

Shinji

Chokushi's love (the kokoro of salvation) continues to protect the church to this day and guides the life of shokuin, kakari, and shinja.

Let me tell you what the shinja must do when they know this truth.

First, learn the teachings as a family and strive to create a family that lives by the teachings with family members.

This idea (conviction) connects the kokoro (unmei) of family members and fosters people (the kokoro) who are protected by Kibō no Michi.

Second, learn the principles through the teachings and look closely at society through these principles.

The kokoro (understanding) to walk the right path without being consumed by the changes in society will be brought out.

What Chokushi presently desires from humanity is a life that will attain kaiun.

The kokoro (life) of all who live and abide by the path will be protected and saved by Kibō no Michi.

They will use their kokoro to live by the teachings and elevate their jittai.

They will guide the lives of many people to Kami (Shinkon) and show their family members the true meaning of the human kokoro.

Chokushi no Ikō is the Shinkon of today—it is the very power that guides the lives of people to kaiun.

The more human beings entrust their thoughts to Shinkon, the more they will self-reflect on their kokoro (unmei-jittai) and strive to become the person (existence) that lives to give back.

This is the human being (the kokoro) who attains kaiun.

Summary of the Shinji

Kami informs us that *Chokushi's* love for humanity continues to guide each and every one of us to this day. *Chokushi* is *Shinkon* and when we become one with this love, all of us attain *kaiun*.

As *shinja*, we must understand this truth and do what we must do today with integrity. Regardless of your position or role in life, all are *shinja* from *Kami's* standpoint. And we must do what we should as *shinja*.

First, learn the teachings as a family and strive to create a family that lives by them. This conviction connects the *unmei* of each family member and fosters a *kokoro* that is protected by *Kibō no Michi*.

Kami has told us repeatedly to learn the teachings and practice them as a family. Despite this, there are family members who are as yet unable to look to *Kami*, much less to learn and practice the teachings. *Kami* is instructing us to do this because there are those who do not have the right relationships within the family and are unable to correct their *jittai*.

Secondly, grasp the principles from the teachings and see society through them. The teachings *Kami* gives us are principles. Recognize them when you learn the teachings and use them to perceive the movement of society.

The family is the smallest social unit in society. How much is your family living by the principles as a father, mother, or child? Do family conversations hone the *kokoro* of family members?

It's important not to be consumed by changes in society and to have the *kokoro* to walk the right path. Don't be concerned about how other people are living their lives. Be concerned about whether you are leaving behind good elements in your relationships within the family.

Tomomaru-hime Sensei continually sought to achieve the salvation of each person—*kaiun*. To achieve this, she made *Kibō no Michi* available to all of us and established *Shinjitsu no Michi*. As *Shinkon*, her hope that each of us lives and attains *kaiun* remains unchanged.

When we learn *Kami's* teachings and strive to live and abide by the path, we live each day merged with our *unmei* and protected by *Kibō no Michi*. That's why we live by the teachings and use our *kokoro* to raise our *jittai*.

Your *kokoro* should serve as an example to your family about the kind of *kokoro* human beings should have—the *kokoro* that will guide the lives of many people to *Shinkon*. It is to live a life of dignity that influences people for the better.

Kami clearly states that *Chokushi's Ikō and Shinkon* is the power that guides the life of human beings to *kaiun*. The more we entrust our thoughts and emotions to *Shinkon*, the more we're able to see our *unmei-jittai* and to live to give back. This is the human being who attains *kaiun*.