

Dear White Ribbon Sisters Worldwide,

As the new year 2022 is dawning, let us hear what the Bible keeps telling us, that is, our dear Lord is coming soon. One clear sign, foretelling us, that Jesus Christ is near at hand, is the pandemic. Therefore, we should sing all the more loudly, "Joy to the World! The Lord has come. Let earth receive her King." The Bible also tells us to return back to our Lord so that we may get ready to meet our King with a heart full of faith and love.



1 KWCTU gladly reports what blessings our Lord has poured upon the White Ribbon Sisters in Korea and in our overseas outreaches in 2021. One major event was the Solo Exhibition of Mrs. Young Joo Kim, the president of KWCTU (2021.8.24-10.08). She donated about 30 pieces of her paintings and raised fund about \$ 40,000 to support the FAS Prevention Center, a research institute of FAS, started at the Ewha Woman's University Medical School to prevent FAS in Korea and worldwide.

2 NZKWCTU celebrated her 10th Anniversary on Nov. 26, 2021 by zoom meeting. Dr. Jung Joo Kim, who served to found NZKWCTU gave a sermon on "By Faith Alone." All who attended the zoom meeting in New Zealand and in Korea rejoiced at the amazing grace our Lord poured upon NZKWCTU by anointing with His Spirit, full of grace and truth. During the last ten years, NZKWCTU founded three national unions, Cambodia WCTU, Vanuatu WCTU, and Tanzania WCTU, which all actively reach out to people, helping them to grow in faith, awakening the public on the harms of alcohol, nicotine, and drugs, in each nation, seeing much growth.

3 Ewha Seurung School made MOU with KWCTU on October 15 right after Solo Exhibition. Returning to Cambodia, the principal found out that Cambodia WCTU had 2,000 temperance pamphlets ready for the school to share with the students, especially the first graduates from the high school. Equipped with faithful Christian Gospel teaching and discipline of prayers and reading of the Bible, the teachers, all missionaries from Ewha Woman's University pray that they become light and salt for Cambodia, abstaining from alcohol and nicotine and all other kinds of drugs, which the governor asked them to help at the foundation of the school over 10 years ago.



4 Every month, the Social Service Department of KWCTU reached out to the Defectors from North Korea with Scholarship, Food during the Corona Pandemic, distributing Christian books and Children's books for Churches in the Military Training Zones, and also Social Service Centers for the Children with disabilities (Left above). Rev. Yong Keun Chang visited the Church for the visual disabilities on Thanksgiving Day, providing them with food, both spiritual and physical. The missionaries to Mumbai, India, Rev. Jung Ha Won and Mrs. Jung Ah Sohn with their two sons visited KWCTU. Their parents, Bishop Sung Woong Won and his wife visited to cooperate in the effort to protect Christian homes with Christian values in front of open attacks uprising against the biblical ethical standards (Right).

Christmas Message for White Ribbon Sisters

"Jesus, who came as the offspring of the woman."

On Dec. 5, 2021, Rev. Myung Whan Hwang preached a sermon based on the analysis of Gen. 3:15 which I share, because it helped me to observe anew how wonderful the love of God is. Such love is completely manifested in His plan for the salvation of humankind, as revealed in His promise on the offspring of the woman. A popular Netflix movie today, titled "Hell," is describing God, as cruel to all human beings, disobedient to Him, who throws men and women away into Hell. Such provocative depiction of God brushes away Christianity as something to be discarded. But it is Satan, who dislikes God and all human beings, throwing as many to Hell. God puts all His efforts to save human beings even as to send His own Son for our salvation. We need to guard our hearts not to be misled by Satan. The Advent and Christmas season is a good time for us to meditate on the greatness of God's love. God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to save us. By His death on the cross, Jesus paid the price of our sins. Such extreme love of God is prophesied and revealed in Gen 3:15.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman

and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

The background of Gen 3:15 is how Adam and Eve betrayed God, misled by Satan. In the midst of the darkest hour, God proclaimed *Proto-Evangelism*, that is, the earliest Gospel, ever told. The Gospel we believe today is not at all different from it. There are three reasons why "God sent Jesus as the offspring of the woman." First, for reconciliation, second, for freedom, and third, for victory. First, Gen. 3:15 shows that the Author of our salvation, "I" is God Himself. God is promising to save the fallen human beings, in order that we may be reconciled with God, though the first human beings, Adam and Eve insisted to break away from God by listening to Satan. Before Adam sinned, the relationship between God and man was whole. But after Adam sinned, the relation got broken. Some may ask why God did not endure Adam's eating an apple. What matters is not eating, but the broken relationship between God and man. God Himself spoke His promise to bring man back for reconciliation. This is the first promise. God made man, who departed from Him by sinning, but God brought man back to His fold. Secondly, God promised to send the Son of God as the offspring of the woman, for the freedom of human beings. Following the principle of Jewish Genealogy, the Bible always records that man, and not woman gets the offspring. Hence, in Matt. 1:2, Abraham begot Isaac, and in Matt. 1:3, Judah begot Perez by Tamar. Such principle was broken only once in human history in Matt. 1:16, since through Mary, Jesus was born without any human intervention. Why is Jesus to be born as the offspring of the woman? It is to satisfy two conditions to be a perfect Savior. One is that He must be born fully human. The other condition is that He also has to be conceived by the Holy Spirit to be born free from sin. To satisfy both conditions, Jesus had to be born as the offspring of the woman. To be born sin-free, He must have to be born without the help of a man so that He should be a perfect Savior. In 700 B.C., Isaiah explained what the offspring of the woman implied in Gen 3:15. Hence, he prophesied that Immanuel was born of a virgin. God promised to give freedom to man (Romans 6). Only by the blood of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, man gets salvation, and be truly freed from the power of sin. Thirdly, after we have been freed by God's grace, we often get trapped in sin. When sin attacks us, we have to fight. The principle of battle is that we must fight, if we want to win. In Gen 3:15, the prophecy says that the offspring of the woman will crush the head of Satan. The climax of human history is Jesus' death on the cross. For such consummation of God's victory, Jesus' birth is so meaningful and important. Jesus was born to complete God's promise. Jesus' birth was great, impressive, and beautiful. The three promises of God became realized by Jesus. The cross of Jesus reconciled God and man, giving freedom to God's children from the bondage of Satan. Now in Christ, we are winners. Therefore, we must fight in His victorious army, for Jesus crushed Satan's head. We must shout in confidence, "Go away, Satan. I order you in Jesus' Name." If we have the assurance of victory, we will not be afraid. In the midst of sufferings in the pandemic, let us not be afraid, as we are sure of the final victory. Gen 3:15 is God's promise to send Messiah, as the offspring of the woman for our salvation. Christ embodies the extraordinary plan of God's wonderful love for our salvation.

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