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Doors Are Opening Everywhere

By J. T. POHAN

"For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28.

Somehow I never understood the above quoted scripture so clearly until my recent experiences among the Rungus people in the Kudat area. To make clear how greatly the Lord has worked for their salvation, I need to go back about a year to the time when Pastor Youngberg and I had the first privilege of visiting our little Chinese church in Sikuati, thirteen miles from Kudat. Then there were just two Rungus men in attendance. These two men begged that we conduct night meetings in their village, which we did, and it thrilled our hearts to see the whole village turn out to attend the meetings. We left that village that night rejoicing in the anticipation of seeing them accepting the message.

In the meantime brother Chong Ku En kept up the interest of the people and of the neighborhood. Six months later on our second visit, we were surprised and overjoyed to see the church packed up to overflowing; so much so that our Chinese brethren had to hold their services separately in another home.

After a lapse of three months we made our third visit and found the whole village determined to do away with their customs of hundreds of years and to become Christians, members of the remnant church.

Immediately after the Sabbath service a woman from another village stood up and said, "Mr. Pohan, please come up to our village and help move away our idols and charms from our houses. We will gladly do away with heathenism and become Christians." Soon another woman stood up and then another, all with the same request. Finally their chief who was also then present, joined them. Feeling impressed that God was guiding and that I should avail myself of this opportunity, I agreed to go.

On Monday morning we started on the rough trip, up and down hills and mountains. Reaching the village we found them all at home and eagerly awaiting our arrival. It was a long house of 40 rooms — a room to a family. We were certainly given a warm reception and when all were gathered together a meeting was conducted for them. From start to finish all children and grown ups were quiet, attentive and reverent as if sensing the presence of the Unseen. That the Spirit is working mightily among these people is evident, impressing their hearts with a need for something better than they have had.

At the close of the short meeting I was guided to each room to watch them remove their idols and charms and to have them surrendered to me. Oh it was thrilling to see for the first time in my life a whole village surrender their idols to a missionary and accept Christianity in the place of their heathen customs which they frankly admitted to be lies and vanity and unprofitable, thus fulfilling the words in Jer. 16:19. "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity and things wherein there is no profit." It was really a great day of victory which God had wrought for us.

We believe the work is closing rapidly. Everywhere doors are open for the acceptance of the last warning message. The devil and his forces tremble to witness its advance. This was shown by the following experience. Two days after we left the village mentioned above, two men came down to see me and related a dream which two men of their village had had. The dream had greatly impressed all the villagers and had been a source of encouragement to them. In the dream they saw a crowd of people sitting on the ground around their long house. When urged to come up to the house these people replied, "We won't come up to you. We are longer friends, for you have chosen a new friend,

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Jesus. Now we are afraid of you. We are going away to the other heathen villages and leave you to your destiny." To all concerned the interpretation of this dream was that these people were all the evil spirits they had worshiped for past centuries and that now that they had accepted Christianity these spirits were leaving them in fear and trembling.



摩祿卯村民熱切等待波漢牧師
People of Morobou Village eagerly awaiting the arrival of Elder J. T. Pohan

The news of this victory spread rapidly, and many of the neighboring villages want to do the same thing. Three weeks later, on my return trip to Jesselton, a delegation from another village was sent to meet me at the wharf. The message from their Chief was, "We are fed up with heathen customs, so we want to be Christians, members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please come up at once, without fail, to help us remove our idols and charms as you have done in the other village."

I would have been happy to return to help this village but the District Officer refused to give me permission until he could see the Chief concerned. However, I hope to be able soon to visit this village and others who have requested my help. Please pray that I may be kept a humble and fit instrument to gather in these dear people before it is too late.

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Progress at Youngberg Memorial Hospital Continues

By B. PAGE HASKELL
(Business Manager and Chaplain)

It is a pleasure to give our believers throughout the field encouraging news of continued progress at

the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore. Since its inception in 1948, the hospital staff has been growing, and during the past year has watched with anxious anticipation the construction of the greatly needed new wing. The grand opening of this new unit on April 24, 1952, was reported in a recent issue of the *Messenger*.

On the following Sunday, the new unit was opened to patients. This, however, did not fully answer all the problems; for other remodeling and enlarging was needed. With the doubling of our patient beds, new and larger culinary facilities were necessary. The kitchen was expanded to more than twice its original size. The former clinic has now been very attractively remodeled to accommodate the third-class clinic patients, and this includes a physio-therapy department.

Dr. G. G. Innocent left on furlough to the United States the first of June, leaving the medical work in the care of Dr. G. H. Coffin, Acting Medical Director, and Dr. Luke Tsai. These men along with Miss Elizabeth Rogers and her corps of nurses are carrying a heavy load. It is hoped that very shortly Dr. Everett Dick will join our staff in sharing this pressing load.

Thus far, the first two weeks of August have been the busiest, or rather the in-patient count was the highest ever. Additional beds had to be placed in some rooms and the count remained at or very close to 60. During this same period over 1,000 people have been cared for in the out-patient clinic.

The spiritual phase of the work at Youngberg Memorial Hospital, under direction of the writer, ranks high in the mind of the staff and plans are being laid for it to bring more and more in the way of spiritual help to the patients. Bibles and religious literature are provided for each patient. Only religious and health journals are placed on the tables in the waiting rooms. Mrs. Amy Tan spends some time each day visiting and studying with the patients. Her cheering smile brings comfort and courage to every one. Each week approximately 200 *Signs of the Times* are mailed to former patients; and our other journals, *Life and Health*, Chinese *Signs of the Times*, and *Listen* are distributed as they arrive each month, or quarter, as the case may be.

The courage of the staff is good; the needs are pressing, and the hour is late, so remember the work here in your prayers.

Preparing for the Future

By HARRY K. SHOW

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose

conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." *Education* p. 57.

To produce such men for the cause of God is the responsibility of Christian education. Part of that responsibility is to teach the student to be self reliant and to have a love for souls. Along with this is the task of teaching them the methods of reaching the hearts as well as the minds of men. Each of these requirements is admirably fulfilled in the student colporteur program.

"It is well known that many students, who pay their own way in college by vacation canvassing, develop a remarkable practical power which students, whose expenses are paid by their parents, do not develop."
—O. S. MARDEN

That this is true is demonstrated by the fact that almost without exception, the leaders of this Advent Movement spent summers and sometimes years in the colporteur work during and immediately after their schooling. One man, who is a very successful evangelist today, chose six months of full time canvassing in preference to a course in a university when he began to feel that some additional training in soul-winning was a necessity in his ministry.

It is the aim of this Union to fulfill this responsibility, and in accord with this aim a strong student colporteur program is carried on each vacation period. This month forty-one students from the Malayan Seminary have been trained and sent into the field. Sunday morning, August 10, there was quite a scramble to get ten students started by train and ship for various destinations in the Federation of Malaya. The next day two more left by train, and the remainder started to work in Singapore.

These students are under the direction of Brother K. T. Chin, the publishing secretary for the Malay States Mission, and they have received valuable instruction as well as practical demonstration in the field in methods of persuading people and in placing truth filled literature in the homes. Someday our work will be turned over to some of these young people, and the call will find them with a practical training for the task.

Elders H. W. Peterson and R. A. Pohan spent some time in Kota Bahru in the interests of the Malay work there. A building has been located which can be used for a meeting place and for a home for a worker. Brother M. T. A. Siahaan has responded to the call for a worker and has gone to Kota Bahru to live and to labor for the people in that place.

Voice of Prophecy students and workers in Penang and Ipoh will be happy this week when they welcome Mrs. L. C. Wilcox, Elder H. W. Peterson and Brother Chong Tat Kong who have gone there to conduct rallies and to meet with the students.

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Baptism at Dalat

By L. G. STORZ

Twelve new converts joined the church by baptism on June 21, 1952, in the Dalat lake. Three are Vietnamese and nine are the first-fruits of our work among the Moi race.

During the year 1949, there attended the Indo-China's Workers' Training School, our first convert from among the Moi's as a student. At the close of the year he returned to his mountain village to preach to his fellow countrymen the same Gospel that had become so dear to him. In a few months he had several people interested (one of whom was his wife) and continued studying with them faithfully. This he has done for nearly two years, and upon examination these nine Moi candidates were found to be thoroughly grounded in the faith.



范長清牧師爲十二位慕道施浸函

Dalat Baptism conducted by Pastor Pham Tran Than

It is indeed encouraging to witness the Gospel wedge its way into a new race, speaking a different tongue; through the deepest superstitions of devil worship and of racial customs almost unspeakable. Although permanent racial marks are still visible upon the ear lobes and teeth, their countenances now bear expressions of a new mark—a deeper one that comes from within the heart of every one who has learned of Jesus' love. Let us pray that God's blessings will accompany these new witnesses as they return to their sin-darkened villages.

Voice of Prophecy School Graduation

By R. H. WENTLAND, JR.

At nine o'clock Sunday morning, June 29, the Phu Nhuan Saigon church was filled with members and many guests. The occasion was a Voice of Prophecy rally and graduation service.

Pham Thien, the Voice of Prophecy leader, had such an interesting and well organized program that the next hour passed very quickly. A chorus of seven men opened the rally with a rousing rendition of "Jesus Is Coming Again." Throughout the program they sang several other numbers which lent to the effectiveness of the meeting. Pastor L. G. Storz gave an enlightening history of the Voice of Prophecy and expressed the hope that some day the Voice of Prophecy might be broadcast in Vietnamese.



越南聖經函授學校畢業生
Voice of Prophecy Graduates at Phu Nhuan,
Indo-China

Naturally, the high light of the rally for the graduates was the part where they were given their diplomas and a graduation ribbon. There were forty-four graduates in all from this vicinity, although only thirty-six were able to attend. They were a delighted group consisting mostly of young people. Brother Thien reports that four are definite baptismal prospects.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Anna Tobing Siagian who died suddenly at her home in North Borneo on August 8. She was the faithful wife of Brother D. P. Siagian, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Borneo Mission. Her funeral was conducted by Pastor L. S. Sibrani and was attended by many friends, relatives and members of the churches in North Borneo. She leaves to mourn their loss, her companion, eleven children, five sisters, one brother and many other relatives scattered through Indonesia. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to her loved ones, two of whom are her daughters, Tiurlan and Tiurmina, now attending the Malayan Seminary.

We rejoice over those who have accepted the truths of the hour and pray that in the future many will take their stand with the righteous because of the seed that has been sown by these lessons. Another such rally is being planned for Christmas.

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June 28 in the Bunga Church

By E. SINAGA

It was a grand day for the members of the Bunga church the first Sabbath they enjoyed the privilege of sitting on seats with comfortable backs on them. The former seats were only long benches without backs, tables or desks of different sizes. This is the first Dyak church to have real benches and everyone was delighted with the new seats. The members had worked hard to obtain them, first of all by raising the money to obtain the planks at one of the marriage feasts, and then by making the 8 foot long benches themselves.

Present to help celebrate this happy event was the president of the Mission, Elder L. E. A. Fox who gave us a very stirring message on the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3. It stands to reason, as seen from the experiences of some patients who have neglected small sores which have resulted in death, that we must not neglect to bring to our Great Physician the root of our sin, small though it may be; otherwise we shall be spiritually dead and must finally be buried.

At the conclusion of this address, Brother Ruel who had been invited from Tarad church, took a few minutes to publicly examine five baptismal candidates who were then accepted and baptized by Pastor Fox. Two of these candidates have interesting experiences connected with their acceptance of the truth. One, a woman aged forty-five, has been struggling for over three years to rid herself of bad habits which were keeping her from being baptized. The struggle is over now and we all rejoice with her in this victory. The other one, a man who has been a member of the S. P. G. church for twenty-four years employed by them as a teacher and a religious leader, had been searching for more light and finally found it in this remnant church. The Malay Voice of Prophecy Course has been of great help to him. He has now been accused by authorities in his former church of propagating his new found faith among his former members. Pray that he may be of great influence for the truth.

Our souls are greatly cheered as we see these evidences of the favor of God upon our work and our prayer is that we may all continue to follow in the Master's footsteps.

Around the Union

● Vacation time finds, and has found, our workers in various occupations and places. The H. W. Petersons spent some time in Indo-China and Thailand; Miss Elizabeth Rogers took a boat trip to Borneo; Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Kong visited Kuala Lumpur where Mr. Kong spent most of his time auditing; The V. D. Bonds flew to Siantar, Sumatra for a last visit with R. A. Figuhr and family; Mrs. Amy Tan went to Bandung, Java to meet her new granddaughter, Geraldine, daughter of Mrs. Gloria Loe; Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and the Paul Colemans sailed on a trip to Borneo and the H. K. Shows enjoyed a few days on cool Penang Hill. Mr. Goh Boon Chay is happily spending his vacation caring for his little daughter while awaiting the home-coming of his wife and his new son; Mr. and Mrs. Ngo Beng Lim are spending a few days on Coney Island, off Singapore; Miss Hemme is in Lembang, Java, vacationing with the Raymond Turners; Daniel Tan is busily setting up the new Science laboratory in the South end of the building beneath the chapel at the Malayan Seminary; C. P. Shim, while continuing his duties as acting preceptor of the boy's dormitory, is also doing canvassing work in Singapore; Mr. S. N. Siregar, with his two daughters, Ellen and Ruthie, has gone to Kota Bahru to do canvassing work. Mrs. Siregar, who has been very ill for some time in the Youngberg Hospital, is fastly improving and will soon be strong enough to return home; Mr. M. Lucas, Laboratory technician of the Youngberg hospital, has been attending the Tanjong Malim Group Hospital where he has been taking a course in Midwifery. He is expected back in Singapore about the 5th of September.

● Arrived recently in Singapore from America are W. J. Hackett and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bohner. Brother Hackett is to be the new Division Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary, and Brother Bohner is now the Principal of the Far Eastern Academy. Another new family on the Division compound is Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dyer, formerly of Manila who have come to join the Treasury staff of the Division.

● Dr. Daniel Walther, Professor of Church History, now on leave from the Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. is at present in Saigon, Indo-China, holding an evangelistic campaign. He writes that they have had very large crowds attending the opening nights. The second night there were over a thousand people out to hear his message. He is receiving able help in the Bible work and visiting from Mrs. Lebrice and Brother Pham Tran Than but even so, there are not enough workers to follow up this large interest. His courage is good and all are looking forward to a good harvest from these meetings.



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● Returned from their furloughs to the Malayan Union are: Dr. R. F. Waddell and family who are now back with the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; A. P. Ritz and family who are locating with the Penang Sanitarium, and J. M. Nerness and family who are busily getting settled once more on the Malayan Union compound. We are happy to have all these folk back with us.

● The Far Eastern Academy is once again to open its doors, this time in Singapore. The school year will begin on September 15, with about fifteen students attending from different parts of the Far East. Brother and Sister Bohner and Miss Leeta Hemme will constitute the faculty for this year. There is a small building being erected next to the Division office which will house the school, and provision is being made in some of the homes to board the students coming from outside Singapore.

● Recent visitors to our compounds in Singapore have been Mr. and Mrs. Don Bower, returning to America from India; Furlough-minded R. A. Figuhr and family who were formerly in the Malayan Union but who have been in Indonesia for the past two years; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Haas, en-route to Sumatra where he will be the director of the North Sumatra Mission; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Anderson, en-route to America from the Celebes, and F. W. Detamore who is spending his vacation here with friends.

● Dr. and Mrs. George G. Innocent, Kenneth and Nancy, have returned to the states for their furlough. In his absence Dr. Galen Coffin is acting Director of the Youngberg Memorial Hospital. Assisting him in his work is Dr. Luke Tsai, and they are both looking forward to the arrival of Dr. E. W. Dick who will soon join the busy staff.

● Miss Viola Knight has gone to further her studies at the Philippine Union College where she will remain for two years. Her students at the Seminary miss her and we all miss her sweet songs but look forward to the time when she will be back with us again.

見到村長前，不允我前往那村落。我希望不久後能成此行，願各位爲我禱告，使我能虛己爲主工作。（波漢）

文加村近訊

六月二十八日是文加教會的大日子，教友們第一次坐着椅背的椅子舉行聚會。前此之時，教堂裏的座位只是長凳子和大小不一的桌子。文加教會是第一個達雅克族教會具有這樣好的座位——這是教友們努力工作的報酬。他們先在一個婚筵上募捐一筆購買木板的款子，然後又出力做成這些新椅子。

區會會長傅恩牧師也趕來參加慶祝這快樂的聚會，並講了一篇動人的道理，其題目是『我們若忽略這麼大的救恩，怎能逃罪呢？』（希伯來書二章三節）講道完畢之後，繼有自達臘教會而來的來賓露兄弟查問五位要受浸者關於本會所相信的要道。教友接納他們加入教會後，傅恩牧師便爲他們施浸。

這五個人當中，有一個是四十五歲的婦女，她於三年前即已預備加入教會了，但因她有壞習慣，所以不能受浸，三年來她時刻與其壞習慣爭鬥，感謝上帝，她終於得勝了。

另一位是英國聖公會的四十四年的老教友，同時也是該教會的教師和宗教領袖。他時刻在尋求更多的亮光，終於他找到了餘民教會，馬來文聖經函授課實在給他不少的幫助。如今，該教會當局正攻擊他，說他向其從前的教友宣傳此新的道理。願他能在真道上站立得住。

當我們見到這些上帝賜福的證據時，我們一心的願望就是忠心追隨救主到底。（辛那加）

越南聖經函授學校

△六月二十九日星期日早上九點鐘的時候，西貢富潤教堂坐滿了教友和來賓，這是預言之聲奮興會和畢業典禮。

七人唱詩班的『耶穌必定要再來』是奮興會的第一個節目。之後，他們又在聚會中穿插幾首特別詩，使大會生色不少。施道智牧師講述預言之聲的歷史。當然啦，函授學校畢業生最渴望的一個節目是頒發證書。畢業生都是住在西貢市附近，共四十四位，多數是青年人，函授學校主任范善兄弟報告稱，其中四位定是會加入教會的。（溫德倫）

△越南聖經函授學校的偉大成就，惟有將來在天國時方能完全顯明出來。藉着文字佈道士的介紹，函授課深入許多新地區。堪都是西貢以西一百哩的一個重鎮，這是一個大學城。由於一個文字佈道士分發函授招生廣告卡片的結果，我們在這兒有五百多個學員，大多數都是本鎮學校的學生，此外，公路局，郵政局，警察總署等都有本校的學員。去年年底，函授職員范善和陳約地兩位兄弟曾到該鎮小住一星期，探訪學員們，惜乎那時學校正放假，許多學員已回家去了，無論如何，此行拜訪總不辜負他們的勞力。他們無論到那裏，總聽見人們的招呼，區會當局正計劃在那兒進行更大規模的佈道工作，願大家記念堪都的工作。

△文字佈道士榮龍兄弟於去年在西貢以西一百四十公里的一個小村落介紹了一個名榮唐兆者加入聖經函授學校。這是由內地逃出來的幾家人暫時搭在岸邊的幾間屋子所組成的小村落，未設

有郵政局，所以榮君每赴西貢辦理商務時便也帶了課卷交到函授辦事處，然後又從函授帶了新的功課回去。如是者四月之後，他在課卷下寫道：『我是一個基督徒，守星期日已很久了，並也在聖經學校讀過兩年書，但對我所讀的並不感到滿意。這次讀預言之聲函授課期中，我發覺基督復臨安息日會所傳的道理和聖經互相符合。感謝上帝的大愛，祂引領我找到了其子民。你們能否到本村來爲我夫婦施浸，使我們也成爲真教會的教友？』越兩個月後，區會會長華萊斯牧師，皆同宋兄弟，榮龍兄弟，和筆者一同到榮君家裏，經查問他倆之後，大家乘了吉普車到一個稻田裏，就在稻田旁邊的一個灌溉水溝裏，榮君夫婦受浸歸入主內。（范善）

慕伊族聖工

一九五二年六月二十一日十二位慕道友在打拉湖受浸加入教會，這其中除三位是越南人外，其餘九位都是慕伊族人——慕伊族聖工的第一批果子。

一九四九年，在本會所辦的越南訓練學校裏有一個慕伊族學生，他是本會的第一個慕伊族教友。是年年底，他回到其山上村落，向其同胞宣揚他所愛慕的福音。幾個月後，即有幾個人（其中之一是他的妻子）對道理發生興趣。他繼續同他們研究聖道，經過了差不多兩年之久，這幾位慕道友終於加入餘民教會。慕伊族有其自己的方言，風俗習慣特異，願我們祈求上帝，賜福這幾個新教友，使他們在那爲罪惡所遮蓋的村落，光照許多住在黑暗中的人。（施道智）

我們在浸禮時所許之願，包含意義甚多。我們是奉父，子，聖靈的名，效法基督的死而被埋葬，又效法祂的復活而上來，從此度着新的生活，我們的生活是與基督的相聯了，從此信徒當銘記着，自己是獻身給上帝，給基督，及給聖靈了。他把一切世俗的思念列於新的關係之下。他已公開宣佈自己不再過驕傲及放縱的生活，再也不度粗心大意及冷淡的生活。他已與上帝立約，他已向世界死了。他是向主活着，獻上一切受託的才幹為主使用，始終不忘记自己是蓋上了上帝的印記，變成基督國度之國民，與神聖的性情有分，他要把自己及自己的一切歸服上帝，運用自己一切的恩賜去彰揚主的榮耀。

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如果你是攀登一座高山，你一定不會在山麓的小丘就停下來，你還是向上爬，你繼續地向前進，你可能時常感到疲乏，前面的路途可能是崎嶇不平，但你必繼續前進，否則你必不能到達山頂。

聖經描述基督徒的生活正如一條通往天庭的道路，先知以賽亞說它是『聖路』，(卅五章八節)所羅門王告訴我們說：『義人的路，好像黎明的光，越照越明，直到日午。』(箴言四章十八節)

當我們一開始走基督徒的路時，便不應有回轉的念頭，有時我們可能猶豫不前，有時我們可能滑了一交而倒退了幾步，但我們千萬不要灰心地說道：『我不能完成了。』每當躊躇之時，我們應當站起，鼓起新的勇氣，信靠那一路上與我們同行的嚮導，繼續前進，所以使徒保羅說道：『我們應當離開道理的開端，竭力進到完全的地步。』(希伯來書六章一節)他也告訴他們說，基督是『我們信心創始成終』的主，所以我們要『忘記背後，努力前面的，向着標竿直跑，要得上帝在基督耶穌裏從上面召我來得的獎賞。』

但今日有許多基督徒只願意在山麓的小丘盤桓，他們雖已開始走基督徒的路了，但却遲遲不前。這是一件危險的事，若是一個人失去了基督徒經驗中之成就的快樂，那他就是失去了初信時的愛心，於是他便很容易流於『不冷也不熱』的境況中，他事事採取漠不關心的態度，所以保羅強烈地指摘那些不在基督內長滿身量的人說：『論到那些已經蒙了光照，嘗過天恩的滋味，又於聖靈有分，並嘗過上帝善道的滋味，覺悟來世權能的人，若是離棄道理，就不能叫他們從新懊悔

了；因為他們把上帝的兒子重釘十字架，明明的羞辱祂。』(希伯來書六章四至六節)保羅在這裏指示不生長的基督徒之危險。不錯，有一些背道或不冷不熱的信徒會被救回，但大體上說來，這等人絕少願意回轉來的，所以上帝對之也屬愛莫能助。上帝只能拯救那些願意得救的人。

我們應如何纔能使基督徒經驗時刻生長和活潑呢？保羅叫我們進到完全的地步究竟是何意思呢？

首先，我們應當知道，除了那引導人們悔改的初步道理外，我們還要明白其他更深的教訓。單知道耶穌是我們贖罪的羔羊還不够，這乃是基督道理的開端而已，我們還得進一層明白祂是我們的大祭司，每日在天庭聖所為我們代求，並還要再來迎接我們，進入天庭聖所為我們預備的佳美家鄉。基督的美德與全能應當是我們此生與來生所思想的事情。我們應當時刻有一種冀更明白祂的慾望，只有藉着詳細的和虔誠的查考聖經，我們方能達到此目的。

我們對於那位創造和救贖我們的主應有何責任呢？罪人單祇相信基督而被從罪惡裏救出來還是不夠的，他應有積極的行爲，他應有順從的信心，願意去做上帝期望他所做的事，以致能進到完全的地步。耶穌說：『你們若愛我，就必遵守我的命令。』(約翰十四章十五節)保羅勸讀聖經之時，他便日益明白自己應對上帝所盡的本分，他將快樂地說道：『我的上帝阿！我樂意照祢的旨意行；祢的律法在我心裏。』(詩篇四〇篇八節)

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