

**PREFACE**

*“Thank God for this opportunity that God has given to me and also I thank our dear presiding pastor whom God has used mightily for ministering to my soul. Since the beginning of this conference, the echoes are still remaining and touching my heart. He was preaching about the application of the law and also the Gospel in my life. I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit – my heart is shaken through his teaching. It is really a pleasure for me when he talked especially about Psalm 19, talking about the importance of the law and the Gospel. I could see Yeshua Christ in the Old Testament, especially the psalms. Pastor taught us the importance of preaching with the law. Without preaching the law, you cannot convict hearts, because only the law can expose sins. Besides providence, the preaching of the law is important to bring to conviction and to bring godly sorrow and true genuine repentance. But a preacher must be anointed and chosen by God and attested to by the Holy Spirit while he is preaching. I felt that pastor is attested to, anointed by the Holy Spirit and called by God. He is the man of God. He is raised for the Christendom in our days. He is giving himself as an example that in spite of all sufferings, he is still preaching the law and also the Gospel by giving many references from the Old Testament as well as from the New Testament. He knows every detail of our lives and backgrounds – everything, because he is attested by the Holy Spirit. And he knows how much (of the truth) we apply, how much we understand and how much we are lacking. I think he understands my lacking i.e. my presumption. So he is preaching the law so I might wholeheartedly receive and apply it in my life. So his preaching is a pleasure to me. I can differentiate this from my past experience how that before hearing these teachings from my presiding pastor, I was not focusing on the Old Testament. But now I know that the law is the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. It brings conviction and without it how can I know my sins and seek salvation in Yeshua Christ? Pastor talked about the providence of God. When I heard the true preaching from the man of God and after I ran away, God judged me in many ways in my life – with sicknesses. Still my throat is painful and still I need to fully recover. That is a judgment. Many things happened. Also I have a great privilege to hear this Word still, so it is by the grace of God. If I continue taking lightly or not registering the Word of God, then it is scary – the Holy Spirit could depart for ever and I would go into hellfire forever. I must not let anything go. I must continue with the Word of God in preaching or in teaching or in applying it in my life. I need God’s help. I need His mercy. Without His grace I cannot do anything myself. Pray for me that I might continue and hold these true teachings from the man of God and from this Bible and rightly divide the Word of truth.”* Zadok Singh. *“I thank God for yesterday’s preaching, even though it was short, yet it was an encouragement and very applicable to my life. Yesterday I learned that the more God applies the law, the better it is because I can be closer to God if He applies more law in my life. I do not know how to face the law. It is very shameful and breaks my pride. The law must have its thorough work. Only then can Yeshua Christ heal me of my wound and apply the balm. It is so beautiful from the life of David, how he admitted his sin when Nathan the prophet rebuked him and showed him, ‘Thou art the man!’ Instead of going against the servant of God, we must humble ourselves. Because of my treacherous and wicked heart, sometimes I do not want to admit and do not like the reproof and rebuke. But it is good for me to submit to it so that I can receive the Gospel after the law has been applied. Yesterday presiding pastor also made it clear that if I have no appetite to pray, to read the Bible or to fellowship together, there is some problem in my soul and something spiritual that needs to be corrected. So I need to have true repentance, not only outwardly but also within me so that my soul can be truly converted. It is not only a one-day process but it will take a long time. The more the law is applied, the better it is for me so that I may be driven to true repentance and allow the law to work fully in me. It says that the Lord chastiseth whom He loveth. God needs to apply chastisement in my life, so that if God wills, my heart might become the good ground. Also I learned that the true repentance is very necessary in my life. It is a lifelong process and I must submit to the law and the truth which I have received. I have a question: ‘What does ‘evangelical repentance’ mean?’ I want to thank presiding pastor for the preaching yesterday. It showed us how the law and how preaching is important in our life if we really want to accept the true Gospel. [Zephaniah Soh: “Evangelical repentance is a repentance that is accepted of God that needs not to be repented of.”] I do not understand the phrase ‘to be repented of.’ [Zechariah: “Sometimes we repent and then we go back to our sin again. We have to keep on repenting and repenting until our repentance is accepted of God – so we don’t go back to our sin, but we hate sin and there is this vehemence and anger towards ourselves and to our sin. That is godly repentance – there is that sorrow when we sin.”] [Zephaniah Soh: “We must keep repenting even if we need to repent of our repentance until God is pleased to save us, when our repentance is deemed to be evangelical. Experimentally, even when we try to repent, still there is so much we can repent of. We may be sorry, but not wholehearted and there is still so much lacking. Even our sorrow – is it of a godly sort or is it just a remorse? When God judges us, what makes us cry? Is it because we’ve pained God or because we’re feeling sorry for ourselves? It needs to be to the point that God accepts our repentance and the Holy Spirit grants us salvation. So we must keep repenting. We must not just say,*

*'Oh, I've already confessed my sin.' But are there fruits? The next moment, we might find our repentance to be very short-lived. So we must keep repenting until the Spirit of God wroughts true contrition in us"]'*” Uzziel (Hamu) Debbarma. *The foregoing were responses to pastor's discourse on Preparatory Work; with the comments of two of our more mature, astute and doctrinally acute recipients from the Himalayan region (one from Imphal, Manipur and the other Agartala, Tripura respectively), we wind up these series concerning Preparatory Work for the personal spiritual union of Christ Yeshua. Preparatory Work culminates and concludes in a way with the breakthrough experience of Justification by Faith (Romans 4:1-3). Now both Zadok and Uzziel were persuaded of the essence and thrust of our promulgation for the restoration of the Gospel of the grace of God that was so tenaciously and fiercely defended by Paul the apostle (Galatians 1:6-9). It is a fitting final instalment to the whole series; the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Part 3 (presiding pastor was absent in this meeting held at the brothers' bungalow); Green Mansion, Naigaon, Thane, Maharashtra, India; 8 May AD 2014*