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And he called his ten servants, and said unto them, **“Occupy till I come”** (Luke 19:13) KJV.

The second coming of Jesus Christ is not a theory. It is mentioned 318 times in the New Testament. Every time the first coming of Jesus is mentioned, Jesus Christ's second coming is mentioned eight times. This demands an evaluation of the way we live and to take all that we have been entrusted seriously.

The parable of the Talents was to teach us how we should live before Jesus returns and takes His rightful place as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Jesus tells them to “occupy” till He comes. What does “occupy” mean? In another translation, the word “occupy” means to engage in business. This means to engage in the business of God's Kingdom and that is doing the will of God.

The early Christians had the understanding that Jesus' second coming could happen in their lifetime. They were therefore, preparing themselves for His return. In his letter to the Thessalonian church, Paul commends them for their work of faith. **“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father, knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God”** (1 Thess. 1:2-4).

Be Occupied Till Jesus Comes

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

There are six very clear practices on what Paul commended the Thessalonian church that we should be doing till Jesus comes.

1. We should occupy ourselves with the works of faith.

The Thessalonian Christians were people of faith and did works of faith. There is a difference between works of faith and faith that works. You are not saved by works or merits. Your works cannot save you. We are saved by faith that works. The Bible says, **“Abraham was considered righteous because he believed”** (James 2:23). Faith saves. The

Bible tells us when you have faith, you have works. James says, **“But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works”** (James 2:18). Faith causes you to be obedient to what God requires you to do. Obedience to the will of God is a work of faith. The Thessalonian believers were obedient in doing the work of faith.

2. We are to be steadfast in following the Lord.

Paul said, **“And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit”** (1 Thess. 1:6). The Thessalonians believers received the Gospel through the apostles with great joy. The message of salvation brought them persecution, troubles and hardships but they followed the example of the suffering apostles and became also followers of the Lord, who is the perfect example we must strive to imitate.

In Scriptures when we read about the afflictions believers went through, it was accompanied with joy. When you have the Word, the Word gives you faith. And when you start walking in faith, you face challenges, opposition and struggles. But you are not defeated. Joy comes when you walk in obedience to God. The Bible says, **“The joy of the Lord is your strength”** (Nehemiah 8:10). A child of God can experience God’s strength through rejoicing in the midst of challenges.

3. We are to be witnesses.

The Thessalonian Christians’ zeal prevailed to such a degree that they **“became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe”** (1 Thess. 1:7). Their example edified many and their influence was very extensive. The Word of the Lord spread beyond Thessalonica to every place. Paul said, **“For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything”** (1 Thess. 1:7-8). Paul did not need to say anything when he arrived at the places mentioned because the Thessalonian believers were already witnessing, sharing their testimony and Gospel. Before Paul could get there, the people had already received Christ into their hearts. The Thessalonian believers received the Word and spread the Word abroad.

4. We are to turn to God from idols and not from idols to God.

The transformation of the Thessalonian Christians after receiving Christ was remarkable. They quit idolatry. Paul said, **“For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”** (1 Thess. 1:9). They understood that to turn away from idols successfully, they needed to turn to God first, in faith, make Him Lord and Master who gave them the strength to turn away from their idols. They were successful. There is a difference between turning to God from your idols and turning from idols to God! When you try to turn away from idols to God, you are depending on your own strength and ability. Very soon you find yourself going back to where you came from. But, when you turn to God by faith in Jesus Christ, you start with God, and have the victory to live pleasing God.

5. We must labour, motivated by love.

Paul also commended the Thessalonian Christians **“... for their labour of love”** (1 Thess. 1:3). There is a difference between slaves, employees and those who serve the Lord. Slaves worked because they had to. Employees work because they need to. But Christians work because we love God. We work not only because it is our calling or responsibility but because we love God. It’s a labor of love and we are filled with joy that comes from within. Paul says, **“For the love of Christ compels us”** (2 Corinthians 5:14).

6. We must have patience inspired by hope in Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonians Christians were also commended for their **“... patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”** (1 Thess. 1:3). Doing the will of God does not always take place without testings and challenges. Doing the will of God involves faith and love which enables us

to have patience of hope. When God gives us His Promise, His vision and revelation, it will come to pass. Patience of hope in obedience will not disappoint us. The Bible says, **“For the vision is for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”** (Habbakuk 2:3).

The Christians in Thessalonica whilst waiting for the Lord’s return, occupied themselves. They were hoping that Jesus would come during their life time. They obeyed the command of Jesus which said, **“Occupy till I come”**. They did the work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said they acted thus **“...to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come”** (1 Thess. 1:10).

Jesus, the Son of God, has blessed us with talents and opportunities to serve Him. You need to know that opportunities are given to you for a purpose and that is to be His witnesses. Thank God for this church that provides opportunities for you to be a witness and do works of faith. Calvary Church is committed to touch the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through you.

Let us take heed of Jesus’ teaching and occupy ourselves in building God’s Kingdom in anticipation of His return. Just as surely as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven, He will return.

All Bible quotations are in New King James Version, unless otherwise indicated.



Sister Petrina
capiing the Honour
girls

Creative Hand-Mime
Presentation by the Honour
Girls: "The eyes that see my
sin would look me with love
and watch me rise again ...
'I Am Yours'"





Clockwise from main pic:

Honour Girls (L to R): Hon Ai Neng, Abigail Gomez, Mok Zhuang Sui, Amanda Wong, Zoey Tan, Olivia Yong, Isabella Wong, Michelle Foo, Yeow Kim Ee & Isabel Ong; Honour Prims & Daisies: Eunice Wong, Claudia Wong & Angie Wong
Honour Girl's mother, Yen Yen sharing her testimony; Mother-and-daughter emcees, Lina & Alicia; Honour Girl's father, Steven Tan sharing his testimony; Helen Read sharing the devotion; Combined clubs presenting the finale "Follow You"

Crowned with His Goodness

BY ALICIA GOMEZ

The Missionettes had their first Awards Celebration at the Calvary Convention Centre on 27 April with an encouraging turnout of 245 people at the Theatre 3. The presence of Senior Associate Pastor Petrina, the pastors, proud parents and friends made the joyous occasion a meaningful one for the girls and boys of the Missionettes clubs.

Church deaconess Helen Read shared a thought-provoking devotion during the celebration after a time of lively worship by Anjuli, Yee Neng and Zhuang Lin from the Girls Only Club.

This year, Honour Awards were given out to 4 Honour Stars and 6 Friends Graduates who had worked diligently for the past 3-4 years and successfully

completed the requirements of the achievement programme. These girls were crowned and caped by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina. All present were treated to a creative and fascinating hand mime presentation entitled "Who Am I?" by the Honour Girls.

The rest of the boys and girls were also presented their badges and certificates by their respective sponsors. Proud parents of the Honour girls, Lim Yen Yen and Steven Tan shared uplifting testimonies of how their commitment in sending their girls to the Missionettes programme week after week for the past 8-11 years has been worth the sacrifices made. Seeing their girls grow in their faith in Christ and learning to make good decisions based on the godly values they have been taught is their reward!

To conclude the celebration, the Missionettes presented a finale medley of "Trust and Obey" and "Follow You." A wonderful way to give thanks to God for they have been "Crowned with His Goodness" (Psalm 65:11) which is the theme of this year's celebration.

Celebrating WOMEN Luncheon



From left to right:

Top Row: Dr. Kim speaking on “A Woman Blessed by the Lord”; Sister Petrina Guneratnam introducing Dr. Kim; Deacon David Peter as the Master of Ceremonies; Deacon Chow Sang Hoe paying tribute to women

2nd Row: Strings Ensemble: Alicia Gomez, Alicia Chan, Hon Yee Neng, Dinah Leom & Christian Chew; Men’s Ensemble: Edmund Read, Philip Tan, Braine Yap, Darren Here, Joshua Yap & Isaac Yap; Senior Pastor & Dr. Kim listening intently to the concluding remarks by Sister Petrina; All participants at the celebration; Calvary Welcome for Dr. Kim at the covered plaza

On the morning of 10 May 2014, approximately 500 men, women and children of all ages streamed into the Multi Purpose Hall at the Calvary Convention Centre to ‘celebrate women’. They were immediately serenaded by six members of the Strings Ensemble with their lively music. Deacon David Peter welcomed the people to the celebration and the Men’s Ensemble led in a time of vibrant worship.

Deacon Chow Sang Hoe then paid tribute to all women and girls including both biological and spiritual mothers. He expressed appreciation and gratitude for the qualities of women that reflected the fruit of the Spirit such as their long

suffering, perseverance, self-control, gentleness, goodness, kindness and joy. Their faithfulness in prayer and trust in God have been a tremendous source of encouragement. Most importantly, he honoured women for their continual unconditional love, grace and acceptance.

The Men’s Ensemble returned to the stage to present a special number entitled ‘I Turn to You’ before Sister Petrina introduced the guest speaker for the event, Dr. Kim Sung-Hae, President of Hansei University and wife of Dr. David Yonggi Cho of Yoido Full Gospel Assembly, Seoul, Korea. Dr. Kim shared fondly about her own mother, Pastor Choi Ja-shil, a woman of prayer and one of the pioneers of Yoido Full Gospel Church



together with Dr. Cho. She was grateful that her mother was the matchmaker in her marriage to Dr. Cho. Dr. Kim declared God's blessings upon the women, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26). The women were encouraged to receive these blessings through prayer and faith. She cited the biblical example of Ruth who though a Moabite, showed great faith in the God of Israel and was richly rewarded for her faith. She was privileged to be listed among the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah.

Sister Petrina concluded the message with a wise insight that God has a bigger plan for each of us than we can fathom. Often times in fear, we draw boundaries and limitations. But if we stretch out to what He has for us in faith, God will provide for our deficiency and enable us to rise up to the occasion.

After prayer for the lunch by Christopher Lim, the people enjoyed the delicious fusion buffet while being blessed by the Strings Ensembles' instrumental medley. In celebrating women, a slide presentation of 14 women in the church from all walks was shown, depicting them at various stages right up to the present day. What God has done in their lives is a

representation of the overall work that He is doing in the lives of all the ladies present. In line with that, Associate Pastor Steven Kum encouraged all in the room to give a standing ovation to Sister Petrina as an outstanding woman leader and spiritual mother and also to applaud all the women present.

The women were truly blessed to be feted at such a celebratory event. It was indeed a joyous and memorable occasion for many.



DELIGHTFUL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

BY YEUNG YEU- GYN

The Church family celebrated Mother's Day at CCC with all its usual trappings.

Praise God for His hand upon the Mother's Day service at Calvary Convention Centre on 11 May 2014, encouraging and strengthening all Calvarites, especially mothers.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam introduced Dr. Kim Sung-Hae whose zeal, good will and love for the needy rang loud and clear in a video presentation of her ministry. She shares the message of hope not only in Korea but in many other nations. She just recently preached in Japan, where she preached in Japanese for the first time! Praise God for His empowering upon Dr. Kim. She testified that she can speak in public and in English through the Holy Spirit's enablement.

Dr. Kim imparted three tips on how to live successfully. Firstly, the Bible says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). This is akin to playing basketball, where players are not to hold on to the ball for more than three seconds. The lesson for us is to throw the ball (representing anxiety, worries and frustrations) to God who can turn all our problems into blessings.

Secondly, God is able to bless us powerfully, irrespective of the odds. The Bible says, "...open wide your mouth and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10). This is well illustrated by the faith of a Korean Christian pianist who has only two fingers on each hand, and still can play the piano professionally!

Lastly, we are to boast and share the Word of God. Jesus commanded us to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). When we share the Good News of God's love, the blessings will come back to us. It is akin to throwing a boomerang what will come back to us.

After her message Dr. Kim prayed a prayer of blessing over the congregation. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam made the altar call and many responded for prayers and were ministered to.

After altar call, Senior Pastor acknowledged and prayed for all mothers. Each mother received a gift (a floral-design can of scented potpourri) as a token of love and appreciation from the



Church. The youths of the Church distributed the gifts.

Then, the Carpenter's Workshop performed a special number in honour of their moms, entitled, "Wow Mom's Love" with the older kids in the front, performing a captivating 'noodle pole formation' much to the delight of the congregation. The CW video presentation paid tribute to moms and gave a glimpse of the wonderful multi-roles moms play.

Praise and thank God for mothers. May He continue to empower and anoint all mothers to be the best mothers they can be in His strength and love.

CW KIDS SAY THANK YOU

M is for the **m**illion things you gave us.
O means that you are wiser as you grow **o**lder.
T is for the **t**ears you shed to teach us.
H is for your heart of purest gold that **h**onours God.
E is your **e**yes, with love-light shining.
R means **r**ight, and right you will always be.

Main: Delightful presentation by CW kids to appreciate their moms

Left Pg: (Clockwise from top) Senior Pastor prays for altar respondents; Sister Petrina introduces guest speaker; Dr. Kim Sung-Hae preaching

This Pg (Left to Right): Enjoying Dr. Kim's sharing; Calvarite youths distributing gifts to mothers



ROYAL RANGERS EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE FIELD

BY ALICIA CHAN AND RACHEL ONG





Left pg - Top: Briefing on the MIG-29 fighter jet; Inset- Taking selfies; Below: Group Photo with missile warship in the background; Inset- Checking out the warship's binoculars

Right pg - Top: Being briefed on the Eurocopter; A group shot inside; An inside view ; Below: Checking out how the decompression chamber operates

TRIP TO TUDM AND TLDM



Sixteen Royal Rangers, 5 Commanders and 7 family members went on a field trip on 24 March 2014 to the Pengkalan Tentera Udara Di Raja Malaysia (TUDM) and Tentera Laut Di Raja Malaysia (TLDM) in Kuantan.

After a 3-hour journey by road we arrived at the TUDM airbase and specifically learnt about two aircrafts. The first is the Eurocopter EC725, a search and rescue aircraft which was deployed in the search for the missing MH370. The second is the MIG-29, an air to air combat Russian made fighter jet that is capable of travelling two and a half times faster than the speed of sound.

We were delighted to witness the take off, fly by and landing of various aircrafts, including the MIG-29.

At the conclusion of the enlightening tour, we thanked the officers and proceeded to MacDonalds for our lunch.

The next stop is the TLDM naval base which houses over a thousand crew members. We visited the fire station and it was great to have the opportunity to get on top of the huge fire trucks. We learnt much from a tour of the gallery. The naval base was started in 1950 and charts its progress through more than six decades!

It was a treat for us to have a quick tour on the fast-attack missile warship, KD Perdana. We were really blessed to be able to tour it because we were behind the time schedule. The large warships, KD Pahang and KD Terengganu were out to sea on a search and rescue mission. Although the warship is equipped with various machines including big missile

launchers, it could still fit 30 to 40 people. The tour of the ship was enjoyable and with the exhilarating breeze, it was a relaxing tour for us.

Lastly, we toured a decompression chamber which was the only one in the east coast of Peninsula Malaysia. Divers who have been underwater for too long can have decompression sickness (which can prove fatal) and are treated in this chamber. They need to recover back to normal atmospheric condition. We were allowed to explore this chamber which is very cooling, comfortable and definitely a good place to sleep in!

At the close of the tour, Commander Jim Guneratnam presented the officers with bolo ties as a sign of appreciation. We were physically exhausted but we left in high spirits after bidding farewell to the officers.

Thank God for this educational and enjoyable field trip. We learnt more about the military defence of our nation and also had much fun together. Praise God for journey mercy and our dedicated commanders who led us. We eagerly look forward to more field trips in the near future.

“Berniagalah dengan wang ini semasa aku pergi” (Lukas 19:13).

Kedatangan kedua Yesus Kristus bukanlah sebuah teori. Ia disebut sebanyak 318 kali dalam Perjanjian Baru. Setiap kali kedatangan pertama Yesus disebut, kedatangan kedua Yesus Kristus disebut lapan kali. Ini menuntutkan satu penilaian cara hidup kita dan memandang serius akan segala yang kita telah diamanahkan.

Perumpamaan bakat-bakat adalah untuk mengajar kita bagaimana kita harus hidup sebelum Yesus datang kembali dan mengambil tempat sahNya sebagai Raja di atas segala raja-raja dan Tuhan di atas segala Tuhan. Yesus memberitahu mereka supaya “bersibuk” sehingga Dia datang kembali. Apakah maksud “bersibuk” ini? Dalam penterjemahan lain, perkataan “bersibuk” bermaksud melibatkan diri dalam perniagaan. Ini bermaksud melibatkan diri dalam perniagaan Kerajaan Tuhan; ia itu melakukan kehendak Tuhan.

Orang-orang Kristian awal memahami bahawa kedatangan kedua Yesus boleh berlaku dalam masa hidup mereka. Oleh itu, mereka menyediakan diri mereka untuk pemulanganNya. Paulus, dalam suratnya kepada gereja Tesalonika, dia memuji pekerjaan iman mereka. **“Kami sentiasa bersyukur kepada Tuhan kerana kamu semua. Setiap kali kami berdoa kepada TUHAN, kami sentiasa mendoakan kamu. Apabila kami berdoa kepada TUHAN dan Bapa kita, kami mengingat bagaimana perbuatan kamu menunjukkan kepercayaan kamu kepada Kristus, bagaimana kamu mengasihi orang lain sehingga bekerja untuk membantu mereka dan bagaimana kamu berharap dengan teguh kepada Tuhan kita Yesus Kristus. Saudara-saudaraku, kami tahu bahawa TUHAN mengasihi kamu dan sudah memilih kamu menjadi milikNya sendiri”** (1 Tesalonika 1:2-4).

Bersibuk Sehingga Yesus Datang Kembali

Oleh PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Terdapat enam amalan yang sangat jelas mengenai apa yang Paulus memuji mereka yang kita perlu melakukan sehingga Yesus datang kembali.

1. Kami perlu menyibukkan diri dengan kerja-kerja iman.

Orang-orang Kristian Tesalonika adalah orang-orang beriman dan melakukan kerja-kerja iman. Terdapat perbezaan di antara kerja-kerja iman dan iman yang berfungsi. Anda bukan diselamatkan oleh kerja-kerja atau kepujian. Kerja-kerja anda tidak dapat menyelamatkan anda. Kita diselamatkan oleh iman yang berfungsi. Alkitab mengatakan **“Abraham percaya kepada TUHAN dan kerana imannya TUHAN menerima dia sebagai orang yang melakukan kehendak Tuhan”** (Yakobus 2:23). Iman menyelamatkan. Alkitab memberitahu kita apabila kita ada iman maka akan adanya kerja. Yakobus berkata,

“Mungkin ada yang berkata,” Ada orang yang mempunyai iman, dan ada pula yang mengamalkan perbuatan baik.” Aku akan menjawab, **“Tunjukkanlah seorang yang mempunyai iman tetapi tidak mengamalkan perbuatan baik, lalu dengan perbuatanku yang baik, aku akan menunjukkan bahawa aku beriman”** (Yakobus 2:18). Iman menyebabkan anda menjadi taat kepada apa yang Tuhan perlu anda melakukan.

Ketaatan kepada kehendak Tuhan adalah perbuatan yang beriman. Orang-orang Tesalonika yang beriman taat dalam membuat kerja-kerja iman.

2. Kita harus berpegang teguh mengikuti Tuhan.

Paulus berkata, **"Kamu mengikut teladan kami dan teladan Tuhan. Meskipun kamu menanggung banyak penderitaan, kamu menyambut perkhabarannya itu dengan kegembiraan yang datang daripada Roh TUHAN"** (1 Tesalonika 1:6). Orang-orang beriman Tesalonika menerima perkhabarannya melalui rasul-rasul dengan kegembiraan. Mesej keselamatan membawakan mereka penganiayaan, masalah dan kesusahan, tetapi mereka mengikut contoh-contoh para rasul-rasul yang mengalami penderitaan dan telah juga menjadi pengikut Tuhan di mana mereka merupakan contoh sempurna untuk kita berusaha menirunya.

Dalam Kitab Suci apabila kita membaca mengenai kesusahan yang perlu dilalui oleh orang-orang yang beriman, ia diiringi dengan kegembiraan. Apabila anda mempunyai firman, firman memberikan anda iman. Apabila anda mula berjalan dalam iman, anda akan menghadapi cabaran, pertentangan dan pengelutan. Tetapi anda tidak akan dikalahkan. Kegembiraan datang apabila anda berjalan dalam ketaatan kepada Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Kesukaan yang diberikan oleh Tuhan kepada kamu akan menguatkan kamu"** (Nehemia 8:10). Seorang anak Tuhan boleh mengalami kekuatan Tuhan melalui kegirangan dalam cabaran.

3. Kita akan menjadi saksi-saksi.

Semangat orang-orang Kristian Tesalonika berjaya ke suatu tahap dimana **"Oleh itu kamu menjadi teladan kepada semua orang Kristian di Makedonia dan Akhya"** (1 Tesalonika 1:7). Contoh mereka telah menggalak ramai orang dan pengaruh mereka sangat berkesan. Firman Tuhan merebak menjangkau Tesalonika ke merata tempat. Paulus berkata, **"Berita tentang Tuhan tersebar sampai ke Makedonia dan Akhya, kerana kamu. Orang di mana mana sahaja juga mendengar berita tentang kepercayaan kamu kepada TUHAN. Oleh itu kami tidak perlu berkata apa-apa lagi"** (1 Tesalonika 1:8). Paulus tidak perlu berkata apa-apa apabila dia tiba di tempat-tempat yang disebutkan kerana orang-orang yang beriman di Tesalonika sudah bersaksi, berkongsi kesaksian mereka dan perkhabarannya. Sebelum Paulus sampai ke sana, orang ramai sudah pun menerima Kristus ke dalam hati mereka. Orang Tesalonika yang beriman telah menerima firman dan menyebarkan firman ke negara asing.

4. Kita harus berpatah balik kepada Tuhan daripada berhala dan bukan dari berhala kepada Tuhan.

Transformasi orang-orang Kristian Tesalonika selepas menerima Kristus adalah luar biasa. Mereka berhenti penyembahan berhala. Paulus berkata, **"Semua orang berkata bahawa kamu menyambut kami dengan baik ketika melawat kamu dahulu. Mereka berkata bahawa kamu tidak mahu menyembah berhala lagi, tetapi datang kepada satu-satunya TUHAN yang hidup untuk mentaati dan menyembah Dia"** (1 Tesalonika 1:9). Mereka memahami bahawa untuk berpatah dari berhala dengan berjaya, mereka perlu berpatah kepada Tuhan dahulu dengan beriman, menjadikan Dia Tuhan dan Tuan yang memberi mereka kekuatan untuk berpatah dari berhala mereka. Mereka telah berjaya. Terdapat perbezaan di antara berpatah kepada Tuhan dari berhala anda dan berpatah dari berhala anda kepada Tuhan! Apabila anda cuba berpatah dari berhala anda kepada Tuhan, anda bergantung kepada kekuatan dan keupayaan sendiri. Tidak lama lagi anda akan mendapati diri anda akan kembali ke tempat yang anda bermula. Tetapi, apabila anda berpatah kepada Tuhan dengan iman dalam Yesus Kristus, anda bermula dengan Tuhan dan telah berjaya menjalani hidup yang menggembirakan Tuhan.

5. Kita mesti berusaha, didorong oleh kasih.

Paulus juga memuji orang-orang Kristian Tesalonika **"... usaha kasihmu"** (1 Tesalonika 1:3). Terdapat perbezaan di antara hamba, pekerja dan mereka yang melayani Tuhan. Hamba bekerja kerana mereka terpaksa. Pekerja bekerja kerana mereka perlu berkerja. Tetapi orang Kristian bekerja kerana kita mengasihi Tuhan. Kita bekerja bukan hanya kerana ia adalah panggilan Tuhan atau tanggungjawab kita tetapi kerana kita mengasihi Tuhan. Ia adalah usaha kasih dan kita dipenuhi dengan kegembiraan yang datang dari diri dalam kita. Paulus berkata, **"Sebab kasih Kristus yang menguasai kami"** (2 Korintus 5:14).

6. Kita mesti mempunyai kesabaran yang diilhamkan oleh harapan dalam Yesus Kristus.

Orang-orang Kristian Tesalonika juga dipuji kerana **"...ketekunan pengharapanmu kepada Tuhan kita Kristus"** (1 Tesalonika 1:3). Melakukan kehendak Tuhan tidak selalunya berlaku tanpa cubaan dan

cabaran. Melakukan kehendak Tuhan melibatkan iman dan oleh itu ia adalah usaha kasih dan ketekunan pengharapan. Apabila Tuhan memberikan kita janjiNya, visiNya dan wahyu, ia akan terjadi. Ketekunan pengharapan dalam ketaatan tidak akan mengecewakan kita. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Sebab penglihatan itu masih menanti saatnya, tetapi ia bersegera menuju kesudahannya dengan tidak menipu; apabila berlambat-lambat, nantikanlah itu, sebab itu sungguh-sungguh akan datang dan tidak akan bertangguh"** (Habakuk 2:3).

Orang-orang Kristian di Tesalonika sementara menunggu kepulangan Tuhan, masing-masing bersibuk. Mereka berharap bahawa Yesus akan datang kembali dalam masa hidup mereka. Mereka taat kepada perintah Yesus yang berkata, **"Bersibuk sampai Aku datang kembali"**. Mereka melakukan perbuatan iman, usaha kasih dan ketekunan harapan dalam ketaatan kepada Tuhan Yesus Kristus.

Paulus berkata, mereka bertindak, dengan itu **"...untuk menantikan kedatangan Anak-Nya dari syurga, yang telah dibangkitkan-Nya dari antara orang mati, yaitu Yesus, yang menyelamatkan kita dari murka yang akan datang"** (1 Tesalonika 1:10).

Yesus, Anak Tuhan, telah memberkati kita dengan bakat dan peluang untuk melayaniNya. Anda perlu tahu bahawa peluang yang diberikan kepada anda adalah untuk satu tujuan dan iaitu untuk menjadi saksi-Nya. Bersyukur kepada Tuhan untuk gereja ini yang menyediakan peluang untuk anda menjadi saksi dan beramal iman. Gereja Calvary mengabadikan untuk menjamal dunia dengan Injil Yesus Kristus melalui anda.

Marilah kita mengambil iktibar daripada pengajaran Yesus dan menyibukkan diri kita dalam pembinaan Kerajaan Tuhan dengan mengharap kepulanganNya. Jugalah seperti sebagai kepastian tentang Yesus Kristus yang telah dibangkitkan dari antara orang mati dan telah dinaikkan ke syurga. Dia akan kembali.

要忙于工作直到耶稣回来

便叫了他的十个仆人来，交给他们十锭银子说：『你们去做生意，直等我回来。』（路19:13）

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耶稣基督第二次再临不是一种理论。它在新约中被提到318次。每次提到耶稣第一次降临，耶稣基督第二次再临就被提到八次。

这事要求我们对生活的方式作一评估，并认真对待我们一直受托付的事。按才干受责任的比喻是教导我们在耶稣再临并掌权作王上王和主上主之前，我们应如何生活。耶稣告诉他们要「忙于工作」直到祂回来。「忙于工作」的意思是什么？在另一个译本「忙于工作」的意思是去做生意。这意味着要去从事神国度的工作，那就是遵行神的旨意。

早期的基督徒的理解是耶稣第二次再临会发生在他们的有生之年。他们因此，为祂的回来做好准备。保罗在写给帖撒罗尼迦教会的书信，他为他们因信心所做的工作称赞他们。「我们为你们众人常常感谢神，祷告的时候提到你们，在神——我们的父面前，不住地记念你们因信心所做的工夫，因爱心所受的劳苦，因盼望我们主耶稣基督所存的忍耐。被神所爱的弟兄啊，我知道你们是蒙拣选的」（帖前1:2-4）。

有六个非常明确的实践是保罗称赞他们的，那是我们应该做的直到耶稣回来为止。

1. 我们应该忙于从事因信心所做的工作

帖撒罗尼迦的基督徒是有信心的人和做了信心的工作。信心的工作和有行为的信心之间是有区别的。你不是因为行为或功劳得救。你的行为不能救你。我们是因有行为的信心而得救。圣经上说：「亚伯拉罕信神，这就算为他的义」（雅2:23）。信心可以拯救。圣经告诉我们，当你有信心时，你就有行为。雅各说道：「必有人说：『你有信心，我有行为；你将你没有行为的信心指给我看，我便借着我的行为，将我的信心指给你看。』（雅2:18）。信心使你顺服神需要你做的事。顺服神的旨意是信心的工作。帖撒罗尼迦的信徒也顺服做信心的工作。

2. 我们要坚定不移地跟随主

保罗说道：「并且你们在大难之中，蒙了圣灵所赐的喜乐，领受真道就效法我们，也效法了主」（帖前1:6）。帖撒罗尼迦的信徒以喜乐的心，通过使徒领受福音。救恩的信息为他们带来逼迫，困苦和艰难，但是他们效法受苦的使徒的榜样，也成为主的跟随者，祂是我们必须努力效仿的完美榜样。

在圣经中当我们读到信徒所经历的患难，它是带有喜乐。当你有神之道时，神之道给你

信心。当你开始行事为人靠信心，你要面对挑战、敌对和斗争。但你不会被击败。当你行事为人顺服神时，喜乐就来到。圣经上说道：「因靠耶和华而得的喜乐是你们的力量」（尼8:10）。神的儿女能藉着在挑战中的喜乐经历神的力量。

3. 我们要成为见证人

帖撒罗尼迦基督徒大发热心达到一个程度，甚至他们「作了马其顿和亚该亚所有信主之人的榜样」（帖前1:7）。他们的榜样造就了很多人和他们的影响力是非常广泛。神的道从帖撒罗尼迦被传扬开来，去到各个地方。保罗说道：「因为主的道从你们那里已经传扬出来。你们向神的信心不但在马其顿和亚该亚，就是在各处也都传开了，所以不用我们说什么话」（帖前1:8）。当保罗到达所提到的地方他不需要说什么，因为帖撒罗尼迦的信徒都已经在做见证人，分享他们的见证和福音。在保罗能到达那里之前，人们已经接受了基督进入他们的心。帖撒罗尼迦的信徒领受神的道和传扬神的道到远处。

4. 我们要离弃偶像归向神，并不是从偶像转向神

帖撒罗尼迦的基督徒在接受基督后的转化是非凡的。他们离弃偶像崇拜。保罗说道：「因为他们自己已经表明我们是怎样进到你们那里，你们是怎样离弃偶像，归向神，要服事那又真又活的神」（帖前1:9）。他们明白要成功地离弃偶像，他们需要先归向神，靠信心，使祂成为主和主人，神就赐给他们力量离弃他们的偶像。他们都成功了。离弃你们的偶像归向神和从偶像转向神之间是有区别的！当你尝试从偶像转向神时，你是依赖你自己的力量和能力。不久你会发现你回到你过去的地方。但是，当你由相信耶稣基督归向神时，你以神开始，并有胜利的生活讨神的喜悦。

5. 我们必须因爱的激励劳苦

保罗还称赞帖撒罗尼迦的基督徒「...因爱心所受的劳苦」（帖前1:3）。在奴隶、雇员和那些事奉主的人之间是有区别的。奴隶工作因为他们必须做。雇员工作因为他们需要做。但基督徒工作是因为我们爱神。我们工作不只是因为它是我们的呼召或责任，而是因为我们爱神。它是爱心的劳苦，并且我们充满了来自内心的喜乐。保罗说道：「原来基督的爱激励我们」（林后5:14）。

6. 我们必须有在耶稣基督里受盼望鼓舞的忍耐

帖撒罗尼迦的基督徒也为他们「...因盼望我们主耶稣基督所存的忍耐」得称赞（帖前1:3）。遵行神的旨意并不总是未经考验和挑战。遵行神的旨意涉及信心，因此它是一个

爱心的劳苦和盼望的忍耐。当神赐给我们祂的应许，祂的异象和启示时，它一定会应验。顺服盼望的忍耐是不会令我们失望。圣经上说道：「因为这默示有一定的日期，快要应验，并不虚谎。虽然迟延，还要等候；因为必然临到，不再迟延」（哈2:3）。

帖撒罗尼迦的基督徒在等候主的再临时，也忙于工作。他们希望耶稣会在他们有生之年回来。他们听从耶稣的吩咐：「你们去做生意，直等我回来」。他们做了因信心所做的工夫，因爱心所受的劳苦和因盼望顺服我们主耶稣基督所存的忍耐。保罗说他们如此行动是「等候他儿子从天降临，就是他从死里复活的那位救我们脱离将来忿怒的耶稣」（帖前1:10）。

耶稣，神的儿子，赐给了我们才干和机会来服事祂。你需要知道给你的机会是为了一个目的，就是作祂的见证人。感谢神这间教会提供了机会给你作一个见证人和做信心的工作。加略山教会致力于通过你以耶稣基督的福音去触摸这世界。

让我们遵循耶稣的教导而忙于工作建立神的国度期待祂的再临。正如耶稣基督是从死里复活和升天的那般确实，祂必将再临。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

中文团契

主题：拥祂为主
— 经历一个蒙福的生命

日期：29-6-14（日）
时间：早上十一点半
地点：CCC, 影剧院3, B2
（敬备茶点招待）

申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程
日期：14-6-14（六）
时间：下午一点
地点：加略山教会

浸礼聚会

日期：14-6-14（六）
时间：下午五点
地点：加略山教会(大堂)

2014 SERVICE SCHEDULE

DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Saturday ■ 5.00pm

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

Sunday ■ 9.00am

JUNE

Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

* JUN 1

CCC 'Debt Free Day' -
"God's Open Heaven"

Guest Speaker
Rev Margaret Seaward

JUN 7

CCC 'Debt Free Day' -
"God's Open Heaven"

Guest Speaker
Rev Margaret Seaward

JUN 8

Water Baptism
Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

JUN 14

Father's Day
Guest Speaker
Rev Fred Seaward

JUN 15

Associate Pastor
Chan Lee Peng

JUN 21

Membership Intake
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

JUN 22

Associate Pastor
David Seah

JUN 28

Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

JUN 29

* Holy Communion

2nd PRAYER RALLY

COME LET'S RALLY
TOGETHER TO PRAY
FOR OUR FAMILY,
CHURCH AND NATION.

DATE : 4 July 2014 (FRIDAY)
TIME : 7.30 PM
VENUE: DAMANSARA
HEIGHTS



“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them (Matthew 18:19-20).”

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

JUNE

29 JUNE (SUNDAY) 11.30AM

THEME

Crown Him Lord
- Experiencing a Blessed Life

VENUE

CCC Theatre 1, B2
(Refreshments will be served)

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

JUNE

29 JUNE (SUNDAY) 11.30AM

SPEAKER

Associate Pastor David Seah

TOPIC

Strength In The Little
(Kekuatan Dalam Kekecilan)

VENUE

ROOM 10, LEVEL 4, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

DATE : 14 JUNE 2014 (SAT)

TIME : 1.00PM

VENUE : DH, WORSHIP
NURSERY

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

DATE : 14 JUNE 2014 (SAT)

TIME : 5.00PM

VENUE : DH, SANCTUARY



2014 DEACONS INSTALLATION

Thank God for His faithfulness at our Stewardship Day on 16 May 2014 at Damansara Heights sanctuary. His blessings were evident as we heard reports of the church experiencing growth, financial miracles and the progress made towards being debt-free.

The good attendance that evening spoke of unity, ownership and love for the church. We were able to successfully accomplish all that was planned for the meeting.

We also confirmed our deacons for the coming year. Chow Sang Hoe, Stephen Liu and Puan Chen Keck were returned to serve another two-year term as deacons, joining the other four deacons, Bernadette Foo, David Peter, Helen Read and Ngeow Zoo Gin who will complete their term this year.

On Sunday, 18 May, the deacons were introduced to the congregation at Calvary Convention Centre and installed to their positions of responsibility.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam exhorted and charged them with biblical principles of leadership from Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 3:15-17. The seven deacons indicated their willingness to accept these responsibilities by pledging to serve God and the church after which Senior Pastor together with the Associate Pastors led in prayer for them.

The congregation was reminded by Senior Pastor that they are responsible to support the deacons and to make every provision for the effectiveness of their work.

The installation concluded with Senior Pastor, Associate Pastors and the Deacons praying for the congregation to be faithful and supportive to the Leadership God has given to the church.

The ministry of Deacons is to provide practical and spiritual supervision of the Church.

Portfolios of the Board of Deacons

Church Secretary

David Peter

Church Treasurer

Chow Sang Hoe

Church Human Resources

Ngeow Zoo Gin

Church Administrative Affairs

Bernadette Foo

Church Business

Puan Chen Keck

Church Relations & Communications

Stephen Liu

Church Hospitality & Special Functions

Helen Read

Bottom Pic

(Left to Right):

Front Row: David Peter; Sister Petrina; Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam; Chow Sang Hoe

Back Row: Bernadette Foo; Ngeow Zoo Gin; Stephen Liu; Puan Chen Keck; Helen Read



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