

Awana Column

Never long to live by any other grace

I had a visit to Vietnam. The purpose was to gather information for missions and at the same time to examine Korean churches. Unexpected encounters and great works of God was waiting for me there. God is great. However, I'm not. Thanks to him for notifying me this fact.

During the last boarding process in the airport, there was some type of anticipation deep in my heart. An anticipation of getting a chance to be promoted from economy to business class. Due to frequent travels, I had the qualification of the VIPs. Airlines often give me free business class seats. That day, too, I was full of expectation. However, the staff assigned me an economy seat. I was kind of upset. That didn't make me give up.

I knew that they often reorganize several seats to business class right in front of the entrance gate. As I submitted my tickets, with great anticipation, what came back was the same 'economy' tickets. Without any change. On the flight to Vietnam, I found myself very unpleasant, seating in an 'economy' seat. At the same time, a question came in mind. It was God's voice.

"Didn't you buy an economy ticket?"

"You got what you bought.

What's wrong with that?"

Contemplating for a while, the faculty, in fact, had no fault. My greediness of perceiving a 'present' as a 'right' was the problem. As soon as I recognized this, I repented and prayed to God.

Believing in Jesus perished my sins and brought me eternal life. This is God's love and gift that cannot be purchased nor replaced. However, God's presents one day have become very natural things, or even an obvious ones, and I was demanding more and more. Already given grace and presents affected me no more. Praise came out through my lips.

Awana hopes to nurture Christians who satisfy with the Lord our God, and him alone. We yearn for your prayer and cooperation.

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*" I never want anything in my life to take Your place. I never want to live by anything
grace. My longing and heart desire is to see Your face Lord. I love You day and night. I
love You all my life. I love You Lord heart and soul. I long to be a friend of God "*