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[0:00] The following message was given at a Sunday celebration at Trinity Grace Church in Athens.! For more information about Trinity Grace, please visit us at TrinityGraceAthens.com.

On behalf of Lord Grace Church in Seoul, I'd like to thank you all for inviting me.

When you plant the church at Athens, we were very excited. We pray together.

We pray together. I'm very thankful to God so that I can see you face to face today. Lord Grace Church in Seoul started in 2009.

Five families got together to start the church. Just like you, we were hoping to have a community that loves the gospel together.

[1:10] Right now there are about 140 congregation serving the church together. I have three common things with sharing with Walt.

We were both students at Pastor College. We planted a church at the same time together.

We were both church planters. And we both have Asian wives.

Yeah! There are certain things that we are different.

We are very tall. Walt is very tall. He has great beers. When I see Walt, I learn from him about his sincerity and humility.

Two days a week, I learn from him about his sincerity and humility. Once every two months, we have a phone call together and serve each other. Last year when I was burned out, Lady

Walt prayed for me and he served me. Walt **WELL BLOOD**. His great serving raised me up. Do you know who is my best friend in America?

Walt is. Not him. I don't think I can translate this, but you heard him.

I'm very happy that my most loving friend is with you.

[3:40] Walt's missionary team challenged us very greatly with his loving and serving hearts.

I'd like to share what Jesus was talking about the church.

I'd like to share the message about how Jesus was talking about the power of church.

I'd like to read Matthew chapter 16 verse 13 through 19. It's an ESC version. It is said, Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the son of man is?

[4:41] And they said, Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He said to them, But who do you say that I am?

Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus answered him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my father who is in heaven.

And I tell you, You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Amen. 

Amen. 

I would like to pray that God give us the grace today. I'll pray. Heavenly Father, thank you so much for planting the Lord's church here

Lord, through Trinity Grace Church, I'd like you to build the kingdom of God on this land.

In Jesus' name we pray. It is a community built on the good confession of the faith to Jesus Christ.

Who do you say that I am?

They replied, some say you are a great rabbi like John the Baptist. 

They replied, some say you are a great rabbi like John the Baptist. 

And others say a powerful prophet like Elijah.

2000 years ago, this was a shocking remark that no one was able to even think about.

are not just the son of a poor carpenter from a poor village of Galilee.

[8:03] Testament mentioned, Savior and King.

You are the Savior and you are the King of the Heaven.

Until this confession, no one knew who Jesus was.

Who taught this to Peter? **IN SECURITY** Who taught it to Peter? **IN SECURITY** Who taught it to Peter? **IN SECURITY IN SECURITY IN SECURITY IN SECURITY IN SECURITY** 

In verse 70 he said, it is not taught by the flesh on the earth, but the God in the Heaven taught this to Peter.

When Jesus heard this confession by Peter, he used the word church, which is never used before. 18 **III III II** 

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Peter's confession saying that you are the Christ, the son of the living God. He mentioned this as a rock. This confession is unshakable rock.

But there are so many people in Korea who still don't know who Jesus is. 

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So many people working in such a famous corporation like Samsung don't know who Jesus is.

colleges in Korea still think that Jesus is just a good rabbi like John the Baptist.

K-pop singers in Korea still say Jesus is just a powerful prophet like Elijah.

Because there is no confession of faith like this. Because there is no confession of faith like this. Until 150 years ago in Korea no one had the confession of faith like this.

Reverend Robert Thomas came to Korea on September 4th in 1866 writing on the US merchant ship USS General Sherman. When Reverend Thomas came to Korea he came with a Bible written in Korean.

From the ship the Korean soldiers came to him and killed him.

When Reverend Thomas was stabbed by his sword and was dying he screamed Jesus!

And he gave the Korean Bible that he held to who killed him as a present.

was just, you know, spread around the site.

When Reverend Thomas died there was a boy named Chirang Choi who was just a 13 years old boy who was just passing by and he picked up three Korean Bibles on the site.

So he decided to tear off the papers and use it as a wallpaper for his home. 

He just surrounded his room with this paper from the Bible.

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I'm the way, I'm the truth, I'm the life Not through me, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. **THE NOTE** I'm the resurrection and I'm the life Whoever believes in me will leave.

Who is he? **INCOME AND ADDITION**Youngshik Park was curious about it. He wanted to know him. **INCOME ADDITION**He just realized that there is a savior somewhere.

There is nobody in Korea who knew about Jesus Christ.

■■ ■ ■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■■■■. He wanted to give the gospel to this city, but he wasn't very motivated.

He was trying to go to bed and he saw these wallpapers. What is this? These are the scriptures.

He was surprised and he became very courageous. Lord, your working here is amazing.

Lord, please give me strength. He gave the gospel to the owner of the motel. For this encounter, Chi-Rang Choi accepted Jesus as his lord in 1894.

And this motel became the place of worship. And this is the story of the first church in Korea, NoI Dari Church.

Who let Chi-Rang Choi know about Jesus Christ? 

Through Reverend Moffet who witnessed that the Lord is the Christ and Son of God.

He, God, let Chi-Rang Choi know who Jesus Christ is.

■ ■, ■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ The Chun-Gun Park who killed Reverend Thomas was living in the city.

[18:38] 1907 1907, there was a great revival in the city of Pyongyang, and this church became the center of this great revival in Korea.

The way how God works to build a church in Korea is amazing. Only 150 years ago, there was no one who had the confession of Peter in Korea.

head of the church, built his church in Korea in such a miraculous way.

I believe Trinity Grace Church have this good confession. And God will build his church here in his amazing and miraculous way.

who you belong to is knowing the source of your power.

government, then the source of your power is the North Korean communist government.

then the source of your power is the free and democratic government.

The fact that we belong to the church community means that the source of our power is Jesus, the king of heaven and earth. Jesus has all the power of heaven and earth.

[21:06] He mentioned three things about the power of church. In verse 18, he said, You are my church.

Is this just bluffing by Jesus? 

Is this just a mention by a lunatic? 

Is this just a mention by a lunatic?

This is a power that no one can give unless that man has the power of heaven and earth.

[22:08] You belong to him. White **I III** . White is not the owner of this church. Christ is the owner of this church.

The first one is that if I purchase the resources to make this table by myself, and if I make this table by myself, then this becomes mine.

And the other is that if I pay 1,000 dollars to purchase this table, then this table becomes mine. How can we be the possession of Jesus Christ?

Because God created us, we are Lord's possession. When we were away from God because of our sin, God paid for our redemption.

[23:18] Jesus came here to pay the ransom to buy his people back from the world.

We are the body of Christ. 

The congregation of the church is connected to Jesus with indivisible unification, and it belongs to Jesus.

government on this earth, but you belong to me in the heaven.

you with the blood of my son.

That's because you are mine forever.

The resurrected Jesus showed up to him and said, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

Saul never persecuted Jesus.

Why did he say that?

On September 2009, Lord's Grace Church has started.

So, to the eyes of the people in the world, we looked small, shabby, and terrible. 

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This means that the power of hate cannot stop the church because the source of the power of the church is God.

The power of hate, in other words, the utmost power of Satan is the death. 

But the Satan could not confine Jesus in the tomb with the power of death.

Satan could not oppress his congregation with his power of death. ■■■■ 2■ 14■, 15■ ■■■■■ 2, verse 14 and 15.

■■■■. Jesus might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Now the church, the Christians who belong to Jesus do not fear death.

Sometimes our families or friends suffer from incomprehensible death due to cancers or traffic accidents.

It is hard to understand that that really hardened our hearts. 

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3■ ■, ■■■ ■■■, ■■■■ ■■■■■ 3 years ago, my mother-in-law returned to heaven. ■■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■■■.

I put her into the flame. 

I put her into the flame.

90 After 90 minutes **MANNE MANNE MANNE**. Her body was contained in just a small jar and came back to us.

Do you believe that you have this power of not fearing the death?

The third power that Jesus mentioned I give you the keys to the heaven In verse 19, he said I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven And whatever you bind on earth be bound in heaven And whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven Do you have this key that Jesus gave to you?

Jesus said Where two or three come together in his name Is granted the power of handling the scene Why such power was given to the congregation It is because the one who has the power to overcome the death is among us The key can open the door or lock the door Do you have this key to open the door to the kingdom of heaven?

There is a one reason why not everybody can open the door to the kingdom of heaven Every people have two problems The first one is that everybody is sinners The second is that everybody is not righteous But the God in the kingdom of heaven Is without sin and he is righteous Everybody is not righteous Everybody is If anyone wants to open the door to the kingdom of heaven They have to solve these two problems The problem of sin and problem of being righteous How do you handle your problem of sin and righteousness?

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heaven because he did not solve the problem of sin and righteousness. Bill Gates■ ■■■ No matter how much Bill Gates has money in his bank account, he cannot open the door to the kingdom of heaven. Trump No matter how powerful the president Trump is, he cannot open the door to the kingdom [33:36] No matter how many good deeds Mother Teresa did, she cannot open the door to the kingdom of heaven with that. Only Jesus completed everything by his righteous life and the death on the cross. And he gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to his church. What a wonderful community is the church in this world. ■■■ ■■■■■■. The church is the keys to the gospel that God had made through Jesus Christ. ■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ It is the only community that uses the power of forgiving the sin and the power of overcoming the death that we have to use this to build a church in this community. Trinity [34:35] the power of the whole universe? Don't judge this community just by the size of this meeting. -------- --- ---- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---[40:17] 

anyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ cannot open the door to the kingdom of

Do you know who has been shaken the most? It's me. ■■■■ ■■■■■.

[41:36] I was not able to do anything. **III III II III III III III III III III II** 

LI often questioned myself as a plant of church. I often questioned, do I deserve of planting a church?

Whenever a member of the church congregation complained, I couldn't sleep. 

Whenever I saw the families in congregation had family crisis, that they want to stop their marriage, I was shaken.

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men like me, then the church would have failed a long time ago.

Church is having this first anniversary.

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Father God, Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ is holding your life.

The world. The second attack from the world. The world. The world. The world will be shaken because of your relationship in your family.

Children growing and suffering.

You may have difficult times because of the conflicts in your community. 

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But I want you to believe it. I want you to remember that who is working in this church.

want you to be united in His love and please continue to build this church in this community.

I want you to open the door to the kingdom of heaven. I want you to work on redeeming the people who are lost.

I will continue to do that work in Korea. I want you to do that work. Let me pray. Heavenly Father, thank you so much for building the Lord's church here.

[46:08] I want you to thank you for giving this church the power of overcoming the sin and the death.

We are weak. We are suffering from our lives. We put our hope in our Lord.

Our hope is that the Holy Spirit will work in us. Lord, please find those who are lost in this world.

Lord, please save them, redeem them through the confession of these righteous people. I pray that your gracious work be on these people.

Lord, please fill this church with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.

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