**Amazing Agape Christian Church**

**2021.10.10 Sunday Sermon 主日講道講章**

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**主題經文Scripture Reading**

 **Psalms 37:3-5
3**Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **4**Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. **5**Commit[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+37&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14456a)] your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass.

## PERFECT FAITH IN AN IMPERFECT WORLD

**Psalms 37:1-7**Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
**2**For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. **3**Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **4**Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. **5**Commit[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+37&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14456a)] your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass. **6**He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. **7**Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

 **1)Focus on God
1Timothy 4:11,15-16**

**11**These things command and teach.

**15**Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. **16**Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

 **Philippians 2:6-7
6**who, being in the form of God, did not consider it [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29398b)]robbery to be equal with God, **7**but [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29399c)]made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

 **2) Not self Reliance
Jeremiah 17:5-6**

**5**Thus says the Lord: Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-19363b)]strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. **6**For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

 **Ecclesiastes 1:3-4**

**3**What profit has a man from all his labor In which he [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-17319b)]toils under the sun?
**4***One* generation passes away, and *another* generation comes; But the earth abides forever.

 **Ecclesiastes 1:17**

**17**And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

 **Ecclesiastes 2:3**

**3**I searched in my heart *how* [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-17337b)]to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

 **Ecclesiastes 2:10-11**

**10**Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-17344g)]reward from all my labor. **11**Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all *was* vanity and grasping for the wind. *There was* no profit under the sun.

 **Ecclesiastes 2:17-20
17**Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun

*was* distressing to me, for all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind. **18**Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. **19**And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also *is* vanity.

**20**Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun.

 **Matthew 5:48
48**Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

 **Transformation
1) Forgiveness
Psalms 37:8-11**

**8**Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

**9**For evildoers shall be [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+37&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14460b)]cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth. **10**For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be* no

*more;* Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be* no *more.*
**11**But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

 **Romans 12:19-21**

**19**Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. **20**Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” **21**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

 **Acts 10:43**

**43**To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission[[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27303n)] of sins.

**Psalms 51:16-17
16**For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it;* You do not delight in burnt offering. **17**The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

 **2) learn to be vulnerable
Matthew 23:11-12**

**11**But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12**And whoever exalts himself will be [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23931e)]humbled, and he who humbles himself will be

[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23931f)]exalted.

**Revelation 2:5**

**5**Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

 **Matthew 9:13
13**But go and learn what *this* means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23393b)]to repentance.

 **3) Allowing God to change your mind about what's important**

**Hebrews 11:6
6**But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**James 4:8**

**8**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands,

*you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

**Isaiah 66:5a... Tremble at His word**Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word

**4) Seek transformation not validation
Romans 12:2**

**2**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**2Chronicles 34:27
27**because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard *you,*” says the Lord.  **5) Do good for others
Romans 12:9-10**

**9***Let* love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. **10***Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another

 **Luke 6:33,37
33**And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **37**“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**1Timothy 6:18-19**

**18***Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, **19**storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

 **Galatians 6:10**

**10**Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Matthew 5:44
44**[[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23279o)]But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you

 **Conclusion
John 15:5**

**5**“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

**7**“Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.
**8**For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-19366c)]fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

 **2Corinthians 7:1**

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

 **Job 36:4**

**4**For truly my words *are* not false; One who is perfect in knowledge *is* with you.