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☞ **Prelude**

☞ **Invocation:** In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

† **早晨唱新歌 It's a Morning of New Song**

♪ It's a morning of new song,  
It's a morning to rejoice  
In the Lord's loving kindness  
And to lift up my voice  
To sing hallelujah, right from the start  
And to glorify Jesus  
Morning Star of my heart

† **來高聲唱 Come Let us Sing**

♪ [Come let us sing, Come let us sing,  
Come with praise and adoration to the King] \*2  
♪ For He is worthy of praise and He is Lord,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
He is Jesus Christ \*3 the Lord.

† **向主歡呼 Shout To The Lord**

♪ My Jesus, My Savior,  
Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days

I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.

♪ Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 119**

105 Your word is like a lamp that guides my steps,  
a light that shows the path I should take.  
106 Your laws are good and fair. I have promised to  
obey them, and I will keep my promise.  
107 Lord, I have suffered for a long time. Say the  
word, and I will live again!  
108 Lord, accept the praise I want to give you, and  
teach me your laws.  
109 My life is always in danger, but I have not  
forgotten your teachings.  
110 The wicked try to trap me, but I have not  
disobeyed your instructions.  
111 The rules you have given me to follow will be  
mine forever. They give me great joy.  
112 More than anything I want to obey your laws  
always, until the end of my life.

☞ **Praise**

† **主在墓中安臥 Christ Arose**  
Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Saviour!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

**Refrain:**

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain.  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Saviour!  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep his Prey, Jesus, my Saviour!  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! [Refrain]

☞ **Special Music**

† **我愛傳講主福音 I Love to Tell The Story**  
♪ I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

**Refrain:**

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,

To tell the old, old story. Of Jesus and His love.  
 ♪ I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems  
 Than all the golden fancies of all our golden  
 dreams;  
 ♪ I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,  
 And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.  
 I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,  
 What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully  
 sweet;  
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
 The message of salvation from God's own holy  
 Word.  
 ♪ I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
 Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
 And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new  
 song,  
 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so  
 long.

### 🔗 Scripture Reading:

#### 2 Peter 1:5

Because you have these blessings, do all you can to add to your life these things: to your faith add goodness; to your goodness add **knowledge**.

### 🔗 Sermon: Stay Awake (III): Knowledge

---Pastor Tung

How foolish to think that one can create comfort for oneself! We must not be ignorant of eternal life, God, love for God and others, and God's salvation.

#### Luke 12:15-21

**15** Then Jesus said to them, "Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. People do not get life from the many things they own."

**16** Then Jesus used this story: "There was a rich man who had some land. His land grew a very good crop of food.

**17** He thought to himself, 'What will I do? I have no place to keep all my crops.'

**18** "Then he said, 'I know what I will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger barns! I will put all my wheat and good things together in my new barns.

**19** Then I can say to myself, I have many good things stored. I have saved enough for many years. Rest, eat, drink, and enjoy life!'

**20** "But God said to that man, 'Foolish man! Tonight you will die. So what about the things you prepared for yourself? Who will get those things now?'

**21** "This is how it will be for anyone who saves things only for himself. To God that person is not rich."

What does the "knowledge" mentioned in 2 Peter 1:5 refer to?

Is this knowledge important?

How can we continuously acquire this knowledge through the most effective methods?

### I. "Knowledge": All revelation about "God and the Lord Jesus"

#### 2 Peter 1:2

Grace and peace be given to you more and more, because now you know God and Jesus our Lord.

#### 2 Peter 2:1

In the past there were false prophets among God's people. It is the same now. You will have some false teachers in your group. They will teach things that are wrong—ideas that will cause people to be lost. And they will teach in a way that will be hard for you to see that they are wrong. They will even refuse to follow the Master who bought their freedom. And so they will quickly destroy themselves.

#### 2 Peter 3:3-5

**3** It is important for you to understand what will happen in the last days. People will laugh at you. They will live following the evil they want to do.

**4** They will say, "Jesus promised to come again. Where is he? Our fathers have died, but the world continues the way it has been since it was made."

**5** But these people don't want to remember what happened long ago. The skies were there, and God made the earth from water and with water. All this happened by God's word.

#### Luke 11:52

"It will be bad for you, you experts in the law! You have taken away the key to learning about God. You yourselves would not learn, and you stopped others from learning too."

**Knowledge:** All knowledge about "God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior, and the eternal kingdom" that God has revealed to us.

Is it important to know God and Jesus?

Is this knowledge more important than making money or my professional knowledge?

### II. This knowledge is crucial for our life and survival.

#### 2 Peter 3:17-18

**17** Dear friends, you already know about this. So be careful. Don't let these evil people lead you away by the wrong they do. Be careful that you do not fall from your strong faith.

**18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him, now and forever! Amen.

#### 2 Peter 2:2-3, 10

**2** Many people will follow them in the morally wrong things they do. And because of them, others will say bad things about the way of truth we follow.

**3** These false teachers only want your money. So they will use you by telling you things that are not true. But the judgment against these false teachers

has been ready for a long time. And they will not escape God who will destroy them.

**10** That punishment is for those who are always doing the evil that their sinful selves want to do. It is for those who hate the Lord's authority. These false teachers do whatever they want, and they are so proud of themselves. They are not afraid even to say bad things against the glorious ones.

### **2 Peter 2:13-14, 18**

**13** They have made many people suffer. So they themselves will suffer. That is their pay for what they have done. They think it is fun to do evil where everyone can see them. They enjoy the evil things that please them. So they are like dirty spots and stains among you—they bring shame to you in the meals you eat together.

**14** Every time they look at a woman, they want her. They are always sinning this way. And they lead weaker people into the trap of sin. They have taught themselves well to be greedy. They are under a curse.

**18** They boast with words that mean nothing. They lead people into the trap of sin. They find people who have just escaped from a wrong way of life and lead them back into sin. They do this by using the evil things people want to do in their human weakness.

### **Matthew 24:24**

False messiahs and false prophets will come and do great miracles and wonders, trying to fool the people God has chosen, if that is possible.

### **2 Peter 1:8-9**

**8** If all these things are in you and growing, you will never fail to be useful to God. You will produce the kind of fruit that should come from your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**9** But those who don't grow in these blessings are blind. They cannot see clearly what they have. They have forgotten that they were cleansed from their past sins.

Satan has raised up many false prophets and false teachers who preach false faith, deny Jesus, and deny His second coming. They are very persuasive, catering to people's greed and lustful desires. They can perform great miracles and deceive many believers.

How can we correctly and effectively obtain this knowledge that God has revealed to us?

## **III. There are five secrets**

### **2 Peter 3:18**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him, now and forever! Amen.

### **Hebrews 6:1**

So we should be finished with the beginning lessons about Christ. We should not have to keep going back to where we started. We began our new life by turning away from the evil we did in the past and by believing in God. That's when we were taught about baptisms, laying hands on people, the resurrection of those who have died, and the final judgment. Now we need to go forward to more mature teaching.

**1.** Recognize our limitations and thirst for knowledge

### **Mark 4:24**

Think carefully about what you are hearing. God will know how much to give you by how much you understand now. But he will give you more than you deserve.

**2.** Surrender to Jesus and **renew our minds**

### **Romans 11:33-12:2**

**33** Yes, God's riches are very great! His wisdom and knowledge have no end! No one can explain what God decides. No one can understand his ways.

**34** As the Scriptures say, "Who can know what is on the Lord's mind? Who is able to give him advice?"

**35** "Who has ever given God anything? God owes nothing to anyone."

**36** Yes, God made all things. And everything continues through him and for him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

**1** So I beg you, brothers and sisters, because of the great mercy God has shown us, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him—an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him.

Considering what he has done, it is only right that you should worship him in this way.

**2** Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

**3.** Know Jesus

### **Colossians 2:2-3, 8**

**2** I want them to be strengthened and joined together with love and to have the full confidence that comes from understanding. I want them to know completely the secret truth that God has made known. That truth is Christ himself.

**3** In him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are kept safe.

**8** Be sure you are not led away by the teaching of those who have nothing worth saying and only plan to deceive you. That teaching is not from Christ. It is only human tradition and comes from the powers that influence this

world.

#### 4. Honor Jesus

##### 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him, now and forever! Amen.

##### 1 Timothy 6:20

Timothy, God has trusted you with many things. Keep these things safe. Stay away from people who talk about useless things that are not from God and who argue against you with a “knowledge” that is not knowledge at all.

##### Hebrews 12:16

Be careful that no one commits sexual sin. And be careful that no one is like Esau and never thinks about God. As the oldest son, Esau would have inherited everything from his father. But he sold all that for a single meal.

#### 5. Love one another

##### Colossians 2:2

I want them to be strengthened and joined together with love and to have the full confidence that comes from understanding. I want them to know completely the secret truth that God has made known. That truth is Christ himself.

##### 1 Corinthians 8:1

Now I will write about meat that is sacrificed to idols. It is certainly true that “we all have knowledge,” as you say. But this knowledge only fills people with pride. It is love that helps the church grow stronger.

Knowing God, knowing the truth, knowing Jesus and redemption are the keys to liberating ourselves from ignorance and prejudice. So that we could further attain abundance from the life on earth to eternity.

Living a life that glorifies God and benefits others is to live out the value of God's creation and redemption of us. Let us rise up and actively pursue knowledge of Jesus!

#### ☞ Responsive Hymn

##### ✠ 祢信實何廣大 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

#### ☞ Announcement

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series is "Let Love Last - Pastor Chuang Chih-Chieh's Life Story" (Part I). Please invite your non-believing friends and family to watch it.
2. April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday Worship Service of the Gospel Hymns "Ode to the Resurrection Heart". May all the brothers and sisters invite the non-believing relatives and friends to attend the spiritual feast. The event would take place at Taipei Silicon Valley International Convention Center B2 (No. 223, Section 3, Bei-Xin Road, Xin-Dian District, New Taipei City). The church will arrange shuttle buses, so brothers and sisters who need to board are encouraged to fill out the journal questionnaire and hand over to the helpers around after the worship service today.
3. The Cultivation Center will hold an 'Encounter God' camp at 1:00 pm today at the Morning Star Hall on the fifth floor. Brothers and sisters are welcome to sign up on-site and participate.
4. This week's Wednesday (3/29) and next week's Wednesday (4/5) morning prayer will be changed to the whole church's Jericho prayer. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to join the prayer march. The time and place are: 7:00 am at the main entrance of Taipei Silicon Valley International Convention Center on the first floor.
5. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Psalm 4-6**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.

#### ☞ Offertory

##### ☞ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

##### ☞ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

##### ☞ Benediction

May the grace from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.