

A Book Sharing by Ms. Lee Pui Ling

The Bible

Good morning, everyone.

Today I'm going to introduce you the book, which is the Bible. Before I introduce this book, let me ask you a question: have you ever felt empty after you've got what you thought would make you happy, say, playing computer games for 10 hours non-stop during the weekend?

You're not the only one. This feeling has struck most people from the world. In fact, according to the Bible in the Old Testament, King Solomon had it all – a kingdom, untold wealth, profound wisdom and knowledge. Yet after pondering his life, he said that there was nothing new under the Sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Everything was vanity and a chasing after wind (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

It is as if something compels us to find the missing piece. We may pursue a 5** in HKDSE, a successful career, a romantic relationship, fun and entertainment but nothing cures for the emptiness downinside. Why do we feel this way?

The Bible shows us that God created man with three parts. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, '...may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved complete...' From this verse, we know that we are not just a physical body; we also have a soul to think, feel and choose. The deepest and most invisible organ inside us is our spirit. This God-designed third part has a specific capability. Our spirit can contact, receive and experience God.

Have you ever heard a famous French scientist and mathematician called Blaise Pascal? He once said that within mankind is a God-shaped vacuum. Only God can fit into this vacuum. As long as our spirit is not filled with God, we can never obtain true satisfaction; only God can answer the longing of our third part. When God enters our spirit, He fills our emptiness with Himself as our real enjoyment, wealth, and meaning. We are finally satisfied with the eternal and divine life of God.

Who is this God, who possesses the eternal and divine life? The Bible contains all the answers. God is the true God and also a man called Jesus. This Bible gives us the details of His birth (Luke 2:7), life (Luke 2:52), and death (2 Corinthians 5:14).

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Son of God (John 1:18), even God Himself (John 1:1). In fact the name Jesus means "Jehovah the Savior" (Matthew 1:21). He is also called the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6), the Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6), and Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23), meaning "God with us."

God has a great plan for mankind. He desires to dispense Himself into our being to fill all our emptiness, as well as having us as His manifestation and expression. For this purpose, He took some steps so that He could enter our spirit. He became a man named Jesus Christ. He, being a God-man, lived a perfect human life, died for us to take away our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. When He resurrected, He became a life-giving Spirit that can enter our deepest part – the human spirit.

Once we confess our sins and open to Lord Jesus, He as the Holy Spirit will come into our spirit. He becomes everything to us. He is love, light, holiness, righteousness and many other human virtues. His life also grows in us to the extent that all the believers, the church, will be created into one new man. This is a great mystery unveiled in the Bible.

Nowadays, a lot of people are helpless and hopeless. They have learned hopelessness. However, we have hope. We have hope through the encouragement of the Scriptures. This living hope will bring us into an inheritance, which is incorruptible, undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens (1 Peter 1:3-4) for us. The richness of the Bible is just beyond any descriptions and it's up to you to discover all the treasures in it through praying and reading. I would encourage you to read the Bible to find out the meaning of life and the wisdom of living a proper human life. You can join me to read the Bible in the reading corner on the 3rd floor if you are interested. Thank you.