

清心的有福了 因為他們必得見神



感謝神的恩典，讓教會在香港有暑天的大聚集和第三十四屆青年夏令靈修營。主在這次大聚集中，讓我們幾次重複聽聞羅馬書第八章及猶大書的教訓，對於我們當中仍立心追尋神的恩典，或祈求在靈裏奮興的兄弟姊妹有很大的提醒和激勵。神的教訓是要我們再次返回道理的基礎，以簡單真誠的愛和信，認罪悔改，得聖靈施洗，並依聖靈得重生，靠聖靈改變自己的生命，作一個真正像主的基督徒。

蒙主之恩，在大聚集期間，有一位來了教會多年的兄弟立心悔改，得聖靈施洗，隨後在靈修營中所學習的主題，是由信而開始的屬靈生命，能繼續憑着信來實踐，立志靠聖靈過聖潔的生

活。由二零零五年到現在，我們實在應該反省自己有沒有共同在「光中前進」，並反思自己能否在言語、行為、愛心、信心和純潔上，殷勤又專心地長進，致能更像恩主。

主有很大的慈愛，在夏令營期間施恩給三位年輕的姊妹，她們都以一份簡單真誠的心向慕主，主就賜下聖靈。然而更感謝主的，是祂的恩典，並不只限於大聚集和夏令營，有一位兄弟立心悔改，在家中禱告便蒙神垂聽，主亦將聖靈賜予。

八月中旬，溫哥華教會舉行了大聚集及夏令靈修營，不少兄弟姊妹也分別從香港及北美各地來參加。在大聚集最後一天早上的祈禱會後，長者語重深長地指

出：神實在有豐盛的恩典要賜下，可惜但仍有很大的阻力，這就是會眾未能完全謙卑順服於主的教導，同心事主。

在大聚集後舉行之第十九屆溫哥華夏令靈修營，一共有二百二十三人參加（包括五十位從外地而來的肢體），是歷年來人數最多的一屆。神奇妙的工作亦非常明顯，這裏所學習的三個研討主題，竟與香港夏令靈修營的主題很吻合。

感謝主，祂並未有遺棄我們！一位七年前得罪教的姊妹，在大聚集最後一天得着聖靈施洗。又有一位從外地來的年青姊妹，雖然對完全福音的教訓認識不多，但憑着單純的心渴慕追求，在夏令營期間便



蒙神賜下聖靈。靈修營後，另有一位只參加溫哥華教會聚會約兩年之年青姊妹，在家中繼續懇切禱告，蒙神垂聽，亦得着聖靈施洗。

正如長者的勉語，神預備的恩典，不會隨大聚集和夏令營而完結；主仍在等候我們，隨時會將恩典賜給凡真誠渴慕尋求祂的人。願將一切榮耀讚歸給慈愛的父上帝，阿們！



陳炳良

我在教會已渡過了二十六年，在今次九龍大聚集，我得到了罪赦和聖靈施洗。

回想得神恩典的過程中，神一直領帶着我。在大聚集前，宋監督在講台上提醒會眾，本會在一年內有十位教友過世，跟着便發生了花園道大車禍，有十二位教友因而受傷，其中二位更須在醫院留醫。事件發生後，宋監督又意外跌傷了，連續發生這些事件，實在帶出了一個重要訊息：每個肢體都需要反省查察，而我也自覺對神有所虧欠，因為我一直沒有立心追求罪赦和聖靈施洗。

在香港大聚集前一個星期，我在兩天內滑倒三次，其中兩次更完全無法抗拒地滑倒地上，這是一件十分異常的事。我心中一直在想，這可能是一個警告，若自己再不肯認罪悔改，下一位過事者可能是我，於是我便立心在大聚集追求神的恩典。

很奇妙地，當我立心追求神恩典時，神的話語就臨到我身上。在香港大聚集，講者講到羅馬書8：9「人若有基督靈就屬於基督」及8：16「上帝靈同我曉靈一齊證實我曉係上帝兒女」，這兩節聖經對我仿如當頭棒喝，我在教會已有二十六年，原來一直不是基督徒。

得到這寶貴的教訓，我心裡追求神恩典的意念就更加迫切和堅定不移，當時我覺得自己一定要得到，一步都不能退，因為我已經沒有後退的餘地。在禱告中，我以簡單的信心，誠懇

謙卑地向神認罪，求祂赦免我罪，又希望得著聖靈施洗，每當有雜念來到時，我就以清除垃圾般的方法處理，務求令自己不受干擾。當時我的心裡有一個信念，就是宋監督時常提醒我們的：「神隨時將恩典施予謙卑認罪悔改的人。」感謝神，在九龍大聚集期間的七月二十四日，我終於得到罪赦和聖靈施洗。

經過二十六年的悠長歲月，我很開心可以得到罪赦和寶貴的聖靈。我覺得神的恩典十分珍貴，就如得到了一件無價寶。在二十六年裡神一直沒有丟棄我，一直看顧着我，問題只是我沒有認真立心追求神恩典而已。我很感謝神賜給我一位堅守主道的太太，我才沒有離開主道，她一直為我祈禱，同時也以身作則，以基督徒的行為影響我，這一切都是神的恩典。



蘇靖然

今年是我人生中第一次入靈修營，但卻令我非常難忘。起初我的心情頗為緊張，更怕在分組討論中發言，因為我怕講錯說話，所以一點輕鬆的心情也沒有。但後來我得到家人及同房的鼓勵，才放心一點。

我還記得入營前兩個星期，主日學老師問了我們一條問題：「你立心了沒有？」當時我回答老師已立了心，但回到家中靈修時，我再問自己：我真的立了心嗎？還是空口講白話呢？這一刻我覺得自己已經浪費了十二年的時光。我一定要謙卑認罪悔改，因為我不想再浪費上帝給我的時間。在大聚集時，我聽到一堂很有用的道理——我們應傾向聖靈

來過生活，傾向本性會帶來死亡，也是與上帝為敵，相反意向聖靈就能得到生命和平安。我們必須控制自己的本性，靠着聖靈去改變舊我，因為人若沒有基督的靈就不屬於基督。

第一日分組，我學習到信心，當時我想：我對神的信心有多少呢？我們要信上帝，因為所有東西都是上帝的恩賜。我們因信稱義，基督使我們能活在上帝的恩典裏。我又學習到要相信自己在神眼中的重要性，因為我們都是神所重用和揀選的，所以我們應該用誠實的心和堅定的信來行主的道路。但我們不可忘記，有信心也要有行為，因有信心而沒有行為是死的。

第二日研討會，我學習到要保守自己過聖潔的生活，不可受到異教的影响。我們的心要準備好，要控制自己舌頭，我們用它去感謝我主；我們要

聖潔，因為上帝是聖潔的。

第三日早上，當我準備晨禱時，媽媽突然對我說：「我們中午就要走了，不會參加下午的研討會。」我心裏有一種很不快樂的感覺，唱詩歌時我更不停地流淚，不想這樣快便離開。禱告時，我不停向上帝傾訴，根本就不想離開。突然，我得到了一個訊息：「不要怕、只要信」，只要我們信上帝，祂一定會幫助我們，但是當時我覺得自己對上帝仍未有充足的信心。吃完午餐，我看還有一些時間，便到大堂繼續向神禱告，結果我便得到神的恩典，當時我的心裏覺得十分快樂，因為上帝的恩典白白賜給我們，這一刻我很想抱着天父，那種喜樂感覺是無法形容的。

我知道這只是我的起步點，我應謙卑學習，努力向着目標，奔跑主的路途，同時我也要警醒，不可令上帝給我們的恩典落空。



陳美詩

感謝神，我在今年七月三十日得了神的恩典。

今年是我參加教會崇拜的第四年，不過在這四年裏，我從來沒有想過自己只是一塊木頭而不是個真正的基督徒。今年也是我

第一次參加靈修營，我想可以有三天時間跟朋友在一起是件愉快的事，所以便報名參加。

收到營刊後，我很快便找到自己的名字，但令我驚奇的是同房的名字是我從未聽過的。當我繼續翻閱營刊時，更發現每天有三次祈禱及四小時的分組討論時間，原以為參加夏令營是樂事的我開始擔心起來。

事實上，我的擔心是多餘的，因我的同房對我很友好，與

我分享了很多屬靈上的經驗和知識。在靈修營的第一個晚上祈禱會中，我問自己：「為何身旁的人禱告得這樣有力量呢？」腦海中突然浮現了聖經中的一句：「人若沒有基督的靈，就不是屬基督的。」（羅馬書8:9）這節經文提醒我並不是一個基督徒，即是說不能進入天國；這把我嚇怕了，當天晚上我便立心跟從主。

靈修營的首兩天過得很快，我不想浪費任何時間，所以每次的祈禱會都認真參與，屬靈上的

知識亦增進了不少。宋先生在其中一晚提到恩典是整套的，所以我們不應將罪赦和聖靈施洗分開祈求，這對我是很大的提醒。

第三天的晚上，我四處詢問弟兄姊妹們的得救見證，他們都跟我說每個人得恩典的情況不同，不可看成必然會發生在自己身上，他們同時強調恩典隨時可得。這些說話對我很有鼓勵。在出營前那天，我盡了最大的努力，告訴自己「Anytime is now」，即「隨時」也可成為「現在」。午飯時，同房問我在祈求甚麼，我

回答說在求罪赦。他們提醒我教恩是整套的，若我們帶着願意改變的心來求主，又相信主必定賜與聖靈，那麼聖靈施洗很快便可以臨到。我很快把午飯吃完，便與同房往大堂祈禱。這次祈禱跟以往不同，從來沒有感到這樣迫切，我感到自己變得有力量，更深信將會得到聖靈施洗，一瞬間，我感到身邊的光線變得更光亮，隨即便說出方言來。

這次寶貴的經驗讓我知神無處不在，無所不知。神愛我們每一個，所以凡事為我們

作出完美的安排，我們絕對沒有理由不感謝神。只要心存感恩，以上帝及祂的事情為先，即使人看來不好的事情也會變成美好，就像我最初入營時所擔心的事，竟成為我得福的因由，假如同房是我一早認識的人，我可能只會跟她有屬肉身的交往，而非屬靈上的交流，也沒有機會得到「Anytime is now」的提醒。

神的計劃真的很完美，即使我們不明白，也應抱着信心，把神放於第一位，那麼神便會照顧我們的一切。



鄭文心

我要感謝天父，感謝祂的愛和恩典！

我生長於一個信主的家庭，自小在教會長大。八歲的時候已經有機會參加溫哥華的夏令營。在二零零六年得罪赦的我因沒有聖靈的帶領，很快便在這條救恩的路上變得無影無蹤了。

直到這一次的大聚集和夏令營，公公、父母和主日學老師都提醒要立心，他們希望我在大聚集和夏令營中無論與哥哥姐姐傾談，或是聽長者的分享和講道，都要從中吸收教訓。他們的提醒令我知道，必須立心繼續追尋神

的恩典，求神赦免我，並讓聖靈入居我的「心房」。

參加夏令營期間，每天總有人來支持我、鼓勵我、關心我。神每天都會藉着聖經章節、祂的僕人、教會的哥哥姐姐、同房和導師向我說話，同時也解答了我腦海裏常浮現的問題。

入營的第一天，我聽到導師說他知道神有很多恩典預備施給我們，長者也如此說，他們的話加增了我的信心。到了第二日，在分組研討中談到要自潔，我感到很需要聖靈居住在我心裏，便在午後的祈禱會時留在自己的房間裏禱告。不過由於信心不足，禱告了一段時間就開始有雜念，這時我便給自己藉口停下來。在晚禱結束後，主日學班分享中，我看到同學都有立心，並決心追尋

神的恩典，這給我十分大的支持和鼓勵。

第三天，主題是「光中前進」。我回想這些年來都沒有很大的進步，反而是退步了，更甚的是：我明明知道自己退步卻不敢承認。吃完午餐後，我聽聞一位主日學同學得着聖靈施洗，加上同房的好朋友提醒，被聖靈感動的我便在她們不察覺底下，靜靜地走進自己的房間內懇切禱告。過了一會，我的口開始講出方言，神十分清楚地讓我知道自己已得着聖靈施洗。

多謝神答允我的禱告，讓我和兩位朋友一起得着聖靈施洗，讓我們可以互相扶持，一起行這條天路。我希望未得着恩典的兄弟姐妹不要灰心，因為神的愛永不改變，希望你們也打開心門，迎接主的恩典！



吳志強

我加入教會已有廿多年，亦可說是在聖道中浮沈了廿多年，一直都不曾得到神的恩典；更正確的說法是：我從未有懇切立心追求，加上信心不足，在過程中又有太多自己的主觀想法，才一直未有得到神的恩典。不過神並沒有丟棄我，當我立定決心時，神就將祂的恩典賜給我，在八月三日早上我得着罪赦，再於下午晚堂禱告時得着聖靈充滿，感謝主。

得神恩典後這一段時間，我经常思考為何要比其他兄弟姊妹多費時間，蹉跎了不少歲月才得着神恩。回想年輕時，我因家庭經濟環境不太好，很多很普通的東西都要比同輩多付出努力才可得到，便養成我不可讓自己失敗的固執性格。我以為須主宰自己的命運，更不相信有神跡，雖然我在一所老牌聖公會學校就讀，聖經更是必修課堂，但我對神的道理不能完全接受，認為只要自己行為正直，聖經的道理實可有可無。

我中學畢業後，因不能負擔大學的費用，轉而修讀英國專業學會的課程，幸好當時英國的專業學會未與大學掛鉤，大學學位尚未成為修讀的最低門檻，否則我也只有望門興嘆，現在回想起來，神實在一直對我照顧引領；

及後神亦容許我以不錯的成績完成課程，更在其中一個公開專業考試中，成績名列全英國榜首，並進入了當時最大的會計師行實習。因為我早期做的都是一些技術層面的工作，單憑書本知識便可應付有餘，加上在找工作方面亦可說如意，順利地便進入了一些著名的跨國大企業中工作，凡此種種，令我以為凡事都在自己的計算掌握中。

日後我跟隨當時的女朋友即現在的太太來到教會，雖覺得道理很正確，也願意在行為上遵守，但我總覺得前路還是由自己掌握好，不肯完全交托神。不過，我轉任管理層後，漸漸發覺很多事都不盡在自己掌握中，但我仍不懂向神求智慧，反而將問題日思夜想，滿腦子充塞大量等待解決的問題，又怎能有空間讓道理進入呢？其後我開始參與公司決策的職務，決策的成與敗很多時都取決於市場的反應，多年體驗令我深深感受到市場的力量；這種力量尚難抵擋，更何況是神的旨意呢？這次四川大地震時，我正好乘飛機在震央的上空經過，我本以為在數萬尺高空之上，坐在人類先進科技的製成品中可安然無事，結果飛機還是需折返，後來我在電視上看到災區的情況，更深覺人類的渺小。

還記起數年前，我在工作上曾面對一個幾乎解決不了的處境，本來已是工作狂的我更加日以繼夜不停地用自己以為

聰明的方法嘗試解決問題，但每次總有新的變數出現，幾乎功敗垂成，幸而神令我讀到路加福音 10：21：「你向聰明有學問的人所隱藏的事，就向有學問的人啟示」，令我明白到不應自恃。當我肯放下自己的主意後，感謝神奇妙適時的提醒，使我更能堅決地憑着聖經的教導去處理事情，不再聽取專家顧問所提供的那些在技術層面裡鑽漏洞走方便的方案，事情亦順利解決了，恰如箴言 16：1 所說：「策劃在人，決斷在乎耶和華」；我更沒想到的是：在這困境之後數年，我這種不妥協的處事手法竟給我帶來意想不到的豐厚回報，這雖是肉身上的事，但卻引証了聖經上所說：「上帝為愛佢的人所預備的，是眼未見過，耳未聽過，亦從來有人想到的」。

回想我得到神恩典的過程其實十分簡單，並不需要完成什麼追尋恩典的清單程序，這令我體驗到神是慷慨的，祂所要求只是要我們謙卑、誠心和渴慕，因在加拉太書 2：16 很清楚指出：「我們信基督可以因信得稱義，唔係靠遵行律法」。我現在最大的願望是我的兒子及女兒，能早些放下自己的主觀想法，立定立心追求神恩典，好使一家能同在光中前進。

最後我想一提的是很多主內兄弟姊妹得知我得着神恩典後，流露出的喜悅竟不下於我自己，他們的愛心和關懷實令我非常感動，這件事提醒我也應同樣地多些關懷他兄弟姊妹。



伍施玉鳳

感謝神，我在二零零一年得着罪赦，終於在今年大聚集時得到聖靈施洗。

今年三月我有機會回港參加一百週年紀念和大聚集，更加深刻地體驗到上帝對教會的祝福和豐盛的恩典。我覺得教會經過一百年，對傳講真理仍有這種堅持，實是難能可貴。我們能享受此豐富的靈糧，真是無比的福氣。

近來溫哥華和香港的講道中，我領受到神的話語實在奇妙，道理都很連貫，很多時候兩地都宣講同一信息，所以我們真的要謙卑在地面前學習。上帝再次提醒我不要辜負祂的慈愛和拯救。我們要認罪悔改，由信進信，謙卑順服，與聖靈同行，我們也要有長進，盡心盡力為主工作。我們若偏行己路，不接納神屢次的勸勉或管教，祂的責備和懲罰便會忽然臨到，在最後審判時，我們的靈魂不得救，不被接納，是多麼的悲慘和可憐！我感受到上帝的催促，我知道自己一定要得着聖靈的能力來幫助我，引導我走前面的路程。

今年香港暑天大聚集期間，神的話語多次重複地激勵我「沒有基督的靈便不屬於基督」這句話像刀般刺入我心。我一心想全心倚靠祂，但最後竟不屬於主，不能成為上帝的兒女，是多麼可憐呢！我便立心不再遲延，與祂建立更好的關係，自己多與神親近，再次檢討查察，對神所虧欠的都求主赦免，專心事奉祂，深信祂的救恩必定臨到我。

過往我追求聖靈施洗時，很害怕講方言，因我信心不足，不知是否仍有罪惡的阻隔，以致祈禱中常有不必要的疑惑。感謝神，藉着講者很清楚的提醒我，清心的人有福，因此當我在禱告中，有不必要的意念來到時，就把它棄掉。我就憑着簡單的信和真誠的心，謙卑在上帝跟前不停祈求。在一次聚會中，一首詩歌「不止一次」深深感動我心，歌詞中所描述的「無勇敢，呆立遲疑」的人正是我，但耶穌的慈愛「浩浩乎，滾滾來，湧進我心內」，這令我想起主深厚的愛及恩典，我知道自己信心不足，求主加力幫助。

在溫哥華大聚集禱告期間，我很多時候都感到與神有很好的溝通。在星期六晚的禱

告中，我忽然想起當天是大聚集的最後一晚，我懇切地向上帝祈求，希望可以在未入夏令營前得着救恩。我帶著迫切的心情，謙卑地來到主前懇求祂的指引，我想知道怎樣的禱告才蒙祂悅納。神立刻引帶我思想到宋監督的膝蓋傷患。當天祈禱會時，宋監督感到要與大眾跪下祈禱，他便以受傷的膝蓋跪下禱告半小時。這件事令我非常感動，因我覺得我們真有很多不足之處，令長者操心；但上帝清楚的指示我，這是祂的恩典，我們要齊心頌讚祂。我便開口不停地讚美主，腦海裏想起很多神在我生命中實踐的愛及豐盛的恩典。那時，我完全被祂的愛所充滿，在祂懷抱裏享受着很甜蜜和很美好的時刻。感謝神，原來我已開口講出方言也不自覺。當時會眾唱詩的時候已到，所唱的竟是「耶穌慈愛何其深」，我更受感動，這首詩歌的歌詞已深深地刻在我心內。感謝神，我要讚美主奇妙的恩賜，這真使我畢生難忘。

今後我必定順從聖靈的引導，全心倚靠祂，藉祂所賜的智慧和能力，盡心盡力去做一切美善的事。我會努力向前奔跑，讓屬靈的生命愈加強壯，不斷長成！願一切榮耀歸於上帝，阿們！



張韻惠
Rachel Chang



I remember that specific night at the Vancouver Retreat very clearly – we were praying in the chapel. Suddenly, I simply gave up in trying so hard; I humbled and gave myself to Jesus.

Growing up in a Christian home, I have always loved Jesus and I have been able to gain the best of being both Chinese and American. Jesus has been working in my heart ever since I went to my mother's home church in Hong Kong. Because I want to do God's will, I was willing to listen to the thoughts of other more experienced Christians. I must say that the very night that I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, it was the happiest moment of my entire life – because finally, I had no doubt that God is alive. So that very night, I knelt down by my bed and called out to Jesus Christ with all my heart and soul – I want to be close to Him forever. Jesus is worth everything!

For a moment in time, I was struggling a WHOLE lot with myself because I simply wasn't able to be myself. I've always believed in Jesus Christ with all my heart, and thought of myself as God's child. That's why it was so hard for me to immediately go back to a public school after the Vancouver Retreat. Westerners and Asians are so different. Some Americans call themselves Christian, but it is so easy to lose touch with God when they are too comfortable with who they are.

My school is named "Providence", and it used to be a Christian school. Now it is a public school for all, and I am learning to stand up for what I believe in. We have so much to learn from each other. Don't lose hope, have that simple faith like a child, because we will ALWAYS be like a child in God's eyes. I have never forgotten a teacher in my life – a teacher

is someone you can learn from. Jesus Christ should be our ultimate teacher; He is our only hope worth living for. Let Him lead us in what we do.

Don't think about what separates us. Think about what brings us together. Have confidence in yourself, and I never completely gave myself away to God when I needed to.

God is to be feared and revered always, and many people know that. I will try my best to make my life the best testimony. Keep on moving forward, not looking back. Laugh when something is funny. We are made in the Lord's image. Don't think about what is bad about other Christians. We need Jesus because we have a lot of weaknesses. We need to lead a happy and abundant life – that is God's intention. LET GO of EVERYTHING to GOD, and allow Him take control of our lives.



楊雪亭
Dorothy Yang

I would like to share with you how I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on August 22nd, 2008.

For as far back as I can remember in my childhood, I had gone to church with my mother once since moving to Canada. I used to go to a church where the Holy Spirit was not mentioned that much, but rather they stressed the importance of accepting Jesus as one's personal Saviour. So when I was ten years old, I decided to take this step for myself – I prayed to God, telling Him that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and that I believed He died for my sins and rose again, and thus believed that I could be forgiven.

The years went by, and eventually my mother and I stopped going to that church. I experienced periods where I drifted away from my faith, and periods where I felt compelled to try to seek God, to read the Bible, to be close to Him. Eventually, these feelings of wanting to seek God led me to return to the church

that I used to attend. However, I felt that the youth there were hard for me to relate to, and I was disappointed – yet, I was eager to stay in a church environment.


Thankfully, God had His plan for me. When I entered Grade 11, I never expected that I would befriend Camille Wong. As it so happened, I had known about her from mutual friends, but we never really had much in common... until we started to share with each other about spiritual things. Soon after we met, she asked me if I would like to attend church with her one day – this was in October of 2006. The very first time that I went to church with her, I found myself very impressed by the seriousness and level of dedication the church members had, and found that the youth were very easy to get along with, and they seemed committed to their spiritual lives. I decided to stay with this church.

At first, the idea of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues as initial evidence was very strange to me, and I suppose that for about the year-and-a-half that I was there, I wrestled with accepting this idea – while trying to develop a closer relationship with God, and changing myself without really having received the Holy Spirit. At one point in 2007, I even left the church for six weeks to pursue worldly things, but soon found

that I missed church and felt that I wanted and needed to go back. When I came back, I wanted to attend the Summer Retreat but had missed the registration deadline, and was probably not fully ready or in the right state of mind.

This year, as the week of Revival Meetings and Summer Retreat grew closer, I had already been seeking the Holy Spirit on and off for a while. However, it was only when I dared to admit to myself that I did not have the Holy Spirit – and therefore was not God's child – that I really committed myself to seeking it. Although I started off with a strong desire for the Holy Spirit, my search was blurred by continual thoughts of previous testimonies of other people crying, by confusion about what it would be like to speak in tongues, about who I would be after I received this gift.

The week of Revival Meetings passed and as the Retreat began, I found myself seeking the Holy Spirit very seriously – praying for long extended time, and genuinely feeling the urge to receive this gift. I knew that I could not change my sinful nature or my character without the Holy Spirit, and as the days went by, I did begin to feel discouraged. After speaking to many brothers and sisters who encouraged me that I must not be disappointed or frustrated, and that God has His



own good time for everything, I decided to keep on seeking. I thought of those verses in Romans where Paul speaks about how only the Holy Spirit can free us from being slaves to our sinful nature, and how anyone who did not have the Spirit of God with them did not belong to God. I also thought of how God had promised that He would give this to us, keeping in mind that I knew that God did want to give this to me.

On the last day as we drove away from the Retreat, I wondered to myself if I would indeed receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; but I decided that I would not give up. On the very next day, I had a job interview in the morning and appointments with friends planned throughout the day. I found myself very desperate to be able to find a place to pray alone, and continue to seek for the Holy Spirit. So finally at night, I cancelled an appointment with some friends in favour of praying. This time, I set aside all my doubts, all my worries about how I was not perfect enough for this or ready enough for this, I tried not to think about anything except sincerely telling God that I was ready to give everything up to Him. I asked Him to forgive me for my sins, and told Him how I only wanted and needed His Holy Spirit in my life so much, especially since I was starting university, and a new job as well. I knew that I needed the

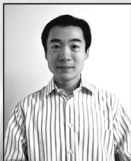
Holy Spirit to truly change myself, and I wanted to be God's child.

This time, with the belief that God would give this to me and the real desire for this gift, God granted it to me! At first, I could not believe it, but I knew something had happened. In my excitement and confusion, I called my friend Camille and told her that I thought I might have just received the Holy Spirit. Thankfully, she encouraged me to keep praying for confirmation. This confirmation did come to me, and as I was praying and being moved to speak in tongues, I remember thinking to myself – “this is far too amazing for me to be making it up, or for it to be anything but from God”. Contrary to my prior “expectations”, it did not take hours of prayer; I did not burst into tears (in fact, I found myself only laughing and having tears of joy), and it was not nearly as difficult as I thought it was during the Retreat – when I had spent hours and hours praying without really focusing as much as I needed to.

The next few days were a blur of happiness and yet a strange disbelief even, as I could not believe that the gift I had wanted so badly for what feels like a long time, has finally been given to me. However, as these thoughts come to me even now, I remind myself of how God has taught me not to doubt His amazing power.

At the time, I felt so wrapped up in God's perfect love, so amazed at how freely it was given to me, and how utterly undeserving I was of such great love. I will admit now that I have had this amazing event happen to me, I know that there is a long road ahead and much, much growing to do. I have learned that God's love is so readily available to us, and He really just wants us to be honest with Him – tell Him everything within our hearts, and to really believe that He will give this to us if we are truly seeking. It's so important to humble ourselves and admit to ourselves that we need His guidance, and as I was sharing with my Sunday School class the weekend after, this really is the best thing that one can ever receive in this life.

So in closing, my encouragement to anyone who is still seeking, is not to give up. Even if at times you don't know what to pray about or feel discouraged, just ask God for help and know that He will help us no matter what if we call on His name. He loves us so much and truly wants us to be His children. I know now that this is only the beginning, and that the real spiritual journey begins to be closer to our Heavenly Father. Thanks and praise to God for all that He has done!



邱英慶
Winthrop Yow



I want to share with all of you how I felt and the lessons I learned before and after I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I used to believe that doing good works can persuade God to give me the Holy Spirit sooner. When I prayed, sometimes I felt He wasn't listening. Many times, I prayed with my mind, but not enough from my heart. I had doubts whether He would answer my prayers because I didn't know what His will is and what else He wants from me.

When I was sick in May, I couldn't do anything for two and a half months. During that time, I saw four doctors but none of them could tell me the cause of my illness. All I could think of was why me and why now? Did God not want me to go to the Summer Bible Camp or look for work in Hong Kong? What did I do to make Him punish me like this? In my prayers, I asked then listened; but no response. It was until I heard a sermon on tape which talked about praising God in

our daily life and prayers. Then I realized I have only acknowledged God's presence, but I didn't truly praise Him. As the weeks past, I lost more and more weight and my dizziness and headaches were not decreasing. Surprisingly, the only time that the dizziness subsided was when I listened to the sermon tapes and half of the times when I prayed. I began to understand that the weaker I became, the stronger I felt God's presence. I was no longer suffering in my illness because I knew Jesus was with me; that His grace is sufficient (II Cor. 12:9). He humbled me also with His love by giving me a verse "Not by works but by grace" and "Give thanks in all circumstances". (I The. 5:16)

This led to my baptism in the Holy Spirit on Dec. 18th, 2007 at 7:10am. That morning when I was praying out loud saying "Thank you Lord Jesus for being with me" over and over again without choosing the words I want to say; I felt an overwhelming sensation

flowing all through my body. I felt very loved and close to Him. Then the ringing in my left ear completely subsided. I clearly heard my voice saying, "Thank you Lord Jesus", and suddenly, it changed to another language. It was then the Holy Spirit entered into my heart and caused me to love God even more. From that day on, the Holy Spirit gave me: a clear mind; strength to forgive and resist temptation; a greater desire to pray and read the Bible. I have learned through this experience that God has been and continues to walk beside me in good and difficult times. When I can't feel His presence in my life and prayers, it is because of my will, my pride and my sins. These are the things that form a barrier between God and us. The only way to experience God's peace and freedom from sin is to focus on things which are true, noble, righteous and pure. For if we do these things, Paul says, "The God of peace will be with you...".

因禍得福

何盧露文

兩個月前，我們的汽車跟其他車輛發生碰撞，當時對方與外子都沒有受傷，只是事後我的頸部覺得有些痛楚。雖然這些意外在一天中發生無數次，但對我來說卻不是一件簡單的事。我想到宋監督曾在講道中提到今年教會一百週年前後發生了很多事情，而我們每一個人都要受警告，並儆醒查察我們在神面前是否有虧欠。宋監督還提醒我們說有很多事情會繼續發生，但神亦使他知道，神會有很多恩典要施賜給我們。我深信神准許事情成就，一定有祂的旨意。感謝神，祂在肉身上保守了我；但在屬靈方面，神要我在這件事情上學習甚麼呢？

當我查察思考這件事時，

有幾句說話突然在腦子裡響起來，這都是來自長者的教訓；一句是「積極一些喇！」另一句是「行多一步喇！」長者提醒我們無論在做神的工作、守道理的心態或與兄弟姊妹的交往上，都要努力，並力求進步！

另外，我又記起在兩年前當我移民加拿大時宋監督對我說的一句話：「你知嗎？你現今沒有以前這樣愛上帝。」我對這句話的印象很深刻，因為當時我的感覺就像被人棒打一樣，十分難受。及後我就立心，以後無論身處甚麼環境，都要時刻提醒自己，愛上帝的心不可退步，更要積極愛上帝愛人。

雖然宋監督這句說話時常提醒著我，但恐怕過往我在神面前，仍然是做得不夠及有欠積極；在神眼中我仍是一個「不夠秤」的基督徒。這刻我突然醒悟過來，我很感謝上帝的憐憫，祂不丟棄我，仍賜我有生命去悔改。神藉著今次的意外，讓我知道要在愛神的功課上更加努力，不只在意識上，在行為上也要做得更好。

在先知耶利米書29：11中，我領受到神是賜福的上帝，不是降禍的上帝。祂為我們計劃的不是災難，而是光明的前程。我相信，只要我們願意謙卑地來到神面前悔改，神必賜給我們信心和力量，使我們能做得更好，更榮耀上帝！



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(2008年5月至2008年11月)

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2009年1月28日至2月3日

• 復活節培靈佈道會（九龍堂）

2009年4月9日至4月15日

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上午十時，晚上七時

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• 聖誕崇拜（九龍堂/溫哥華堂）

2008年12月25日上午十一時

• 聖誕聚餐

2008年12月25日
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溫哥華：晚上六時半

• 元旦崇拜

2009年1月1日
香港堂：上午十時半、
溫哥華堂：上午十一時

• 農曆新年崇拜（九龍堂）

2009年1月26日上午十時半

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Testimony and Fellowship Meeting: second Tuesday of every even month at 7:15 pm

Kowloon church——71, Waterloo Road, Homantin, Kowloon Tel: (852) 2713-5455

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