by the books that opposed the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues, thinking that I was being faithful to the Lord while persecuting the Holy Spirit. But God was merciful to me, a lowly person. When I was in critical condition, He delivered me. Therefore, I'll never forget to pray for those who are as

ignorant as I was before. May the Lord be gracious to them as He has been to me. I know that they will turn back eventually.

I also know that God has His good purpose in allowing them to write books to slander the truth we preach, for the truth is only revealed through great battles. Without *Critique on Today's Charismatic Movement*, how could there be the book, *For the Defense of the Truth*? God did not ask me to write books to refute Wu, but His Spirit moved several brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia to write *For the Defense of the Truth* to testify for the truth and for the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has used this book to deliver many of His stray children out of their misconceptions. After reading this book, many preachers and believers who had been poisoned by Wu's book woke up. Shouldn't we be more grateful for the grace of God? Why don't you share the joy with Christ?

The children of Israel committed harlotry with the daughters of Moab in Shittim (Acacia Grove) and provoked God to wrath. Twenty-four thousand of them died in the plague. God's wrath was turned away when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, killed the fornicators by thrusting a javelin through them (see Num. 25). Phinehas was not cruel or merciless; he had an evil-hating heart and his zeal satisfied the righteous demand of God. His action was in accordance with God's will and it saved the Israelites from the tribulation. This love in the truth will benefit the spiritual lives of many.

Therefore, Jude, the brother of Jesus Christ said, "... to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). In these last days, the Spirit of God will work throughout the whole world. Since the Holy Spirit wants to rebuild the New Testament Church (the resting place of God), Satan will surely attack her fiercely. God's children should stand on His side and fight for the truth. We must seek to please Him. God's work will be accomplished whenever we are strong. If Gideon had not bravely pulled down Baal's altar (erroneous religious traditions), which his father had built, God would not have used him to deliver the children of Israel from the Midianites

(see Judg. 6:25 – 34).

Today God wants to reclaim the lost lands, demolish the denominations, rebuild the fallen tabernacle of David (the New Testament Church), abolish the traditions of man-made organizations, and bring men back to the truth (the word of God). Similarly, God needs a group of people who are willing to offer themselves completely on the altar and who are prepared to be imprisoned or killed to coordinate with Him for His work to be accomplished. Who doesn't want to avoid trouble? Who doesn't want to mind his own flesh and avoid conflicts with others? If God had not revealed His Son and His glorious and holy church to us, how would we have dared to boldly preach the word of God amidst the great opposition of thousands? We are humble and lowly, and have no backstage supporter. If God had not sustained us, how could we have the courage to choose this path?

Thank God! He has not forsaken us nor does He mind our foolishness. He has examined us and knows that we have a will to follow Him. Thus, He has set us up for the defense of the gospel, to fight for His land, stand firm in the midst of the adversaries, turn around the adverse situation and lead men back to Him. Since we are not worthy to receive such great grace, we all the more treasure His entrustment and abundant grace. We are willing to be faithful till death to accomplish the entrusted work. Those who seem to be foolish, futile and uncompassionate fulfill God's will. Many people do not understand us and give us bad names, but we are not bothered at all because we have the love of Christ. For we were called to fulfill the will of God. What does it matter? Be it life or death, shame or glory, we are ready for it as long as the Lord's heart is satisfied and His work accomplished.

Concerning your question on wearing veils, I agree with you that it will edify the brothers more if sisters cover their heads. Therefore, according to the Lord's command in the Bible, I keep my hair long as a covering. Long hair is given by God, but veils and caps are made by men. If we introduce the things of man's hand into the worship in the temple, we have belittled the full salvation accomplished by our Lord

Jesus. Then what is the difference between us and the Seventh-day Adventists who observe the Sabbath day and the law?

The ministration and worship of the New Testament Church are of the Spirit, not of the letter. The Israelites entered the tabernacle on the Sabbath. But the believers in the New Testament era enter a greater and more complete tabernacle, that is not made by men, on the day of Christ's resurrection, which is also the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit, to offer spiritual sacrifices. Such offering of spiritual sacrifices is true rest. Although the Israelites kept the Sabbath, they still could not enter the Holy of Holies. The worshippers were not made perfect because their services were according to fleshly ordinances.

Abraham was justified by faith and received circumcision as a seal of justification by faith. The believers in the New Testament are justified by faith in the precious blood for the forgiveness of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the seal of the justification. The true circumcision is the worship in the Spirit, not in the flesh (see Phil. 3:3; Rom. 2:28–29). The Holy Spirit builds all saints into the living body of Christ — a church with functions. The building of the church is totally in the Spirit, not in the letter. If our worship has to be accompanied by man-made objects, then God's construction will be ruined. The Scripture mentions no other means of head covering except long hair. That's because God wants us to worship Him in spirit and in truth, for He is the Spirit and the Truth (life).

Where in the Bible does it say that a piece of cloth should be used as a head covering for sisters? If men try to be clever and add something to the Bible, they are changing the word of God. Brother, you must stand on the righteous word of God, and never be deceived by the voices, ideas and affections of men. Regardless of how long you have served in the Christian Assembly, you don't belong there, you belong to God. You should be mindful of God rather than of men. Every brother and sister of the Christian Assembly should obey the truth, receive the Spirit baptism, forsake all their unscriptural doctrines, and be built by the Holy Spirit into the spiritual house accord-

ing to the Lord's heart.

When you read Joshua 24:12–13, you will know that all grace is given by God, not made by men hands. In the Old Testament, it was common practice among women to veil their faces, but in the New Testament, Paul commanded the believers to worship God in the spirit. Our Lord, the High Priest, by one offering, has made perfect forever; men do not have to add anything. He has become a Priest, not according to the law of a carnal commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. He said to the Father, “Sacrifice and offering (man-made things) You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come — in the volume of the book it is written of Me — to do Your will, O God’” (Heb. 10:5–7). Therefore, all obedience to God must be done in the spirit.

Hair is the only reference made concerning head-coverings, for long hair replaces veils. If anyone tries to be smart and replaces the long hair given by God with man-made objects, he is opposing God, because the practice of wearing veils is also a poisonous leaven handed down from the Roman Catholics.

If we want to serve the LORD (to obey the truth and the Holy Spirit), we must give up the gods on the other side of the river (remove all the traditions and concepts of men). We must regard God as righteous and never be self-righteous. Many of God's ways are beyond men's comprehension. The Catholics think that it is reasonable to have a holy mother, Mary, to intercede for them. Little do they know that their act has belittled the wonderful salvation of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. May the Spirit of God enlighten you. As long as you humbly beseech Him, He will surely direct you (see Jer. 33:3).

Ever since I entered seclusion by the will of God to write *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, I have been fasting and praying about the question of head-covering. God showed me in many ways that wearing veils is unscriptural. Therefore, the New Testament Church established by the Spirit of God does not have any head veils to hinder the work

of the Holy Spirit. A majority of the brothers and sisters of the New Testament Church in Singapore and Malaysia came out from the Christian Assembly and the Gospel Hall (The Brethren). They were willing to give up everything except their veils, because it had taken a deep root in them. However, when the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and revealed His law in them, they understood His will and discarded these veils that God detested. They were just like many of the Methodist brothers and sisters who were reluctant to receive the water baptism at first. After they received the Spirit baptism and worshipped God in spirit, their problem was solved. They willingly came out of the Methodist Association and were water baptized unto the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, as servants of God, we must preach this message to others. If not, how will others know? The head veil has prevented countless people from entering the riches of the Spirit. Many in Singapore and Malaysia rejected the truth I preached because they thought that I did not cover my head. In fact, I have covered my head with long hair according to the teachings of the Bible. If I had not pointed out the erroneous teaching concerning head veils at that time, the truth would have been opposed. Thank God! He strengthens me so that I can boldly preach the mystery of the gospel. As I cannot disobey the vision from heaven, I have to preach according to the will of God, regardless of what men think.

Brother, if I seek to please men, I am not a servant of Christ. I have invested everything in the will of God and all my hope is in Him. Woe to me if I do not preach the word of God willingly and faithfully! When the Lord Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons, many followed Him. But when He mentioned that His flesh and blood were food and drink (the establishment of the New Testament Church), many of them forsook Him (see John 6:53–69). This is also the response we get when we preach God's word. People love to hear us preach on the Spirit baptism, speaking in tongues, and healing sicknesses. But they reject us when we farther tell them that God wants them to discard everything that displeases Him, and that they must lay

aside their own opinions to obey His truth in order to be established by God as the holy bride of His Son. Day and night, I pray that God will grant His children the spirit of obeying the truth so that they may turn from their evil ways and prostrate humbly before Him to seek His face. God will listen to them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their sicknesses. Brother, perhaps you have not carefully read the books, *Clarification of the Truth* and *Wearing Veils & Prophesying*. I hope that God will help you to renounce your prejudices and read these testimonies which are the testimonies of God. Do not be influenced by others. Instead, you should help them depart from man-made organizations and lead them into the Holy Spirit. God is not pleased with carnal love and false humility. Only those who do the will of God will abide forever.

The Lord's maidservant,
Sis. Kong Duen Yee

Editor's Note: After this brother read this letter, the Holy Spirit worked wonderfully in him. He discarded all his prejudices and was moved to read *Wearing Veils & Prophesying* and *Clarification of the Truth*. Later he was led by the Holy Spirit to shave his head to testify to the truth: long hair is the head-covering of sisters. Since then he has been boldly testifying for the truth.

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The Erroneous Beliefs of the True Jesus Church — Including Observing the Sabbath

(This letter is for the believers in the True Jesus Church. Recently, many brothers and sisters in Taiman have written to us, asking about the erroneous beliefs of the True Jesus Church. Therefore, we had this letter copied and distributed to brothers and sisters so that you may defend and hold fast the truth of the gospel.)

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Dear Sir:

We have received your letter. Your willingness to seek the truth humbly is most precious, but there are many errors in the beliefs of the True Jesus Church. I will list and clarify some of them:

1st Error: Neglect of the Lord's Blood for Redemption

Blood, Water and Holy Spirit is the full witness which God bears for His Son, Jesus Christ. But the True Jesus Church lacks the reality of the witness of Blood. They substitute blood with water, saying that there is already blood in the water baptism, so the water baptism can cleanse sins. They have neglected the confession of sins (repentance) before the Lord. They do not seek His precious blood for the forgiveness of sins. This is a great error. Before a sinner thoroughly confesses his sins and is cleansed by the Lord's precious blood (when he is still unsure of salvation), he is bound to receive the evil spirit even when he asks for the Holy Spirit. This is something terrible and this error must be promptly corrected.

Thank the Lord for He Himself guided me to receive and experience the full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit. These are not mere words or rites but my real life experience which is undeniable. Please refer to the testimony of my conversion in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, and you will know how I was born again (saved). I received

the forgiveness of sins through His blood, changed in life, grew to love God and desired for the truth and brought others to Christ. All these are undeniable facts. At that time I had yet to receive the water baptism and Spirit baptism promised by the Father, because I had not understood the complete truth. God let me have such an experience so that I can testify to all the three witnesses of God — *Blood, Water, and Holy Spirit*, that is His full salvation. No matter what, I will not deny the experience of my regeneration (rebirth) through the redemption of Christ's precious blood in 1957, because this witness of Blood is genuine.

The baptism of regeneration (being born again) is the baptism of blood, which is similar to the Israelites' blood-sprinkling at the Passover. Crossing the Red Sea signifies the water baptism; crossing River Jordan signifies the Spirit Baptism; and entering Canaan signifies being established into the New Testament Church. The Lord purchased the church with His precious blood, established her with His Holy Spirit, and washed her with His word (Water). The witness of the church must comprise of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit. The greatest error of the True Jesus Church is their negligence of the witness of Blood and substituting water for blood. They claim that some people have seen blood in the water during baptism. But such visions should not replace the truth of redemption by blood. This great error in the fundamental faith has led many believers into incorrect beliefs. As a result, they have not truly repented and confessed their sins before the Lord, or accepted the salvation in their hearts. They have not truly experienced the forgiveness of sins by the precious blood. Although water baptism is essential, the witness of Water does not end at water baptism. After the water baptism, one has to continue to abide by God's word (Water) for the rest of his life. Baptism comes only after believing in the Lord, for He has promised, *He who believes and is baptized will be saved.* (See Mark 16:16.) One is eligible for water baptism only after he has confessed his sins and accepted Jesus as his Savior. If a person does not believe in the Lord's blood for the remission of sins,

his baptism will be in vain. Some people have no changes in their lives after water baptism because they have not been born again and they do not have the life of Christ. But one who has the life of Christ should not refuse the water baptism, which testifies of his death and burial with the Lord. Water baptism also symbolizes the forgiveness of his sins, his baptism into Christ, and resurrection with Him.

Baptism would be impossible for those who have accepted Christ in dry places. Does it mean that these Christians do not have the life of Christ? Yes, they do. Of course, one cannot refuse baptism when water is available. On many occasions, when I preached to those lying ill in the shadow of death, they repented in tears and confessed their sins in prayers. They also received the Spirit baptism and spoke in tongues. Their hearts were full of joy and peace. They were also willing to accept the water baptism. But on that very night many of them were received by the Lord into the heavenly home. They didn't have the chance to receive the water baptism. Are they saved? Of course! Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. God will have mercy on those who are willing to abide by His word but have no opportunity to do so. He knows their obedience to His word. On the other hand, how would baptism benefit one if he confesses the Lord with his mouth but does not repent in his heart? The Bible says, "...whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:7-10).

It is obvious that those who truly repent will be saved. But a saved

person must obey the Lord's word to receive baptism which testifies of his following the Lord in His death, burial and resurrection. I always beseech the Lord to save those who are on the verge of death so that they may call upon His name before they die. Even if they cannot utter a word, I would still pray that the Lord would awaken their spirits to call upon His name so that they may escape the eternal punishment — the judgment in the Lake of Fire. For those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, shall have life through His name (see John 20:31). The Lord's word is settled in heaven. When a man is still alive, he must not only receive water baptism but also keep His word (Water) after the baptism (see 1 John 2:3–6). The witness of Water is the testimony of the church abiding by the truth on earth. However, one will not have the strength to obey the Lord's word if he is not filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Lord sends us the promised Spirit so that we may abide by His statutes, relying not on ourselves but on the Holy Spirit. Everything depends on the Spirit, not on the law of the flesh or the code of regulations (see Heb. 9:10). What profit is it to those Pharisees who washed the outside of the cup but not the inside? Would not the faith of the dying souls who have repented, confessed their sins, and accepted the salvation be completely wrecked by the erroneous theory if the True Jesus Church maintains that without water baptism there is no salvation?

2nd Error: Falling face down during baptism

The True Jesus Church maintains that one must prostrate (face downward) during baptism, and that this is the correct mode of water baptism. According to them, this method of baptism was seen in a vision by P. Wei. However, there is no such scriptural basis. How can vision be reliable if it distorts the truth in the Scripture? Moreover, P. Wei declared that he had a revelation about Jesus would be coming in a certain year, but it turned out to be a great lie from Satan. How can you be certain that the vision regarding baptism (falling face down during baptism) was not another lie from Satan? Actually, *to be in the*

likeness of the Lord's death does not require anyone to prostrate during baptism. The Lord bowed His head and gave up His spirit when He died. He was not buried face-down in the tomb. The Bible clearly states that He was laid in the tomb. Only sinners like Ananias and Sapphira, who lied to the Holy Spirit, fell down and died!

Baptism signifies death, burial and resurrection with the Lord. How could the Lord have fallen forward in the tomb since He was laid in it and arose from it? The correct way of baptism is to have the believer stand in the water with his head bowed (in the likeness of the Lord's death), confess his sins, pray for the forgiveness of all his sins by the Lord's precious blood, and profess dying with Christ. Then his body is to be totally immersed in the water with his face upward (in the likeness of the Lord's burial). When he comes up out of the water (in the likeness of the Lord's resurrection), he should walk in the newness of life (see Rom. 6:3–6). This method is absolutely biblical and clearly expresses the significance of water baptism — the truth concerning death, burial and resurrection with Christ. Moreover, to be *in the likeness of the Lord's death* does not solely refer to the mode of receiving the baptism. More importantly, this refers to the daily breaking of the spiritual life, the dealing of self by the cross, and to die to self and to live to God (see Rom. 6:10–11). “Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead” (Col. 2:12).

3rd Error: The observance of the holy Sabbath of the Old Testament

The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. When God created all things and man, He wanted man to walk with Him so that He might find rest. But after Adam sinned, men rebelled against God's commandment, walked in their own way and became enemy of God. Thus God lost His rest. For this cause God sent His Son (the latter Adam) to the world to accomplish His full salvation on the cross, leading men to the Father. He cleansed and sanctified them with His

blood, word and Spirit. After His resurrection and ascension, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit to establish the church (His body). All the saints who receive this full witness will be built up into a spiritual house. God puts His law in the hearts of the believers so that they triumph not by flesh, but by the Holy Spirit. Only when the evil deeds of the flesh have been put to death by the Holy Spirit, and man obeys His law, will God and man enjoy true rest (sabbath). This rest does not only testify to the dominion of the Holy Spirit over the church, but also signifies that God will dwell with men in the coming Millennium until the eternal rest in the new heaven and new earth.

“The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath” (Luke 6:5). One will only find true sabbath (rest) when he has the life of Christ. True rest lies in Christ and it is irrespective of which day. If we are so particular about observing this day, then let me ask: does the Sabbath which the Jews observe coincide with our Saturday? God created heavens and earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. Is our Saturday the actual seventh day? Moreover, the earth is round and there is a time difference between the East and the West. How then can this day be kept so precisely? Furthermore, did the Jews who kept it so rigidly gain true rest?

We do not object to the Sabbath day which God had set. However, the rest on the Sabbath was destroyed when Adam sinned. The sins of the Israelites also ruined the Sabbath of the law (the rest of the Sabbath in the Ten Commandments). During the Old Testament era, God often made covenants with men, and His work was done whenever men were willing to keep His covenants. However, it is a pity that though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. The evil law of the flesh had prevented men from keeping God’s covenants. Men often broke and destroyed them. So God had to make another new covenant which He fulfilled by Himself. He sent His beloved Son to the world to be crucified, making a new covenant with men through His blood. He also sent men the promised Holy Spirit. As long as men commit themselves to the Holy Spirit, they will be helped to fulfill the covenant

God establishes in their hearts. The Lord Jesus shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for without shedding of blood there is no remission (To enter the tabernacle, the priest had to pass through the altar and the laver before he could enter the Sanctuary and the Holy of Holies). The Lord rose from the dead to set life free, He gave the law of the Spirit of life to set us free from the law of sin and death. This is true sabbath (rest). It is similar to the circumcision that the Israelites received as a seal of the righteousness of the faith (see Rom. 4:11). Abraham was already justified through faith before the circumcision but circumcision is an evidence of his righteousness through faith. The true circumcision that every New Testament believer receives is the Spirit baptism and submission to the Holy Spirit. “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil. 3:3). “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God” (Rom. 2:28–29). A true Jew is one who repents, believes in the Lord, and accepts the full witness of the truth. He who receives true circumcision is one who worships God in spirit and in truth.

The True Jesus Church preaches on the Sabbath as stated in Isaiah 58:13 and Exodus 31:13. But can they really attain the stage of “*not doing their own ways, nor finding their own pleasure, nor speaking their own words?*” Or are they like the Pharisees, who put on an outward piety for man to see but are not sincerely pious for God? We thank and praise God for He has liberated us so that we can worship Him in spirit and in truth. “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor. 3:17). We are no longer bound by the code of regulations and rules, for the Lord has wiped out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, and took it out of the way by nailing it to the cross. “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of

things to come, but the substance is of Christ” (Col. 2:16–17). Since Christ has made us free, we should not be entangled with the yoke of bondage anymore. Therefore Paul said, “...if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing” (Gal. 5:2). Since we are born of the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Do not make perfect by the flesh, for we are born of the freewoman by promise and not of the bondwoman by the flesh. Paul said again, “You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain” (Gal. 4:10–11, 22–23).

The True Jesus Church stresses that the Sabbath she keeps is not the Sabbath of the law but the Sabbath of grace in Eden. This is wrong. We all know that heavens and earth and all the things therein were created within six days, and on the seventh day, God rested from all His work. God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. However, He did not ask Adam to keep this Sabbath. Later God commanded the Israelites to keep the Sabbath under the law of Mount Sinai, but the Israelites failed to observe it. God created man for the purpose of dwelling with man (that God and man may find rest together), and let man exercise His sovereignty over all things on earth. But Adam sinned and lost the authority. Then God found Abraham who obeyed His words. God chose his descendants, the Israelites, and wanted to make them a nation under His rule, abiding by His will, leading all nations to Him. Regrettably, they sinned and lost this right. Nevertheless, the will of God will not fail due to the corruption of man’s flesh. God has devised a wonderful plan to overcome man’s corruption — He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to the world in the form of flesh and blood to accomplish the complete salvation — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* (see Heb. 2:14). All the experiences of the Israelites in the Old Testament era symbolize the spiritual experiences of Christians in the New Testament. The Sabbath of the law symbolizes the true sabbath (rest) in Christ when Christians receive the full witness (walk in the Holy Spirit). Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward. (That is for a

testimony of the full gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God). For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house (the Comforter, the Holy Spirit) has more honor than the house (the temple). For every house is built by some man; but He who built all things is God (see Heb. 3:3–6). The Lord said, "...there is One greater than the temple... for the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath" (Matt. 12:6–8). Since the New Testament Church is built by the Holy Spirit, she should walk in the Spirit. Aren't we laying wrong emphasis on the truth if we walk in the flesh and regard the observance of the Sabbath as the foundation of salvation while neglecting the precious blood of Jesus Christ? They are like the Pharisees, whom Jesus rebuked, saying, "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!" (Matt. 23:24). Is it right in the sight of God to neglect the rest in Christ but fuss over the day of Sabbath under the code of law? "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (Gal. 2:21).

It is written, *The Lord of the Sabbath rose on the first day of the week*. On that day, He brought true rest — the rest of life to mankind. When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost (also the first day of the week), the disciples who were all with one accord in one place were filled with the Holy Spirit and were established to be the body of Christ, the spiritual house (church). They abided by the will of God, witnessed for the full salvation of the Lord who is the Head of the church, and led all men to repent and obey God. The Spirit of God dwelt in their midst and found true rest.

Therefore the Bible says, "...the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all His works'; and again in this place: 'They shall not enter My rest.' Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, 'Today,' after such a long time, as

it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.' For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest..." (Heb. 4:3–11).

Both the day of the Lord's resurrection and the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came and established the Lord's body — the New Testament Church — fell on the first day of the week. "This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). Therefore, it is right for us to gather together (not to observe the day) to worship the Lord in spirit and in the truth and to hold bread-breaking service in remembrance of the Lord on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came (the first day of the week). This is the testimony of the New Testament Church. We are able to cease from our works, as God did from His, because of our obedience to the Spirit and truth. The rest that was lost because of the first Adam's sin was restored after the last Adam (Christ) was risen and sent down the Holy Spirit. The first Adam was a type of Him (Christ) who was to come. The rest that God could not gain from the first Adam was finally obtained in Christ, His Son.

Why the Lord of the Sabbath was not raised on the Sabbath day (seventh day) and why the Holy Spirit was not sent to establish His body (the church) on the Sabbath day? It is clear that God has appointed a certain day (another rest) for the church to worship Him. When the disciples were all together in one place on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit poured out mightily upon them. They experienced the reality of worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

To emphasize their view of holding the bread-breaking service on the Sabbath day, the True Jesus Church stresses that the Bible does not state that bread-breaking should be held on the first day of the week. This is a very grave mistake. They do not realize that the events recorded in Acts chapter 2 took place on the first day of the week. On

that day, "...about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:1–4, 41–42). Each time the Bible mentions the church breaking bread in remembrance of the Lord, it is always on the first day of the week. It is because the New Testament Church was established on the first day of the week, the day of Pentecost. That day marked the birth of a new era, when God made a new covenant with men.

God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, shed His blood and laid down His life for us. He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and sent down the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. The Comforter Himself releases us from the law. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, ... that we might receive that promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:13–14). Therefore, the New Testament Church no longer serves God under the law, but worships Him in spirit and in truth. Nowhere in the New Testament does it teach the saints to keep the Sabbath or hold the bread-breaking service on Sabbath day. It does, however, clearly state that bread-breaking is held on the first day of the week. This is the pattern of the first bread-breaking meeting of the pristine church. This is the day confirmed by God. Who can deny it? (See Acts 2:42; 20:7.) The apostles entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day was just to contend for the faith because that was the day the Jews would gather in the synagogue. In the synagogue, the apostles reasoned with the Jews the resurrection of Christ (see Acts 17:2–3).

The Sabbath of the law preached by Moses signifies the Sabbath of life — the true rest from Christ. What Christ had preached is more honorable than what Moses had preached because He is the Lord of the Sabbath. The law and the Ten Commandments preached by Moses were written on tablets of stone, but the commandments and ordinances (will) of Jesus Christ are written with life and Spirit on tablets of hearts of those who abide in Him.

"Who (the Lord) has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For on

the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness” (Heb. 7:16, 18). The Israelites went into the tabernacle to worship God on the Sabbath day, but they could not enter the Holy of Holies. The high priest himself could only enter the Holy of Holies once a year by bringing blood. Therefore, worshipers could not be made perfect according to the carnal ordinances. However, after the coming of the Holy Spirit, the saints of the New Testament era can enter a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of the world, and offer a true sacrifice in Christ, a spiritual sacrifice. This is the true rest. The former written code for worship, regulations for food and drink, and ceremonial washings were all ordinances for the body imposed until the time of reformation (a direct translation from the original version means until the time of Amendment — the time of the establishment of the New Testament.) The way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. (If a man remains in a ministration of written code and regulations, or the thought of man, he will not be able to serve in the Spirit.) All offerings not in the Spirit will be in vain. So, when God says “new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete (see Heb. 9:1–10, 8:13).

The True Jesus Church says that Sunday was altered by the Catholics and that the day is supposed to be the festive day of the sun. We do not know anything about it, for we have nothing to do with these legends. We only follow the truth in the Bible. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus, who showed Himself to the disciples. He also sent the Holy Spirit on the first day of the week to establish the New Testament Church. Apostle John was moved by the Holy Spirit on the Lord’s day (the first day of the week) to preach to all the churches the revelation he received from the Lord (see Rev. 1:10–11). Therefore, it is scriptural for saints of the New Testament era to gather, break bread, preach the gospel and testify of the Lord on the first day of the week. On the day of His resurrection, the Lord appeared to His disciples, breathed on them, and sent them out to work. These were fully ful-

filled on the day of Pentecost. (See John 20:19–23; Acts 2:1–4, 41–42.)

4th Error: Maintaining that one can only be saved if he receives the Spirit and water baptism

A believer is saved and born again when he trusts in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. But a saved person should be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, for this is the commandment of the Lord. I personally experienced the profound grace of the Lord's blood, which redeemed and transformed me. Though I had not received the water or the Spirit baptism, it is an undeniable fact that I was a saved and born again person. Everyone noticed the change in my life and saw the love and burden I had for lost souls. No one could deny this testimony. Not only me, but many others who loved the Lord also manifested the life of Christ even before they understood the truth of the baptisms of water and the Spirit. On the contrary, in the books of the True Jesus Church, I can't find any testimony concerning the dealing of sins or seeking the love of the cross and the manifestation of an abundant life. It is because the True Jesus Church has neglected the testimony of blood that is for the remission of sins. As a result, there are many errors in their beliefs. If you say that one is only born again after receiving the baptisms of water and of the Holy Spirit, then I would like to ask this: A person normally receives water baptism and Spirit baptism at different times. Then, when will his rebirth be? After the water baptism or after the Spirit baptism? Does he have to be born again in two stages?

5th Error: Maintaining that infants are saved through water baptism

To baptize babies is another gross error of True Jesus Church. They think that babies should be baptized since the Israelites, both young and old, passed through the Red Sea. They don't know that crossing the Red Sea of the Israelites, with both young and old, symbolizes the

promise of God's salvation for our families. As recorded in Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Since we have been saved, we should pray earnestly for the salvation of our families and preach to them. When the children are young, we ought to guide them to know the Lord so that when they grow up, they will know how to call upon the Lord's name, and accept Him as their Savior. Then they will be ready to receive the water baptism and the Spirit baptism. We saw many children who after confessed their sins and accepted Christ, received the Spirit baptism. God bore witness for them that they were clear of the salvation and had obtained the life of Christ. So, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we baptized them unto the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile we continue to nurture them in the truth, teaching them how to pray and participate in bread-breaking to commemorate the Lord.

Since salvation comes by faith, how can an infant who has no faith bear such a testimony? These infants have not confessed their sins, repented, prayed, or have had any relationship with God. They do not have the seal of the Holy Spirit (evidenced by speaking in tongues); they do not know how to partake of the bread and cup of the Lord worthily; they are still unable to render thanks and praises upon receiving the grace of God. If these infants are baptized and considered saved, then such "certificates" of salvation are issued by the True Jesus Church, not God. God will certainly not acknowledge this procedure as this only produces hereditary Christians, not the children of God begotten through the gospel. The True Jesus Church says that the faith of the parents can replace the faith of their children, and children can be baptized and be saved on account of their parents' faith. This is also a grave error! God has said that each man has to bear his own sins. "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" (Ezek. 14:10, 18:20).

God judges everyone's work according to His righteousness. Parents can only pray tearfully for their children, God will have mercy and give their children a chance to repent. But parents cannot believe in Christ on behalf of their children or vice versa. However, all believers will have a chance to bring their household to believe in Christ and be saved. The True Jesus Church believers argue that parents can consult a doctor on behalf of their sick children, so in the matter of faith, parents can also decide for their children. They fail to understand that sickness concerns only the flesh. But salvation is a matter of faith, which requires personal experience. So no one can receive it on behalf of others. The True Jesus Church is only concerned about the superficial matters of the flesh, whereas God searches the hearts of men. All spiritual ministrations are done from the heart and not outwardly. What God wants is a broken and contrite heart, a torn heart, not a torn garment. If they place all the emphasis on some outward regulations but neglect the reality of the inner life, then the gospel of Jesus Christ will be of no benefit to them.

6th Error: Maintaining that Spirit baptism should be evidenced by the shaking of one's body other than speaking in tongues

This claim of True Jesus Church has no scriptural basis. It is right that the Spirit baptism is evidenced by speaking in tongues. According to the promise of the Lord, one shall receive power when he accepts the Spirit baptism (see Acts 1:5,8). But this power is manifested in our lives, not on our physical body. During our gospel campaign in Singapore and Malaysia, we met many weak Christians who began to overcome sins and lead a victorious life in Christ after their Spirit baptism. They were timid believers in the past, but now they bravely testify for the Lord. This is the power of the Holy Spirit manifested in the lives of the believers. It is certainly not demonstrated through the shaking of the body. However, we agree that some believers do shake their bodies when they are baptized with the Holy Spirit, but this is not

mandatory. This misconception of the True Jesus Church makes her believers fake such an act, shaking their bodies vigorously on their own accord. This is incorrect. The power of the Holy Spirit is shown by the transformation in our lives — leading a holy and victorious life, not by bodily shaking or trembling.

7th Error: The testimony, ministration and name of the True Jesus Church are not in conformity with the Scripture

The True Jesus Church claims that she is the only true church built by the Holy Spirit. Such claim is wrong because the church built by the Holy Spirit must first be cleansed by the precious blood of the Lord. The testimony of Blood, which includes the repentance of sins and the remission of sins by the precious blood, is indispensable (see 1 John 1:7–9; Heb. 9:22, 10:19; Rom. 3:23–25, 27). The believers of this denomination claim that the water contains blood during baptism, so they fail to confess their sins sincerely and be cleansed by the Lord's blood. They have neglected the reality of the witness of Blood which is the basis of our faith. If the foundation is destroyed, what can the righteous do? Although they esteem the witness of the Holy Spirit, their negligence in the precious blood has posed a big barrier to the Holy Spirit. There were cases in their midst when people who had not been cleansed by the Lord's precious blood were possessed by evil spirits when they sought for the Holy Spirit. As a result, they have subjected the Pentecostal grace to slanders and scorn.

The True Jesus Church has her own headquarter and departments with chairman and other officials. She is of no difference from the other denominations.

The naming of the church: The local New Testament Churches established by the Holy Spirit are named after their localities as mentioned in the Bible. For example: Church of Corinth, Church of Ephesus, etc. Any other name is the idea of man. The greatest problem with men is their tendency to add to the word of God whatever they pre-

sume to be good. As a result, the will of God is vague and unclear.

The above-mentioned are some of the errors of the True Jesus Church. May the Holy Spirit supplement any inadequate explanation. I truly know that many of you in the True Jesus Church sincerely seek the truth. The Lord will not forsake those who seek Him. He will appear to them. As long as a person humbles himself, asks the Lord to cleanse him with His blood, and pays the price of bearing the cross and submitting to the truth, the Lord will deliver him from the code of the law, theories, traditions of men, and man-made organizations, and bring him into the full truth to be established by the Holy Spirit. Daily we pray to the gracious Lord to lead His sheep back to His sheepfold, the New Testament Church, where they will be completely free from man-made organizations and be under the control of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Called to be the handmaiden of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
Kong Duen Yee

Letters Concerning the Spirit Baptism

1.

Do All Believers Speak with New Tongues?

(This is an open letter to the saints in all places.

Many believers received the Spirit baptism after reading this letter.)

April 1964

Peace be to my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

From your letters, I can see that your hearts thirst for the Spirit of truth, as the deer pants for the water brooks. We pray for you, that the Lord may fill you with His Spirit. To receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, one must first resolve to discard everything that displeases the Lord. Though it is not easy to purge sins thoroughly before receiving the Spirit baptism, one must have a determination to do so. All sins will be easily dealt with after being filled with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit pours out the love of God in our hearts, we will be able to do what pleases Him and love those who are not lovable. Receiving the Spirit baptism is actually something common; every believer can receive it. Those who doubt may ask, “Is the Holy Spirit given so easily?” No, it’s not easy at all, because our Lord has first paid a great price to die on the cross for us. This great salvation includes the abundant salvation of the Spirit. It’s all up to man to accept or refuse it. For example, a rich man is going to treat you to a great feast. You may either eat now, later, or not at all. But those who are spiritually thirsty, why not come quickly and drink freely of the Holy Spirit — the living water of life? We ought to come before the Lord now and ask for it. Since we have confessed our sins, there is no doubt that we have been cleansed by the precious blood. So by faith speak in tongues because there is no Spirit baptism without speaking in tongues.

Unknown tongues (tongue utterance) is a language of faith. If you

believe in the promise of God that *those who believe will speak with new tongues* (see Mark 16:17), you will by faith speak in tongues, which the Holy Spirit utters through your tongue. In Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, the United States, France, Sarawak, Canada and even in mainland China, many brothers and sisters have received the Holy Spirit and spoken in tongues after reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth* and other spiritual books. The Lord baptized them with the Holy Spirit and fire, because they believed without doubt and did what the Lord had commanded them.

Many brothers and sisters from various places wrote to us saying that they thirst for the Holy Spirit, but there is no one to lay hands on them. In my reply, I explained to them the truth of speaking in tongues by faith, and told them to confess all their sins and rebuke Satan in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by His precious blood. Then they could receive the Spirit baptism and speak in tongues in the name of the Lord. They did so accordingly. Later, they wrote to tell me that they had spoken in various kinds of tongues, words that they had never spoken before. Some tongues were in sentences, others in short phrases. They all testified that since then, they have had peace and joy in their spirits and gained power to work for the Lord.

There are many similar testimonies in Taiwan: preachers, theology students, and devout brothers and sisters have received the outpouring of the anointing. Many of them desire to be established by the Holy Spirit into the New Testament Church. Students in high schools and colleges have also received the Holy Spirit and spoken in tongues after reading such books as *The Green Olive* and *You Shall be Baptized with the Holy Spirit*. I have an uncle in mainland China who had long desired the Holy Spirit. He was baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in new tongues after reading these books and letters. (His testimony is included in Part III Chapter 7, "The Salvation of My Family," of *A Living Testimony to the Truth*) In West Malaysia, two deaf brothers, Bro. Teng and old Bro. Chuang, were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in new tongues after reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. There are

many more such testimonies.

When we fully believe, completely commit ourselves to Him, and let our tongues move freely according to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will utter what the Holy Spirit wants us to. God wants our tongues to cooperate with Him to express our faith. Such an action of faith is like stretching out our hands to receive a present. If we refuse to stretch out our hands, the present will never be in our hands. If we refuse to move our hands, our hands will become useless. If we are willing to move our hands, we can do many things. Likewise, if we do not move our tongues, we can never speak in tongues.

While receiving the Spirit baptism, we must stop speaking words of understanding, because one tongue cannot speak two different languages simultaneously. Before I came across praying in tongues, I had no idea what it would be like and thought that it was mysterious. But later, when I heard others praying in tongues, I longed to receive the Spirit baptism also. So I confessed all my sins before the Lord and offered myself anew to Him. I longed for a heavy downpour of grace to quench the thirst in my heart, but I did not get it even after praying for days. One night, I knelt before the Lord and said, “O Lord! If You do not baptize me with Your Holy Spirit tonight, I will not get up!” God said to me, “I am the one waiting not you. Now, speak in tongues by faith!” I opened my mouth, speaking monosyllabically, “De-De-Da-Da,” which sounded like the babbling of babies. The devil immediately tempted me, saying, “This is not the real tongues. You’re simply speaking false tongues.” I was somewhat afraid, but the Lord let me resist Satan with His words (see Luke 11:9–13; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:4, 10:46–47, 19:6; Mark 11:24; 2 Cor. 1:18–20; John 14:2, 13–14). When I understood that believers would speak in genuine tongues (only unbelievers speak in false tongues), I continued to speak bravely, regardless of how monotonous and awkward it sounded. I believed that God wanted me to be like a child, for out of the mouth of babes and infants He has ordained strength and perfected praises (see Ps. 8:2).

Thank the Lord! Soon He taught me to roll my tongue and speak in varieties of tongues. Sometimes it sounds like French, sometimes it sounds like English, sometimes it comes out like Japanese. As I practiced in this manner, I was taught by the Holy Spirit to speak in various different tongues. Even so, God often tells me to pray in the simplest tongue, with the most simple sounds and syllables. God is gracious to me as I treasure His grace. He often allows me to communicate with Him in the Holy Spirit. While I prayed in tongues, He let me touch His nail-pierced hands and feet, and see His glorious, loving face and His agony on the cross. Also while I was praying in tongues, He bestowed upon me the spiritual blessings and disclosed His words to me to make me understand His mystery. Today, our wonderful Lord is also waiting to bestow His grace upon you. Do you believe that God is impartial? Do you believe that He is faithful and trustworthy? Do you believe that He never lies and that His promises never fail? If you do, you will see His glory now.

Tongues can be controlled. You can start and stop your prayer at any time. It is just like praying in understanding (in words that can be understood). Paul said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit..." (1 Cor. 14:15). Note that the word "will" is active and not passive. For example, if we don't open our mouth, we won't be able to pray in understanding because God will never force us. This also applies to the praying in tongues.

Dear brothers and sisters, receive the grace of God now! His grace is always for you "now" and "today," not "tomorrow" or "a few years later." Now is the acceptable time. God is ready to give us His grace, so just act by faith to cooperate (co-work) with Him. Only if you and I would move our tongues and speak in tongues will God's work be done. If you refuse, He will not force you. Many people cry to God piteously to ask Him to move their tongues, not knowing that God has moved their tongues but they themselves refuse to move them. God is always waiting for people to make a move! Please read Exodus 14:15. Now God is speaking to you, too: "Why do you cry to Me? Stretch out

the rod by faith (completely by faith.)” As soon as you act by faith, wonderful things will be accomplished (the Red Sea will part). If you do not act by faith, you will never receive anything, even if you plead for your whole life. If Moses only cried to God and did not do what God told him to, the Red Sea would never have parted. If the Israelites did not step into the River Jordan, the waters would never have turned back. If you do not open your mouth and move your tongue by faith, you will never taste the goodness of the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. You need not ask what sound it is. Even if it is as simple as the babbling of babies, you must continue to speak. This is like the starting of a car engine: as soon as the ignition is turned on, the motor will run. Once we start to speak in tongues by faith, God’s abundant grace will follow.

Many misunderstand me for teaching others to speak in tongues. In fact, I am just telling brothers and sisters the truth that we have experienced by faith. As for those who have not received this spiritual blessing, please do not worry or be discouraged. Continue to pray and entreat the Lord to help you, increase your faith, and lead you to drink from this abundant spiritual fount. He who called us is faithful. He will accomplish this work. “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” God’s word will never fail! Some brothers and sisters did not gain this blessing no matter how they confessed their sins, but suddenly, when they least expected it, they spoke in tongues. God is so wonderful! All His works are wonderful. Hallelujah!

After you have received the Spirit baptism, please read “The Holy Spirit Baptism” in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, as well as the other spiritual books we have sent you. You will have a better understanding towards the truth. If you have read them before, please read them again. At the same time, you must seek holiness, watch and pray, read the Bible often, and work diligently while waiting for the Lord’s coming! May God bless you!

May the Spirit and His grace abound!

Sister in Christ,
Kong Duen Yee

2.

Things to Take Heed of After Receiving the Spirit Baptism

Dec. 2, 1964

Peace be to you, beloved brothers and sisters and partakers of the heavenly calling in Taiwan,

I continually remember you all in my prayers. May the grace of my Lord Jesus be with you. He will strengthen you to the end that you may be blameless at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you are called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May you be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, and become honorable, sanctified, and useful vessels for the Master.

If there is anyone who has just received the Holy Spirit, let him build himself upon the most holy faith (the truth). Praying in tongues is praying with the spirit. Do not be tossed and carried about by the winds of false doctrines. Many who oppose the Spirit baptism lack personal experience themselves. Yet, they still prevent others from receiving this blessing. May God have mercy on them and give them the heart of repentance. They disbelieve the words of God and regard the Spirit baptism (tongue utterance) as receiving an evil spirit. They have greatly sinned against God. They go around to frighten those who have received the Holy Spirit, and publish books that slander the Spirit baptism. They have harmed the spirit of many. They have no concern when believers sin, but they say that it is the work of the evil spirit when believers receive the Holy Spirit and depart from sins. If these people don't turn back, they will be judged by God. They have perverted the gospel of Jesus Christ. They have taken away the most important part of the complete salvation — the Holy Spirit. They

hinder the saints from leading victorious lives to glorify the Lord's name. Therefore, come out from among these apostates and do not be deceived by them.

If anyone thinks that the Holy Spirit he received is an evil spirit, then he has greatly offended God. He grieves the Holy Spirit and gives place to the devil, and he himself will also suffer. New wine cannot be put into old wineskins. Likewise, those who have received the Spirit baptism must seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and separate themselves from those hypocrites who oppose the Spirit baptism. We ought to abide by the will of God, mind the Lord's heart, and never be influenced by human affection. We must love what the Lord loves and hate what He hates. Let's defend the truth and hold fast the eternal life, for the Lord's return is near. Please read "The Holy Spirit Baptism" in *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, which will help you understand the things of the Holy Spirit. If you have the support of God's words, you will overcome the devil Satan. Otherwise, you might be deceived by Satan and lose God's abundant grace. How pitiful that would be.

After you have received the Spirit baptism, you will certainly be tempted by Satan. Just as how the devil had tempted Jesus Christ (see Matt. 4:1–11), he will also attack your body, soul and spirit. Your body must be holy. You must, by the Spirit, depart from all sinful entertainments (smoking, gambling, drinking, cursing, lying, idol-worshipping, sorcery, adultery, movie-going, buying lottery tickets, listening to worldly music, etc.). Your soul also needs to be holy. You must, by the Spirit, do away with all unclean thoughts and sinister motives (covetousness, jealousy, maliciousness, adultery, pride, selfishness, hatred, etc.). Your spirit all the more needs to be holy. By the Spirit, resist all the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which come from Satan and oppose the precious blood, the truth and the Holy Spirit. The devil is very jealous when you accept the abundant grace of God, so he will certainly try everything to ruin God's work. He will raise up many people who oppose the Holy Spirit to deceive you, telling you not to speak in tongues and causing you to lose the great blessing.

Do not be deceived by Satan. If you have questions concerning spiritual matters, please pray more, for the Anointing in you will teach you about all things. You can also have fellowship with us through letters. Never discuss with those who oppose the Holy Spirit. Since they have not been filled with the Holy Spirit, they will not understand the things of the Spirit. They will only ruin your faith and turn you away from the word of God. This is a terrible thing. I pray for all of you daily. May the Lord strengthen and protect you until He comes.

Let brothers and sisters who are sick or have problems trust completely in the Lord. He will take care of those who fear Him. Those who wait on Him will not be ashamed. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6–7).

May the grace of the Lord abound in you!

Called to be the maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
Kong Duen Yee and co-workers

3.

Submit to God and Resist the Devil

(A letter to the brothers and sisters in Hong Kong)

Oct. 19, 1964

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thanks be to the Lord's grace for having led you to have fellowship with us. Though I have not seen you for a while, I often remember you in the spirit. May the Lord preserve your hearts. In this evil generation, the devil often ensnares the hearts of God's children with worldly materialistic things, entertainment and sins. He makes them weak and fall. He also makes them doubt the complete biblical truth (the salvation which includes the Spirit baptism) by introducing false doctrines and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge. When the children of God fall for the devil, they will become weak and their hearts will turn to the world. They will live according to their own desires and fall into vanity.

Oh young men, brothers and sisters! These are the end times! "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith..." (1 Pet. 5:8-9). "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:16).

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,

and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

(Eph. 6:10–18)

Therefore, always watch and pray (pray in understanding and also in the spirit), read the Bible diligently, submit yourselves to God and resist the devil, then he will flee from you. If you draw near to God, He will draw near to you and the Holy Spirit will always fill you. The weak will find new strength. God will once again make you strong. He will add to you strength to separate yourselves from worldliness, that you may be holy to the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, are you weak? Have you failed? Do not be discouraged. Quickly draw near to God in the spirit. Call upon God by faith, and He will surely hear you. If you have spiritual problems, write to us. We will be more than willing to have fellowship with you.

Recently, God has kindled the flame of the Spirit everywhere. The Holy Spirit has never poured out so mightily upon His children. This year, God has done very wonderful works, especially in Taiwan. He put the desire for the Spirit baptism in the hearts of many brothers and sisters, who began corresponding with us. We've sent out many books that God commissioned us to write. Thank the Lord for doing such great works in the hearts of the brothers and sisters through these silent messengers. After reading *A Living Testimony to the Truth*, and other books and pamphlets, many brothers and sisters received the Spirit baptism without the laying on of hands. They spoke in tongues, and were liberated in the spirit.

Many brothers and sisters who have received the Spirit baptism were revived. God raised them up to testify to the full gospel of the Lord in Taiwan. They helped the preachers and brothers and sisters in various denominations, including the Christian Assembly, to receive the Spirit baptism. As a result, more and more brothers and sisters are receiving the Spirit baptism and finding grace. Every day we receive letters from brothers and sisters who testify to the glory of God.

An elderly sister from the Christian Assembly in Taiwan wrote, “May the Lord send you to Taiwan soon. People all over Taiwan, both men and women, young and old, have been greatly filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in fluent tongues or prophesy. This is the work of God...” At the same time, an increasing number of people feel that they need the New Testament Church, which is not bound by human ideas, where the Holy Spirit rules and works freely, and where believers can serve and worship God in spirit and in truth. Hallelujah!

God revealed to us in a vision that there will be a great revival in Taiwan. We have to pray with one accord for the great revival that will come upon the whole earth in these end times. May the Lord let every member have a share in this great revival. Let’s fight the good fight with one accord for the glorious truth of Jesus Christ. Amen!

May the grace of God be with you always!

The Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade

4.

Be Strong when Helping Renowned People Receive the Spirit Baptism

(A letter to a brother in Taiwan)

March 1, 1965

Dear brother,

Peace to you in the Lord. From your letter, I learned that you have the burden to help a certain pastor receive the Spirit baptism. May the Lord grant you courage to defeat the wiles of Satan. All flattery and flesh-minding words that Satan speaks through men are destructive to their spiritual lives. We must hate, stop and reject them at once. Speak for the Lord bravely. Do not fear just because the listener is your senior and has a higher position than you. In spiritual matters, the last shall be the first, and the first, last.

Brother, you have to overcome carnal affections and class status, and preach the message of God to those who need it. A person who has not accepted the Spirit baptism is not in the Holy Spirit, no matter how much knowledge he has or how high his position may be. If we do not break through the bound of human affection, we will fail to help others receive the grace of God. Let us be especially bold by the Lord to preach the word of God to those preachers and theologians who have not received the Holy Spirit but still claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us be humble and gentle in our attitude, and avoid courteous expressions, lest we fall short of the demand of God's words. Avoid listening to their erroneous doctrines that come from traditional theology, lest we hinder God's words from being preached. Instead, we will fully impart the truth to them. When we bravely overcome these hinderances, the work of God will be done.

Lead people to confess their sins aloud before the Lord, lest their self-righteousness hinder God's work in them. Do not be afraid, be-

cause it is not we who are able to help others gain something, but it's God who is using insignificant vessels like us to accomplish His work. We must look at things from the standpoint of the vessels of God, and not from the standpoint of man. When a vessel is willing to fully submit to God, the Holy Spirit will have a way to accomplish wondrous things.

There is a great difference between the love in the truth and the natural, carnal love. The principle of God's love is: first sow righteousness (deal with all sins), and then reap the fruit of unfailing love (then we will see the revival given by God), for wherever the carcass is (sin and filthiness), there the eagles will gather (the wrath, judgment and punishment of God). We have to pay a great price to lead a person to walk on the path of the cross, because whenever God wants to work in someone, Satan will disguise himself as an angel of light and try to lure him away from the will of God. If one is mindful of the Holy Spirit and walks after the Holy Spirit, he must also be ready to be attacked, misunderstood, hated and rejected.

In the New Testament Church, all jealousy, strife, divisions and things that mind men's will and flesh must be thoroughly purged. If these things of carnality are not dealt with, the Holy Spirit will not work. Therefore, the vessel who acts as God's mouthpiece must sanctify himself before the Lord. He has to remove the plank from his eyes (He himself must accept God's breaking first) before removing the speck from his brother's eye (before he can help others to accept God's chastening and breaking).

No matter how great a storm Satan stirs up, the Lord who is above the waves will preserve us. But we must walk in His will and not give place to Satan. If we have any spiritual problem, let's fast and pray with one accord. God will soon deliver us. If we do not look at circumstances, but watch and pray, God will accomplish great works.

Workers of the New Testament Church must be filled with the spirit of purity, courage, righteousness, love, faithfulness, divine jealousy, holiness, vigilance, self-control, wisdom, obedience, faith and fearing

God. May the Lord's Spirit greatly fill every worker who wholly submits himself to Him and pleases Him. Amen!

May the grace of God abound!

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Messages from Revelation

1.

Before and After Crossing the Jordan, and the Path After Entering Canaan

The Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them — the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

(Josh. 1:1–6)

Before and After Crossing the Jordan (receiving the Spirit baptism)

God did not intend for the Israelites to return to Egypt after delivering them from the power of Pharaoh and from Egypt, the land of slavery. He also didn't plan for them to wander in the wilderness or to settle down east of the Jordan. God wanted to lead them into Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey, and establish them there. That land is exceedingly good, where the paths drop forth fatness. It was the land that God gave to the descendants of Abraham as an inheritance.

Our Lord Jesus Christ so loved us that He forsook His glorious throne in heaven and came to this sinful world to die for our sins on the cross. He became the Passover Lamb. "Behold! The Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). He forgave us our sins and His blood cleansed us from our iniquities. He delivered us out of Egypt (the world) and away from the dominion (power of sins) of Pharaoh (Satan). He led us through the Red Sea, passing from death to life (escaping from the judgment of sins — the eternal death in the Lake of Fire). In the cloud and in the sea, we were baptized into His name (receiving the water baptism — being crucified, buried and raised from the dead with Him, so that we may walk in the newness of life). He will also lead us to go through the River Jordan (receive the Spirit baptism) and come into Canaan, the land of Israel (to be built into His glorious body — the New Testament Church). On earth, we will manifest His glory, abide by His will, lead a spiritual life, and testify for His holy life. Daily, He blesses us with wisdom and power and every spiritual blessing, that we may fight the good fight until the day we enjoy eternal glory with Him in our heavenly home.

Hallelujah! This is the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. How complete and precious it is! Regrettably, many preachers today only preach about the death and resurrection of the Lord. They have neglected the most important message: to receive the Spirit baptism and be built into the New Testament Church, and await the Lord’s coming. As a result, many true Israelites (Christians) are ignorant of the beautiful land of Canaan (the New Testament Church), the promised land blessed by God.

Due to their ignorance, many Israelites still yearn for Egypt, the land of slavery. They are unwilling to enter Canaan. Many Christians go to the Modernist’s (New Age) chapels, where what they hear is not the true gospel but destructive doctrines. They think that by attending services, giving donations and doing charity, they will go to heaven. They do not know that they have to depart from sins. Therefore, they are still bound by the power of sins, by Satan. They lead a sinful life that is no different from that of worldly people.

Many Israelites prefer wandering in the wilderness to entering the land of Canaan. Many Christians go to the Fundamentalists’ chapels

where they can only hear an incomplete gospel. Most of their leaders or pastors oppose the Holy Spirit, so they remain in a dry and weary land where there is no water, where they have no access to the spiritual fountain of living water. The spiritual lives of these Christians who live in the wilderness are dying of thirst. They have no power to overcome sins or to do God's word. On the contrary, they like to do evil, worship idols, commit adultery, tempt God, and murmur against Him. God is not well pleased with them. (See 1 Cor. 10:1–11.) Sad to say, many Christians have died miserably in the wilderness before learning about the full gospel.

There are also many Israelites who prefer to stay on the east bank of the River Jordan. They are unwilling to enter Canaan and inherit it. They signify those Christians in the chapels of the Pentecostals. They acknowledge the Spirit baptism, but not all of them receive it. Even those who have received the Spirit baptism do not seek further into the Spirit of truth. They easily lose the power of the Holy Spirit because they overlook the worship in spirit and in truth. Most of them seek the comfort of the flesh and refuse to pay the price to thoroughly deal with their natural man. So they would rather remain in the man-made organizations. These Christians who have received the Spirit baptism and returned to their denominations are like the Israelites who had crossed the Jordan, but came back to stay on the east bank of the Jordan. They are willing to be bound by the unbiblical names, systems, rites, customs, traditions, etc of the denominations. On the east bank of the Jordan, the Israelites led an easy life because they didn't have to battle. Likewise, these Christians prefer to stay in the denominations where there are no battles and where one's flesh can enjoy comfort. They refuse to go a step further to submit to the Holy Spirit, abide by the truth, and be built by God into the New Testament Church (to enter and dwell in Canaan and fight for the Lord). Thus, for a long time, the appointed will of God for His people has not been fulfilled. How distressed God's heart is!

It was God's will to lead the Israelites into Canaan, the beautiful

land promised by God. However, the Israelites had to fight continually in order to inherit the land. Since the New Testament Church is the body of Christ, she has to boldly fight against the power of this dark world, and against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (the Holy Spirit). Put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10–17) to fight the good fight, so that we may gain the heavenly inheritance. What God has prepared for those who love Him is an undefiled, incorruptible, and glorious inheritance (see 1 Pet. 1:4).

The Modernists (New Age believers) are still living *in Egypt*, the world. They are not clear about the basic salvation of being born again. The Fundamentalists are *in the wilderness*, the denominations that have not experienced the Spirit baptism. The Pentecostalists are *on the east bank of the Jordan*. They are ignorant of being established together as a nation in Canaan, i.e. being established together in the church by the complete truth. All these three spiritual positions — Egypt, the wilderness, and the east bank of the Jordan — are not in accordance with the will of God. In the denominations, Christians will not encounter real battles, nor can they fight faithfully for the complete truth. Only Christians in the New Testament Church are living in the land of Canaan, the land that God gives to His people as an inheritance. This is the land of Israel, which is also the New Testament Church established by the Holy Spirit given by the Father of the Lord Jesus. For the New Testament Church has received the full witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, which is the witness that God has testified of His Son.

Blood refers to not only the first remission of sins by the precious blood when a person is born again, but also the daily cleansing of sins by the Lord's blood and being crucified with the Lord. *Water* not only refers to the receiving of the water baptism, but also seeking to live in the Word of God and being purged and purified by the holy truth. The *Holy Spirit* refers to not only the initial Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues, but also daily being filled with the Holy Spirit, submitting to the Spirit, and seeking holiness. Moreover, we have to hold fast the

complete faith, for only then can we fight with all our strength for the full truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has given the battling power (Spirit of truth) without limit to those who obey Him. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be more than conquerors in all things. We will carry out His most high will on earth and accomplish the great work of salvation predestined by God before the foundation of the world.

Perhaps brothers and sisters may ask, “Aren’t there many devout Christians and servants of God among the Modernists, Fundamentalists and Pentecostals? Are they not faithful in doing the Lord’s work and fervent in bringing others to the Lord?” Yes, they do love the Lord. It was through them that I gained the salvation. I have not forgotten them, nor has the Lord forgotten their works. We are not criticizing any preacher or brother. Rather, the Lord has commanded me to preach His full truth faithfully, so I have to boldly point out the errors of the denominations, which are created by the devil. Those who are fervent and faithful to God will then realize His demand on His workers and children in these last days, and they will walk in the most high will of God.

Before the truth of the New Testament Church was made known, many beloved workers and children of God were in the denominations. Before God brought them back to His church, His abundant love, mercy, faithfulness and grace had always been with them. They were like the Israelites who sojourned in Egypt, in the wilderness, and on the east bank of the Jordan. Although these places were not the promised land of God, God still had abundant grace for His people. However, it is undeniable that these places are not in the will of God. Therefore, in the denominations, the works of God’s children cannot fully satisfy Him. They may save many souls through their gospel campaigns, but they cannot bring men to the right place, the promised land — Canaan. They cannot bring men to receive the full salvation and be built into the New Testament Church. On the contrary, they lead others to places where they should not be — the denominations, which

preach the incomplete faith. Thus, the will of God fails to be done upon His children whom He has redeemed.

However, thank and praise the Lord! Now is the time for Him to have mercy on Zion! “The first time I [God] said to Zion, ‘Look, there they are!’ And I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings” (Isa. 41:27). He will raise up workers to spread His good tidings and bring His people back to Zion! Brothers and sisters, return to Zion and offer burnt offerings in the sanctuary called by His name. Your time, wealth, strength, talent and even your lives should be invested in the sacred work acceptable to God — the work of rebuilding the New Testament Church, so that your ministrations, offerings and construction may be in accordance with God’s will, accepted and blessed by Him. Amen!

The Path After Entering Canaan

Although the foundation of the New Testament Church has been laid, the construction is not completed right away. This means that after the believers have received the baptisms of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, we must continue to build upon the foundation with care. We must be edified in the full truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* and press on to satisfy God. We need to preserve our minds, lest we should be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. We are like the Israelites, who after they had crossed the Jordan and entered the land of Canaan, were not free from worries, but had to advance continuously and fight to inherit the land.

1. *Revealing the ministry*

On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

(Josh. 4:14)

God revealed the ministry of Joshua in order to manifest His most

high will. God let the people respect Joshua not to make him proud, but to make him more humble, that he would often prostrate before Him and lead the people forward with a trembling heart. Likewise, the ministries of the workers of the New Testament Church are revealed by God Himself. They are faithful and responsible to God, not man. Believers should respect the workers set up by God because they bring God's will to the congregation. God said to the Israelites, "Behold, I send an Angel (messenger) before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him; for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him" (Exod. 23:20–21). The New Testament Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20). The ministries of the apostles and prophets must be personally chosen and confirmed by the Holy Spirit. And the confirmation of the Holy Spirit is revealed through their works so that no man will have the excuse of disbelief. God also sets up other ministries in the church, such as evangelists, pastors (elders), and teachers. These ministries are also ordained and revealed by the Holy Spirit Himself.

2. Setting up stones as a sign

And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before. Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

(Josh. 4:18–20)

As soon as the Israelites stepped into the land of Canaan, they set up stones as a sign. These stones testified that they had crossed the

Jordan on dry land. The people on earth would then know the might of the LORD's hand, and their descendants would fear the LORD their God forever. In the Old Testament, the Israelites were a congregation called by God (the word "church" originally meant "the congregation called by God"). In Acts 7, Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit and preached to the Jews about Moses, who was in the congregation (verse 38) in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him. (The original word for congregation is "Ekklesia", which means "church.") God called them out of Egypt because He wanted to lead them across the Jordan, into the promised land of Canaan. God commanded them to set up twelve stones in Gilgal according to the number of their tribes as a permanent reminder to Israel that the LORD had established them. These stones are of great significance.

Before Jesus Christ was sent to do the work of God, He first fulfilled all righteousness by being baptized in the Jordan. The whole process of His baptism signifies His complete salvation. *He was baptized* signifies that He was crucified and buried; *His coming up from the water* signifies His resurrection three days after His death; *the heavens were opened to Him* signifies His ascension into heaven to sit on the right hand of His Father; *the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him* signifies that He gives the Holy Spirit to establish His church, which is His body; and *suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"* signifies that the church is well pleasing to God. On earth, she is the manifestation of Jesus Christ, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up in glory. The Lord Jesus — the captain of our salvation, is made perfect through sufferings, that He might bring many sons to glory. (See Matt. 3:15–17; Rom. 6:3–6; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:10.)

The Old Testament is the shadow of things to come, while the New Testament is the reality. The complete salvation of God is made known to us through both the Old and the New Testament. The offerings, worship, ordinances and rites in the tabernacle of the Old Testament

foreshadow the reality of the worship of the New Testament Church, the worship in spirit and in truth. All the things God commanded the Israelites to do serve to convey His profound will to us. The twelve stones set up according to the twelve tribes of Israel were taken from the Jordan, signifying that the Christians have experienced the full salvation of Jesus Christ — *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, and have died, been buried, and raised with Christ, becoming the living stones and being built into a spiritual house. Believers of the New Testament who have received the baptisms of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit will become living stones, and be built into a spiritual house — the New Testament Church, which will be caught up into eternal glory.

Revelation 21:11–14 describes the holy city New Jerusalem, saying: “Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel... Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

The gates are the entrances to the city. Without the gates, no one can enter the city. If there was no Old Testament Church (the children of Israel called out by God), there would be no New Testament Church, for salvation is from the Jews (John 4:22). The foundations of the city are named after the apostles in the New Testament era because the New Testament Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone (see Eph. 2:20). The apostles are sent to preach the Son of God Jesus Christ, which is the full truth of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit, and establish the New Testament Church, a city with foundations whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10).

Since we have such a glorious hope, we should abide by God’s will with a thankful heart, depart from denominations that built by man’s hands, and enter the spiritual house built by the Holy Spirit. We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s people.

On earth, we proclaim the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, that all nations and peoples will see the wonderful salvation brought by the power of the Holy Spirit, and give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with a fearful heart.

3. Circumcising again

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people... Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

(Josh. 5:2–3, 8–9)

The Israelites received circumcision as a seal of the righteousness by faith (Rom. 4:11). The New Testament Church (the true Israelites) are the true circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit (Phil. 3:3). The ministration of the New Testament Church is in the Spirit and not in the letter, and this is the real circumcision of the heart (Rom. 2:29). We need not only receive the Spirit baptism and pray in tongues, but also walk in the Spirit.

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God... For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live” (Rom. 8:5–8, 13). Paul was speaking to the New Testament Church believers who had received

the Spirit baptism, not to the unbelievers or the unbaptized believers. Obviously, after we have crossed the Jordan (received the Spirit baptism) and entered the land of Canaan (been established in the New Testament Church), we ought to be circumcised at the hill of the foreskins (we ought to walk in the Spirit after we have begun with the Holy Spirit). Besides the Spirit baptism that was first received at the Pentecost, we must also guide believers to walk in the truth, absolutely obey the Holy Spirit, cut off the things of the flesh, and deal with the natural, self-centered life. God will then roll away from us all the reproaches of the world, false doctrines, men's ideas, denominations, and lusts.

4. Eating the produce of the land

Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

(Josh. 5:12)

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Though God had mercy on them and rained manna from heaven to feed them, this manna was incomparable to the produce of Canaan. Manna was just a temporary food prepared by God to meet the needs of His people under special circumstances. This food could keep the Israelites alive, but it could not satisfy their inner desire. The produce of Canaan is the normal food God prepared for His people, for only such food can satisfy their needs. Similarly, it is just a transition period for believers to be in the denominations, where they can hear the gospel of rebirth, which may also be considered the bread of life, but is not the full gospel. This incomplete gospel may keep their spirits alive, but it is unable to supply them with abundant lives. The New Testament Church built by the Holy Spirit has to appear before the complete revelation of the Truth can be expounded. The complete truth (revelation) is the produce of Canaan planted by the Holy Spirit Himself. When the be-

lievers eat this produce of Canaan, they will gain an abundant life, enjoy real satisfaction, and gain power to fight for the Lord.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land [Canaan — the New Testament Church], a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills [a land with a spiritual living fount that waters it]; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey [a land ready with the various provisions of life — revelations of the truth in various aspects]; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity [a land that is abundant in all spiritually good things], in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper [a land rich in treasures — spiritual gifts — that will not fail]. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

(Deut. 8:7–10)

5. The LORD as the Commander

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my LORD say to His servant?” Then the Commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.

(Josh. 5:13–15)

The path of the New Testament Church is full of battles. After being established by the Lord, we must follow Him on this path of the cross. We will follow Him to war, for He is our Commander. We are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of this dark world, and the evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, we cannot fight according to the flesh, but by the power of the Spirit, the Truth. We have to take off our sandals (put aside all the earthly elements such as human ways, thoughts, opinions, temperaments, viewpoints, affections, mind, knowledge, theories, etc.) before we can stand on holy ground, meet God face to face, and listen to His instructions.

As workers of God, we must never try to help God with our own thoughts and methods, or tell Him to fulfill what we ourselves have preplanned. Rather, let's beseech the Lord to accomplish His own will. He is not here to *help* us, but to *lead* us, for He is our Commander. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways higher than our ways. His work will be accomplished if we always humbly obey His direction.

6. Surrounding Jericho

Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

(Josh. 6:1–5)

Today, the well-organized denominations are like Jericho. They have high walls and tightly-shut gates that prevent *the ark of the covenant* (the Holy Spirit) of the Lord from entering their midst. They greatly hinder others from gaining the abundant life of Christ. Since the New Testament Church is rebuilt, she has to obey God's command and march around the city of Jericho in order to bring down its walls. The way God wanted the Israelites to conquer the city seemed quite absurd. He did not want them to fight with swords and spears, but to just march around the city every day. However, the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God (1 Cor. 1:25, 3:19). The work of God is not done by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6).

It is the time for the LORD to return to Zion to reign as King. The Holy Spirit will rebuild the New Testament Church, and the walls of the denominations will be demolished. This work of demolition is not done by the strength of man, but by the power of God. It is done strictly according to God's ways. God has set up priests (God has specially chosen workers) to bear the seven trumpets of rams' horns (to hold fast the full truth of Jesus Christ) before the ark (charge towards the strongholds of Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit). All the men of war must also go around the city (all the Christians soldiers must pray watchfully with one accord to God that He will manifest His power to wipe out the denominations — man-made organizations). On the seventh day (when the time has fully come), the priests will blow the trumpets (God's workers will preach the truth and revelation of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*), all the people will shout with a great shout (all the children of God will answer the call and spread the truth together), and the wall of the city will collapse (the harmful organizations — the works of Satan — will fall by themselves). At that time, the king of Jericho (the dogmas of the denominations) and the mighty men of valor (traditional theology) will perish

together with the city of Jericho (the denominations). Hallelujah!

At the time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: “At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations, at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates.”

(Josh. 6:26 NIV)

Since God is destined to demolish the denominations, no one should rebuild them. If anyone go against God’s will to rebuild them, his consequences will be like that of the one who rebuilt the city of Jericho: at the cost of his firstborn son will he lay their foundations, and at the cost of his youngest will he set up their gates. Since God has built the New Testament Church, no one should introduce denominational leaven into the church, nor should he help the denominations oppose God. If a person understands God’s will, yet gives in to friendship and joins hands with the denominations, and leads others to join them, what a heavy punishment he is going to face! It’s because he has strengthened the power of the denominations and helped them lay their foundations and set up their gates. May the Lord enlighten all Christians who have accepted the witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* and have been established by the Lord in the New Testament Church, that we may understand the will of God. Let’s not be deceived by the fallacious theories of the wicked, but hold fast the truth to uproot what God wants to uproot and plant what He wants to plant.

“In Ahab’s time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the LORD spoken by Joshua son of Nun” (1 Kings 16:34 NIV). Those who go against the will of God will suffer consequences just as Hiel did. Let Hiel’s story serve as our warning. May the Lord teach us to be faithful to what He has entrusted us!

7. Punishing Achan

Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel... So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you. Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you."'"

(Josh. 7:1, 10–13)

When the Israelites obeyed God, the city of Jericho fell down by itself. But when they committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, they could not even conquer a small city like Ai. All the Israelites suffered when only one Achan took some of the accursed things. Only by putting him to death and burning the accursed things could the wrath of God subside. If the New Testament Church fully abides by God's will and remains faithful to His trust, no high walls of the denominations are too difficult to pull down, for God is fighting for us. If there are sins (accursed things) yet to be dealt with, if someone's self (Achan) hasn't been put to death, the entire New Testament Church will be affected. The truth will be hindered from being preached and the church will not even triumph in small spiritual battles. Therefore, let every one of us take heed, lest *our self* (Achan) covets the accursed things (the rudiments of the world, vain lies, traditions of man, head veils, denominational leaven, names, regulations, customs, sinful plea-

asures of the world, lusts, vain words, hatred, anger, clamor, slander, envy, strife, division, selfishness, covetousness, watching television, listening to the radio, reading obscene publications, smoking, drinking, gambling, red packets of money as gifts, idolizing celebrities, etc.). All things that displease God must be removed so that the Holy Spirit can move freely to accomplish the work of God. The eyes of God are like flames of fire and are omnipresent. Achan could not hide the accursed things. Likewise, we can't hide our sins. They will be disclosed by the Holy Spirit if they are not thoroughly dealt with.

8. *Attacking Ai again*

Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land"... Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. So those in ambush arose quickly out of their place; they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and they entered the city and took it, and hurried to set the city on fire... And they [the Israel] struck them down, so that they let none of them remain or escape. But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

(Josh. 8:1, 18–19, 22–23, 26)

The New Testament Church is not always victorious in spiritual battles. Whenever the church tolerates heresies, traditions from denominations, sins, or carnality, she will lose the power to fight, and will suffer defeat even in minor spiritual warfare. We must not retreat or lose heart when we are defeated. Instead, we must examine ourselves carefully before the Lord and pray that the Holy Spirit will en-

lighten us. We must confess our sins and destroy Achan and all accursed things. If we repent with a contrite heart and thoroughly deal with all our sins, we will be instantly revived by the Holy Spirit. Then we will find strength to walk and co-work with Him, fight courageously, wipe out the armies of the aliens, and turn from defeat to victory. Joshua stretched out the spear that was in his hand and did not draw back until he had utterly destroyed all the enemies. Likewise, let the workers of God pray watchfully at all times, and hold fast the full truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. Seize the chance to pursue the enemy till we cut off his retreat route, leaving him not even a little place in the New Testament Church. All sins, doctrines of denominations, man's ideas, and traditions that hinder the full truth from being preached must be *thoroughly* demolished and uprooted, lest they bring trouble in the future.

9. *Building the altar and proclaiming the law*

Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal... And they [the children of Israel] offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the children of Israel... he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

(Josh. 8:30–32, 34–35)

With all his heart, Joshua read the law that God gave the children of Israel through Moses. He also led them to keep it so that they could escape curses and be blessed by God (see Deut. 28 and Lev. 26). Likewise, workers of the New Testament Church must strive to be faithful. Be diligent to present us approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. As God's work-

ers, we need to remind the believers about God’s immense grace in leading them out from sins and denominations to be established by the Holy Spirit. We should warn, rebuke, and exhort them in all wisdom, patience and instruction, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. It is just as what Paul had told the elders of the Church of Ephesus, “How I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house... Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:20, 26–27).

God appoints workers to care for and edify the church, so that His children can walk in His highest will, hold fast the truth, depart from evil, be saved from God’s judgment, and become vessels of holiness, useful to the Master. Workers of God will not only lead believers to study the Bible and experience the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, they will also lead them to build the altar to offer sacrifices — bring them the spiritual burdens that they may pray watchfully. They will make them understand the will of God in this last generation — the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church — that they may pray and supplicate day and night according to God’s will, until He establishes Jerusalem (the New Testament Church), and makes her a praise in the earth.

Believers have to offer the time, energy and money that we have from God in the sacred work that please Him. Let all our sacrifices and constructions be according to God’s will, and He will accept our burnt offerings.

For the Lord said, “Even them I will bring to My holy mountain [the spiritual house established by the Holy Spirit], and make them joyful in My house of prayer [praying in spirit and in understanding, which are spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God]. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices [offerings made in accordance with God’s will] will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Isa. 56:7).

10. Beware of enemy's wiles

But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord. So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.

(Josh. 9:3–6, 14–15)

God commanded Moses to give the whole land of Canaan to the Israelites and to charge them to destroy all the inhabitants of the land, for these tribes were evil in His eyes. God intended to eliminate them without mercy (Josh. 11:20). Joshua was clever and faithful. However, due to a moment's carelessness, he accepted the food of the Gibeonites (some benefits of the flesh) without consulting the LORD. He was tricked into making peace with them (an alliance of emotion) and letting them live, which was contrary to the original will of God. It was only on the third day after the covenant was made that the Israelites knew that they were actually their neighbors. They then realized that they had strayed from God's will, but it was too late to regret it. Although the Israelites made the Gibeonites hewers of wood and drawers of water, and made them labor for the temple of God (they did not give them any spiritual status), the Israelites inevitably had to suffer loss because of them, who brought much trouble upon Israel later on.

Now the New Testament Church is established. Many spiritual truths will only be revealed through spiritual battles. When we exercised spiri-

tual gifts, Satan would often disguise himself as an angel of light and try to introduce what is falsely called knowledge into the New Testament Church through his messengers. He confused the servants, maid-servants and children of God and made them unconsciously stray from the destined will of God and the important mission God has entrusted to the New Testament Church and her workers.

Paul was greatly used by God to do many works, but even he could not escape the dangers of false co-workers and brethren. He warned the Philippians to beware of the dogs, the evil workers and those who mutilate the flesh (Phil. 3:2). The New Testament Church is a thorn in Satan's flesh because she testifies to God's complete truth. Satan will try everything to disrupt the testimony of the New Testament Church. He often sends false apostles, who disguise themselves as messengers of righteousness, to bring into the church of the living God things such as false love ("love" that leads men away from righteousness, true love and holiness), things that mind the flesh (things that prevent men from obeying the truth and the Holy Spirit), and things that join hands with denominations, ideas of man, sins and heresies. They use flattering words to deceive the hearts of the simple, luring the saints away from the truth to fables. Therefore, the New Testament Church must beware of the deception of these apostates. God abhors apostasy and is determined to wipe it out. We shall not accept any benefits from the denominations nor shall we compromise with them, or be influenced by their carnal affections, lest we suffer spiritual loss.

"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). Therefore let us watch and pray so that we will not fall into temptation.

11. The Sun and the Moon Standing Still

Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the

sight of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

(Josh. 10:12–13)

Although Joshua was careless and was deceived by the Gibeonites, God again showed mercy upon His people when Joshua turned back to God’s will (he satisfied God by making the Gibeonites slaves). While receiving the Spirit baptism, the New Testament Church is subject to spiritual battles in which she may be deceived by Satan. She may be confused, not being able to differentiate between the work of the *spirit* and that of the *soul*. But when we pray earnestly, the Holy Spirit will enlighten us and reveal God’s will to us through circumstances. Then we must immediately prostrate before Him and return to His highest will. We must trample upon the wiles of the evil one, give him absolutely no position in our midst, and enslave his messengers. Then we shall accomplish the most high will of God by using Satan’s plots, just as David killed Goliath with Goliath’s sword. When we turn back to Him, He will again show mercy to us and fight for us.

If God’s workers seek His will and please Him in all things, He will make them victorious in all things. They will be invincible and no man can stand before them. Once the New Testament Church is established, she is liable to be frequently and violently attacked or slandered by the denominations. She also can’t refrain from contending for the truth. If we fight for the truth courageously in the face of battles, God will surely accomplish extraordinary works for us. He is the One who alone does wondrous things. He fought for the Israelites by making the sun and the moon stand still over Gibeon and Aijalon. Today, He will likewise fight for the New Testament Church. In the most adverse and hopeless circumstances, God will do wondrous things for us, that men may see and know, consider and understand, and even

marvel at His work. They will have to acknowledge that these are the works of the LORD. We are confident that how this faithful and mighty LORD had heard Joshua's prayer, He will also hear our prayers. How He had helped Joshua kill the five kings and conquer their cities, He will likewise help us to boldly preach the revelation of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*, wipe out the poison of the denominations, and lead His children out of man-made organizations and back to His will. These are the last days in which God will reclaim the lost lands. We believe that God will arise and fight for His name's sake.

12. Burning Hazor

And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard these things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, and to the kings who were from the north, in the mountains, in the plain south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, to the Canaanites in the east and in the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains, and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of Mizpah. So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. And when all these kings had met together, they came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel. But the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

(Josh. 11:1–6)

The New Testament Church encounters battles in many aspects. She has to not only deal with sins and the flesh, but also tear down the walls of the denominations. Even more, she has to rebuke harmful heresies, false doctrines, evil religions and atheism. The day of the Lord is near, and the power of wickedness is certainly rampant. The

Lord Jesus Christ is now leading His sheep back to the sheepfold. He is rebuilding the New Testament Church and preparing the bride of the Lamb. Satan is also busy. He is producing soul-killing poisons and building up great Babylon — the mother of harlots and abominations on the earth. He will deceive many who dwell on the earth and persecute the New Testament Church.

Satan's mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Today, there are numerous alliances between heretical organizations and evil religions. For example, Catholicism allies with Protestantism, Christianity joins with Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Taoism. Even atheistic theories encourage unification. Satan uses these lawless alliances in an attempt to overthrow the New Testament Church who holds fast the pure and holy truth of God. He is just like the king of Hazor who united all the kings to fight against the Israelites. However, we do not need to be afraid or dismayed, for He who goes before us is the Holy One of Israel — the LORD of hosts. Through Joshua, God burned Hazor with fire and destroyed all its inhabitants. Similarly today, through the prayers of the New Testament Church, and by her testimony of the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, God will destroy the evil dominion of heresies, false doctrines and atheism. He will rescue the lost souls deceived by Satan. Great Babylon, the mother of harlots — the earthly, religious organizations — will fall and pass away. But New Jerusalem — the heavenly, spiritual house, the bride of the Lamb — will last forever! (See Revelation 18 and 21.)

13. Alloting the land

Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the Lord said to him: "You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed. This is the land that yet remains... all the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon as far as the Brook Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians — them I will drive out from before the children of Israel; only divide it by lot to Israel as

an inheritance, as I have commanded you.”

(Josh. 13:1–6)

After being established, we have to conquer the lands to be possessed, the good lands that God has allotted to us. However, we need to pay a price to conquer them. The precious promise of the Lord will only be fulfilled when men accept it with an action of faith. The Lord wants to give us all the lands in the world. How long shall we tarry without possessing them? Paying up the price, we shall earnestly pray in one mind, so that the Holy Spirit may bring about a full-scale revival in the 20th century. May God grant the brothers and sisters in the denominations the spirit of obeying the truth, that they may receive the complete truth and return to the Lord’s sheepfold after hearing the message of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. When the saints participate in the gospel, God will give us a sharp sickle to reap the ripe harvest. We will gather the sheaves into the barn (the New Testament Church), lest they fall to the ground (the denominations) and be trampled underfoot. The glorious coming of the Lord is near. Therefore do not cast away our confidence, which has great reward. For we have need of endurance, so that after we have done the will of God, we may receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry (Heb. 10:35–37).

Dear brothers and sisters, we do not have an everlasting city on earth. What we look for is a future city with foundations — the New Jerusalem, whose builder and maker is God. The headquarters of all the denominations are on earth, and their chairmen and directors are men. But the headquarter (general assembly) of the New Testament Church is in heaven, and the Lord Jesus Christ is her head (Heb. 12:22–24). Hallelujah!

Wherever our burdens of prayers and our works reach, there we will gain inheritance. Since we desire the unshakable kingdom and incorruptible inheritance in heaven, let us pray watchfully in the Spirit and endure all sufferings to quickly preach the truth of God.

14. Clearing all doubts and restoring harmony

And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan — a great, impressive altar. Now the children of Israel heard someone say, “Behold, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan — on the children of Israel’s side.” And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go to war against them.

(Josh. 22:10–12)

The two and a half tribes, who chose to inherit the eastern side of the Jordan, built an altar by the Jordan in the land of Canaan. Other children of Israel were suspicious of them, and wanted to war against them. Later, they realized that their purpose in setting up the altar was to prevent their children from forgetting the LORD and departing from Him. Thus they built the altar according to the pattern of the altar of the LORD, as a witness that the LORD is God. The misunderstanding of the children of Israel was then cleared, and harmony was restored. They no longer planned go to war against their brothers.

Before the Spirit of God unites His people as a congregation, there will surely be a spiritual revolution or battle. If the wrong foundation of the faith of the denominations is not destroyed and uprooted, how can we build the spiritual house in God’s will? God wants to build the New Testament Church. All workers must stand faithfully on His side to defend the truth. Before the mystery of the truth is fully made known, misunderstanding will be inevitable among brothers and sisters in Christ. Nevertheless, God will dispel all misunderstanding and let us build together in the love of the Lord. Today, many people who live on the east bank of the Jordan (who have received the Spirit bap-

tism but refuse to further obey God's will to be established into the New Testament Church, who choose to remain in the denominations) will return to Canaan (the New Testament Church) to build the altar and offer sacrifices. They will acknowledge that this land is where the LORD's tabernacle stands. At that time, they will come to the unity of the faith (the truth), and together they will testify for the complete truth.

15. Leading others to love God

When Joshua was advanced in years, he said to the Israelites, "See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. And the Lord your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God has promised you... For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you. Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God. Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations — these that remain among you — and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, know for certain that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the Lord your God has given you. Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed. Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the Lord your God promised you, so the Lord

will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the Lord your God has given you. When you have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you” (Josh. 23:4, 9–16).

God chose the Israelites out of all nations to be His people, and wanted to bless all nations through them. The more authority one has, the heavier and greater his responsibility will be. God is merciful but also righteous. He would punish the nations that mistreated the Israelites, but when the Israelites sinned, He would not tolerate it either. The laws of God were set for His people, and by these laws God would chasten them if they sinned.

The New Testament Church is the true Israel. The more grace she receives, the greater God’s demand on her will be. If she does not conform to God’s heart, her shortcomings will be revealed. If anyone abuses God’s grace to commit sin and remains unrepentant, wouldn’t God punish him? Our God is a jealous and avenging God. How can we not fear Him with a trembling heart? His love is so deep and wide that it passes knowledge. He even sacrificed His beloved Son who shed His blood for us. How can we belie His love? The Lord sanctifies us through His own blood, truth and Holy Spirit, so that we may become His glorious and holy church. How can we not love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our might, with all our soul, and with all our mind?

Since we have entered the promised land, let’s destroy the seven evil tribes of Canaan (let’s kill our old self, lusts, temper, delights, habits, prejudice, concepts and other evil deeds of our old natural man) by the Holy Spirit. Since we have inherited the land, let’s be transformed by the renewing of our mind, put off our old man which belongs to our former way of life (let our old self be crucified with the Lord), and put on the new man (clothe ourselves with the risen Christ

every day), and be full of righteousness and holiness of the truth. Give no place to the devil or grieve the Holy Spirit; rather, we must act in love, and bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Rom. 12; Eph. 4:25 – 32, 5:1 – 21; Gal. 5:22).

Let us receive spiritual gifts, heavenly power, and revelations of the truth. Work diligently and lay up the eternal inheritance in heaven. If we obey the will of God, one man will chase a thousand (if we mind the Holy Spirit, we will overthrow the devil's den, and be more than conquerors in all our undertakings). If we turn away and make marriages with other nations (if we mind man's will or join hands with the world, sins, heresies and denominations) or worship other gods (long for the world, hold on to prejudiced religious ideas and doctrines, obey men's will rather than God's, and replace God with things or people that we love), we will be pursued by the enemies, and bring upon ourselves disasters and tribulations, until we perish from the good land that God has given us (lose the spiritual blessing and position and be captured by the world, false doctrines, denominations and sins).

Dear brothers and sisters, let's tremble at the words of the LORD. God takes care of those who are humble and contrite. We have been so blessed and deeply loved by the Lord. He has planted us in this good land that flows with milk and honey. Therefore take good heed to ourselves, that we love the LORD our God. The Lord Jesus said, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him" (John. 14:21).

16. A covenant to serve the Lord

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served

that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God”... And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

(Josh. 24:14–18, 24–25)

After we are established in the promised land, we should choose to serve God. All those who choose to serve Him will be protected, cared for, and blessed by Him in this world, as well as in the one to come. Abraham lacked no good thing because he chose God and was faithful to Him. Lot did not choose to serve God, so he lost all that he had and barely escaped death. Many of God’s children say that they choose God, but upon encountering things that conflict with their self-interests, they would rather forsake God and have their own way. God often places Himself together with men, things and issues, before us. He wants to see what we love more. If we love Him and obey His will, we may lose the love of man and other material things. However, when we are willing to lose everything for Him, His joy will be boundless! He will have mercy upon us and bless us. If we choose God, we must worship Him with sincerity, discard all worldly traditions, denominational teachings, false doctrines and all things that displease Him. Let’s fully mind His heart. How can we serve God and mammon (money) simultaneously? Can we love both Him and the world at the same

time? How can we drink both the cup of the Lord and the cup of the devil? He is a holy and jealous God. Since we know that His only will in these last days is to rebuild the fallen tabernacle of David (rebuild the church), we should discard the gods on the other side of the River (the denominations built by man's hands) and serve only the LORD (completely obey the Holy Spirit and do the will of God). Dear brothers and sisters, let's make a covenant with God. We must turn our hearts completely to Him and lead our families to Him. We must offer up earnest prayers and ask that God have mercy on our family members so that they will receive the full truth of blood, water and Holy Spirit and be planted in the New Testament Church. May our whole families offer themselves for the Lord's use, suffer for Him willingly, and serve Him with one accord in His will. If we esteem this blessing, God will surely answer our prayers in wonderful ways. He will accomplish great things for us. May all those who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ be blessed. Amen!

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The Yoke of the Assyrians

“For I will rise up against them,” says the LORD of hosts, “And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and offspring and posterity,” says the LORD. “I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says the LORD of hosts. The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand: that I will break the Assyrian in My land, and on My mountains tread him underfoot.” Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulders. For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?... That the LORD has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall take refuge in it.

(Isa. 14:22 – 27, 32)

In these last days, God will *cut off* the names of the denominations (Babylon) and all the spiritual obstacles created by the denominations. Great Babylon will fall! All the schemes of Satan in hindering the sacred work, and all that are at enmity with God will be demolished. We must stand on God’s side and rise against Babylon, for God has purposed to destroy them. We should not love what God hates; rather, we should love what He loves. All abominable things in the sight of God will be demolished. We must work and walk with God in one mind. How can we build what God is determined to destroy? How can we tear down what God has intended to build up? God hates Babylon (the denominations) but loves Jerusalem (the New Testament Church).

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces.” For

the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

(Ps. 122:6–9)

Many Christians have yet to understand the will of God. They pray for revival in the denominations, not knowing that these man-made organizations are what God is determined to demolish. We must pray earnestly for the New Testament Church in the will of God. The New Testament Church is the temple God wants to build for His name's sake. Those who love the New Testament Church will prosper, for she is the body of the resurrected Christ. Whoever blesses her will be blessed by God, and whoever curses her will be cursed by Him.

God had destined to strike the Assyrians (several centuries before Christ was born, Israel was subjugated by Assyria). God wanted to trample them, because they put a heavy yoke on the Israelites. In the same way, the denominations are also putting heavy yokes (all the regulations, ordinances, organizations, names, systems and methods that set up by men) on God's children. As a result, Christians cannot freely worship God in spirit and in truth.

Recently, the Spirit of God has been working greatly in Taiwan, so many who opposed us have no excuse. The elders of a certain denomination strongly opposed the Spirit baptism, but the believers were very earnest for this truth. So these elders had no choice but to allow the brothers and sisters experience the gift of the Spirit for a few days. These elders are a little better than other denominational preachers who completely stop their Christians from receiving the Holy Spirit. However, their ways are still abominable in the sight of God, because they have replaced God's authority with man's. Who are you, the elders and honorables, to limit the days of freedom of God's children? Why don't you allow God's beloved children to drink of the living waters daily? Who are you to hinder God from pouring out His Spirit on His children?

A majority of the denominational pastors and leaders are putting this heavy yoke on Christians, preventing them from receiving the abundance of the Holy Spirit promised by God. They hinder them from being built into the true spiritual house. They are like Pharaoh who hindered the Israelites, the children of God, from worshipping God in the land of Goshen. If these pastors and leaders, who reject the Spirit baptism and oppose the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*, continue to stubbornly stick to their own ways, they will be cut off. For the Lord says, “Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, palm branch and bulrush in one day. The elder and honorable, he is the head; the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err, and those who are led by them are destroyed” (Isa. 9:14–16).

Therefore, God is determined to trample the Assyrian down and break his yoke. He will deliver His people from Assyria — the land of captivity, and bring them back to Israel, their own place where He will establish them. The LORD will establish Zion, and in her His afflicted people will find refuge. The time has come! Christians who love the Lord with a pure heart and seek His truth must free themselves from the bondage of men’s will. Turn to God’s will and be built together in the New Testament Church. As God has planned, so it shall come to pass. As God has purposed, so it shall stand.

3.

Turn to God with All Your Heart, with All Your Soul, and with All Your Might

Then the king commanded all the people, saying, “Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant.” Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah this Passover was held before the LORD in Jerusalem. Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.

(2 Kings 23:21–25)

King Josiah obeyed God’s words with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might. He destroyed all the idols, tore down the altars of Baal and Asherah, and demolished the houses of the sodomites which were in the house of the LORD. There was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart.

Ever since the pristine New Testament Church fell into the hands of Roman Catholicism, there was no more worship in spirit and in truth. In recent years, some have preached on the Spirit baptism, but it is only superficial. They did not lead people to deal with sins and carnality, nor did they lead people to obey God’s will and depart from the denominations, and to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We must imitate King Josiah to turn to God with all our heart, with all our soul

and with all our might. Besides helping others to receive the Spirit baptism and pray in spirit, we must also lead them to walk in the truth and obey the Holy Spirit. Help them wipe out all the accursed things, and destroy all tools of sin, all things that hinder the work of the Holy Spirit, such as: man's regulations, systems, and organizations of the denominations, carnal affections, preferences, prejudice, subjective views, and all the sins of the body, soul and spirit. The Lord will only be satisfied if we keep the Passover with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The Lord will only be satisfied if we sincerely wipe out all sins before we commemorate His death for us on the cross.

4.

Members of Christ's Body

For we are members of His body.

(Eph. 5:30)

From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

(Eph. 4:16)

The Lord Jesus Christ has only one body — the New Testament Church built by the Holy Spirit. It's the body of Christ that is baptized. And in one Spirit all the local churches (members) are joined together into one body — the body of Christ. The pristine church was established purely under the works of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came upon God's children and united them in Christ, building them up as one in the faith. The church is not built according to man's plan and organization. She is called a church because she is the flesh and blood of Christ, the members of His body. Her structure and composition are entirely of Christ. She is wholly of the Spirit, not of the flesh or of the world.

The concepts of men are prevalent in the denominations. This is Satan's work aiming at disrupting the testimony of Christ's body — the testimony of unity. Satan wants to defile and divide the glorious and holy body of Christ. That's why he builds denominations: Division is fatal to the unity of the body — the church. Many people mistake the grand denominational cathedrals for the church, not knowing that these are merely denominations. Their organizations, establishments, systems, names and ways of worship are all set up by men. They are different from the law of the temple set up by God.

Many people say, “All those who are purchased by the precious blood of the Lord are the church. Why do you call them denominations?” Dear brothers and sisters, when I say “the denominations,” I do not refer to “the people” but “the organizations of man.” Yes, every believer redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord has the life of the Lord in him, and he is a member of His body. This is why he has to receive the Spirit baptism and be joined with the other members by the Holy Spirit to become the body of Christ — the church. All members come under the control and direction of the head (Jesus Christ) and the central nervous system (the Holy Spirit). The members will thus function properly. Each member moves about freely doing its work. This is a living being — a church which the Holy Spirit works in and takes control of. On earth, the church manifests the abundant life of Christ.

The denominations hinder Christians from accepting the full truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* — the faith of the church. Their man-made organizations and systems are like bandages that bind the members of the body in parts: bind the hands and place them in the east, the legs in the west, the eyes in the south, the mouth in the north. Although these are many members like organs and limbs, they are all bound and separated. They cannot be coordinated to become a body. With each holding onto its own beliefs and opinions, there is no unity. Because the members are bound by man’s rules and regulations, they cannot move freely or play their respective roles. Denominations cause divisions among the members of the Lord, making each member lose its function and turning it useless.

Nevertheless, now the resurrected Lord wants to breathe the breath of spirit into His children! The Holy Spirit, which has the power of an endless life, is like a pair of sharp scissors that will cut off all the bandages that bind the members of the Lord. He will destroy all the ideas and acts of men that prevent the saints from being established. All members of the body such as hands and fingers, feet and toes, eyes, ears, mouth, and nose etc. will no longer be bound. They will be

immersed in the blood stream of the Spirit, established by the truth, and placed together in the body. “From whom (the Spirit of Christ) the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies (every member is placed at its right place without confusion), according to the effective working by which every part does its share (every Christian and every local church has his own distinct function), causes growth of the body (members are established together by the truth and attain the measure of the full stature of Christ) for the edifying of itself in love. (The church can only have one faith — the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*. Only when the members have the same faith, can they have the same love and be of the same mind. The faith of the denominations differ from one another. Consequently, they attack one another. How can they talk about ‘love?’)”

Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord was crucified so that He could establish His resurrected body on earth. He shall see the fruit of His travail and be satisfied. Therefore, let’s mind the heart of the Lord and judge all things in the Spirit and not by our carnal affections. Let us demolish the walls of the denominations, which God hates, and build the glorious spiritual house that pleases Him! Nothing satisfies God more than to see the New Testament Church is rebuilt, the faith, testimony and ministration of the pristine church are restored, and the power and virtues of the resurrected Lord are manifested.

5.

Raising the Ensign

And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse (Jesus Christ), who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place [New Testament Church] shall be glorious.

(Isa. 11:10)

Brothers and sisters, this is the time when the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to all nations. We have to totally obey the Holy Spirit, receive the full gospel of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, and destroy anything that hinders the building of Christ's body, such as names, signs, traditions, and organizations of the denominations. The sign (ensign) of the local church must be raised so that those seeking the Lord can discern and come to the true spiritual church to receive the full truth.

If there were no New Testament Church, where can Christians be established by the Lord after they have heard the gospel? There is not a single denomination that is according to God's will because its foundation is not laid upon the complete faith. God's heart will only be comforted if we bring people to the New Testament Church — the Lord's body.

He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west (western world); together they shall plunder the people of the east; they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the people of Ammon

shall obey them. The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the sea of Egypt; with His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dry-shod. There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

(Isa. 11:12–16)

Although the Fundamentalists pursue godliness and the truth, they lack the power of the Holy Spirit. They have the truth but not the Spirit, so they cannot enter the reality of godliness. The Pentecostals have the power of the Holy Spirit, but not the truth. They are unwilling to resist their flesh and practice godliness, so they fail in exercising godliness and in obeying the truth. Nevertheless, when the time comes, God will rebuild His New Testament Church all over the world. He will raise the ensign to all nations and reclaim the lost lands. He will bring back the believers from the denominations. At that time, Christians who are scattered in the denominations (both the Pentecostals and Fundamentalists) will return and be united in the faith and in the Spirit. They will no longer envy of or go against one another. The Fundamentalists will no longer oppose the Holy Spirit, and the Pentecostals will come to know the holy truth of the cross in the New Testament Church. They will be built together into Christ's glorious body in His love. Thus, they will manifest the truth of the church: *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifested in the flesh.* (1 Tim. 3:16) They will battle against the den of the devil with one accord and preach the Full Gospel to the Gentiles. The Lord will open a great door for effective work. The flames of revival will come upon the whole world, hastening the Lord's kingdom.

Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand [the Fundamentalists and Pentecostals will unite in the faith — the Complete Truth — to become the New Testament Church]. Thus says the LORD God:

“Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand. . . . they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again [there will be no division among God’s children]. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions [all things that replace the authority of the Holy Spirit such as the traditional theology, denominations, lusts of the flesh, worldliness, sins, false doctrines and heresies, etc.]: but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them [Jesus Christ shall be the head of the church]; and they shall all have one shepherd [God’s children shall have the Comforter who teaches and shepherds them]: they shall also walk in My judgements and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land [the promised land — Canaan — which is the New Testament Church] that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”

(Ezek. 37:17–26)

6.

The Bridegroom and His Friend

Jesus Christ Himself builds the New Testament Church. He redeems all those who believe in Him with His precious blood, cleanses them with the Word, and pours out on them the Holy Spirit promised by the Father. He unites them with Himself to become one spirit and one body — His own body (the flesh of His flesh and the bone of His bones) and His bride, that is, His beloved holy church.

There are many denominations, such as the Baptists, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the True Jesus Church, the Pentecostalist, the Assembly of God, the Church of Christ, the Christian Assembly, the Evangelical Mission, and the like, whose names and organizations are determined by men. If the servants and maidservants of God in these denominations are willing to discard their own prejudices, obey the truth and stop going against the Holy Spirit, they will accomplish the work as that of John the Baptist who paved the way for the Lord. On hearing God's message to this last generation — rebuild the New Testament Church, if they are willing to obey the Lord, remove the name, system, organization, tradition, customs of their denomination, and receive the complete truth, they can immediately be established as a local church of the New Testament Church in that locality. If they refuse to lay aside their prejudice, but instead, for their self-interests insist on their incomplete faith, organization and sign of the denominations, then they are against God's word and disobey the truth.

I really hope that every servant and maidservant of God will be like John the Baptist, who let the Lord increase and he himself decrease. John did not boast that he baptized the Lord Jesus in the Jordan; instead, he testified that the Lord Jesus is the Lamb of God, and that He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire, that is, the head of the church. Some people came to John, saying, "He [Lord Jesus] who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified —

behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!” Upon hearing this, John was not in the least jealous, nor did he prevent others from going to the Lord. Instead, he said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.” John deeply knew the Lord’s will. He knew that He who has the bride (He who establishes the New Testament Church) is the bridegroom (Christ, the head of the church). And he himself was not the Christ (the bridegroom) but the one who paved the path for Christ (the friend of the bridegroom). John rejoiced greatly because of the bridegroom voice. He rejoiced when he learned that many had turned to Jesus for baptism. He wanted the Lord to increase and he himself to decrease. (See John 3:26–30, Matt. 3:11–12.)

How many denominational preachers follow the example of John the Baptist? How many understand that all their labor for the Lord should be for the rebuilding of the New Testament Church (the barn) today? The Lord Jesus, who will thoroughly clear out His threshing floor, wants to pour out His Spirit widely in these last days so as to baptize those who belong to Him with the Holy Spirit and fire. He wants to establish them into the New Testament Church (gather His wheat into the barn). These believers would surely be willing to abandon the organization and sign of their denomination, submit to the Lord, and allow God to build them into the local church (the barn) (Matt. 3:11–12). Regrettably, many preachers today have yet to see this truth clearly. Although they have heard of the mighty works of the Holy Spirit in recent years, they continue to disbelieve and oppose the truth. They know that the Lord has established the New Testament Church in many places, but they still forbid people to come to Him for the Spirit baptism and fire, instead, they fight with all their might to snatch people from our Lord Jesus. They do not know that these sheep, which are temporarily under the care of the denominations, belong to the Lord. Once the New Testament Church (the true sheepfold) is established, these sheep must return to the sheepfold. These pastors and preachers think that the sheep belong to their de-

nomination, so they refuse to send them back to the Lord's sheepfold. They do not know that the One who builds the church (He who marries the bride) is the Lord (the Bridegroom), and that they are only workers (friends of the Bridegroom) paving the path for the Lord to rebuild the New Testament Church. They fail to understand that their lifelong labor for the Lord is actually for this very purpose. Therefore, upon hearing the message of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*, not only are they unhappy, but also worried that the "bushel" of the denominations (where they belong) will be demolished by the Lord, and that the "sheep" they have been tending will be taken away by Him. As a result, they strongly persecute the Holy Spirit and oppose the truth, with hopes that their denominations will increase while the New Testament Church of the Lord decrease.

However, the will of God always stands: *Men's* denominations will decrease and *the Lord's* church will increase! Blessed are those who are humble and obedient! Some may be quite happy and satisfied in their present denominations. But they should obey the Lord when He has something better to give them. He wants us to let go the good for the better. If we have the will power like that of John the Baptist, we will be greatly approved and rewarded by God. May the New Testament Church which is built by the Holy Spirit increase and the denominations built by man decrease!

7.

Come Before the Lord's Table

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgement to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

(1 Cor. 11:23–32)

On the night before the Lord's crucifixion, He had supper with His disciples. He took bread and broke it, saying "This is My body, which is broken for you." The Lord died for the sake of building the New Testament Church. The church is His body, His own flesh and bones (Eph. 5:30), the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Cor. 5:7–8). When we come before the Lord's table to commemorate His sacrificial love for us, we should do away *the leaven of malice*: selfishness, jealousy, craftiness, lasciviousness, lust, greed, impurity, bitterness, hatred, anger, clamor, slandering, drunkenness, cursing, stealing, ly-

ing, extortion and all other sinful indulgence. Brothers and sisters must love one another, be merciful and kind to one another, and forgive one another, just as God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ.

Since we are the unleavened bread, we must get rid of the *old leaven* so that we may be a new lump. For Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, we cannot keep the feast with old leaven. Let's do away all our old habits: All worldly amusement and entertainment such as smoking, drinking, gambling, movie going, listening to worldly music, foolish talking, jesting, following traditions, worshipping invisible idols, etc. Let's also deal with the old way of the written code: the false doctrines, heresies, traditional theories, theological concepts, rites and regulations of worship, systems, names, and denominational organizations, head veils and caps wearing, customs, and observance of dates etc. Let us walk in the truth by the Holy Spirit and be a glorious church without spot, blemish or wrinkle — an unleavened bread of sincerity and truth — a chaste virgin that can be offered to Christ, that is acceptable and approved in His sight.

This cup is the new covenant in the Lord's blood, which is to redeem us from our sins. He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and sent down the Holy Spirit to baptize us, granting us the new tongue, the seal of the establishment of the New Testament Church. Therefore, we ought to remember His death in spirit and in truth until He comes.

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

(Matt. 26:27–29)

During the last supper, the Lord declared that He would not drink

of the fruit of the vine from then on. After His resurrection, He appeared to two disciples in the village called Emmaus. When he sat at table with the disciples, He only took bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to them. True enough, he did not drink of the fruit of the vine (Luke 24:30). It was of great significance that He refrained from drinking of the fruit of the vine. He wants to show His earnest desire while awaiting in heaven to marry His beloved church. He is earnest to drink the new cup with us.

When Jesus Christ was on the cross, He said, "I am thirsty." Indeed, He is still thirsty, because He is waiting to drink the new cup on that Day. If His bride is not ready, He cannot come to receive her. How the Lord longs to receive His bride! When we commemorate the love of the Lord in shedding His blood to redeem us, do we understand His desire to receive His bride? Do we long to see the glorious face of our Beloved? Have we offered ourselves to Him without reservation? Have we committed ourselves into His hand, so that He can grind us into flour and make us into unleavened bread, which will be broken to feed the need of this world?

We must diligently and faithfully preach the truth of *the Holy Spirit rebuilds the New Testament Church*. Let the people in all the world receive the full witness of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* and be redeemed, established and cleansed by the Lord to become His holy church. There will no longer be any division, filthiness or maliciousness, but all members will become one body, one unleavened bread, one chaste bride. We need to put on the white robe and walk with Christ to fight against sins, heresies and false doctrines. Hold fast to the truth and fight for the Lord! We may even have to shed our blood. Nevertheless, we love not our lives even unto death because the Lord had first shed His blood and died for us. We only have one hope, that's to await that glorious Day, when we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and drink the new cup with Him. Though we have not seen Him, yet we love Him! We want to imitate Rebecca (the bride) who drew near to Isaac (Beloved). Then He shall see the fruit of His suffering and be

satisfied. We will also be content.

When we come before the Lord's table, let us first examine ourselves. Have we obeyed the Holy Spirit? Do we respect men more than God? Do we mind ourselves more than the will of God? Have we stolen the time, money, talent and life that He has entrusted to us? Have we made a vow but not kept it? Have we lost our first love? Have we fallen from grace? Have we kept our best from the Lord? Have we faithfully co-worked and built with Him? Or have we been lazy in doing His work? Have we yielded to ourselves too much that we oppose the truth? ...

May the precious blood of the Lord cleanse and forgive us. Since we are partakers of the body and blood of the Lord, we must live in Him and let He live in us. Let us no longer walk in our own way, but carry the cross and follow Him on the path to Golgotha. Let all our offering and work be in His will. Amen!

8.

Important Issues Concerning the New Testament Church

- A. The New Testament Church is named after the locality, for example, Church of Kaohsiung, Church of Tainan, etc. It may be named after a village, a town or even a big city, depending on the extent of her work. The sign of a local church is a testimony. The banner is raised to all nations proclaiming that the church of the living God is here, and the name of the church is different from the unbiblical names of the denominations. The extent of our faith will determine the amount of work we do. This is a spiritual principle.
- B. In her administration, every local church is directly responsible to God. She receives direct instructions from the Holy Spirit. If there is any mistake, she should accept the advice and correction of the Holy Spirit through the workers set up by God and other members (other local churches). She will absolutely respect the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. However, her testimony, ministration and fellowship must be made in the truth, and be united with other members in the truth, with all members receive the complete truth. All local churches can help one another in love. Let all members live in peace, and love one another deeply from the heart.
- C. The elders, deacons and workers of the church are not elected through votes or determined by man's will. Instead, let's pray that the Holy Spirit Himself will move, reveal and confirm them. When a person is faithful before God and has the burden for His work, he will be accepted and chosen by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will reveal and confirm his ministry by raising up someone to prophesy to him or lay hands on him, or through other means. Furthermore, these workers must be tested before they can be actually

used by God. If the workers set up by God are unfaithful in their ministries, they will lose the reality of their spiritual position and the authority of their ministries. Therefore, every worker of the New Testament Church must be disciplined by God, be directly responsible to Him, and be faithful to His trust.

- D. In all things, the church has to be watchful, and fast and pray with one accord. Then we will see the clear revelation and guidance of the Holy Spirit, who will show us how to solve our problems. Do not be impatient. After receiving a revelation, we still need to wait and pray until God confirms and fulfills all things accordingly. Don't imitate the denominations that hold monthly functional meetings with the elders and deacons to decide things by their own will and collect donations or raise money by men's methods. Pray earnestly in one mind and seek God's will. Let the Holy Spirit Himself decide all things and accomplish what pleases Him.
- E. The New Testament Church should be completely holy and without blemish. She will not only receive the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit*, but also remove all the leaven of wickedness, the leaven of the denominations. She hates what is abominable to God and minds not human friendship or human sympathy. She will deal with human feelings and fully mind the heart of God. God has given us the beautiful land of Canaan (the New Testament Church) that we can wipe out the evil tribes (remove all the unbiblical things). The New Testament Church that worships God in spirit must depart from the laws of the flesh and the bondage of rites and regulations.
- F. The headquarters of the denominations such as the Baptists, the Anglicans, the Assembly of God etc. are on earth. All their branches — chapels in all places — use the names that they have fixed for themselves, such as so-and-so Mission or this-and-that Assembly. But the headquarter of the New Testament Church is in heaven.

The local churches are named after their respective localities, as directed by the Bible. For example, in Hong Kong she is called the Church of Hong Kong, and she will not branch out to Taiwan or America. The denominations are building the earthly organizations while the New Testament Church is building heavenly Jerusalem. We must not lead men into the man-made organizations (denominations). Instead, we should bring them into the glorious body of Jesus Christ (the New Testament Church established by the Holy Spirit). The denominations build the tower of Babel and proclaim men's names (men's theories and traditions), but the New Testament Church builds the spiritual house and proclaim God's name (the complete truth of Jesus Christ).

- G. The beliefs of many Pentecostal churches are tainted with the colors of the denominations. They do not stay away from human ideas and regulations, and are not purely established in the Holy Spirit. We must not allow any denomination to pretend to be the New Testament Church, but help their preachers and Christians understand the revelation of *the rebuilding of the New Testament Church*. Most of them love God with a pure heart but they fail to worship God freely because they have been bound by man's regulations. We should help them to tear down their signs and do away with old concepts, traditions, systems, organizations and theological theories. New wine must be put into new wineskins in order to be preserved (established).
- H. The great revival of the 20th century that God promises: certainly will not come from any assembly or denomination. For the will of God is to bring about a thorough spiritual revolution — to demolish all the walls of the denominations and rebuild the holy and glorious New Testament Church. This revival comes from the sanctuary (the New Testament Church) He established in the East. As the New Testament Church is built by the Holy Spirit Himself, the pattern she brings forth is to be followed by the preachers and

Christians of all denominations. Then they may leave the yoke of men and bear the yoke of the Lord. May God grant us suitable and refined words so that we can make His will known to this generation.

Word of Inspiration

Words of Inspiration

The following is part of the recording of a service when there were prophesying and interpretation of tongues. This is a prophecy God inspired His humble maidservant Kong Duen Yee to speak to all His beloved children:

1. O people of Zion! Rejoice and be glad! For the great King of Zion (the head of the church — Jesus Christ) has entered His sanctuary. God will bless the New Testament Church established by the Holy Spirit. She is the sanctuary called by God's name. Enter His court with thanksgiving, receive His truth with reverence, and serve Him with gladness. Be quiet and listen to His teachings. The words of God shall flow forth from His sanctuary. You must not only listen to His word, but also do it and preach it. For this is the complete truth of God that shall flow out of your belly.

Behold, God will make you a watered garden, and a spring, whose waters never fail. You must go! Go to water the millions of withered hearts. Arise, people of God! This is not the hour to slumber. Now it is high time to wake up from sleep, and catch up with this fiery era! Catch up with the wheel of revival. When God's kingdom comes in glory, let you meet the Lord in peace and be found blameless.

O people of God! Flee from Babylon, go out from the midst of her. Be not defiled by unclean things. Let not your hearts be contaminated with the slightest taint of worldliness, filthiness, false doctrines, heresies, or denominations, for he who bears the vessels of the LORD must sanctify himself.

In these last days, God will speedily accomplish the great work of rebuilding the temple according to His appointed time. Co-work with God according to His will, for you have been called for this very purpose. Cursed is he who is lax in doing the LORD's work. Therefore, be diligent and build the glorious spiritual house with Him. You will then receive the great reward and blessings that have been prepared for

you.

This is the interpretation of the unknown tongues the Spirit of the LORD of Hosts moved His maidservant to utter. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

2. Thus says the LORD: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I am with you.” Thus says the LORD of Hosts: “I shall sit on Mount Zion and reign as King. I shall come down to fight on Mount Zion.” The New Testament Church is established by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord and His church will increase, but the denominations built by men will decrease. The LORD of Hosts sits enthroned and He shall fight for Jerusalem.

The New Testament Church will face persecutions. When the work of God expands, Satan will work against it. But God says to His people, “Fear not, for the LORD of Hosts is with you.” He shall enlarge the place of your tent, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. He will make your work accepted by Him. Today, many people are building up denominations. What they are doing only benefits the denominations. They are bringing men to the denominations. But God says to His beloved people, “You must do things that benefit the work of God. Stand on God’s side and bring men before Him, that they may be established.”

Every word of God rings with power. When His words are uttered, all nations will behold the Lord raising the banner of victory. Thus says the Spirit of the LORD of Hosts to the brothers and sisters through His maidservant. Blessed are those who hear His word and do it.

3. Awake, leaders of Israel! Arise, people of Israel! Offer yourselves willingly to fight for the LORD and lead the foes captive. “Curse Meroz”, said the angel of the LORD, “curse its inhabitants bitterly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to help the LORD against the mighty.” Woe to him who is lax in doing the LORD’s work for they shall be cursed. Blessed are those who bravely fight for the

LORD, for they will have a share in His glorious reward!

In 1965, God will choose mighty warriors to co-work with Him. The Spirit of God speaks to His children: “My people, mind My heart. The day will come when you will no longer look upon the idols made by men’s hands, your Creator. The regulations, names, laws, and systems of the denominations are the works of men’s hands. These things do not profit you. Only My Spirit can lead you into the ministration of life. O My children! Return to Zion — the New Testament Church, the sanctuary that is called by My name, to offer burnt offerings. Then I will accept your offerings. I will bless you from the beginning of the year to its end. I will be with you and strengthen the work of your hands.

Behold! I have set up those who bring good tidings to Zion. You must listen to the words of My messengers. The message of *rebuilding the New Testament Church* will be made known this year and be widely preached next year. You must build according to My will. Behold! I will do a new thing on earth that no one has ever told you of. I will surely accomplish this thing and let you see it with your own eyes. Then you will know that He who speaks to you is the Lord your God.”

The Will of God in This Last Generation

(A Letter of Prophecy)

Peace to brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, in Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and all other localities:

The Spirit of God moved me to speak to you: Blessed are you, little flock, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Blessed are your eyes, for they have seen what many prophets and righteous men had not seen. Blessed are your ears, for they have heard what many prophets and righteous men had not heard. Blessed are you who are humble, for the kingdom of God is in your midst. You will be enthroned with the glorious Lord, but before that you will have to share the bitter cup with Him on earth. Fear not the persecutions, tribulations and trials that will come upon you, for they are inevitable. You will be confronted with violent storms, but believe firmly that the Lord is with you. The waves may be raging and the ship may be wrecking, but let not your courage fail you, for the living God is with you. He is above all the waves. Behold! The great oppressor has come, but fear not, for God will certainly fight for you. His grace will be like the big and small shields, protecting us from the enemy. Be strong and show yourself a man, for only those who know their God can be strong and take action. The mighty ark of the covenant of God is in your midst and the Spirit of grace is with you. In whatever you may encounter, kneel down and pray with one accord. The almighty God will surely deliver you.

The LORD of hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion (the New Testament Church built by the Holy Spirit). Like birds hovering, so will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it, and in passing over, He will preserve it. Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts. Your eyes shall see Jerusalem as a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that will not be taken down. Not one of the

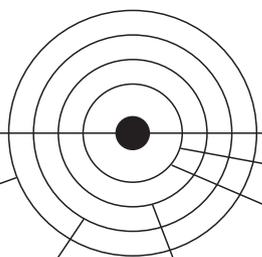
stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of the cords be broken. There, the majestic LORD will be with us.

God says: “I will be unto Jerusalem a wall of fire round about, and will be her glory within her. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst.” Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel (the chosen servant of God) you shall become a plain! O daughter of Zion, God will enlarge the place of your tent (God promised to increase the number of saved souls in the New Testament Church. She will grow and multiply), and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings (enlarge the place for meeting); Do not spare, lengthen your cords (the New Testament Church will be established by the Holy Spirit in all places), and strengthen your stakes (the foundation which is laid upon the rock — the complete truth of *Blood, Water and Holy Spirit* shall not be shaken). For you shall expand to the right and to the left (witness to all denominations); and your descendents (spiritual descendants) will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited (lead the Christians of the denominations back to the Lord’s sheepfold).

Awake, Awake, O Zion, put on your strength. For I have given you the treasures of darkness, and the hidden riches of secret places (the blessings of spiritual gifts), that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you by your name, am the Lord Jehovah. I will gather My sons from east and west, from north and south and bring them back to the stronghold of Zion. I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron. I shall go before you and My glory shall be your reward. Thus says the Lord Jehovah.

Dear brothers and sisters, bravely carry your own cross and follow the Lord. Be faithful till death, and you will gain the glorious crown of life. For yet a little while, He who is coming will come. We should forget the past and strive towards the mark (the vision of Jesus Christ and His glorious, holy church). Hallelujah! The Lord is coming soon!

Kong Duen Yee, the maidservant of Jesus Christ by the will of God
Inspired on Nov. 5, 1964 at 1:30 p.m.



**The Prestine
New Testament
Church:**

She was established by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. She was the spiritual house built by God according to His will. The believers received the full witness of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit, and worshiped God in spirit and in truth.

**Roman
Catholicism:**

The church came under the dark political dominion of Rome and turned against the Scriptures. Eventually, the church's testimony of Blood, Water and Holy Spirit was lost. She committed spiritual fornication with idols and rebelled against the will of God, forming the Roman Catholic Church. God's Spirit abhors them!

**The Modernists
(New Theology):**

They call themselves Christians, but disbelieve the gospel of Jesus Christ. They deny the authority of the Bible and fail to follow the truth. They only preach the social gospel a false gospel. God's Spirit is far from them.

**The
Fundamentalists:**

They believe in the redemption of the precious blood, but oppose the Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues. They refuse to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, and emphasize human knowledge and theology. They profess to be Christians, but shut the Spirit of Christ outside the door. Therefore, God's Spirit cannot work in their midst.

**The Pentecostal
Groups
(Charismatics):**

They believe in the blood and in the Spirit baptism, but refuse to depart from the denominations. They lack the worship in spirit and the living testimony of obeying the holy truth (the Bible). Their man-made regulations, dogmas, rules, titles, etc. prevent the Holy Spirit from building the church (the testimony of unity) among them.

**The Christian Assembly
and the Brethren:**

Although they diligently study the truth on building the church, they do not begin with the Spirit. In their midst, man's method is prominent but the works of the Holy Spirit are few. The truth they preach on building the church is merely a theory to them. It cannot help believers to be built by the Holy Spirit. Though the Christian Assembly briefly tasted the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in its early days, it did not make the extra effort to walk on the spiritual high-ground. It left its course halfway. Its members rejected the Holy Spirit, so the Holy Spirit could no longer work among them.

**The New Testament Church
rebuilt by the Holy Spirit
in the last days:**

The New Testament Church is in accordance with the will of God. When she was rebuilt, the full witness of the early New Testament Church Blood, Water and Holy Spirit was restored. Today, Christians may again worship God in spirit and in truth, and the various ministries of the workers are manifested according to the Scriptures. New Testament Church members coordinate in ministration, keep the law of God, use spiritual gifts, seek holiness and lead a godly life. The Holy Spirit works freely among them as He wills. The New Testament Church leads denominational believers back to God and is preparing the way for Christ second coming.