Evangelism Part 12

"1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world, 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eves opened? 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. 13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them. He put clay upon mine eves, and I washed, and do see. 16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God. because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saving, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. 22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no. I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ve also be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And

he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9:1-41 KJV)

We will continue in this message to discuss the events that was taken place when Jesus reached out that man that was born blind whom He healed on the Sabbath.

"Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see." (John 9:15 KJV) Again here the man was requested to utter his testimony and he testified to them with the same that he previously uttered. The blind man whom Jesus healed was ready to utter again his testimony. In the same way, we need to be ready to tell about our testimony with Christ in whatever situation we are called to testify.

That healing and the work done by Christ on the Sabbath, even it was marvelous miracle, but it did not reach the heart of those who were against Christ, because they were not willing that Jesus will visit them and enter their lives. They were not willing to fight against the religious system that was enslaving them. They loved their tradition more than God, "6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Mark 7:6-7 KJV) In evangelism in whatever method we use, whether preaching God's word, or doing miracles, or doing kindness to the people, we need to understand that the people who are not willing to come out from their cultural and traditional customs then whatever you give them that will not change their stand because they love their culture and tradition more than God. So do not be discouraged if you have done your part well and the people did not respond to it.

"Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them." (John 9:16 KJV) Now the council of the Pharisees got divided, the main opinion is that Jesus is not from God because He is a Sabbath breaker. But others questioned it; if he is a sinner then how He can do such miracles. Possibly Nicodemus who went to visit Jesus previously, voiced out this opinion that contradict their wrong doings, as he did previously in John 7:50-51 "50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) 51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" (John 7:50-51 KJV)

"And there was a division among them." Here in pertain to the miracle that Jesus did to heal that blind man we found that there was division among them. <u>Notice that Christ did not come</u> to bring unity but division between those who believe and willing to be changed and those who are not willing to pass through the process of changes. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division." (Luke 12:51 KJV)

In the gospel of John three divisions are mentioned due to Christ. When we spread God's Word, we cause people to be divided in accordance to what they hear from God's Word.

The first division while He was at the feast of the tabernacle: "40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? 43 So there was a division among the people because of him." (John 7:40-43 KJV) They were divided between them because they were not able to prove that He is Christ based on his origin from Galilee. They thought that the Scripture is not fulfilled. But they were not aware that he is born in Bethlehem. Therefore ignorance is not only blindness but a sin if people will not work out to deal with it. When we evangelize we need to explain the truth to the people, because there will be people having wrong thoughts due to wrong information. Those people will believe when the truth is explained to them.

The second time here is **John 9** when they could not take the miracle of what Jesus did based on their assumption that He is a sinner (because He performed the miracle on the Sabbath) "16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them." (John 9:16 KJV) Here they thought the Scripture was broken, but if they thought of it, they will found it not, since He performed healing that took place in the Sabbath. God's Scripture speaks about healing and God can and will heal people on the Sabbath. Jesus had explained this truth to them repeatedly in different ways, as in this passage: "10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?" (Matthew 12:10-11 KJV) So here Jesus explained to them that it is lawful, and healing can take place during the Sabbath. Jesus also added to them that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." (Mark 2:27 KJV) Jesus also told them, "For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." (Matthew 12:8 KJV) Now when we evangelize, we also need to teach people. There will be certain time people we will be reacting out because they think the Scriptures are broken; therefore we need to explain to them how it is not broken but how it is *fulfilled.* Those who are humble will follow, but those who are proud and who have wrong motive they will keep the same even if you explain to them, as here the Pharisees insist on their own ways even after repeated explanation from Jesus. Now that means that they have another wrong motive that is why they refused to comply and humble down before Jesus' explanation. They did not comply because in healing that blind man the glory went to God. But if the healing was done on their hands they will not prohibit that because the glory will go to them.

The third division is mentioned in John 10 while he was in Jerusalem at the feast of the dedication: "11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay

it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. 19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. 20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eves of the blind? 22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter." (John 10:11-22 KJV) This took place when He said that He is the good shepherd that He laid his life for the sake of the sheep, and He has other sheep that He need to bring in. Some they took Him as being possessed by demons. But others reminded them that devil cannot open the eyes of a blind. Here they did not accept from the Scripture that God is a good shepherd, who lay down His life for the sheep, and has other sheep in other places that He need to bring in. They did not accept Jesus as a good shepherd because they were not willing to put their lives under him. They did not accept that their lives will be under the control of Jesus and that they will be directed by Him to where they need to go and how they will live. In evangelism we declare to the people the Lordship of Christ over their lives and the new plan of God that He has for them. Many they are not willing to be shepherd by the Lord, and they are not willing to integrate themselves with the plan of God that He has for the whole world. Many they are not willing to be bound and control by Christ, and here the struggle that the church is facing today. With the modern world and the departure of people from the will of God, we have long to go to bring the people from far places and bring them back to the point from where they departed from God.

The Greeks word used for shepherd in John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep", is 'Poimen', and it means the followings:

- 1. A herdsman, or a shepherd: He to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose rules they follow
- 2. The presiding officer, manager, director, of any assembly: so of Christ the Head of the church, and the overseers of the Christian assemblies.

The tasks of Jesus as a shepherd is to watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep - to defend the sheep from attackers - to heal the wounded and sick sheep - to find and save the lost or trapped sheep - to love them, and to care for them. For all these privileges they need to be under His control. But many will not be willing to be controlled by Christ and are not willing to surrender their lives and will to Him.

In evangelism as we declare to the people the good plans that God has for them, we need to bring them back to the point that they departed from God, and from thence they will be moving forward in the plan of God. That is why you find people are not willing to go back from their own way and from their own plans and with arrogance they will resist the Lordship of Christ over their lives.

The Word of 'Poimen' is also mentioned in other places: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, <u>pastors</u> and teachers." (Ephesians 5:11 KJV). "20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great <u>shepherd</u> of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant." (Hebrews 13:20 KJV)

Apostle Peter followed the way of Jesus in evangelism and used the Word of Jesus. He wrote the same what Jesus said about Himself, that He is the shepherd of our souls and we need to return to Him and give Him our lives and surrender to Him fully: "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." (1 Peter 2:25 KJV) Truly Peter after he repented from denying Christ, he became keen to follow all the steps of Jesus and apply all His teaching in the ministry of God. We in the same way, we need to be keen to follow all the steps of Jesus and apply all His teaching in the ministry of God that He entrusted to us to do.

"They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet." (John 9:17 KJV) The Pharisees asked the blind man his opinion about Jesus and he ans wered them that he is a prophet. Here the Lord Jesus in reaching this man, after He healed him, he was impressed that Jesus is a prophet, but later on Jesus met that man and declared to him that He is the Messiah. "35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him." (John 9:35-38 KJV) So here in evangelism there is a gradual revelation and progressing forward step by step to those who believe, but stagnation and regress is a sign of non believe.

It is the same when Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman, she first saw Him as a prophet, "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." (John 4:19 KJV) But later on He revealed Himself to her as the Messiah, the anointed King, "20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he." (John 4:20-25 KJV)

In the gospel of John and other gospels repeatedly people acknowledged Jesus that He is a prophet, "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." (John 4:19 KJV) "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." (John 6:14 KJV) "Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet." (John 7:40 KJV) "They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet." (John 9:17 KJV) Moses has declared to the Jewish that God would raise up for them a prophet among them like him, that they need to listen to Him. "15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I

will require it of him." (Deuteronomy 18:15-19 KJV) The reason that God would send them a prophet to speak to them because the Israelites upon their request, out of their fear, asked God, that He will not speak to them directly. God agreed upon their requests. Therefore at that time Moses was the one to hear from God and then to speak to them what he heard. God also promised Moses that He will raise up a prophet from among them: "18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." (Deuteronomy 18:18 KJV) So the Jews were expecting that God would speak to them through a prophet. So the Pharisees were irritated when they hear the people recognizing Jesus as that prophet, knowing that Moses had told them that God will raise up among them a prophet that they need to listen to Him. Those who would not listen to God's Word from His mouth it will be required by God from them. The same is for the people now a day, they are not willing to hearken or obey the Word of Jesus that He sent with the Holy Spirit. They are not willing to listen to the instructions and the teaching of God's Word and evangelism is to deal with such issue in a firm matter. Sin it means death, and people doing their own will it mean they are moving in the direction of their death.

Peter upon the healing of the lame man in Acts 3 He declared to the Jewish in the temple the same Scripture, "22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." (Acts 3:22-23 KJV) Peter confirmed that those who would not listen to the Word of Jesus they shall be destroyed from among the people. Peter said it in more hard Word in the New Testament, harder in comparison of how Moses declared that in the Old Testament. Moses said it in this way "that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, <u>I will require it of him</u>." (Deuteronomy 18:19 KJV) Peter said it in more painful way, "23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." (Acts 3:23 KJV) Therefore today when the people are irritated when we speak to them the Word of God we should not be intimidated because they are going to be destroyed if they will not repent and that should motivate us to speak more.

Peter also declared to the people who witnessed the healing of the lame man, that they and their leaders crucified Jesus out of ignorance, "15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers." (Acts 3:15-17 KJ) In evangelism whatever method we use, the leaders who mislead the people, we should be hit with the message of God's Word.

Jeremiah mentioned to the Israelites that their prophets did not expose to them their sins, *"Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment." (Lamentations 2:14 KJV)* Peter was tactful in what he accused the rulers with. Sure the high priest and the leaders with him intentionally handed over Jesus to death. But Peter accused them with ignorance and that made them not less accountable to what they did, but made it easier for them to repent if they were willing. So Peter here is giving them chance to repent. In the same way we need to give the leaders who mislead others the chance to repent, when we say out of ignorance that church leaders are leading the people toward sin. But if they will deny ignorance, then they are judging themselves; so out of wickedness and wrong motives they mislead the people and caused them to sin.

We need to understand that Jesus dictates on the people what they need to do and He dictates <u>that step by step</u>. God said about Jesus in the mount at the disfiguration the following: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." (Matthew 17:5 KJV) <u>Christ's</u> Word is a command and in evangelism, Jesus is dictating His Word to the nations that we are reaching out for Him.

Jesus is the head of the church, the Holy Spirit that Jesus sending to us is proceeding from God the Father and come to us. Therefore, as we hear, the voice of God through the Holy Spirit then we preach the commands and the instructions of Jesus to them. The Word that the Holy Spirit bring to us and to the people we can read it in the Scriptures that we should use to evangelize and tell the people what God is wanting from them. So when we evangelize we dictate on people the Rhema Word that we hear from the Holy Spirit and that we can read in the Bible.

We can then say it clearly to the people whom we are reaching out, 'that out of ignorance your church leaders/your rulers/your parents did not teach you to give up the following:

- 1. They did not teach you to give up drinking Alcohol.
- 2. They did not teach you to give up eating blood.
- 3. They did not teach you to give up wasting money.
- 4. They did not teach you to give up borrowing money.
- 5. They did not teach you to give up lack of saving,
- 6. They did not teach you to give up having boyfriend and girlfriend.
- 7. They did not teach you to give up divorce and remarriage.
- 8. They did not teach you to give up leaving your spouse and go to have another partner.
- 9. They did not teach you to give up Birthday parties, Halloween parties, Mother day and Father day celebrations.
- 10. They did not teach you to give up Christmas tree and Santa Claus.
- 11. They did not teach you to give up Valentine Day.
- 12. Etc.

Stephen in his sermon to the Sanhedrin while he was at the accusation bar, told them the same about Jesus, that God would raise up a prophet, that they need to listen to Him: "37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt." (Acts 7:37-39 KJV) Stephan told them that Jesus was with the church in the wilderness and our fathers did not obey Him, but they were willing to go back to Egypt. The same with the people today, are not willing to obey Christ, but they are willing to go to the world and to idol worship as were the Israelites: "40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 41 And

they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. 42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? 43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon." (Acts 7:40-43 KJV) The same now a day people had left the Word of God and the promises of God and went trusting vanities and worldly events and idol celebrations.

It is said about Moloch, the sun god, which is the same sun god that the pagan celebrate his birth in December, and that event later on Christianized under the patron of Christ birth and is called today Christmas. Devil is just changing the name so he can hide his idols and demons. Therefore we need to use the Word of God to expose the work of Satan.

My dear and beloved: Evangelism is willingness to suffer persecution, rejection and pressure from the community of the people who are non willing to give up their tradition and culture and the rest of the sinful setup that they are living in.

Evangelism is willingness to reach places and people with high resistance preaching God's Word and explain to them what is the purpose of the commands of God and His instruction to them.

Evangelism is willingness to confront and face religious leaders with ignorance that caused people to be captive under their hand and had directed them to be away from the ways of God.

Evangelism is willingness to reach people and dictates on them the Rhema Word that the Holy Spirit is sending to us to convey to the people so they will implemint in their lives in order to obey God,

Commit yourself to the principles that you had learned in the message, and commit yourself to the calling of God in your life to go and evangelize and be a blessing to others to be set free and to bring them to Christ, to His salvation, to His deliverance, to His healing and to His grace as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life.

Lord I thank you for your word that makes your callings clear to me. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message. Lord I am willing to apply the principles that I learned in evangelizing and reaching the people that you are sending me to.

Lord I am willing t go into the direction that you are leading me, to reach the people that you wants me to reach and to dictate on them what Your Holy Spirit will speak to me to tell them.

Lord I renounce all my fear and my own understanding and willing to be directed by you to do and implement your ways in my ministry and in my evangelism. Lord I trust you that you will neither leave me nor forsake me and that you will protect me and provide all my needs along the way. Lord I trust that you will continue to give me your Word that you wants me to tell to the people that you are sending me to them.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you, to evangelize and to heal the sick. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and my Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord gives them boldness to stand firm and to abide in your Word. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide all their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel, impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to preach boldly your Word and to do the very thing that you wants us to do.

Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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