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Comfort and Hope (2 Thess 2:13-17)

Language exists for communication. The structure of language can be divided into *speaking, hearing, reading and writing*. Speaking and hearing are *voice language* and reading and writing are *written language*. It can be further categorized in terms of the *sound and meaning* system.

Sound and meaning have duality; they are independent from one another. For example, there are words that sound the same but with different meanings and there are words that sound different but have the same meanings.

Try *Jesus*. *Jesus is the Gospel*. *Jesus is the language of God, the Word*. This language is only understood by *faith*. To the person who accepts the name of Jesus by believing in His name God has given the right to become His children (Jn 1:12). To the unbeliever that same name is just another name.

In the world of Word God speaks by the Spirit, hears by the Spirit, reads by the Spirit and writes by the Spirit. Thus Jesus spoke the Gospel, the language of God, by faith thru the Holy Spirit.

This is the message is the Gospel - *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* The Gospel is the love of God who overcomes all jealousy, hatred, worries, pain and suffering, sin and even death.

The love of God is spiritual. Thus, heavenly language is fully driven by God's love, which overcomes the earthly language in every aspect! Because there are no hypocrisy or vanity or carelessness in the heavenly language because there is only God's will in it.

This is the reason why we must be spiritual and truthful. 2 Thess 2:16 says that *God loved us by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope*. That is why the Gospel must be kept both in written *and* oral sense.

Keep God's Word writable in your heart by believing Him meaningfully in your life. Be a believer in the word of the Scriptures. How important is meaning? Pointless thoughts, heartless words and meaningless life give way to losing man's value and dignity.

Isn't man created in God's image? How vain is it if the man who was made in God's image speak, hear, read and write the language that has nothing to do with God (Eph 4:27-29)? The more use of the language of darkness, the unstoppable tear, pain and death will be.

Only the ones who received God's grace can use the heavenly language. This is quite possible and doable by love. Where you do by love you can see grace working thru encouragement and hope (2 Thess 2:16).

Understand the greatness of God's comfort. Uncomforted heart remain as heartbroken. You're not really living though you're alive. Things cannot comfort a person. Only thru love you're comforted.

Think Isaac. Isaac was deeply hurt when his mother died. She stood by him and loved him. He couldn't escape 4 years of feeling empty until he met the comfort he needed thru Rebekah (Gen 24:67). Discover the power of hope and encouragement.

You can be raised up by the comfort of God's word. You can go forward thru the heavenly power of comfort. The reason we must be comforted thru the Word is because there are so many heartbreaking in this world. But, God's comfort opens your eyes, enabling you to think and do the right things. And, you can do the things that please the Lord.

The comfort of God is with the contrite (Isa 57:15). God gives His *problem solving* comfort and hope to the humble. *Why is it eternal encouragement? It's because God gives His way and His strength to you no matter how deep the trouble is.*

Psa 119:50 rightly says "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." See how good and how powerful the Word is to you! Yes, *God's gives not one life but eternal life (1 Jn 2:25).*

It's eternal encouragement because it's the eternal world without death or pain or mourning or pain that He is giving us (Rev 21:4). And, why is it good hope? It's because Jesus Christ is our hope (1 Tim 1:1).

Jesus is the Word who became flesh, the God who came as man. He became our hope. That is why He is our best hope and our greatest hope. So, I ask you to be strong by receiving the Lord's comfort and keeping the heavenly language in hope.

Then, surely the heavenly world will come to you. Keep His Word physically and spiritually. The visible and invisible world are ours. In this hope we can overcome all our sinful lifestyle and our darkneses.

Don't be discouraged in keeping the Gospel and your inner and outer person shall be faithful. 1 Jn 3:3 can be accomplished. "Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure!"

Have the senses of God and exercise the language of the Spirit (Mt 5:16). Don't become weary in doing good (Gal 6:9)! Be patient till the end! Keep the spiritual language by faith. *By faith let the Gospel can be the Gospel.*

*Believe in the good hope and eternal encouragement that our heavenly Father has given you and As 1 Cor 15:10 says “And His grace to me was not without effect,” produce fruit worthy of our Lord’s grace!*