

From the editor

For this new year issue, we would like to share the message, "Confitemini Domino" written by Pastor Peter in 2008, just before the *Church of the Wind* was built.

Let us pray and give our thanksgiving to the Lord who has forgiven us and healed us on the cross.

May the peace of God be done in the land of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and all the lands through our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Confitemini Domino

Peter

"If God exists, why does He overlook our sufferings, pains and situations like hell?" asks man, feeling pain, becoming angry and sad. There seems no answer that will satisfy us.

This question had been weighing on my mind constantly since I was young. I knew God's existence, and yet I could not understand why horrible wars and hardships happened ?

However, as the cross of Christ was gradually revealed to me, at a certain point in my life I stopped yielding myself to pain and anger.

The decisive answer came to me when I saw the mystery of the black and white cross in "The White Dove." (See the White Dove I Chapter 33 "Seeing the Cross") I realized for the first time in my life that the mystery of the black and white cross is what man has desired to know the

most from the beginning till now, and that the whole secret is in the cross of Jesus.

“Black” which signifies suffering on the earth is sublimed by “white” which signifies the light of God. Because there is “black,” there is “white.” The redemption of Christ is God’s love which can revive even “black.” This is not what I want to believe; I am convinced that this is nothing but the fact.

The secret of existence is in the black and white cross. To know the redemption of God is terrifying in a sense; we praise the Lord, even seeing horrible scenes like hell on the earth and experiencing pain in our physical body. To know God’s redemption is to have our eyes opened to this frightening reality.

One verse has been coming to my mind since yesterday. It is a famous one written repeatedly in the Psalms.

*O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

We can find the same verse in several places in the Book of Psalms 106, 107 and 136. In Latin, the verse is, “Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.” “Domino” means “the Lord,” “confitemini” means “give thanks,” “quoni” means “which,” and “bonus” means “abundant” or “abundant in grace.”

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.

The secret of sambi (praise) is for those who have been redeemed by the Lord to sing the truth. Say, redeemed people, “The Lord has redeemed us from our anxiety.” Here people are gathered by the Lord from the north, the south, the

east and the west to witness the mystery of the redemption by Christ. The Lord God is now making the straight way through you who witness the mystery of His redemption. It is the way leading to the *Church of the Wind*, and it is the way to praise the Lord. We praise the mystery of the redemption so that the love, life and light of Jesus Christ may flow to those who do not know His redemption yet.

Do not ask why, but sing the mystery of the redemption.

I say to you, the *Church of the Wind* will be built so that you may bear the Lord's sorrow. Unbearable, bitter sorrow is filling the earth. The *Church of the Wind* will be built and you are invited to the mystery of Christ's redemption, which means that the time has come for you to bear His pain and sorrow.

Behold the mystery of Christ's redemption. Never ever go to nihilism. In the middle of the sorrow, behold the mystery of His redemption, and say, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Say, people redeemed by the Lord, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.

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