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Galatians 5:13

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God promised the children of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8) and gave them the Ten Commandments that can be divided into two parts, to love God and to love your neighbour (Exodus 20:1-17).

The first part consists of five commandments pertaining to God (Exodus 20:1-11), “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt”, “You shall have no other gods before Me”, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image .. you shall not bow down to them”, “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain” and “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy”, these were the requirements to demonstrate their love for God. The second part consists of the remaining five commandments pertaining to your neighbour (Exodus 20:12-17). The Apostle Paul says it this way, “Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shalt not

covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no harm to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilment of the law” (Romans 13:8-10). Loving your neighbour means, you should love your neighbour as yourself.

It is easy to love ourselves but not our neighbour because our love is selfish, self centred and arrogant. Loving your neighbour as yourself is possible only if you have the love of God in your heart. Loving your neighbour with the love of God motivates you to live a positive, healthy and God-fearing life.

A lawyer, asked Jesus a question, “*Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?*” (Matthew 22:36). (The lawyer understood that besides the 10 Commandments there were 100s of laws which the Jews adhered to). “*Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’”* (Matthew 22:36-39). The truth is, if you love God and your neighbour, you have kept God’s commandment. The Bible says, “*For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’”* (Galatians 5:14).

LOVE GOD WITH YOUR HEART

Loving with your heart is different from loving with your head. You reason and rationalise when you love with your head, rejecting all that you do not understand. On the other hand, loving with your heart is to love with faith. The Bible says, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”* (Hebrews 11:6). You loved your spouse with your heart, and that is why, you got married. When you stop loving with your heart, that’s where your troubles begin. We are to love with our hearts and not only with our heads. To do this, we must love God with all our heart.

LOVE GOD WITH YOUR SOUL

We are a tricotomy, spirit, soul and body. Your body relates to the natural world and houses your soul and your soul houses your spirit. Loving God with all your soul, is to seek Him and commune with Him through prayers, worship and fellowship. The Bible says, *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”* (Psalm 42:1-2). When your soul enjoys fellowship with God, and your spirit communes with God, you will never complain the Church service is too long nor will you want to miss the worship service in Church or the Life Group meetings. You will love to be in the presence of God and to trust and obey Him.

LOVE GOD WITH YOUR MIND

For some, worshipping God is a matter of saying familiar words, ‘Hallelujahs’ or ‘Praise the Lord’! Your mind is capable of being creative. Love God with your mind and think of all the things He has done and for who He is. When you run out of words, worship Him in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives you

utterance. Tongues is one of the Spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:10).

Jesus says, *“By this all will know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:35). God is looking for disciples and not church members, as much as church membership is important to help you in your discipleship. Be a disciple of Jesus and you will be a blessing to your church.

Based on Jesus’ teachings, Paul exhorts us to love in Romans 12:9-21.

- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil – (v 9). Love will cause you to hate evil, and this is the only place where it is permissible to hate! Rebel against evil, shun and fight against evil.
- Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another – (v 10).
- Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord – (v 11).
- Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer – (v 12).
- Distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality – (v 13).
- Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse – (v 14).
- Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep – (v 15).
- Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion – (v 16).
- Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men – (v 17).
- If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men – (v 18).
- Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather

give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head” – (v 19-20).

- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good – (v 21).

The Bible says, “*But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes*” (1 John 2:11). The Apostle Paul explains, “*whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them*” (2 Corinthians 4:4). The man who does not love, he walks in darkness and has no direction. The man who loves his brother lives in the light, knows and loves God. The Bible says, “*And this commandment we have from Him: that He who loves God must love his brother also*” (1 John 4:21).

You can receive God’s love. The Bible says, “... *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us*” (Romans 5:5). The call to every believer is to know, God has set you free to live, love and serve Him.

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

蒙台得自由

去生活·爱·事奉

加拉太书 5:13

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神应许以色列人一块流奶与蜜之地（出3：8）和赐给他们十诫，这些诫命可分为两部分，要爱神和爱你的邻舍（出20：1-17）

第一部分包括与神有关的五条诫命（出20：1-11）：「我是耶和华 - 你的神，曾将你从埃及地为奴之家领出来」，「除了我以外，你不可有别的神」，「不可为自己雕刻偶像，不可跪拜那些像」，「不可妄称耶和华 - 你神的名」和「当纪念安息日，守为圣日」。这些都是为了证明他们对神的爱。第二部分包括与你的邻居有关的其余五条诫命（出20：12-17）。使徒保罗这样说：「你们除了彼此相爱，对任何人都不可亏欠什么，因为那爱人的就成全了律法。那不可奸淫，不可杀人，不可偷盗，不可贪婪，或别的诫命，都包括在“爱邻如己”这一句话之内了。爱是不对邻人作恶，所以爱就成全了律法」（罗13：8-10）。爱你的邻居的意思是你应该爱你的邻居如同你自己。

因为我们的爱是自私，自我中心和傲慢的，所以爱自己而不爱我们的邻居是容易的。只有在心中拥有神的爱，才能爱你的邻居如同你自己。用神的爱来爱你的邻居，激励你过着积极，健康和敬畏神的生活。

一位律法师问耶稣一个问题：「老师，律法上的诫命哪一条是最大的呢？」（太22:36）。（律法师明白，除了十诫以外，还有犹太人所遵守的一百多条律法）。「耶稣对他说：“你要尽心，尽性，尽意爱主——你的神”这

是最大的，且是第一条诫命。第二条也如此，“就是要爱邻如己”」（太22：36-39）。诚然，如果你爱神和你的邻居，你就守了神的诫命。圣经上说：「因为全部律法都包括在“爱邻如己”这一句话之内了」（加5:14）。

当以你的心爱神

以你的心去爱与以你的头脑去爱不同。当你以你的头脑去爱时，你会推断和合理化，拒绝所有你不明白的东西。但是，以你的心去爱是以信心去爱。圣经上说：「没有信，就不能讨神的喜悦，因为到神面前来的人必须信有神，并且信祂会赏赐寻求祂的人」（来11：6）。你是以你的心去爱你的配偶，这就是为什么你结婚了。当你不再以你的心爱的时候，你就开始有烦恼了。我们要以我们的心去爱，而不仅仅是以我们的头脑。要做到这一点，我们必须尽心地爱神。

当以你的魂（本性）爱神

我们是由灵，魂和身体三种不同的部分组成。你的身体是与自然界有关，是你的魂的所在，和你的魂是你的灵的所在。尽性爱神，就是通过祈祷，敬拜和交通来寻求神并与祂相交。圣经上说：「神啊，我的心切慕你，如鹿切慕溪水。我的心渴想神，就是永生神，我几时得朝见神呢？」（诗42：1-2）。当你的魂享受与神相交，你的灵与神默契时，你永远不会抱怨教会聚会时间太长，也不想错过教会聚会或生命小组聚会中的敬拜时间。你会喜爱在神的同在中，并信靠和顺从祂。

当以你的思想爱神

对于一些人来说，敬拜神是说出一些熟悉的话语，「哈利路亚」或「赞美主」！你的思想是有创造性的。以你的思想去爱神，想着祂所成就的一切事和祂的所是。当你无法以自己的言语表达时，用圣灵赐予你的口才，用方言敬拜祂。方言是圣灵的恩赐之一（林前12:10）。

耶稣说：「你们若彼此相爱，众人因此就认出你们是我的门徒了」（约13：35）。尽管教会会籍在帮助你作门徒是很重要，神要寻找的是门徒而不是教会会友。作耶稣的门徒，你将会成为你教会的祝福。

根据耶稣的教导，保罗在罗12:9-21中，劝勉我们如何去爱。

• 爱，不可虚假；恶，要厌恶；——（9节）。爱会使你

恨恶邪恶，这是唯一可以恨的地方！反抗邪恶，避开和对抗邪恶。

- 爱弟兄，要相亲相爱；恭敬人，要彼此推让——（10节）。
- 殷勤，不可懒惰。要灵里火热；常常服侍主——（11节）。
- 在盼望中要喜乐；在患难中要忍耐；祷告要恒切——（12节）。
- 圣徒有缺乏，要供给；异乡客，要殷勤款待——（13节）。
- 要祝福迫害你们的，要祝福，不可诅咒——（14节）。
- 要与喜乐的人同乐；要与哀哭的人同哭——（15节）。
- 要彼此同心，不要心高气傲，倒要俯就卑微的人。不要自以为聪明——（16节）。
- 不要以恶报恶，众人以为美的事要留心去做——（17节）。
- 若是可行，总要尽力与众人和睦——（18节）。
- 各位亲爱的，不要自己伸冤，宁可给主的愤怒留地步，因为经上记着：主说：“伸冤在我，我必报应”。不但如此，“你的仇敌若饿了，就给他吃；若渴了，就给他喝。因为你这样做，就是把炭火堆在他的头上”——（19-20节）。
- 不要被恶所胜，反要以善胜恶——（21节）。

圣经上说：「惟独那恨弟兄的，是在黑暗里，也在黑暗里行走，不知道往哪里去，因为黑暗使他的眼睛瞎了」（约一2：11）。使徒保罗解释说：「这些不信的人被这世界的神明弄瞎了心眼，使他们看不见基督荣耀的福音。基督本是神的像」（林后4：4）。不爱的人，他是在黑暗里行走，没有方向。爱他弟兄的人活在光明中，认识并爱神。圣经上说：「爱神的，也要爱弟兄；这是我们从神所受的命令」（约一4：21）。

你可以领受神的爱。圣经上说：「……因为神的爱，已藉着所赐给我们的圣灵，浇灌在我们心里」（罗5：5）。神对每个信徒的呼召是要知道神已经使你得自由去生活，爱和事奉祂。

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Galatia 5:13

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Tuhan menjanji umat Israel sebuah negeri yang berlimpah-limpah susu dan madunya (Keluaran 3:8), dan memberikan mereka Sepuluh Perintah yang boleh dibahagikan kepada dua bahagian, untuk mengasihi Tuhan dan untuk mengasihi sesamamu (Keluaran 20:1-17).

Bahagian pertama mengandungi lima perintah berkaitan dengan Tuhan (Keluaran 20:1-11). “Akulah TUHAN, Tuhanmu, yang membawa engkau keluar dari tanah Mesir, dari tempat perbudakan”, “Jangan ada padamu tuhan lain di hadapan-Ku”, “Jangan membuat bagimu patung...jangan sujud menyembah kepadanya”, “Jangan menyebut nama TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dengan sembarangan” dan “Ingatlah dan kuduskanlah hari Sabat”, ini semua adalah keperluan untuk menunjukkan kasih mereka kepada Tuhan. Bahagian kedua mengandungi lima perintah yang selanjutnya berkaitan dengan sesama kamu (Keluaran 20:2-8). Rasul Paulus mengatakan sebegini,...” Janganlah kamu berhutang apa-apa kepada siapapun juga, tetapi hendaklah kamu saling mengasihi. Sebab barangsiapa mengasihi sesamanya manusia, ia sudah memenuhi hukum Taurat. Karena firman: jangan berzinah, jangan membunuh, jangan mencuri,

jangan mengingini dan firman lain manapun juga, sudah tersimpul dalam firman ini, yaitu: Kasihilah sesamamu manusia seperti dirimu sendiri! Kasih tidak berbuat jahat terhadap sesama manusia, karena itu kasih adalah kegenapan hukum Taurat” (Roma 13:8-10). Kasih sesamamu bererti, kamu harus mengasihi sesamamu seperti dirimu sendiri.

Mudah untuk mengasihi diri sendiri namun tidak kepada sesama kita kerana kasih kita mementingkan diri sendiri, berpusat pada diri sendiri dan angkuh. Mengasihi sesama mu seperti dirimu sendiri adalah mungkin sekiranya kamu mempunyai kasih Tuhan dalam hatimu. Kasih sesamamu dengan kasih Tuhan mendorong kamu untuk hidup satu kehidupan yang positif, sihat dan takut akan Tuhan. Seorang peguam, menanya Yesus satu persoalan, “Guru, hukum manakah yang terutama dalam hukum Taurat?” (Matius 22:36). (Peguam itu memahami bahawa selain dari 10 Perintah ada 100 hukum-hukum yang dipatuhi oleh orang Yahudi). “Jawab Yesus kepadanya: “Kasihilah Tuhan, Tuhanmu, dengan segenap hatimu dan dengan segenap jiwamu dan dengan segenap akal budimu. Itulah hukum yang terutama dan yang pertama. Dan hukum yang kedua, yang sama dengan itu, ialah: Kasihilah sesamamu manusia seperti dirimu sendiri” (Matius 22:37-39). Kebenarannya ialah, sekiranya kamu mengasihi Tuhan dan sesamamu, kamu telah mematuhi perintah Tuhan. Alkitab berkata,”

Sebab seluruh hukum Taurat tercakup dalam satu firman ini, yaitu: “Kasihilah sesamamu manusia seperti dirimu sendiri!” (Galatia 5:14).

KASIHI TUHAN DENGAN SEGENAP HATIMU

Kasih dengan hatimu adalah berbeza dengan kasih dengan pikiranmu. Kamu mempersoal dan merasionalkan apabila kamu mengasih dengan pikiran, menolak semua yang kamu tidak fahami. Sebaliknya, kasih dengan hatimu adalah untuk mengasih dengan iman. Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi tanpa iman tidak mungkin orang berkenan kepada Tuhan. Sebab barangsiapa berpaling kepada Tuhan, ia harus percaya bahwa Tuhan ada, dan bahwa Tuhan memberi upah kepada orang yang sungguh- sungguh mencari Dia” (Ibrani 11:6). Kamu mengasih pasanganmu dengan hatimu, sebab itu, kamu mengahwininya. Apabila kamu berhenti mengasih dengan hati kamu, masalah akan bermula. Kita harus mengasih dengan hati, bukan sahaja dengan pikiran. Untuk melakukan ini, kita mesti mengasih Tuhan dengan segenap hati.

KASIHI TUHAN DENGAN SEGENAP JIWAMU

Kita adalah trikotomi, roh, jiwa dan tubuh. Tubuh kamu berkait dengan dunia semulajadi dan menempatkan jiwamu didalamnya dan jiwamu menempatkan rohmu didalamnya. Kasih Tuhan dengan segenap hati, adalah untuk mencariNya dan berbicara denganNya melalui doa, penyembahan dan persekutuan. Alkitab berkata, “Seperti rusa yang merindukan sungai yang berair, demikianlah jiwaku merindukan Engkau, ya Tuhan. Jiwaku haus kepada Tuhan, kepada Tuhan yang hidup. Bilakah aku boleh datang melihat Tuhan?” (Mazmur 42:1-2). Apabila jiwamu menikmati persekutuan dengan Tuhan, dan rohmu berkomunikasi dengan Tuhan, kamu tidak akan bersungut apabila kebaktian di Gereja atau Kelompok Sel adalah terlalu lama juga tidak ketinggalan hadir dalam kebaktian penyembahan di gereja atau Kelompok Sel. Kamu

akan senang berada di dalam hadirat Tuhan dan untuk percaya dan taat kepadaNya.

KASIHI TUHAN DENGAN SEGENAP AKAL BUDIMU

Untuk sesetengah orang, menyembah Tuhan adalah semata-mata menyebut kata-kata yang biasa, “Haleluyah” atau “Puji Tuhan”! Akal budimu berupaya menjadi kreatif. Kasih Tuhan dengan akal budimu dan fikirlah semua perkara yang la telah lakukan dan atas siapa Dia sebenarnya. Apabila kamu sudah kehabisan kata-kata, sembahlah Dia dalam karunia berkata-kata dengan bahasa roh sedang Roh KudusNya memberi kamu ucapan. Bahasa roh adalah salah satu karunia Roh Kudus (1 Korintus 12:10).

Yesus berkata, “Dengan demikian semua orang akan tahu, bahwa kamu adalah murid-murid-Ku, yaitu jikalau kamu saling mengasih” (Yohanes 13:35). Tuhan mencari pengikut dan bukannya ahli gereja, walaupun keahlian gereja adalah penting untuk membantumu dalam pemuridan kamu. Jadilah pengikut Yesus dan kamu akan menjadi berkat kepada gereja kamu.

Berdasarkan ajaran-ajaran Yesus, Paulus menasihati kita untuk mengasih dalam Roma 12:9-21.

- Hendaklah kasih itu jangan pura-pura! Jauhilah yang jahat - (ayat 9). Kasih akan menyebabkan kamu untuk membenci yang jahat, dan ini dibenarkan, iaitu keizinan untuk membenci! Berontak terhadap jahat, jauhkan dan lawan kejahatan.
- Hendaklah kamu saling mengasih sebagai saudara dan saling mendahului dalam memberi hormat – (ayat 10).
- Janganlah hendaknya kerajinanmu kendor, biarlah rohmu menyala-nyala dan layanilah Tuhan – (ayat 11).
- Bersukacitalah dalam pengharapan, sabarlah dalam kesesakan, dan bertekunlah dalam doa – (ayat 12)

- Bantulah dalam kekurangan orang-orang kudus dan usahakanlah dirimu untuk selalu memberikan tumpangan – (ayat 13)
- Berkatalah siapa yang menganiaya kamu, berkatilah dan jangan mengutuk – (ayat 14)
- Bersukacitalah dengan orang yang bersukacita, dan menangislah dengan orang yang menangis – (ayat 15)
- Hendaklah kamu sehati sepikir dalam hidupmu bersama; janganlah kamu memikirkan perkara-perkara yang tinggi, tetapi arahkanlah dirimu kepada perkara-perkara yang sederhana. Janganlah menganggap dirimu pandai – (ayat 16)
- Janganlah membalas kejahatan dengan kejahatan; lakukanlah apa yang baik bagi semua orang – (ayat 17)
- Sedapat-dapatnya, kalau hal itu bergantung padamu, hiduplah dalam perdamaian dengan semua orang – (ayat 18)
- Saudara-saudaraku yang kekasih, janganlah kamu sendiri menuntut pembalasan, tetapi berilah tempat kepada murka Tuhan, sebab ada tertulis: Pembalasan itu adalah hak-Ku. Akulah yang akan menuntut pembalasan, firman Tuhan. Tetapi, jika seterumu lapar, berilah dia makan; jika ia haus, berilah dia minum! Dengan berbuat demikian kamu menumpukkan bara api di atas kepalanya – (ayat 19-20)
- Janganlah kamu kalah terhadap kejahatan, tetapi kalahkanlah kejahatan dengan kebaikan – (ayat 21).

Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi barangsiapa membenci saudaranya, ia berada di dalam kegelapan dan hidup di dalam kegelapan. Ia tidak tahu ke mana ia pergi, karena kegelapan itu telah membutakan matanya” (1 Yohanes 2:11). Rasul Paulus menerangkan, “yaitu orang-orang yang tidak percaya, yang pikirannya telah dibutakan oleh ilah zaman ini, sehingga mereka tidak melihat cahaya Injil tentang

kemuliaan Kristus, yang adalah gambaran Tuhan” (2 Korintus 4:4). Orang yang tidak mengasihi, berjalan dalam kegelapan dan tidak ada haluan. Orang yang mengasihi saudaranya hidup dalam terang, kenali dan mengasihi Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “Dan perintah ini kita terima dari Dia: Barangsiapa mengasihi Tuhan, ia harus juga mengasihi saudaranya” (1 Yohanes 4:21).

Kamu boleh menerima kasih Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “... karena kasih Tuhan telah dicurahkan di dalam hati kita oleh Roh Kudus yang telah dikaruniakan kepada kita” (Roma 5:5). Panggilan untuk setiap orang adalah untuk mengetahui, Tuhan telah membebaskan kamu untuk hidup, mengasihi dan melayaniNya.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Bahasa Indonesia Terjemahan Baru, melainkan dinyatakan.

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TESTIMONIES...

CALVARY CHURCH - CHURCH OF THE PEOPLE, CHURCH OF THE COMMUNITY

The year was 1987 when I first became a member of Calvary Church. It was a time of growth where different ministries were set up such as School of Christian Growth, Royal Rangers and more. Looking back at that time, there was unseen help which was the hand of God guiding and directing us Calvarites through the leadership of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. As a growing church, we never wavered and pressed on with the purpose of fulfilling God's plan for us. We knew that through it all, the Church belongs to God.



Then there was the wisdom and vision of the Calvary Convention Centre when I was serving as the Church Secretary. We trusted God as people of faith and look how far we have come. The faith of the believers and God's vision for CCC was clear – that God's word will go forth and that we will continue to grow and reach out to the community. Most of all, that we as Calvarites will never fail to lift each other up.

Bernadette Foo

TAKE CARE OF GOD'S BUSINESS AND HE WILL TAKE CARE OF OURS

Someone once told me this, so when I was approached by Associate Pastor Raymond Yong to chair the Calvary Church Camp committee in 2015, I said yes. During our camp in Gambang, I was concerned that my family would not get real benefit from the camp as I was busy with organising it. Late on the second night, I was pleasantly surprised to see my son, Josiah sitting at the corner of the room diligently working on his memory verses. It warmed my heart to know that while I was taking care of God's business, He was taking care of mine!



It was in this same camp that my late father in law joined us for the very first time. He had been staunchly resistant to Christianity for decades but prior to the camp, we discovered he had stage 4 cancer. Dad decided to join us for the Camp and to everyone's surprise and joy, Senior Pastor prayed for him and he was quietly receptive.

The next year, dad joined the camp again, and during one of the intermissions Pastor Raymond prayed for him and he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior! He prayed for dad again at the hospital in November last year, and this time dad wholeheartedly affirmed his belief in Christ. Two days later, dad went home to Jesus.

"You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus."
(Philippians 4:19)

Jeffrey Saw

GOD DOES FAR MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

Since my family and I started attending Calvary Church in 1992, we have been blessed tremendously as a family of believers. Due to my former life of drug addiction and crime, being a part of this Church has kept me straight and focused on the things of God. The Bible based preaching has helped me build a strong foundation.

My involvement in the various Church activities and ministries has helped me grow and mature in the Lord, this in turn has brought much peace and joy into my family. From this involvement, I have joined the Church staff and have been serving for 7 years. Even my wife has grown in her walk with God and is now involved in many ministries such as Life Group, Ushering, Prayer Ministry and Worship.



My two boys grew up in Calvary Church, from the Nursery to Carpenters' Workshop to Youth Ministry and now Church musicians and Youth leaders. I believe this has helped them to become God fearing and God loving young adults. The greatest blessing of all is that my elder son has also joined the ministerial staff and plans to be a pastor one day!

God has taken my life and made it extraordinary. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and love.

Jerry Loon

AMEN. AMEN AND AMEN

You may have heard loud ‘Amens’ from me at the front row of Calvary Church. While you may think it may be Gospel inspired, the truth is that it was after a church trip to Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, in 1989, where I was touched by the earnestness and affirmations of the South Koreans when listening to their sermons by shouting ‘Amen’ in response as they were moved.



It was 37 years ago when my wife Esther and I decided to take a leap of faith by joining Calvary Church. We were hungry for more of God, and my wife’s late cousin Pastor Dr Joy Seevaratnam (from Full Gospel Assembly) personally handed us forms of Calvary and said, join this Church. Little did we realise at the time how Calvary would then impact our lives as members, Life Group leaders for 25 years, Golden Eagles, Hospitality and Ushering, and now for me, a Prayer Tower warrior at 83.

Our daughters grew up in this Church and now our grandchildren are following suit. Calvary has been our foundation and focus as a family. God has been the strength of our faith and lives as we continue to serve Him. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

Leslie Abraham

TOUCHING HEARTS, WINNING SOULS

In my 35 years at Calvary Church, the Lord has given me the opportunity to serve Him in various ministries such as being a deacon, counsellor, usher, Life Group leader and in discipleship. In counselling, I have learnt to be a good listener and people helper; helping the counselee to turn to the Lord for meeting their needs.

Winning souls for the kingdom of God has been a driving force for me. Recently, a gentleman “googled” for a church to attend and came to Calvary Damansara Heights. He filled up the visitor’s card to know more about Jesus. As I followed up with him, I found him to be hungry for God and he accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior! Praise God. It is testimonies such as this and others which reinforce my gratitude to Calvary Church for the opportunities given me to touch lives in so many ways. Seeing God work in so many hearts has given me the passion to continue to win souls for Him. One soul won for God means not only great rejoicing in heaven but a spiritual impact to the whole family and many generations to come. Thus, reaching out to the lost should always be our utmost priority.



I’m grateful to God that I can serve Him and am also thankful that Calvary Church has paved a way for me to serve Him in the Discipleship Ministry, where I can disciple lives to grow strong in Jesus and to serve Him.

Stephen Liu



A FUN AND EXCITING CHILDREN'S DAY

BY PATRINA CHAN

Calvary Kids, Royal Rangers and Missionettes once again jointly organized the Children's Day celebration on Sunday, 26 November 2017 at Calvary Convention Centre. The theme was "Children, God's Work of Art", taken from Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

The children were warmly welcomed with an exuberant praise and worship session. Then they engaged into various fun and exciting lesson-based games and activities where they played and learned about God's given gifts and talents and how they can use them to serve God. The children were given an opportunity to learn about Jesus, and we thank God for 87 salvations and 8 rededications.



Kids leading a light-hearted worship

Praise God for the overwhelming attendance of 580 kids, of whom, 187 were new visitors. We thank God for the commitment of children, parents and adults in inviting their friends. We also appreciate 226 volunteers from the participating ministries who helped make this event a successful one.

The event concluded with a prayer of blessing by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. The children were truly blessed with joy and were touched by God.

Children's Day is over but our ministry continues. God has entrusted the children in our hands and we will raise them up to be God's Work of Art. For there is a quote saying, "A child we reached today, a family saved tomorrow. A child we trained today, a leader we raised tomorrow."



Kids playing the game enthusiastically



Senior Pastor praying for the kids



Kids enjoying the games



Pastor Quek Lee Siu with one of the winning group

Here are some of the wonderful testimonies:

“My friend Elaine, who came first time with her four year old son Sean Tan, said that her son enjoyed the amazing activity. She wanted to know more about our weekly programme and indicated interest in sending her son to Calvary Kids activities.”

Danielle Tan

“My son, Jayden Eng loved and enjoyed Children’s Day where he could worship God. He likes the worship and he prays before bedtime now.”

Lee Wan-Yen

“I invited my friends and they came for the first time to church with their son who has special needs. The teachers were so helpful to the boy showing special care and helped him to be part of the programme. They were so thankful.”

Chew Yoke Ching

“I assigned Matthew, one of our Calvary Kids, to look after Brendon, a new boy. Matthew is so responsible and caring. I thank God for our Calvary Kids.”

Faith Tay, teacher for aged 11 year old children



Kids at Calvary Nursery Care having fun and exciting time too





GOOD KINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

BY MELISSA SAMUEL

A total of 91 involvements including the 56-strong cast of KidsCAT (Kids' Creative Arts Team) performed the musical titled as above on 3 December 2017 during the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre.

The wonderful cast comprised of dancers, singers and performers spanning from the age of eight to 13. They rehearsed for months to re-enact an account from the Bible depicting the great difference between King Amon and King Josiah, father and son. King Amon made the people worship idols and collected ridiculous amounts of money from the people through taxes to spend on lavish parties. King Josiah, although only eight when he ascended to the throne, made himself a servant to God and his people, and through God-given wisdom, made many changes to



Three palace cooks whose names are Elizabeths

honour God and so that the city of Judah would be pleasing to the Lord.

They illustrated the story with songs and the storyline was adapted so both kids and adults could relate. Associate Pastor Steven Kum concluded with three lessons we learned from the musical:

- Disobeying God has bad consequences.
- Personal inadequacies are not a barrier when you want to serve the Lord.
- God's Word is essential for a successful life.

In the same way that "Good Kings come in Small Packages", "Mighty Messages of God come through His Small Children" too.



Tax collectors taking money for the King



Cool kids rapping



Pastor Steven sharing the message



Many responding to the altar, which includes seven salvation and four rededications



Young King Josiah with his mentor, Hilkiyah



Kids dancing and acting enthusiastically



King Amon enjoying his feast



Production crew posing for group photo



GOOD "KINGS" COME IN SMALL PACKAGES (A MUSICAL BY KIDSCAPE)

ROYAL RANGERS KINABALU EXPEDITION 2017

BY ROSHAN NIGEL MIRANDA

It was God's perfect timing that I met Commander Chin Yoke Yee while hiking in Bukit Apek back in June this year and expressed my interest to participate in the Kinabalu expedition. The rest was history.

Before the trip, I faced some challenges. I applied for and was given leave from my college. However, to my dismay, the college administration brought the exams forward to the exact Kinabalu expedition dates, and those who did not sit for the exams would not be able to graduate. I was devastated and at crossroads. I committed this to God in prayer and asked the young commanders and a few others to pray along. Praise God for an answered prayer as subsequently I was allowed to sit for my exams at a later date together with another student who also applied for postponement as he had to go on a religious pilgrimage.



Reaching the top of the mountain

Indeed, I learned a lot and grow spiritually despite my fears and inadequacy even before as well as during this expedition. God reminded me that He does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

The Mount Kinabalu Hike – 30 Nov & 1 Dec 2017

Everything went smoothly from the flight to arrival at the mountain base where we stayed at the well-maintained Rock Twin and Grace Hostels of Sutera Sanctuary Lodges Resort in Kinabalu Park. Friendly and helpful resort staff briefed us on the precautionary measures of the hike and the rules of Kinabalu Park.





Father and daughter at the summit



After the dinner, Commander David Peter shared a short devotion on Hebrews 13:8 and Philippians 4:6-7, encouraging us to rely on God who is unchanging and not to be anxious but to trust God in prayer.

The weather was amazing except for short spells of showers when the rain clouds were overhead. The air was cool and refreshing compared to back home in Kuala Lumpur. We caught views of rare birds, plants and trees as we climbed up.

Upon reaching Laban Rata, the rest house on the way to the summit, it was very touching to me when the whole team clapped for every team member who arrived at Laban Rata, truly an expression of our unity and support for each other.

Not all of the 24 hikers started the next morning's hike to the summit as some were affected by altitude or were not well enough to continue. It was cold and windy, and at times we had to hold on to ropes for support as we climbed. The terrain was a mix of steep steps and granite slopes all the way to the summit. The guides were extremely patient and paced themselves according to ours. By God's grace we made it. There was an immense sense of satisfaction upon reaching Low's peak, the highest point of Mount Kinabalu and some of us raised the Royal Rangers flag proudly and posed for photographs.

Along the way, on our way down back to Laban Rata, we saw first-hand where the earthquake happened. Only then did we realise how dangerous the terrain actually was when we hiked up in darkness with only our headlamps and light from the bright stars and moon.

The hike down ended at Timpohon Gate, where we were transported by van to Kota Kinabalu and then to dinner. To our surprise, Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam were there to welcome us. We had a sumptuous meal and most of us ate well as we were famished. Senior Pastor mentioned that the Church had been praying for God's hand and favour upon us when we were on the mountain. He then presented the certificates to each of us.

After the dinner, we headed back to the apartment for an early night.

Padas White Water Rafting – 2 Dec 2017

Fifteen of us woke up at about 5am and hopped on to vans which would take us on a two-hour drive to Beaufort town, and another two-hour amazing train ride on an old railway train to the Padas river for white water rafting.

On arrival at Pangi station, the starting point of our rafting, we packed all our belongings and headed to the river. The guides briefed us on using the paddles and dos and don'ts while rafting.





Beautiful sunrise at the summit



Senior Pastor presenting the certificate to David Peter and all hikers

The Padas river is rated as one of the best rivers for white water rafting in South East Asia. The river is wide, water brown, and the current is strong. We were split into three rafts. We were tossed about as the raft went over some fierce rapids. Some of us fell overboard. Thank God that there were no injuries and everyone had a good time.

Our train back was delayed as there was a breakdown. We were worried we would miss our flight but by God’s grace, our flight was delayed too.

All in all, we had a good hike and a great white-water rafting experience. Indeed, God’s hand was on us this entire trip preventing any mishap or injury from happening. Many thanks to Commanders Chin Yoke Yee, David Peter and Jim Guneratnam for working tirelessly to organize this expedition.



All in the family summiting

All participants give praise to God for His favor with excellent weather during the climb and for His hand upon us. We witnessed a beautiful sunset and awesome sunrise during the climb. Here are some of the Mount Kinabalu Expedition testimonies:

“Many times during the climb, I could have been injured or would have given up, but with the Holy Spirit’s protection and power, I reached the summit of Mount Kinabalu. Praise the Lord!”

Siavash Kuorosh, Ranger

“Since I was a kid, I had always wanted to climb Mount Kinabalu. Thank God for giving me this opportunity to join the expedition and reaching the peak of the mountain.”

Gordon Yong, Ranger

“I thank God for His protection, healing and comfort, and I made it to the summit. I was very encouraged by the fellowship and strong support among the participants during the hike.”

Amanda Chong, Ranger Commander

“I signed up for this hike despite my fear of heights as I was very eager to go. When I first saw the mountain on the morning of the hike, I was anxious and doubted whether I could make it. God is good! He assured me through a commander who said, “You can do this, don’t worry”. I now no longer have the fear of heights. I am so grateful to God for this opportunity and for the people who were a blessing to me.”

Venisri Jeyaraman, Ranger Commander

“I had been praying daily for months that the weather would be clear and sunny despite the weather forecast. Thank God for good weather during the climb and for warm fellowship.”

Selvamalar Arasu, a parent

“Thank God for granting us superb weather and giving us strength to reach the summit. Our parents made it to the summit together with us as a family. All glory to God!”

Samuel and Joel Zachariah, Ranger Commanders

WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 27 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 9 December 2017 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.

If you have not been water baptised, make sure you do so in obedience to the Lord. You can call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext 434 or see any of the Pastors.



Front Row (L-R):

Wong Wen Li, Aiden Chin Xin Kai, Isayah Kuan Hao Der, Eunice Wong Yuet Yee

Second Row (L-R):

Joshua Looi Jen Hong, Koh Chooi Peng, Wong Shan Li, Olivia Ng Ken Lei, Yuriko Kung

Third Row (L-R):

Willy Chin Sau Yok, Adda Soo Ying Xuan, Kee Chew Yoong, Amanda Soo Wei Xuan, Caleb Wong Chee Keng

Fourth Row (L-R):

Josephine Looi Sok Mei, Amelia Wong Ying Yi, Teh Yock Yan @ Teh King Moy, Peter Pitchay A/L Thangaya

Fifth Row (L-R):

Siew Siew Khim, Greg Wong Paul Ernst, Connie Foong Wai Peng, Steffi Tham Shin Yi

Back Row (L-R):

Ida Ayu Putu Ari Damayanti, Linda Lim Wei Li, Dennis Wong Meng Kit, Jonalyn A. Managrobang, Angeles Olmar Dinopol



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE JANUARY 2018

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 06 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 13 Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng
- 20 Dr. Opoku Onyinah
Missions Emphasis
- 27 Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 07 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 14 Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 21 Dr. Opoku Onyinah
Missions Emphasis
- 28 Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

EVENTS



AWARDS CELEBRATION & CLASS PROMOTION

We thank God for His faithfulness in giving Calvary Kids the privilege to partner with parents and guardians in the spiritual development of their precious little ones in 2017.

At the start of each year, Calvary Kids holds an Awards Celebration to recognize the kids for their participations throughout the year. We are also having a Class Promotion to promote them to another level of learning and experience in an older age class.

Parents are to bring their children to Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) and Carpenters' Workshop (CW) to register as usual on Sunday, 7 January 2018. We will be promoting them accordingly after the class award ceremony.



MISSIONS EMPHASIS

PROCLAIM FREEDOM

Watch for Him

MARK 13:35-37



Dr. Opoku Onyinah empowers people. Many Christians have found a greater purpose and fulfilment in their lives through his ministry. Rather than just attend church, they plant churches. As a result, Kaneshie Church of Pentecost (Ghana), of which Dr. Opoku is the Senior Pastor, has grown from 250 people to 175,500. They have planted 513 churches, in the last 30 years, by ingraining Christians 'just to evangelize'.

Dr. Opoku is highly regarded internationally. He is the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost with over 2 million members, a Commissioner of World Mission and Evangelism in the World Council of Churches, and the Co-Chairman of Empowered21 Africa. He is also a Bible lecturer, theologian and prolific writer.

If you don't want to live a mediocre life, don't miss our services with him!

Calvary Damansara Heights

Friday, 19 January 2018, 7.30pm

Saturday, 20 January 2018, 5.00pm

Calvary Convention Centre

Sunday, 21 January 2018, 9.00am



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