

## 2019-2020 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

*[The word of God] stands as the support and energy of the Church...the food of the soul, a pure and perennial fountain of spiritual life.* [天主聖言] 是教會的支柱與力量... 靈魂的食糧：精神生活清澈不竭的泉源。(梵二啟示憲章 21)。

### (A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (15 minutes)

1. 閱讀 2:4。這是否意味著每個人都會得救？為什麼？（提示：“wills”的希臘文是“thelo”，這意願適用於所有人，但能否成就卻決定於他們的回應；另一個具有相同含義但未在本節中使用的希臘詞是“boulomai”，意思是“固定且不可逆轉的決定”；其應用可參見弟前 2：8，5:14）。

Read 2:4. Does this mean everyone will be saved? Why? (Hint: “wills” in Greek = “thelo”, a will that extends to all people but is conditioned on their response; another Greek word having the same meaning but is not used in this verse is “boulomai”, which means “a fixed and irreversible decision”; see 1 Tim 2:8, 5:14).

2. 保祿在 2:15 中特別強調母親的美德，這可能與一些關於女性角色的錯誤教導有關。這些錯誤的教導是什麼？（提示：請參見 2：12、4：3。）

Paul’s special emphasis on the virtue of motherhood in 2:15 might have something to do with some false teachings about women’s role. What were these false teachings? (Hint: see 2:12, 4:3.)

### (B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (10 minutes)

在聖保祿改造的經歷中（1:12-17）有很多強而有力的信息。在這裡我們只關注兩個聖保祿自己指出的其中兩個：（1）悔改使他開啓了雙眼，看到自己所犯的是那麼深重，儘管是無知地犯（1:13）；（2）就像永不對迷途孩子失去信心的父母一樣，天主竟以保祿發夢也想不到的方式去相信保祿及其潛能（1:14-16）。您或您認識的人有類似的改造經歷嗎？您對上述兩個有力的信息可有共鳴？

So many powerful messages in St. Paul’s conversion experience (1:12-17). Here we focus on two, as pointed out by St. Paul himself: (1) the conversion opened his eyes to see the enormity of what he had done, albeit in ignorance (1:13); (2) like a parent who never lost faith in a wayward child, God would believe in Paul and his potential in a way that Paul had never dreamed (1:14-16). Did you, or someone you know, have similar conversion experience? Do you find resonance in the two powerful messages above?