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EXCITING EVENTS : In December for you, family & friends! Details inside.

“If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure”

(1 Corinthians 10:12-13).



Satan succeeds in getting you to fall into temptation and fail as a believer in Christ by getting you to think you are strong and capable because you fulfill your religious requirements and thus see yourself as a righteous person. Therefore Paul writes to warn us against such thinking, lest we fall.

Paul's Warning On False Security

Paul uses the experience of the Israelites to warn us as believers in Christ Jesus. Paul says, **“I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness”** (1 Corinthians 10:1-5). The Israelites experienced God's love, forgiveness, grace and the leading of the Holy Spirit and yet they displeased God because of their lifestyle. Similarly, Christians who have experienced God's

saving grace and have a form of godliness but deny the power of God to live the Christ life is in danger of being cast away. We must not be deceived by Satan to think we are strong, when we love the world and deny the power of Christ to live the Christ life. Our salvation has redeemed us to be a new creature (person) in Christ that walks by faith and lives a life that pleases God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Failing which, we will be destroyed with the world.

The Importance of Abiding In Christ

The Bible says, **“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 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”** (John 15:4-5) (NKJV). Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. If you are the branch, you need to allow the vine to pour its life into you so that you, as the branch will produce what the vine provides. Your strength is dependent on Christ. If you have this

relationship, you have a firm foundation. You are spiritually strong and will not fall when you are tempted. To be baptized, have Church membership, partake communion, able to sing and memorise Scripture is good and important, but, not without first being a healthy branch in the vine.

Paul says, **“Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him”** (Phil 2:12-13).

Another translation says, “work out your salvation with fear and trembling” (ESV). In other words, show evidence of what you have received from Christ. Working out your salvation goes beyond religious requirements like water baptism, church membership and taking Holy Communion. Paul teaches believers to obey God with deep reverence because God is working in you, giving you the desire and power to do what pleases Him. He is the vine, you

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By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

are the branch. He produces the strength and power you need. You cannot live the Christian life on your own. That is religiosity without the life of Christ. Let God work in you. You will be genuinely strong in the Lord.

A Life Without Christ Is No Match When Tempted

Paul says, **“These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, ‘The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.’ And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snake bites. And don’t grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age”** (1 Corinthians 10: 6-11).

Paul warns against five categories of sin:

1. **“To crave evil things”.** To love the world and all that is in the world (1 John 2:15-16).
2. **The sin of idolatry.** An idol need not be a figurine. Anything that robs God first priority in your life is an idol. Your heroes can be idols. Your dream can turn into idols.
3. **To engage in sexual immorality.**
4. **The sin of tempting Christ (putting Christ to the test).** Remember the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

Satan tempted Jesus to turn the stones into bread, and He replied, “Thou shalt not test God.” You are called to trust Him and live by faith. God does not need to be tested. Do not test the longsuffering or patience of God. The Bible says, **“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, But wants everyone to repent”** (2 Peter 3: 9).

5. **The sin of murmuring and complaining.** There can be somethings to grumble or complain about but this is a negative response and robs you of your testimony.

Paul warns us to be careful and not be contented to be out of “Egypt”- redeemed and forgiven. The vital question is, are you born again and living by God’s grace through faith in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Abiding in Christ Enables You to Withstand the Temptations of Life

Paul says, **“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure”** (1 Corinthians 10:13).

A born again believer, who abides in Christ can withstand the temptations of life because:

1. **There is no difference in temptation.**

When facing temptations, one tends to think their temptation is unique to them. There is no difference in one’s temptation compared to what others experience.

2. **God is faithful**

You don’t have to fear temptation and feel insecure. The Bible says, **“Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey his commands”** (Deuteronomy 7:9). And the Bible encourages us to **“Love the LORD, all you godly ones! For the LORD protects those who are loyal to him, but he harshly punishes the arrogant”** (Psalm 31:23).

3. **God will not allow the temptation to be over bearing.**

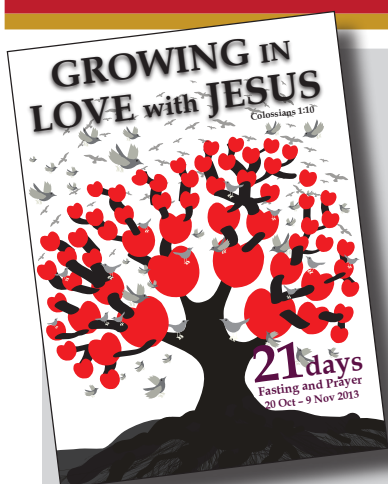
God is the architect of your life. He knows your capacity to handle temptation just like the architect who designs structures that can carry the weight of their design.

4. **God will make a way out and you will be an overcomer.**

Christ the vine has the power to meet all your needs, you being the branch. The Bible says, **“... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world”** (1 John 4:4) (ASV).

Today, let Christ be your life, so you can be the light and salt of the earth. +

All Bible Quotations are in the New Living Translation, unless otherwise indicated.



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Wed Morning Watch :

7 am - 8 am

Sunday pre service prayer :

7.45 am to 8.45 am

A CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer is a God-given right to all believers. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, honor and sacred duty. Faith, courage and prayer has brought us to where we are now as a Church. And this privilege and duty is necessary to see the church grow consistently and make progress in her love for Jesus that we might glorify our Heavenly Father.

For this prayer Emphasis Week (PEW), Calvarites were provided with a prayer guide, "Growing In Love

With Jesus" to commit to fast and pray for 21 days, 20 October – 9 November 2013.

Praise God, Calvarites responded to the call to pray and fast with purpose and passion. We are praying individually, in small groups and corporately in Church, in our homes, offices and wherever we may be.

The Wednesday morning watch was held at the Prayer Chapel at Calvary Convention Centre for the

first time on 23 October 2013 simultaneously with the morning watch at Damansara Heights. Praise God for the good attendance at both venues. A total of 110 Calvarites came early in the morning to seek God.

Continue in your commitment to pray daily for yourself, family, church and our nation. Our heavenly Father is listening. +



BE INSPIRED TO PRAY BY TWO CALVARITES

Motivated To Pray And Blessings In Praying

By Peggy Low

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."(Jeremiah 33:3)

A powerful encounter with God in December 2003 protected my life from danger and harm and I realised that God is real and prayer is powerful! It was a turning point for me! It also motivated me to get involved in the ministry of intercession.

It has been 10 years since and I have grown much spiritually since becoming an intercessor. God has transformed my life and taught me to love others. My faith has been deepened as I experienced God's answers to prayers, especially in challenging fund raising projects. He has also shown His favour upon my business. My agency fulfilled the yearly target before the target date. And praise God for the privilege to lead three souls to the Lord recently.

Led To Pray By The Holy Spirit

By Lina Lau

The Bible says, "... the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:26). When overwhelmed with matters and decisions, I seek the Lord and He answers my prayers. He is my strength and comfort.

During a very difficult time (last September, I lost my husband) I experienced God's presence tangibly when praying at the Prayer Tower. And I also experienced God's love in a deeper way. That propelled me to be join the ministry of intercession.

God is faithful. He continues to lead and direct my steps.

Watch out for more testimonies in January 2014 issue of Calvary News. Do share your testimonies. email to calptower@gmail.com



By Mok Zhuang Yu

RANGERS REWARDED at COUNCIL OF ACHIEVEMENT



The 31st Council of Achievement (COA) held by Royal Rangers (RR) on 13 October 2013 proved to be a momentous occasion.

Diligent Rangers received awards, cheered on by 132 parents, guests and 113 Rangers and Commanders.

It was the first COA to be held at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) and kicked off with brunch served at Multipurpose Hall. The ceremony at the Theatre began with a time of worship. Following this, the Outpost Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared on how boys and girls should be brought up to be godly men and women and shine for Jesus. This is vital as the RR goal is to reach out to the younger generation.

Then came what the Rangers had been waiting for, the presentation of the various awards and achievements.

- Advancement certificates were awarded to 53 Royal Rangers.
- Bronze Medal of Achievement awarded to eight rangers, *Alicia Chan, Ong Wei Jen, Benny Wong, Gordon Yong, Dine Raj, Daniel Wong, Bryan Thean and Conrad Pillai.*
- Silver Medal of Achievement awarded to two Rangers, *Wilfred Ang and Isaac Gan Selvam.*

Pastor Steven and Outpost Chairman Jim Guneratnam presented the awards and pinned the medals respectively. The highest achievement for a RR is the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Three Expedition Rangers received this award, namely Darren Wong, Joel Ashwin Zachariah and Rachel Ong.

It was a special moment for the Gold Medal recipients as their parents were invited to join them on stage for the presentation of their awards. Executive Pastor Peter Ong presented the certificates while their mothers pinned the medals on them.

Praise God for making this COA possible by His grace and faithfulness! +

Main Pic: The Gold Medal Of Achievement recipients with their proud parents
Left to right: A Ranger receives his certificate; Bronze Medal of Achievement recipients; A younger kid receiving his certificate; Parents and Rangers enjoying the service



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION AT CCC!

The very first Christmas celebrations held at Calvary Convention Centre will kick off with the Christmas Evangelistic presentation, “Jesus, The Hope of Christmas” for three days, 13- 15 December. It promises to be a powerful, exciting and enjoyable musical.

Associate Pastor Chris Lee who heads the Music & Creative Arts team shares that rehearsals are at full swing and every effort is taken to make it a great presentation.

We praise God for a 200-strong team comprising those working behind the scenes as well as those singing, dancing and acting on stage. Kids have always played an endearing role and this year’s presentation features a special all-kids nativity at the opening scene.

SYNOPSIS OF THE MUSICAL

While Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, there

are many people who are hurting during this “happy” season. Many feel hopeless in the midst of the celebrations. The leading character, Joe is a Christian father who takes the trappings of Christmas for granted.

However, when he learns his friend Terry, a non-Christian, recently lost his wife, Christmas lost its appeal for him. As he recounts the Christmas story to his son and Terry, Joe is reminded anew of God’s overwhelming love in giving up His only son for a lost world! Terry realises the true meaning of Christmas. The nativity regains its place as a symbol of love and hope.

GOOD NEWS

Senior Pastor will be sharing on the Good News of this hope in Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity for your loved ones, friends and neighbours to know and believe in Jesus! +

Top row, left to right: Sopranos & altos rehearsing at CCC; Combined choir rehearsing at DH; Bass section rehearsing; Trainer giving direction; Production Coordinator sounding the right note
Bottom row, left to right: Combined dance rehearsals at CCC stage; Kids choir posing for a group pic; Kids auditioning for drama roles; Wardrobe assistants putting together an outfit for a wiseman & sorting out the costumes





PARTICIPANTS SHARE THEIR JOY AND ASPIRATIONS

Thanking God through Singing in Choir

I joined Christmas choir to express my gratitude to God for being good to me. Rehearsals are challenging, time-wise, but I am encouraged by the commitment, discipline and dedication of other Choir members. We work as a team and have mutual respect for each other. Our trainer is very patient and gentle.

I hope to see many saved and understand that Christmas is a celebration of hope and love, and not about Santa Claus, Christmas trees, presents and parties!
- Elaine Mok

Sharing God's Love Through Songs

I love to sing and the Christmas choir provides me with the opportunity to share God's wondrous love in song. I have made some new friends

and we are friendly, supportive and help each other to sing well during practices. I am encouraged by the commitment of my fellow participants. May God's peace and love reign in our hearts.
- Derrick Wong

Purposeful Dancing

One can dance anywhere for the sheer love and enjoyment of it. But dancing for church presentations is different because it is ministry. This is my motivation for acting, singing and dancing with the Music & Creative Arts Ministry for 22 years. For this presentation, I am a dance co-ordinator as well as a member of the dance team.
- Sally Ng

Joy of Serving the Lord

Taking part in the Christmas choir is meaningful as the objective of the Christmas presentation is to reach out.

I am enjoying myself very much and getting to know some of the ladies in my group as I'm new in church.

I will be inviting some of my friends and family members who are potential believers for the presentations. May God touch their lives through this presentation.
- Sharon Christine Henry

Being A Blessing

It is so good to be serving the Lord and I am excited about singing in CCC for the first time! It is a great feeling to be a blessing through singing.
- Esther Wong

Golden Opportunity To share The Gospel

Joining the Christmas presentation is a golden opportunity to share the Gospel. Each song I sing reminds me of God's love for mankind. I am praying for God's presence and anointing

to flow and signs and miracles to be manifested. Seeing people giving their hearts to Jesus is the greatest joy of all!
- Annie Teh

Satisfaction of Staging

Rehearsals started first week of October and we are picking up the pace, synergizing and getting better prepared by the week! Thank God, this year we have a team of 15, a good team strength for stage management at CCC. It is a bonus that my three children, ages 12 to 15 are also involved in drama and kids choir. It has always been rewarding especially at the end of the presentation to see the production successfully executed and see souls added to the Kingdom of God.
- Jeffrey Hew



JESUS, THE HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

A spectacular family-friendly musical

with contemporary drama, heart-warming songs
and exuberant choreography!

Come and be blessed and be a blessing!
Invite your friends and experience a lasting hope in Jesus
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13 Dec 2013, Fri 8pm
14 & 15 Dec 2013, Sat & Sun 5pm
At Calvary Convention Centre

For more information, please contact us at

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

25 Dec 2013, Wed 9 am
At Calvary Convention Centre

Highlights:

Exuberant Music & Dance
Christmas Exhortation by
Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



"Happy Birthday Jesus!"

Concurrent with adults Christmas
Worship Service.

For boys & girls ages 5-11
(Level 2, Calvary Convention Centre)

For babies & toddlers ages 4 mths -4 yrs
(Level 1, Calvary Convention Centre)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

INVITING ALL KIDS TO CW DECEMBER HOLIDAY SPECIALS

HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING
AND OPPORTUNITY
TO BRING FRIENDS !



**FUN GAMES & EXCITING
ADVENTURES IN STORE
EACH SUNDAY IN DECEMBER!**

**PRIZES FOR THOSE WHO BRING MOST
FRIENDS & WINNING IN THE ADVENTURES!!**



**1
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**KIDS' HUNT
ADVENTURE**

GETTING TO KNOW
CCC FACILITIES
AND **BIBLE
TREASURE
HUNTS**



**8
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**KIDS'
CHALLENGES AND MOVIE
ADVENTURE**

MAKING GREETING
CARDS / CREATING
BEAUTIFUL
OBJECTS WITH
PAPER / AN
EXCITING RACE/
A BIBLE QUIZ



**15
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**FRUITCAKE
CHRISTMAS
(AGES 5-8)
&
ELECTRIC
CHRISTMAS
(AGES 7-11)**

**22
DEC**

**KIDS'
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

GIFTS EXCHANGE
/ KIDS TO THANK
TEACHERS
THROUGH HAND
WRITTEN NOTES /
**NATIVITY
DRESSING
CONTEST**



**29
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**KIDS' AWARDS
& PROMOTION**

**STAMPS
REDEMPTION**
FOR
PARTICIPATION IN
DEC HOLIDAY
SPECIAL
ADVENTURES &
AWARDS FOR
BEST
ATTENDANCE,
BRINGING MOST
FRIENDS &
OVERALL
PERFORMANCE IN
EACH CLASS AND
KIDS TO BE
PROMOTED TO
THE NEXT CLASS

BAPTISED IN WATER



Calvarites who followed the Lord in water baptism on **14 September at the 5pm** worship service at Damansara Heights.

(Left to Right) **Front Row:** Tristan Raj, Jonathan Lau Mun Kit, Trishanu, Davinia Esther Ravindran, Monisha a/p Thanaseelan, Zoe Wee Zhu Yen, Toon Ayi Hooi. **Middle Row:** Emily Low Tang Ching, Dinah Leom Sok Xian, Ng Wee Eng, Ng Wai Meng, Nicole Wen Ce Mun, Kelly Leong Khai Hwei, Nicole Law Wei Xin, Yeung Kim Ling. **Back Row:** Danny Leow Beng Aik, Julian Lim Hsu Wen, Low Boon Tong, Beeth Bui Pang Vun, Marine Lai Wee Kong, Shakila Devi a/p Thavamony, Thanaseelan a/l S. Krishnan

Calvarites who followed the Lord in water baptism on **26 October at the 5pm** worship service at Damansara Heights.



(Left to Right) **Front Row:** Samantha Ng Hui Min, Shanice Chew Ee Lynn, Grace Chang Poi Ha, Joey Tan Yi Lyn, Cheryl Chew Jane Lynn, Leaw Pik Sim, Sivash Sharifirad. **Second Row :** Annie Zhao Jing Kun, Catheryn Ong Suan Choo, Susan Lai Sun Mooi, Amytist A. Golesorkhi, Mbappe Engotte Cecile, Melanie Ng Xiang Mei. **Third Row :** Rebecca Anak Bajok, Chan Kah Yee, Ler Me Yee, Christina Lim Yew Looi, Perlyn Carbonilla, Prescilla Hoi Lopar. **Fourth Row :** Susie Sue-Lyn Sim Meow Chee, Rena Tan Juat Lian, Yap Eu Jay, Ani Benjamin Onyebuchi, Kourosh Sharifirad. **Back Row :** Adam Wu Chin Tung, Lim Tow Yen, Jonathan Wong Kit Weng, Dr. Helena Lim Yun Hsuen, Robert A/L Anthony.

Congratulations Calvarites!

May you reap the blessings of obedience. Do continue to grow from faith to faith.

Note: The last water baptism service for this year is on 7 Dec 2013 at Damansara Heights Sanctuary.

Water Baptism forms & Membership Forms available at Hospitality Lounge & Information Counter.



CALLED TO BELONG

Thirty eight Calvarites were received as members at the Sunday Worship Service on 20 October 2013 at Calvary Convention Centre.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam commended them for their willingness to be part of the local body of Christ and prayed for them together with the congregation.

PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

To be a member of any family brings both privilege and responsibility. To be a member of Calvary Church means far more than simply adding your name to the church membership list. It involves participation in the privileges as well as a whole hearted commitment to responsibilities.

The Senior Pastor and the church leadership extends a right-hand of fellowship to the believer who voluntarily applies to be a member of Calvary Church. Membership is a special covenant a believer makes between God and his/her fellow members to enjoy the privileges and carry out the responsibilities that come with being a part of God's family.

As faithful and committed believers, we are expected and taught by Scripture to:

- Be baptised, pray regularly, be faithful in bible study, church attendance and giving of tithes and offerings;
- Regularly participate in the ministries of the Church;
- Care for others in the Body of Christ and prayerfully consider ministry within the Church. +

Testimony of a new member,
LUCAS CHIU

Growing Spiritually Through Serving

My wife and I have grown deeper in our faith as we serve the Lord in Calvary Church. We have experienced His goodness and are much encouraged to see how God is also blessing fellow Calvarites.

My wife and I are grateful for the opportunity to serve at Calvary Nursery Care (kids ages 2-4). It is natural for us to serve in children's ministry as we believe in the importance of nurturing our kids in the ways of the Lord from a very young age. Our own kids have been blessed by the children's ministry when we first attended Calvary Church. Today they are also involved in children's ministry. (Lucas' wife, Susie and two children, Hannah and Ezra were also accepted into membership on 20 October 2013).

“Siapa yang menyangka, bahawa ia teguh berdiri, hatilah supaya ia jangan jatuh! Pencobaan-pencobaan yang kamu alami ialah pencobaan-pencobaan biasa, yang tidak melebihi kekuatan manusia. Sebab Tuhan setia dan kerana itu Ia tidak akan membiarkan kamu dicobai melampaui kekuatanmu. Pada waktu kamu dicobai Ia akan memberikan kepadamu jalan ke luar, sehingga kamu dapat menanggungnya” (1 Korintus 10:12-13).



Setan berjaya membuatkan kamu jatuh ke dalam pencobaan dan gagal sebagai seorang percaya dalam Kristus dengan membuat kamu menganggap kamu kuat dan mampu kerana kamu telah memenuhi keperluan agama dan dengan itu melihat diri sebagai seorang yang saleh. Oleh itu Paulus menulis untuk memberi amaran kepada kita terhadap pemikiran itu, supaya kita tidak jatuh.

Amaran Paulus Pada Keselamatan Palsu

Paulus menggunakan pengalaman orang Israel untuk memberi amaran kepada kita sebagai orang percaya dalam Kristus Yesus. Paulus berkata, “**Aku mahu, supaya kamu mengetahui, saudara-saudara, bahawa nenek moyang kita semua berada di bawah perlindungan awan dan bahawa mereka semua telah melintasi laut. Untuk menjadi pengikut Musa mereka semua telah dibaptis dalam awan dan dalam laut. Mereka semua makan makanan rohani yang sama dan mereka semua minum minuman rohani yang sama, sebab mereka minum dari batu karang rohani yang mengikuti mereka, dan batu karang itu ialah Kristus. Tetapi sungguhpun demikian Tuhan tidak berkenan kepada bagian yang terbesar dari mereka, kerana mereka ditewaskan di padang gurun**” (1 Korintus 10:1-5).

Orang Israel mengalami kasih Tuhan, pengampunan, rahmat dan pimpinan Roh

Kudus tetapi mereka menyakitkan hati Tuhan disebabkan gaya hidup mereka. Begitu juga, orang Kristian yang telah mengalami rahmat keselamatan Tuhan dan mempunyai satu bentuk kesalehan, tetapi menafikan kuasa Tuhan untuk hidup dalam kehidupan Kristus adalah dalam bahaya untuk diusir. Kita tidak boleh ditipu oleh setan dan menganggap kita kuat, sedangkan kita mencintai dunia dan menafikan kuasa Kristus untuk hidup dalam kehidupan Kristus. Keselamatan telah menebus kita untuk menjadi ciptaan baru (manusia) dalam Kristus yang berjalan dengan iman dan hidup dalam kehidupan yang menyenangkan hati Tuhan dengan kuasa Roh Kudus. Kalau tidak, kita akan dibinasakan dengan dunia.

Kepentingan Tinggal Dalam Kristus

Alkitab mengatakan, “**Tinggallah di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam kamu. Sama seperti ranting tidak dapat berbuah dari dirinya sendiri, kalau ia tidak tinggal pada pokok anggur, demikian juga kamu tidak berbuah, jikalau kamu tidak tinggal di dalam Aku. Akulah pokok anggur dan kamulah ranting-rantingnya. Barangsiapa tinggal di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam dia, ia berbuah banyak, sebab di luar Aku kamu tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa**” (Yohanes 15:4-5). Yesus adalah anggur. Kita adalah ranting-ranting. Kalau kamu adalah ranting, kamu perlu membenarkan anggur mencurahkan hidupnya ke dalam kamu supaya kamu,

sebagai ranting dapat menghasilkan apa yang anggur sediakan. Kekuatan kamu bergantung kepada Kristus. Kalau kamu ada perhubungan ini, kamu mempunyai dasar yang kukuh. Kamu ada kekuatan rohani dan tidak akan jatuh apabila kamu dicobai. Sekiranya kamu dibaptiskan, menjadi ahli gereja, mengambil bahagian dalam Perjamuan Suci, boleh menyanyi dan menghafal Kitab, semua ini adalah baik dan penting, tetapi bukan tanpa terlebih dahulu menjadi ranting yang sihat dalam pokok anggur.

Paulus berkata, “**Hai saudara-saudaraku yang kekasih, kamu sentiasa taat; kerana itu tetaplah kerjakan keselamatanmu dengan hormat dan takut, bukan saja seperti waktu aku masih hadir, tetapi terlebih pula sekarang waktu aku tidak hadir, kerana Tuhanlah yang mengerjakan di dalam kamu baik kemauan maupun pekerjaan menurut kerelaan-Nya**” (Filipi 2:12-13). Terjemahan lain mengatakan, “**kerjakanlah keselamatanmu dengan takut dan gentar** “. Dalam erti kata lain, tunjukkanlah bukti apa yang kamu telah terima daripada Kristus. Kerjakan keselamatan kamu mengatasi keperluan agama seperti pembaptisan air, keahlian gereja dan mengambil Perjamuan Suci. Paulus mengajar orang Kristian untuk taat kepada Tuhan dengan penuh penghormatan kerana Tuhan bekerja dalam kamu, memberikan kamu keinginan dan

Hiduplah Dalam Kehidupan KRISTUS

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kuasa untuk melakukan apa yang menyenangkan hatiNya. Ia adalah pokok anggur, kamu adalah ranting. Ia menghasilkan kekuatan dan kuasa yang kamu perlukan. Kamu tidak boleh hidup dalam kehidupan Kristian sendiri. Itu adalah keagamaan jika tanpa kehidupan Kristus. Benarkanlah Tuhan bekerja di dalam kamu. Kamu akan menjadi sesungguhnya kuat dalam Tuhan .

Kehidupan Tanpa Kristus Tidak Dapat Menandingi Pencobaan

Paulus berkata, "Semuanya ini telah terjadi sebagai contoh bagi kita untuk memperingatkan kita, supaya jangan kita menginginkan hal-hal yang jahat seperti yang telah mereka perbuat, dan supaya jangan kita menjadi penyembah-penyembah berhala, sama seperti beberapa orang dari mereka, seperti ada tertulis: "Maka duduklah bangsa itu untuk makan dan minum; kemudian bangunlah mereka dan bersukaria. Janganlah kita melakukan percabulan, seperti yang dilakukan oleh beberapa orang dari mereka, sehingga pada satu hari telah tewas dua puluh tiga ribu orang. Dan janganlah kita mencobai Tuhan, seperti yang dilakukan oleh beberapa orang dari mereka, sehingga mereka mati dipagut ular. Dan janganlah bersungu-sungut, seperti yang dilakukan oleh beberapa orang dari mereka, sehingga mereka dibinasakan oleh malaikat maut. Semuanya ini telah menimpa mereka sebagai contoh dan dituliskan untuk menjadi peringatan bagi kita yang hidup pada waktu, di mana zaman akhir telah tiba" (1 Korintus 10: 6-11).

Paulus memberi amaran terhadap lima kategori dosa:

1. "Menginginkan hal-hal jahat". Mengasihi dunia dan apa yang ada di dalamnya (1 Yohanes 2:15-16).

2. Dosa penyembahan berhala. Sesuatu berhala tidak semestinya patung. Apa sahaja yang menggantikan Tuhan dalam keutamaan hidup kamu adalah sebuah berhala. Wira kamu boleh menjadi berhala. Impian kamu boleh bertukar menjadi berhala.
3. Melibatkan diri dalam percabulan.
4. Dosa mencobai Kristus (menguji Kristus). Ingat akan pencobaan Yesus di padang gurun. Setan mencobai Yesus untuk menukarkan batu-batu kepada roti, dan Dia menjawab, " Janganlah engkau menguji Tuhan. " Kamu dipanggil untuk percaya kepada-Nya dan hidup dalam iman. Tuhan tidak perlu diuji . Jangan menguji kesabaran Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan , "Tuhan tidak lalai menepati janji-Nya, sekalipun ada orang yang menganggapnya sebagai kelalaian, tetapi Ia sabar terhadap kamu, kerana Ia menghendaki supaya jangan ada yang binasa, melainkan supaya semua orang berbalik dan bertobat" (2 Petrus 3: 9).
5. Dosa bersungut dan mengadu. Terdapat beberapa perkara yang kita boleh bersungut dan mengadu tetapi ini adalah respon yang negatif dan mencuri kesaksian kamu.

Paulus memberi amaran kepada kita supaya berhati-hati dan tidak berpuas hati kerana keluar dari "Mesir " - ditebus dan diampuni. Persoalan penting ialah, adakah kamu dilahirkan kembali dan hidup dengan rahmat Tuhan melalui iman dalam kuasa Roh Kudus?

Tinggal dalam Kristus Membolehkan Kamu Bertahan Akan Pencobaan dalam Kehidupan

Apabila menghadapi pencobaan, seseorang cenderung untuk berfikir pencobaan mereka

adalah unik kepada mereka.

1. Tiada perbezaan dalam pencobaan

Paulus berkata, "Pencobaan-pencobaan yang kamu alami ialah pencobaan-pencobaan biasa, yang tidak melebihi kekuatan manusia. Sebab Tuhan setia dan kerana itu Ia tidak akan membiarkan kamu dicobai melampaui kekuatanmu. Pada waktu kamu dicobai Ia akan memberikan kepadamu jalan ke luar, sehingga kamu dapat menanggungnya" (1 Korintus 10:13). Seorang percaya yang dilahir kembali, yang tinggal dalam Kristus boleh bertahan akan pencobaan dalam hidup kerana:

2. Tuhan adalah setia

Kamu tidak perlu takut kepada pencobaan dan merasa tidak selamat. Alkitab mengatakan , "Sebab itu haruslah kau ketahui, bahawa TUHAN, Tuhanmu, Dialah Tuhan, Tuhan yang setia, yang memegang perjanjian dan kasih setia-Nya terhadap orang yang kasih kepada-Nya dan berpegang pada perintah-Nya, sampai kepada beribu-ribu keturunan" (Ulangan 7:9). Dan Alkitab mendorong kita untuk "kasihlah TUHAN, hai semua yang dikasihi-Nya! TUHAN menjaga orang-orang yang setiaawan, tetapi orang-orang yang berbuat congkak diganjar-Nya dengan tidak tanggung-tanggung" (Mazmur 31:23).

3. Tuhan tidak akan membenarkan pencobaan melebihi kamu.

Tuhan adalah arkitek dalam kehidupan kamu. Dia tahu keupayaan kamu untuk menangani pencobaan seperti arkitek yang membentuk struktur yang boleh menanggung berat reka bentuk mereka.

4. Tuhan akan menyediakan jalan keluar dan kamu akan menjadi pemenang.

Kristus sebagai anggur mempunyai kuasa untuk memenuhi semua keperluan kamu, sebagai ranting. Alkitab berkata, "... Roh yang ada di dalam kamu, lebih besar daripada roh yang ada di dalam dunia" (1 Yohanes 4:4).

Hari ini , biarkanlah Kristus menjadi hidup kamu, supaya kamu boleh menjadi terang dan garam dunia. +

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dalam Terjemahan Baru, melainkan jika dinyatakan sebaliknya.

活出基督的生命

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「所以，自己以为站得稳的，须要谨慎，免得跌倒。你们所遇见的试探，无非是人所能受的。神是信实的，必不叫你们受试探过于所能受的；在受试探的时候，总要给你们开一条出路，叫你们能忍受得住」（林前10:12-13）。

撒旦致使你在试探中跌倒和成为在基督里失败的信徒是让你以为你是刚强和能干，因为你履行你的宗教义务，于是你视自己是一个义人。因此，保罗写信告诫我们要提防这种思想，免得我们跌倒。

保罗对虚假的安全的告诫

保罗用以色列人的经历来警告我们在基督耶稣里的信徒。保罗说道：「弟兄们，我不愿意你们不晓得，我们的祖宗从前都在云下，都从海中经过，都在云里、海里受洗归了摩西；并且都吃了一样的灵食，也都喝了一样的灵水。所喝的，是出于随着他们的灵磐石；那磐石就是基督。但他们中间多半是神不喜欢的人，所以在旷野倒毙」（林前10:1-5）。

以色列人经历了神的爱，赦免，恩典和圣灵的领导，然而由于他们的生活方式，他们还不得神的喜悦。同样地，经历过神的救恩的基督徒，有敬虔的外貌，却背了神的能力来活出基督的生命，这等人是有被弃绝的危险。我们不要被撒旦所欺骗，认为我们是刚强的，当我们爱世界，并背了基督的能力来活出基督的生命。我们的救恩救赎了我们在基督里成为新造的人，行事为人凭着信心，靠圣灵的能力过一个讨神喜悦的生活。否则，我们将与这世界一起被毁灭。

常在基督里的重要性

圣经上说道：「你们要常在我里面，我也常在你们里面。枝子若不常在葡萄树上，自己就不能结果子；你们若不常在我里面，也是这样。我是葡萄树，你们是枝子。常在我里面的，我也常在他里面，这人就多结果子；因为离了我，你们就不能做什么」（约15:4-5）。

耶稣是葡萄树。我们是枝子。如果你是枝子，你需要让葡萄树把它的生命注入你里面，这样你作为枝子就会结出葡萄树所供应的。你的力量是依赖于基督。如果你拥有这样的关系，你便有一个坚固的基础。你在属灵上刚强，而当你受试探时就不会跌倒。受洗，领受会籍，参加圣餐，能歌颂和背诵经文是好和重要，但是首先要作为健康的枝子常在葡萄树上。

保罗说道：「这样看来，我亲爱的弟兄，你们既是常顺服的，不但我在你们那里，就是我如今不在你们那里，更是顺服的，就当恐惧战兢做成你们得救的工夫。因为你们立志

行事都是 神在你们心里运行，为要成就他的美意」（腓2:12-13）。

另一个译本说道：「就当恐惧战兢做成你们得救的工夫」。换句话说，显示你已经领受那来自基督的证据。做成你们得救的工夫超过尽宗教的义务，像浸礼，教会会籍和领圣餐。保罗教导信徒要深深地敬畏神顺服祂，因为神在你里面工作，赐给你渴慕和能力遵行讨祂喜悦的事。祂是葡萄树，你是枝子。祂产生你所需要的力量和能力。你不能够靠自己过基督徒的生活。这是宗教虔诚，没有基督的生命。让神在你里面工作。你将真正的在主里刚强。

没有基督的生命不是试探的对手

保罗说道：「这些事都是我们的鉴戒，叫我们不要贪恋恶事，像他们那样贪恋的；也不要拜偶像，像他们有人拜的。如经上所记：「百姓坐下吃喝，起来玩耍。」我们也不要行奸淫，像他们有人行的，一天就倒毙了二万三千人；也不要试探主，像他们有人试探的，就被蛇所灭。你们也不要发怨言，像他们有发怨言的，就被灭命的所灭。他们遭遇这些事都要作为鉴戒，并且写在经上，正是警戒我们这末世的人」（林前10:6-11）。

保罗对五类的罪提出警告：

- 1 “渴望邪恶的事”。爱世界和所有在世界上事（约壹2:15-16）。
- 2 偶像崇拜的罪。偶像不需要是一个雕像。凡是夺取神在你生命中居首位的就是偶像。你仰慕的英雄可以是偶像。你的梦想可以变成偶像。
- 3 从事淫乱的行为。
- 4 试探基督的罪（给予基督试探）。记得耶稣在旷野所受的试探。撒旦试探耶稣把石头变成食物，祂回答说：「你不可试探神」。你被召是要信靠祂和凭信心而活。神并不需要被试验。不要试验神的忍耐或耐心。圣经上说道：「主所应许的尚未成就，有人以为他是耽延，其实不是耽延，乃是宽容你们，不愿有一人沉沦，乃愿人人都悔改」（彼后3:9）。
- 5 发怨言和抱怨的罪。有些事可以发牢骚或抱怨，但是这是一种消极的反应，并会夺去你的见证。

保罗警告我们要小心，不要为已经出了「埃及」一被赎回和赦免，而感到满足。至关重要的问题是在于，你是否重生和靠神的恩典和藉着信心靠圣灵的能力而活？常在基督里使你能够承受生活的试探

保罗说道：「你们所遇见的试探，无非是人所能受的。神是信实的，必不叫你们受试探过于所能受的；在受试探的时候，总要给你们开一条出路，叫你们能忍受得住」（林前10:13）。

一个重生，住在基督里的信徒可以承受生活

的试探因为：

- 1 试探是没有差异的。
当面对试探时，人们往往认为他们的试探是独特的。任何人的试探与别人所经历的相比是无差异的。
- 2 神是信实的
你不必怕试探和感觉没有安全感。圣经上说道：「所以，你要知道耶和華——你的神，他是神，是信实的神；向爱他、守他诫命的人守约，施慈爱，直到千代」（申7:9）。圣经并且鼓励我们：「耶和華的圣民哪，你们都要爱他！耶和華保护诚实人，足足报应行事骄傲的人」（诗31:23）。
- 3 神不会允许试探超过你能承受的。
神是你的生命的建筑师。他知道你能够应付试探的能力，就像建筑师设计结构可承载他们设计的重量。
- 4 神会开一条路，你将是一个得胜者。
作葡萄树的基督有能力满足你作枝子的所有需求。圣经上说道：「…那在你们里面的，比那在世界上的更大」（约壹4:4）。

今天，让基督成为你的生命，这样你就可以成为世上的光和盐。✦

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时间：下午二点

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