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The miracle of God's grace is best described in Paul's letter to Titus. He repeated twice, "He saved us", this phrase is the content of the Gospel. Jesus came to save us and every conversion is a miracle. "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

The challenging question we need to ask is "Why do we need to be saved?"

There are many reasons why we need to be saved, besides we are sinners (Matthew 1:21), there is a hell (Luke 16:23), and we are slaves to sin (Romans 6:12). Paul clearly gives us seven reasons why we need to be saved through his description of the characteristics of the unsaved. "At one time," Paul said, "We too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another" (Titus 3:3).

Seven Reasons Why We Need To Be Saved:

1. Foolishness

Paul said, "At one time we too were 'foolish'". The word "foolish" here is not a question about intelligence but being blind to spiritual things and ignorant of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. The Bible calls it walking in darkness. Foolishness is thinking and living in sin and finding ways and means to cover up sin. It is not knowing that sin destroys and kills. We need to be saved from such foolishness (Romans 6:23).

2. Disobedience

Nobody needs to go to a school of disobedience. One day a mother said to me, "My son is very disobedient." I asked for her son's name and age and learned he was only two years old! Such is the human nature. David said, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51:5) NKJV. We need to be saved because we are born with a sinful nature which we inherited from our very "first" parents, Adam and Eve.

3. Deception

Man has been deceived by Satan, the world, false teachers and prophets. Man's tendency is to stray like a lost sheep. We must be saved and guided in the right way (Isaiah 53:6).

4. We are slaves to ourselves

You are a slave to self when you do not have the power to do what you know is right and you keep doing that which you know is wrong (Romans 7:18-20).

5. Living in malice and envy

Malice is a desire to hurt someone and rejoices in it. Envy grudges and frets at another's prosperity and success. Both are rooted in bitterness and results in evil thoughts and speech.

6. Hateful

Those who are sinful and allowing themselves to live in sin are hateful towards godliness and righteousness (Romans 1:18).

7. Hating one another

It is the misery of sinners that they hate one another, while believers have the duty to love one another (1 John 4:7).

The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Men need to be saved. Jesus, who is grace personified can set us free and save us.

This leads to the next question.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?

The Bible says, "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

1. It means to be born again.

The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!" (2 Cor 5:17) NKJV. When God saves you. He does not patch up your life or the expression, "to turn over a new leaf". He puts a new nature within you and that is a born again experience. There is a new birth and new Spirit. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" NKJV (John 3:3).



2. It means possessing the Spirit of God.

Having been born again, we have the Holy Spirit, who leads us and bears witness that we are children of God and joint-heir with Christ (John 1:12; Romans 8:13-17).

3. It means to be justified.

Somebody said justified simply means it is just as if we have never sinned! God's people are a new specie, with an unique style, unique language, unique laws and unique lifestyle to the glory of God!

4. We are made a child of God.

It is children that become heirs of what Christ owns. As children of God we become heirs, joint heirs with Christ to all that God says is His. What is Christ's is ours. (Romans 8:16-17).

THE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF GOD'S GRACE

Tremendous change occurs when one gets saved. What a difference between a life before and after salvation as described by Paul, in Titus 3:3;7! We at one time were, foolish, deceived, disobedient, filled with hatred and hating, walking in deception and doing things that is wrong (Titus 3:3). But through God's miracle of grace we are saved and transformed, possessing a new life and having been justified, have a great relationship with God as His child and heir. The Bible says, "So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life".

WHY DID GOD SAVE US?

The Bible says, "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared .." (Titus 3:4). The appearance of Jesus

demonstrates God's grace and love toward man. The coming of Jesus, being born of Mary and His sacrifice on the cross, fulfils the will of His Father and is instrumental in bringing people to repentance. Salvation is a gift of God's love (John 3:16). The Bible says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9) NKJV. We are saved by faith in Jesus and not by the good works we do. God is just, all can be saved, through faith in Jesus.

THE RESULTS

When you believe in Jesus, you are saved, born again and a child of God, a candidate to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Your faith will cause you to produce good works. Faith without works is dead. The Bible says, "... Those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone" (Titus 3:8).

This is a testimony of God's work of saving grace in a young lady. She was the only one saved in her family and her mother tried to prevent her from going to Church every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. The mother would ask her daughter to do the household chores on those days and close to the time of the Church service. This prevented her to go to Church. God gave wisdom to the daughter and she realised what her mother was up to. She would complete all the chores given her in advance, thus her mother had no reason for disallowing her from going to Church. One day, as the mother was in the kitchen, the utensils which she asked her daughter to clean on purpose, seemed to "speak" to her.

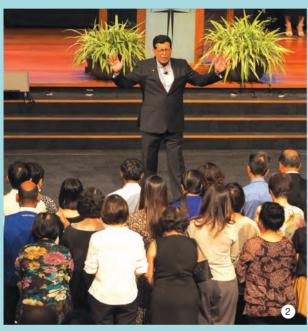
she went to her bedroom, the very neatness and cleanliness of the room seemed to be "screaming" Jesus is real! When the daughter came home, she said to her, "I need to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior!" The daughter is now a graduate from our Bible School and is in full-time ministry. She has led her mother and family to the Lord Jesus Christ! She is serving God with joy, having not only been saved but transformed, declaring the Gospel of God's saving grace.

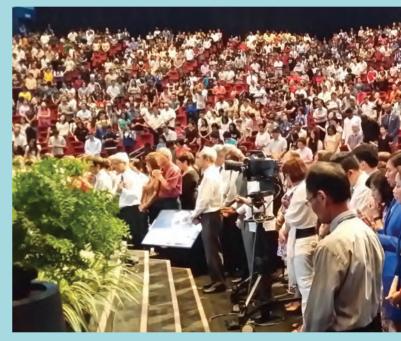
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God's miracle of transforming grace is available today. Let us go, empowered by the Holy Spirit and make disciples.

All Bible quotations are in the NIV unless otherwise stated.







2016 LEADERS' INSTALLATION

he Church family was inspired and challenged at the 2016 Leaders' Installation on 6 March through the act of consecration and commitment by the leaders of the various ministries of the Church to serve. The Bible says that God has given each believer a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts and we are to use them well to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10 NLT).

We have 1,220 Calvarites involved in the various ministries of the Church, out of which 239 serve as overseers and leaders of these ministries.

Associate Pastor Peter Ong led the charge to the leaders, exhorting them to commit and dedicate themselves.

Charge to the Leaders

"God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6 NLT).

"This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: 'It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's armies" (Zechariah 4:6 NLT).

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come" (Luke 4:18-19 NLT).

Charge to the Congregation

Pastor Peter Ong also charged the congregation who are privileged to stand with and support our 2016 appointed leaders in prayer that they would effectively be led to fulfil God's purpose for Calvary Church. The Bible says, "The whole congregation of believers was united as one – one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, 'That's mine; you can't have it.' They shared everything. The apostles gave





powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them" (Acts 4:32-33 The Message).

Promise to the Leaders and Congregation

We were reminded of God's promise to empower us to do His work. The promise is, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NLT).

At the close Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam prayed for God's anointing upon the leaders.

- 1. Overseers & leaders at the altar for their installation
- 2. Senior Pastor praying for the leaders
- 3. Congregation stands with and supports the leaders in prayer

Church Ministries' Overseers And Leaders

- 1 Associate Pastor David Seah and the Bahasa Malaysia Ministry leaders & the Life Group leaders;
- Pastor Quek Lee Siu and the Children's Ministry (Calvary Nursery Care & Carpenter's Workshop) teachers;
- 3 Sister Chua Ken Tee and the Chinese Ministry leaders;
- Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng and the SCG teachers & Missionettes sponsors. She also heads the Dimensions (Ladies);
- 5 Associate Pastor Raymond Yong and the Hospitality & Social Concern Team leaders;
- 6 Elder Patrick Wong and the Membership Committee members;
- 7 Missions Director Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng and the Missions Committee members;
- Associate Pastor Chris Lee and the Music & Creative Arts Ministry leaders;
- 9 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong and the Prayer Ministry leaders;
- 10 Royal Ranger Overseer Jim Guneratnam, Council Chairman Eddy Law, Senior Commander Jason Tan & Royal Ranger Commanders;
- Pastor Tabitha Ong and Bro. Timothy Yee and the Youth & Young Adult Committee members;
- 12 Bro. Marcus Solomon, the Altar Workers Coordinator;
- Bro. Gan Tiong Chew, the Evangelism Coordinator;
- 14 Pastor Susan Tan, the Discipleship Coordinator.

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

od is not willing that any should perish. He reveals Himself through manifold and amazing ways. Here are testimonies of some Calvarites water baptised on 20 February.

Learning about Jesus in Sunday school

My parents are Christians and every week, they take me to Sunday school where I learned about Jesus. At one time, when I was having a wheezing cough, Jesus healed me immediately when I prayed. When the Carpenter's Workshop teacher invited us to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, I raised my hands. Jesus is my friend and my all in all. I thank Him for being with me always. - Enoch Vinraj

Knowing God through Bible reading and sermons

I grew up believing that I was a Christian, but did not attend any church. I did not know much about God or what it truly meant to be a Christian until years later, when I started attending church and reading the Bible. I accepted Christ when I was 16 after hearing the sermons. Since then, God has strengthened me to overcome challenges I faced. I learned to cast my problems to the Lord and not worry so much. I can overcome limitations and achieve impossible goals through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13). - Rachel Lim Yuet May

God leads, step by step

My father is Catholic and my mother, Buddhist. I chose to be a free thinker until I went to university and met my girlfriend who is a Christian. She brought me to Church. After graduation, God Ied me to a Christian based learning centre and I work as a teacher to special children. There I had the opportunity to study His Word. In January 2016, I accepted the Lord when my boss shared with me the Gospel. And when Pastor Chris encouraged me to get water baptised, I knew I was ready. God's plan is amazing. I can now see how He brought me closer to Him, step by step. He never gives up on us! – Tommy Kiew Wei Yong

Saved at Golden Eagles trip

I accepted Christ during the Golden Eagles trip to Melaka in May 2015. I have never attended Sunday Service before but when Pastor Richard prayed for everyone, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and accepted Jesus into my life. Christ has made me a better man and helped me to forgive others readily. Christ is my God and Saviour. – Philip Liew Dat Kong

Saved at Church family camp

In 2015, my friend invited me to the Calvary family camp and I accepted Jesus to be my Saviour and Lord at camp. Since then, I have learned to surrender my burdens to Jesus and experience His peace. Thank God that my former negative perspectives have been changed as I now have hope in Christ. – Ng Poh Yee

THE WAY OF PROSPERITY







hinese New Year had been officially over for a week but the air was filled with festivity as loyal Dimensions attendees together with newcomers gathered at the cosy Olive Café for the first Dimensions Extended event on the Saturday morning of 27 February. The celebration began with worship led by Victoria Choi, accompanied by Carmen Woon and Samantha Ong. Then came the skit which sent the ladies into peals of laughter. Kay Lim played a Chinese mother who was incensed by her daughter who had decided to dress in black for the family reunion dinner, played by Margaret Lim.

The main draw of the morning was the speaker Rev. Florence Teh, a former Calvarite currently serving as an adjunct lecturer at the Bible College of Malaysia. In a crisp and clear manner, she spoke on the importance of putting Christ as the source of our blessings. Quoting Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it", she went on to say that worldly blessing is based on 'what you have', whereas true blessing is based on 'who you are'. She illustrated her points with a moving testimony of her brother who found that wealth could not buy him health. Steve Jobs' last words struck a chord – "What is the most expensive bed in the world? Sick bed. You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you, but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you".

All glory to God that 3 newcomers responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. The ladies then enjoyed a time of fellowship over a delicious luncheon.

- . The ladies enjoying a time of worship
- 2. Speaker Florence Teh
- 3. The humorous skit







By Grace Xavier

n 27 February 2016, 64 Calvarites gathered for the Humanitarian & Disaster Relief (HDR) Seminar. The seminar was designed for Calvarites with a passion for humanitarian work to find out what exactly is involved in such work and whether they could commit to the needs. The seminar began with a prayer by Associate Pastor Peter Ong.

Missions Director Associate Pastor Chee Weng started the first of the three-part seminar with the biblical perspective. It was interesting in that he encapsulated the whole concept of humanitarian work and disaster relief projects with the call of the Father imploring us to go out into the world and to do His will in saving people (Matthew 28:19-20). He emphasised the duty of the Christian to move into areas where our works and deeds will shine forth for the glory of God (Matthew 5:14 & 16).

The objective of Calvary's HDR work was exactly that: to express Christian charity and witness by providing relief to those in need, regardless of race, creed or nationality. Crisis opens the door for us to be missionaries. We have the opportunity to help in the way that God meant for us to help others; in their hour of need.

The second part of the seminar by Edward Hew focussed on the technical aspects of HDR work. He has worked full-time in the humanitarian relief sector for the last 11 years and serves as the HDR advisor. He started his talk with how disasters were already predicted in the word of God (Matthew 24:7-8, 21). Disasters were on the rise, and the sad truth is that it affects the vulnerable people the most. When a disaster happens, we need to be ready with our responses. Other than satisfying immediate needs; food, clothing and shelter; long term plans have to be drawn up as

well to ensure that the survivors were rehabilitated and nurtured to face life again after being involved in a harrowing experience. Counselling was necessary not only for the survivors, but for those who were involved in the relief work. Trauma could set in as the magnitude of the disaster and the devastation could leave lasting distress for the survivors and the helpers. Steps had to be put in place for future prevention of such disasters. Edward also outlined the main sectors of disaster relief work and was detailed in his presentation of the action plan should a disaster happen.

The final part of the seminar was conducted by Michael Chang who focussed on involvement. He was actively involved in the 2015 flood relief in Kelantan and serves as the HDR coordinator. He outlined the objectives of HDR, and how Church members could be involved. It involved commitment and not merely to be a sort of "guilt relief" action. Contrary to popular belief, relief work is not always on the field. There is a lot of work needed to be done back in the home base. Field volunteers needed to be in good health and children under 18 had to be accompanied by an adult. Various levels, skills and resources for involvement were explained to the participants.

Finally, participants who were ready to volunteer after understanding the criteria, risks and commitment required, were encouraged to fill in the application forms and 24 volunteer applications were submitted. The seminar ended with a prayer by Church Missions Pastor Associate Pastor Steven Kum. A training for volunteers will be held in April.

To apply, email:missions@calvary.org.my

- Edward Hew, HDR advisor
- Michael Chang, HDR coordinator
- 3 5. Pastor Chee Weng and some participants at Q&A session

ROLE AND IMPACT OF SPIRITUAL MOTHERS







Kay Lim & Perla Sacdal (Right)



Shirley Malini & Nancy Cheah (Right)

Spiritual mothers are God-given to guide us in our spiritual walk. Children brought up in the Christian home receive spiritual nurturing in their homes. In the Church family, children are exposed to other women in the congregation who by virtue of their ministries, take on the role of spiritual mothers, for example, those serving in the Children ministry and Life Group leaders.

Some of us are saved as adults and God assigns us spiritual mothers who help us spiritually and provide a godly example. No matter how old we are, God uses spiritual mothers to place their arms around us and help us in our journey with Christ.

Hear from three Calvarites, Victoria Choi, Perla Sacdal and Shirley Malini and their respective spiritual mothers, Heather Loon, Kay Lim and Nancy Cheah.

Q1. How did the spiritual bonds develop?

Victoria and Heather

Vic: I first knew Aunt Heather as my friends' (Mark and Michael) mother about 7 years ago. As I know her more, I am amazed at how she brought up her children, the unconditional patience and love that she shows to the people around her. I do not meet up with her often, but am thankful for the times she has encouraged and prayed for me.

Heather: Victoria is a delightful girl and I know both her parents, who serve in Church too. I am honoured and grateful that she considers me her spiritual mom. I know most of my children's close friends pretty well and remember the times just talking and encouraging Victoria or Vic as she is more fondly known; and praying with and for her. She really has a heart for the things of God.

Perla and Kay

Perla: I met Sister Kay 12 years ago at a home Life Group (LG) led by her. My family also attended the LG. Our relationship grew as Kay taught and mentored us. She has always been there for me and my family, in our darkest and happiest times. She prayed for us and we can talk to her practically about everything under the sun.

Kay: Perla and her family attends Sunday services and LG meetings faithfully. What caught my attention was her bubbly personality and love for the Lord. She is humble and has a deep desire to study God's Word and grow in the Lord and be a blessing to her family, friends, Church and beyond.

Shirley and Nancy

Shirley: I met Aunty Nancy 10 years ago when I joined the Ladies LG at Imbi. She was my LG leader. She is loving to everyone and would not hesitate to discipline when necessary. As she was mentoring me to assist her in LG leadership, I look to her as a spiritual mother and I believe it is a God-given appointment.

Nancy: I led a Ladies LG near to Shirley's office and encouraged her to attend the LG. She came faithfully and I asked her to assist me in the LG. In 2009, I had a fall, and had to be in a wheel chair for about a year. During this time, I mentored Shirley who stepped up as an assistant LG Leader. She has grown to be a fervent LG leader.

Q2. Is there a difference between spiritual and biological mothers?

Victoria: My spiritual mother would not know me as well as my biological mother. She is a role model and an independent/ unbiased person whom I look up to spiritually.

Heather: Every mother should be a spiritual mother. As a mother, my responsibility went beyond just seeing to my children's physical needs. Loving them and bringing them up in the ways of the Lord was priority. My chief concern is they love and follow the Lord all their days.

Perla: A Christian mom nurtures and leads her children from young. A spiritual mom is more a mentor, a role model and leader in our journey of faith.

Kay: The difference is not carrying the child physically in me during pregnancy. But I do bear the "spiritual maternity" of the spiritual child.

Shirley: A spiritual mother nurtures, cares and mentors those whom God assigns to her.

Nancy: Being a spiritual mother is challenging. It is making time to mentor and pray for those needing prayer support and that includes my own grandchildren too.

Q3. How has your spiritual mother impacted vou?

Victoria: Her gentle spirit and her prayerful concern for young people is very encouraging. I aspire to be like her, both spiritually and in character.

Perla: Sister Kay is a beautiful woman of God inside and outwardly. She has encouraged and inspired me to grow as a person, as a mom, a friend and a sister-in-Christ. I want to be like her, to be a spiritual mother to other women who are younger in the Lord.

Shirley: I lost my mother when I was 8 years old. I grew up missing a mother's love. When I came to know the Lord, the Lord blessed me with a warm and loving mother-in-law and a spiritual mother in Aunty Nancy. She never fails to remember my birthday and always keep my family in prayer. She is loving and kind, faithful and rooted in God's Word. She has mentored me to be a leader and like her, I can fulfil God's calling to be a spiritual mother to younger women.

We Appreciate
A Fine Example
Of A Spiritual Mother
—— Pastor Susan ——



Pastor Susan Tan has served 27 years in the Children's Ministry of our church.

We commend and thank Pastor Susan for her faithfulness in the spiritual nurturing of the children in our Nursery Care and Carpenter's Workshop as their pastor all these years. Many of our kids today are faithfully serving in ministries, in leadership and some are full-time workers and even pastors in our church. How true PROVERBS 22:6 is. "Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old he will not depart from it."

This year Pastor Susan will be heading the Discipleship Ministry and Pastor Quek Lee Siu will be assuming the role of pastor to the children.

Q4. What does it entail to be a spiritual mother?

Heather: A spiritual mother nurtures spiritually. She encourages through prayer and exhortation. More importantly she walks the talk. Someone said that people won't believe what we say until we show them how much we care.

Kay: A spiritual mother has the same instincts as the biological mother, caring and protecting her children. She nurtures and develops them by spending time with them, listening to them and walking alongside them when they face difficulties. She loves them but reprimands when needed.

Nancy: I do not remember doing big things for Shirley. I am a listening ear to her and keeps her in prayer. As we grow in the Lord, it is natural for God's love and blessings to flow through us.

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J. Hudson Taylor, said: "The prayer power has
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BENEFITS OF ATTENDING WEDNESDAY MORNING WATCH:

"Wandering" mind now "focused"

I had a problem with a "wandering" mind when I am having my devotion. This hinders me from having a deeper relationship with God in prayer. Attending the Wednesday morning watch, has helped my mind to be focused when praying. I also can pray for longer periods of time.

The church that prays together stays together

At the morning watch, we pray for personal needs as well as needs of the Church and nation with other Calvarites in small groups and with Church leaders. This strengthens my commitment to the Church family.

Learnt a new discipline

Joining and serving at morning watch means I have to discipline myself to go to bed early the night before. Starting the day early with prayer and worship and the devotional thought shared each time, has helped me grow deeper in my relationship with the Lord.

Cultivating a prayerful attitude

Joining morning watch helps me set my priorities right and gives me clarity of mind. It helps me to be prayerful throughout the day and this helps me in many ways. For instance, I was inspired to initiate a time of prayer with my Christian business partners on a weekly basis to pray for our business.

ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

Healing for granddaughter

After I requested for prayer, my granddaughter who had fever for a week that broke out in rashes, recovered and went back to school.

Burden to pray

At the end of 2014 I was diagnosed with cancer. I joined the Prayer ministry. I would pray for the prayer requests submitted online (www.calptower.org) and was drawn to pray for those suffering from cancer.

I asked God to teach me to intercede effectively, and was led to fast and pray. I met an aunty on one of my morning walks and she shared that her sister residing in Canada was suspected of having stomach cancer and is waiting for biopsy results. She was also depressed as her husband had left her for another woman.

I began to fast and pray for this sister. A week later, I learned from the aunty that her sister's medical report had showed no sign of any malignancy! I was overjoyed and continued to fast and pray for her. Two weeks later, I learnt that the sister's husband wanted to reconcile with her and return to their matrimonial home.

Praise and thank God for answering prayers. All glory to Him.

Pray when you do not know what to do!

At the end of 2015, this lady sought God for His guidance in prayer, reading His Word and joining Church prayer meetings. God is good and He spoke clearly concerning His direction, His will and His plan for her life and ministry involvement at the beginning of 2016. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

Potential believers praying the Lord's Prayer

This brother has four staff and wanted to do something spiritual in his office. He asked that all his staff prayed the Lord's Prayer before starting work. He was not sure how his staff would respond. On the third day, he saw they were all ready, waiting to recite the prayer. He is encouraged with this open door for evangelism!

Prayer Chapel

Wednesday Morning Watch@ 7.00am Wednesday Prayer for the Nation @ 7.30pm Friday Prayer Meeting @ 7.30pm

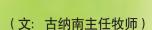
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神恩典的奇迹



「我们从前也是无知、悖逆、受迷惑,作各样私欲和宴乐的奴隶,在恶毒、妒妇我们救主神的恩慈知明的时行我们救主神的恩慈因我们自己所行的受照他的怜悯,藉着我们的教主取们的圣赋是神藉着我们的教主取们的基督厚厚地浇灌在我们身上的,好让我时因为后嗣。这话是可信的。我愿你坚持都是的后嗣。这话是神的人留心行善。这些美好且对人有益的」(多3: 3-8)。

神恩典的奇迹在保罗写给提多的信中是最好的描述。他重复了两次,「他救了我们」,这句话是福音的内容。耶稣来拯救我们,每一次的归信基督教就是一个奇迹。「他救了我们,并不是因我们自己所行的义,而是照他的怜悯,藉着重生的洗和圣灵的更新他救了我们」(多3:5)。

我们需要问的挑战性问题是「为何我们需要被拯救?」

有很多原因为何我们需要被拯救,除了我们是罪人之外(太1: 21),还有一个地狱(路16: 23),和我们是罪的奴仆(罗6: 12)。保罗透过他对未得救的人的特性的描述,清楚地为我们提供了七个原因为何我们需要被拯救。保罗说道: 「我们从前也是无知、悖逆、受迷惑,作各样私欲和宴乐的奴隶,在恶毒、嫉妒中度日,是可恨的,而且彼此相恨」(多3: 3)。

七个原因为何我们需要被拯救

1. 无知

保罗说道: 「我们从前也是无知」。「无知」这个字在这里不是指关于智力的问题,而是对属灵的事盲目和对关于神的国的事的无知。圣经称它为行在黑暗中。无知是思想和生活在罪中,并寻找方法和手段来掩盖罪恶。这是尚不知道罪会带来破坏并且杀害。我们需要从这样的无知中被拯救出来(罗6: 23)。

2. 悖逆

没有人需要去悖逆的学校学习。有一天,有一位母亲对我说:「我的儿子很悖逆」。我问她儿子的姓名和年龄,得知他只有两岁!这就是人的本性。大卫说道:「看哪,我是在罪孽里生的,在我母亲怀胎的时候就有了罪」(诗51:5)。我们需要被拯救,因为我们出生就有罪的本性,是我们从我们的始祖亚当和夏娃继承到的。

3. 受迷惑

人已被撒旦,世界,假教师和先知欺骗。 人的倾向就是像一只迷失的羊走迷路。我 们必须被拯救,并被引导走正确的道路(赛53: 6)。

4. 我们作各样私欲和宴乐的奴隶

你是受自我的奴役,当你没有能力去做你知道是对的事,并继续做你知道是不对的事(罗7: 18-20)。

5. 在恶毒、嫉妒中度日

恶毒就是要伤害别人的欲望,并在其中欢欣。嫉妒是对他人的兴盛和成功感到怨恨和苦恼。两者都根植于苦毒的心和导致邪恶的思想和言论。

6. 可恨的

那些有罪,并让自己活在罪中的人是对虔诚和公义有可恨的心(罗1: 18)。

7. 彼此相恨

这是罪人的痛苦因他们彼此憎恨,而信徒 有责任要彼此相爱(约壹4:7)。

圣经说道: 「人心比万物都诡诈, 坏到极处, 谁能识透呢?」(耶17: 9)。人需要被拯救。耶稣是恩典的化身可以让我们得自由和拯救我们。

由此引出了下一个问题。

被拯救的意思是什么?

圣经说道: 「他救了我们,并不是因我们自己所行的义,而是照他的怜悯,藉着重生的洗和圣灵的更新」(多3:5)。

1. 这意味要重生

圣经说道: 「所以,若有人在基督里,他就是新造的人,旧事已过,都变成新的了」(林后5: 17)。当神拯救你,他不修补你的生命或是「改过自新」。他把新的性情放在你里面,这是一个重生的经历。有一个新生和新的灵。耶稣对尼哥底母说道: 「…人若不重生,就不能见神的国」(约3: 3)。

2. 这意味拥有神的圣灵

已经重生,我们有圣灵,他领导我们,见证我们是神的儿女,与基督同作后嗣(约1:12; 罗8: 13-17)。

3. 这意味被称为义

有人说称义的意思是表示我们正如从来没有犯过罪一样!神的子民是一个新的物种,具有独特的风格,独特的语言,独特的律法和独特的生活方式,使荣耀归给神!

4. 我们成为神的儿女

儿女将成为父亲产业的继承人。作为神的 儿女,我们成为后嗣,与基督同作后嗣, 继承一切神说是他的。神有的是我们的(罗8: 16-17)。

藉着神恩典的奇迹转变

当一个人得拯救后,便产生了巨大的转变。在得救之前和得救之后的生命是何等的不同,如同保罗在提多书3: 3,7所描述的!我们从前是无知、受迷惑、悖逆、和满仇恨和彼此相恨,在受欺骗中度日和典情(多3: 3)。但是藉着神恩典的奇迹,我们得拯救和转变,拥有新生的,并被称义,与神有上好的关系,作他因为,并被称义,与神有上好的关系,作因他的恩得称为义,可以凭着永生的盼望成为后嗣」。

神为何拯救我们?

圣经说道: 「但到了我们救主神的恩慈和慈爱显明的时候…」(多3: 4)。耶稣的显明,证明了神的恩典和对人的爱。耶稣的性,为马利亚所生和他在十字架上的转性,实现了他的父恩一种是一个人的。是经说道: 「你们得救是本是出于自己,你们是太师人的,也不是出于行为,免得有人得救,所有的人都可以得救,藉由对耶稣的信心。

结果

当你相信耶稣,你就得救,重生,是神的 儿女,是被充满圣灵的合适人选。你的信 心会导致你产生好的行为。信心没有行为 是死的。圣经说道:「…使那些已信神的 人留心行善。这都是美好且对人有益的」 (多3:8)。

这是一位年轻的女士得神救恩的工作的见 证。在她家里只有她一个人得救,她的母 亲试图阻止她每周三, 周五和周日去教会 她母亲会在那几天,接近教会聚会的时 间叫她的女儿做家务。这可以阻止她去教 会。神赐智慧给她的女儿和她意识到她的 母亲要达到的目的。她会提前完成交给她 的所有家务, 因此她的母亲没有理由不允 许她去教会。有一天,她母亲在厨房里, 她故意叫女儿清洁的炊具,似乎在向她「 说话」。当她来到她的卧室、房间的整洁 和干净似乎在"尖叫"说耶稣是真实的! 当她女儿回到家,她对她说:「我需要认 识耶稣基督为我生命的主和救主!」她女 儿现在是我们的圣经学校的毕业生、并且 是全职事奉。她带领她的母亲和家人归信 主耶稣基督!她喜悦地事奉神,不仅得到 了救恩, 而且转变, 宣告神救恩的福音。

神转变的恩典的奇迹今天是可以得到的。 让我们被圣灵赋权去使人作主的门徒。

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中文团契 四月份聚会

日期: 24-4-16(日) 时间: 早上十一点半 讲员: 蔡添治姐妹 地点: CCC, B1.03课室, B1 欢迎大家参加。请携带亲友一起出席!

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MUKJIZAT RAHMAT TUHAN

Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

arena dahulu kita juga hidup dalam kejahilan: tidak taat, sesat, menjadi hamba berbagai-bagai nafsu dan keinginan, hidup dalam kejahatan dan kedengkian, keji, saling membenci. Tetapi ketika nyata kemurahan TUHAN, Juruselamat kita, dan kasih-Nya kepada manusia, pada waktu itu Dia telah menyelamatkan kita, bukan karena perbuatan baik yang telah kita lakukan, tetapi karena rahmat-Nya oleh permandian kelahiran kembali dan oleh pembaharuan yang dikerjakan oleh Roh Kudus, yang sudah dilimpahkan-Nya kepada kita oleh Yesus Kristus, Juruselamat kita, supaya kita, sebagai orang yang dibenarkan oleh kasih karuniaNya, berhak menerima hidup kekal, sesuai dengan pengharapan kita. Perkataan ini benar dan aku mau supaya engkau dengan yakin menguatkannya, agar mereka yang sudah percaya kepada TUHAN sungguh-sungguh berusaha melakukan pekerjaan yang baik. Itulah yang baik dan berguna bagi manusia" (Titus 3:3-8).

Mukijzat kasih karunia Tuhan paling nyata sekali dijelaskan dalam Surat Paulus kepada Titus. Dia mengulangkan dua kali dalam surat ini. "Dia telah selamatkan kita". Frasa ini adalah intipati Injil. Tuhan Yesus datang untuk menyelamatkan kita dan setiap perubahan untuk mempercayaiNya adalah satu mukjizat. "Dia telah menyelamatkan kita, bukan karena perbuatan baik yang telah kita lakukan, tetapi karena rahmat-Nya oleh permandian kelahiran kembali dan oleh pembaharuan yang dikerjakan oleh Roh Kudus" (Titus 3:5).

Soalan yang mencabar yang kita perlu bertanya ialah "Kenapa kita diselamatkan"?

Ada beberapa sebab kenapa kita perlu diselamatkan selain daripada sebab kita adalah orang yang berdosa (Matius 1:21), ada neraka dan kita merupakan hamba kepada dosa (Roma 6:12).

Paulus memberi kita tujuh sebab yang jelas kenapa kita perlu diselamatkan melalui penjelasannya mengenai ciri-ciri orang-orang yang belum diselamatkan. "Karena dahulu kita juga hidup dalam kejahilan: tidak taat, sesat, menjadi hamba berbagai-bagai nafsu dan keinginan, hidup dalam kejahatan dan

kedengkian, keji, saling membenci" (Titus 3:3).

Tuiuh Sebab Kenapa Kita Perlu Diselamatkan

1. Kebodohan

Paulus berkata, "Pada satu ketika kita juga bodoh". Perkataan "bodoh" di sini bukan satu soalan tentang kebijaksanaan tetapi adalah tentang kebutaan terhadap perkara-perkara rohani dan jahil terhadap perkara-perkara berkenaan dengan Kerajaan Tuhan. Injil memanggil ini hidup di dalam kegelapan. Kebodohan adalah berfikir dan hidup di dalam dosa dan mencari cara dan kaedah menutupkan dosa. Ia tidak mengetahui bahawa dosa memusnahkan dan membunuh. Kita perlu diselamatkan dari kebodohan seperti ini (Roma 6:23).

2. Ketidak-taatan

Tiada sesiapa perlu pergi ke sekolah 'tidak taat'. Pada satu hari, seorang ibu memberitahu saya, "Anak saya sungguh tidak menurut perintah." Saya meminta nama dan umur anaknya dan mengetahui anaknya hanya dua tahun sahaja! Itu adalah sifat manusia. Daud berkata, "sebab aku sendiri sadar pelanggaranku, aku senantiasa bergumul dengan dosaku" (Mazmur 51:5). Kita perlu diselamatkan kerana kita dilahirkan dengan sifat berdosa yang kita telah warisi dari leluhur kita yang pertama Adam dan Hawa.

3. Penipuan

Manusia telah ditipu oleh Syaitan, dunia, guru-guru dan nabi-nabi dusta. Manusia berkecenderungan menjadi seperti domba yang sesat. Kita perlu diselamatkan dan dituntun ke jalan yang betul (Yesaya 53:6).

4. Kita Adalah Hamba Kepada Diri Sendiri Kamu adalah hamba kepada diri apabila kamu tidak mempunyai kuasa untuk melakukan apa yang kamu tahu adalah

betul dan kamu terus melakukan apa yang kamu tahun adalah salah (Roma 7:18-20).

5. Hidup Dalam Niat Jahat dan Iri Hati

Niat jahat adalah keinginan menyakiti seseorang dan bergembira di dalamnya. Iri hati, dendam dan merungut apabila seseorang yang lain itu diberkati dan berjaya. Kedua-dua ini berakar umbi dalam kepahitan dan menyebabkan pemikiran dan percakapan yang jahat.

6. Kebencian

Mereka yang berdosa dan membenarkan diri sendiri hidup dalam dosa adalah benci terhadap kesalihan dan kebenaran (Roma

7. Membenci antara satu sama lain

Dalam penderitaan orang-orang yang berdosa membenci antara sama lain manakala orang yang beriman mempunyai tanggungjawab saling mengasihi antara satu sama lain (1 Yohanes 4:7).

Injil berkata, "Betapa liciknya hati, lebih licik daripada segala sesuatu, hatinya sudah membatu: siapakah yang dapat mengetahuinya." (Yeremia 17:9) Manusia perlu diselamatkan. Tuhan Yesus yang mempersonifikasikan kasih karunia boleh membebaskan kita dan menyelamatkan

Ini membawa kita ke soalan yang seterusnya.

APAKAH MAKNANYA DISELAMATKAN?

Iniil berkata. "...Dia telah menvelamatkan kita, bukan karena perbuatan baik yang telah kita lakukan, tetapi karena rahmat-Nya oleh permandian kelahiran kembali dan oleh pembaharuan yang dikerjakan oleh Roh Kudus" (Titus 3:5).

1. la Bererti Dilahirkan Kembali

Injil berkata "Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang" (2 Kor 5:17). Apabila Tuhan menyelamatkan kita, Dia tidak menampal hidup kamu semula atau memberi expressi seperti "membuka lembaran yang baru". Dia memberi sifat baru di dalam diri kamu dan itu merupakan pengalaman dilahirkan kembali di mana adanya kelahiran baru dan roh baru. Tuhan Yesus berkata kepada Nikodemus, "Yesus menjawab, kata-Nya: "Aku berkata kepadamu, sesungguhnya jika seorang tidak dilahirkan kembali, ia tidak dapat melihat Kerajaan TUHAN" (Yohanes 3:3).

2. la Bererti Memiliki Roh Tuhan

Setelah dilahirkan kembali kita memiliki Roh Kudus yang memimpin kita dan menjadi saksi bahwa kita adalah anak-anak Allah dan ahli waris bersama dengan Kristus (Yohanes 1:12;Roma 8:13-17).

3. la Bererti Dijadikan Benar



Seseorang berkata 'dijadikan benar' hanya bererti itu sama seperti jika kita tidak pernah berdosa! Umat Tuhan adalah ciptaan baru dengan corak yang unik, bahasa yang unik, undang-undang yang unik dan gaya hidup yang unik untuk kemuliaan Tuhan!

4. Kita Dijadikan Anak-Anak Tuhan

Anak yang berhak mewarisi apa yang Bapa memiliki. Sebagai anak-anak Tuhan kita menjadi pewaris dan ahli waris bersama dengan Kristus kepada semua yang Tuhan berkata adalah 'Dia punya'. Apa yang Tuhan adalah milik kita (Roma 8:16-17).

TRANSFORMASI MELALUI MUKJIZAT RAHMAT TUHAN

Perubahan ketara berlaku apabila diselamatkan. seseorang itu telah Betapakah perbezaan antara kehidupan sebelum dan selepas keselamatan seperti yang digambarkan oleh Paulus dalam Titus 3:3;7! Kita seketika dahulu bodoh, tertipu, tidak mengikuti perintah, penuhi dengan kebencian dan membenci, berjalan dalam penipuan dan melakukan perkara-perkara yang salah (Titus 3:3). Tetapi melalui mukjizat kasih karunia Tuhan kita telah diselamatkan dan ditukar, memiliki hidup yang baru dan sebagai seorang yang dibenarkan dan mempunyai perhubungan yang hebat dengan Tuhan sebagai anak dan pewarisNya. Injil berkata, "supaya kita, sebagai orang yang dibenarkan oleh kasih karunia-Nya, berhak menerima hidup yang kekal, sesuai dengan pengharapan kita" (Titus 3:7).

KENAPA TUHAN MENYELAMATKAN KITA?

Injil berkata, "Tetapi ketika nyata kemurahan Allah, Juruselamat kita, dan kasih-Nya kepada manusia..." (Titus 3:4). Kemunculan Yesus menunjukkan kasih karunia Tuhan dan cintaNya kepada manusia.

Kedatangan Yesus, dilahirkan daripada Maria dan pengorbananNya di atas salib memenuhi kehendak BapaNya. Dia memainkan peranan penting dalam membawa orang kepada pertaubatan. Keselamatan merupakan satu anugerah kasih Tuhan (Yohanes 3:16). Injil, berkata,"...Kerana dengan rahmat Tuhan, kamu diselamatkan oleh sebab kamu percaya kepada Yesus. Penyelamat itu

bukan hasil usaha kamu sendir, melainkan kurnia Tuhan. Oleh itu kamu tidak mempunyai alasan untuk bercakap besar tentang hal itu" (Efesus 2:8-9). Kita telah diselamatkan atas iman kita terhadap Yesus dan bukan kerja-kerja baik yang telah kita lakukan. Tuhan adalah benar, semua boleh diselamatkan melalui iman terhadap Yesus.

KEPUTUSANNYA

Apabila kamu mempercayai Tuhan Yesus, kamu telah diselamatkan, dilahirkan kembali dan menjadi anak Tuhan, seorang calon yang akan dipenuhi oleh Roh Kudus. Iman kamu akan menyebabkan kamu membuat kerja-kerja yang baik. Iman tanpa kerja adalah mati. Injil berkata, "agar mereka yang sudah percaya kepada TUHAN sungguh-sungguh berusaha melakukan pekerjaan yang baik. Itulah yang baik dan berguna bagi manusia" (Titus 3:8).

Ini adalah kesaksian tentang kerja kasih karunia Tuhan menyelamatkan seorang perempuan muda. Hanya dia seorang yang telah diselamatkan di dalam keluarganya. Ibunya cuba untuk menghalangnya daripada pergi ke gereja setiap Rabu, Jumaat dan Ahad. Ibunya akan meminta dia untuk melakukan kerja-kerja rumah pada hari berkenaan dan dekat dengan masa kebaktian di gereja. Ini akan menghalang dia pergi ke gereja. Tuhan memberikan hikmat kepada perempuannya dan dia sedar apa yang dilakukan oleh ibunya. Dia akan menyelesaikan kerja-kerja dengan awal. Dengan itu ibunya tidak ada alasan tidak membenarkannya pergi ke gereja. Pada satu hari, apabila ibunya berada di dapur, perkakas yang dia meminta anak

perempuannya
untuk membersihkan
dengan sengaja, seolaholah bercakap dengan dia.
Anabila dia porai ka bilik tidurka

Apabila dia pergi ke bilik tidur, kekemasan dan kebersihan bilik seolah-olah menjerit Yesus adalah benar. Apabila anak perempuannya balik ke rumah, dia berkata kepada anak perempuannya, "Saya perlu mengenali Kristus sebagai Penyelamat saya!" Anak perempuan ini sekarang adalah seorang graduan dari sekolah Injil kami dan berkhidmat dalam pelayanan sepenuh masa. Dia telah memimpin ibu dan keluarganya kepada Tuhan Yesus. Dia melayan Tuhan dengan sukacita, bukan sahaja telah diselamatkan tetapi berubah dan mengisytiharkan Injil tentang kasih karunia Tuhan yang menyelamatkan.

Mukjizat kasih karunia Tuhan untuk mengubah tersedia hari ini. Marilah kita pergi, dikuatkuasai oleh Roh Kudus dan memuridkan orang lain.

KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

2.00PM 9 Apr Sabtu Damansara Heights, Worship Nursery

KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 9 Apr Sabtu Damansara Heights Sanctuary

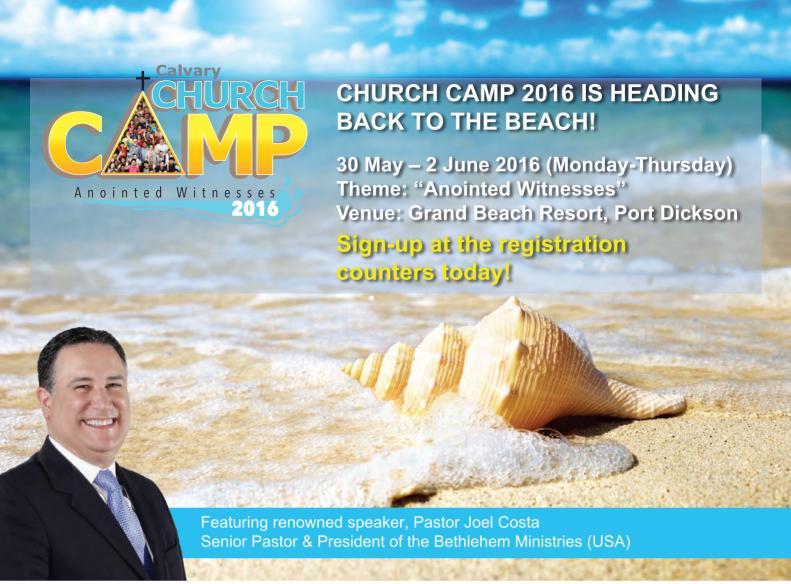
KEBAKTIAN BM

11.30AM 24 Apr Ahad

Pengkhotbah: Felisa Foo

Topik : Di Mana Jua, Jadilah Saksi Nya Venue : Theatrette 1, Level B2, CCC

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Damansara Heights Saturday 5.00pm

Communion Associate Pastor Chan Lee Pena

Water Baptism Associate Pastor David Seah



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong



Combined with God Encounter Revival & Healing Meetings at CCC



Communion Associate Pastor Steven Kum

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Communion Associate Pastor



Associate Pastor Timothy Ong



Deacons' Installation Senior Pastor

Prince Guneratham



Associate Pastor David Seah



VIIIIER S DAWCELEBRATIONS



"UNIQUELY BEAUTIFUL" (DIMENSIONS EXTENDED)

7 May 2016 (Saturday)

Time : 11.00AM

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, B2 CCC

Fashion parade cum luncheon open to both men & women.

8 May 2016 Sunday Worship 9am at CCC Auditorium

- ♥ Mother's Day message by Senior **Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam**
- Special song presentation by Carpenter's Workshop children - "I Love Her 'Cause She's My Mom"

STEWARDSHIP DAY

15/4/2016 (FRI)

Time : 7.30PM

Venue: Damansara Heights

Sanctuary

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

24/4/2016 (SUN)

: 11.30AM Time

Speaker: Chua Ken Tee : Room b1.03, Venue

Level B1, CCC

BAHASA FELLOWSHIP

24/4/2016 (SUN)

: 11.30AM Time Speaker: Felisa Foo

Topic : Di Mana Jua, Jadilah Saksi Nya Venue : Theatrette 1, Level B2, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

9/4/2016 (SAT)

Time : 2.00PM

Venue : Damansara Heights

Worship Nursery

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

9/4/2016 (SAT)

Time : 5.00PM

Venue : Damansara Heights

Sanctuary

NEXT WATER BAPTISM CLASS & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

11/6/2016 (SAT)

Venue: Damansara Heights

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