2020-2021 BSP#3 Group Time Discussion

(For Discussion in Monthly Zoom Meeting)

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

1. Read 1:25-26 and 1 Cor 1:31. Why does Paul ask the Philippian church to "boast...on account of me"?

請看 1:25-26 及格前 1:31。為甚麼保祿叫斐理伯教會因他而誇耀?(思高 1:26 譯作「同我在基督耶穌內更加<u>歡躍</u>」, NAB 是"so that your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound on account of me"。原文意思不是「歡躍」,是誇耀;NAB翻譯較正確。)

2. Read 1:23 and 1 Thess 4:13-18. Why does Paul say "I long to depart this life and be with Christ" in 1:23, which suggests that he expects to be with Christ immediately after death; when elsewhere in 1 Thess 4:13-18 he suggests that only at the Parousia will the dead "be with Christ"?

請看 1:23 及得前 4:13-18。為甚麼保祿說「我渴望求解脫而與基督同在一起」? 這說法顯示他相信人死後便立即與基督一起。但在得前 4:13-18,他卻說只有在主 再來時,亡者才「同主在一起。」

(B) <u>為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)</u>

Read 1:15-18. "What difference does it make, as long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed?", Paul asked. (1) Think of two similar cases in which what people do – their behavior; their position; the things they say, promote, or teach; how they go about doing things; etc. – are not exactly righteous or correct. (2) Following Paul's position, share with your group why, on the one hand, you will not condone what these people do; but, on the other, you can live with the outcome of these cases because ultimately "Christ is being proclaimed".

閱讀 1: 15-18。保祿問:「那有什麼妨礙呢?無論如何,或是假意,或是誠心,終究是宣傳了基督。」(1)請分享兩個類似個案。個案中的人所做的事-他們的行為;他們的立場;他們所說,促進或教導的事情;他們處事的方式;等等-可能有不正直或不正確之處。(2)試採用保祿的立場,與您的小組分享為什麼一方面,您不會認同這些人的所作所為;但是另一方面,您可以接受這些個案的結果,因為最終"基督被宣揚了"。