

# 2008 International Chinese-speaking Conference

① Eb Eb7 Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Eb/G

The high-est truth is that in Christ God be-came man to make man God in life and na-ture

7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb

but not in the God-head so that the re-deem-ing God and the re-deemed

13 Eb Eb/G Ab F/A Bb Fm

man can be u-nit-ed, min-gled, and in-cor-po-rat-ed to be-come a sin-gle en-ti-ty — the

19 Bb Bb7 Eb ② Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb

New Je-ru-sa-lem. The church be-ing the pil-lar and base of the truth im-

26 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Eb/G

plies that ev-ery mem-ber of the church should up-hold the ab-so-lute-ness of the truth by learn-ing the

31 Fm Bb Eb Eb/G Ab F/A Bb

truth, ex-pe-ri-enc-ing the truth, ap-ply-ing the truth, speak-ing the truth, and

38 Fm Bb Bb7 Eb ③ Eb/G

prop-a-gat-ing the truth. We need to be con-sti-tut-ed with the truth of the

44 Ab Eb Ab Gm Cm Fm Bb ④

liv-ing word of God to be the tes-ti-mo-ny of Christ for the ex-pres-sion of Christ. We

50 Eb Gm Ab Eb Ab

need to be con-sti-tut-ed with the truth of the liv-ing word of God by be-ing lov-ing

55 Gm Cm Fm Bb Bb7 Fm Bb7 Eb

seek-ers of God and true wor-ship-pers of God for the ra-di-ant ex-pres-sion of God.

**BANNERS FOR THE 2008 INTERNATIONAL  
CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE**

**The highest truth is that in Christ God became man  
to make man God in life and nature but not in the Godhead  
so that the redeeming God and the redeemed man can be united, mingled,  
and incorporated to become a single entity—the New Jerusalem.**

**The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that  
every member of the church should uphold the absoluteness of the truth  
by learning the truth, experiencing the truth, applying the truth,  
speaking the truth, and propagating the truth.**

**We need to be constituted with the truth of the living word of God  
to be the testimony of Christ for the expression of Christ.**

**We need to be constituted with the truth of the living word of God  
by being loving seekers of God and true worshippers of God  
for the radiant expression of God.**

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**Outline of the Messages  
for the International Chinese-speaking Conference  
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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
BEING ABSOLUTE FOR THE TRUTH  
AND BEING CONSTITUTED WITH THE TRUTH**

Message One

**Being Absolute for the Truth**

Scripture Reading: John 8:32; 17:17; 18:37; 2 Thes. 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:12; 2:2

**I. The divine truth is absolute, and we must be absolute for the truth and uphold the absoluteness of the truth—John 14:6; 18:37; 3 John 3-4, 8:**

- A. To be absolute for the truth means to set aside feelings, to ignore personal relationships, and to not stand for the self—Matt. 16:24-25; 1 Pet. 1:22.
- B. The truth is the unique standard, and we must stand on the side of the truth to oppose ourselves; upholding the absoluteness of the truth is possible only when we are delivered from ourselves—John 8:32; 2 John 2; 3 John 3-4.
- C. If the truth is not something absolute for us, we do not know God and we do not know God's word—2 Thes. 2:10; 1 John 5:20.
- D. If we are not absolute for the truth, we will sacrifice God's truth for ourselves or our own desires—Prov. 23:23.
- E. We need to honor God's truth, take the way of the truth, and not compromise the truth in any way—2 Pet. 2:2.

**II. We should be absolute for the present truth—1:12:**

- A. In the Lord's recovery the light of the truth is up to date; thus, we need to know the present truth, the up-to-date truth—John 8:12, 32; 18:37.
- B. The present truth includes the revelation concerning the eternal economy of God (Eph. 1:10; 3:9), the Divine Trinity (2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5), the person and work of the all-inclusive Christ (Col. 2:9, 16-17; 3:11), the consummated life-giving Spirit (John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 22:17), the eternal life of God (John 3:15-16), the church as the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23), and the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2, 10-11).

**III. We should be absolute for the highest truth—Rom. 8:3; 1:3-4; 12:4-5:**

- A. The highest truth is that in Christ God became man to make man God in life, nature, constitution, and expression but not in the Godhead so that the redeeming God and the redeemed man can be united, mingled, and incorporated together to become one entity—the New Jerusalem—John 1:12-14; 14:20; Rev. 21:2, 10-11.
- B. The high peak of the divine revelation—the “diamond” in the “box” of the Bible—is the revelation that in Christ God has become man in order that man might become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Rom. 1:3-4; Eph. 3:17a.

- C. God became man through incarnation; man becomes God through regeneration, sanctification, renewing, transformation, conformation, and glorification—John 3:5-6; 1:12-13; Rom. 6:19, 22; 12:2; 8:29-30.

**IV. We should be absolute for the subjective truths—John 8:32; 14:6:**

- A. The truths in the Bible have both an objective aspect and a subjective aspect; the objective aspect is for the subjective aspect—Rom. 8:34, 10; Col. 3:1, 4; 1:27.
- B. The Gospel of John is a book on the subjective truths for the producing of the church—4:14; 6:57; 14:16-17, 20; 15:1, 4-5; 20:22.

**V. We should be absolute for the faith of the truth—2 Thes. 2:13:**

- A. Faith is the substantiation of the unseen scenery (the truth)—1 Tim. 1:4.
- B. As we open to the Lord in the Word and the light comes in, there will be a reaction, a “click,” which brings the divine scenery of the truth into our spirit; this reaction is faith—Col. 1:5-6.
- C. We have not only the objective knowledge of the truth but also the faith of the truth—the reaction to the truth that we have come to know objectively—Jude 3.

**VI. We should be absolute for the functions of the truth—John 8:32; 17:17:**

- A. The truth sets us free; to be deprived of the truth is to be in bondage, in slavery, but to know the truth is to be freed—8:32.
- B. The truth sanctifies us, causing us to be saturated with the element of God—17:17.
- C. The more truth we have, the more we are released from bondage and the more we are saturated with the element of God.

**VII. We should be absolute for the way of the truth—2 Pet. 2:2:**

- A. The way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth, which is the reality of the contents of the New Testament.
- B. The way of the truth is the straight way, the way of God—v. 15; Luke 20:21.
- C. To take the way of the truth is to purify our souls by obedience to the sanctifying truth—1 Pet. 1:22; John 17:17.

**VIII. We should be absolute for the propagation of the truth—Matt. 24:14; 28:19:**

- A. God desires that all saved ones will come to the full knowledge of the truth—1 Tim. 2:4.
- B. The Lord has charged us to go and disciple all the nations so that the present age may be consummated—Matt. 28:19.
- C. We need to be one with the Lord in learning the truth, applying the truth, speaking the truth, and propagating the truth—Zech. 8:16.
- D. The spreading of the divine truths will bring in the Lord’s restoration; according to Isaiah 11:9, the restoration will come because “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, / As water covers the sea.”