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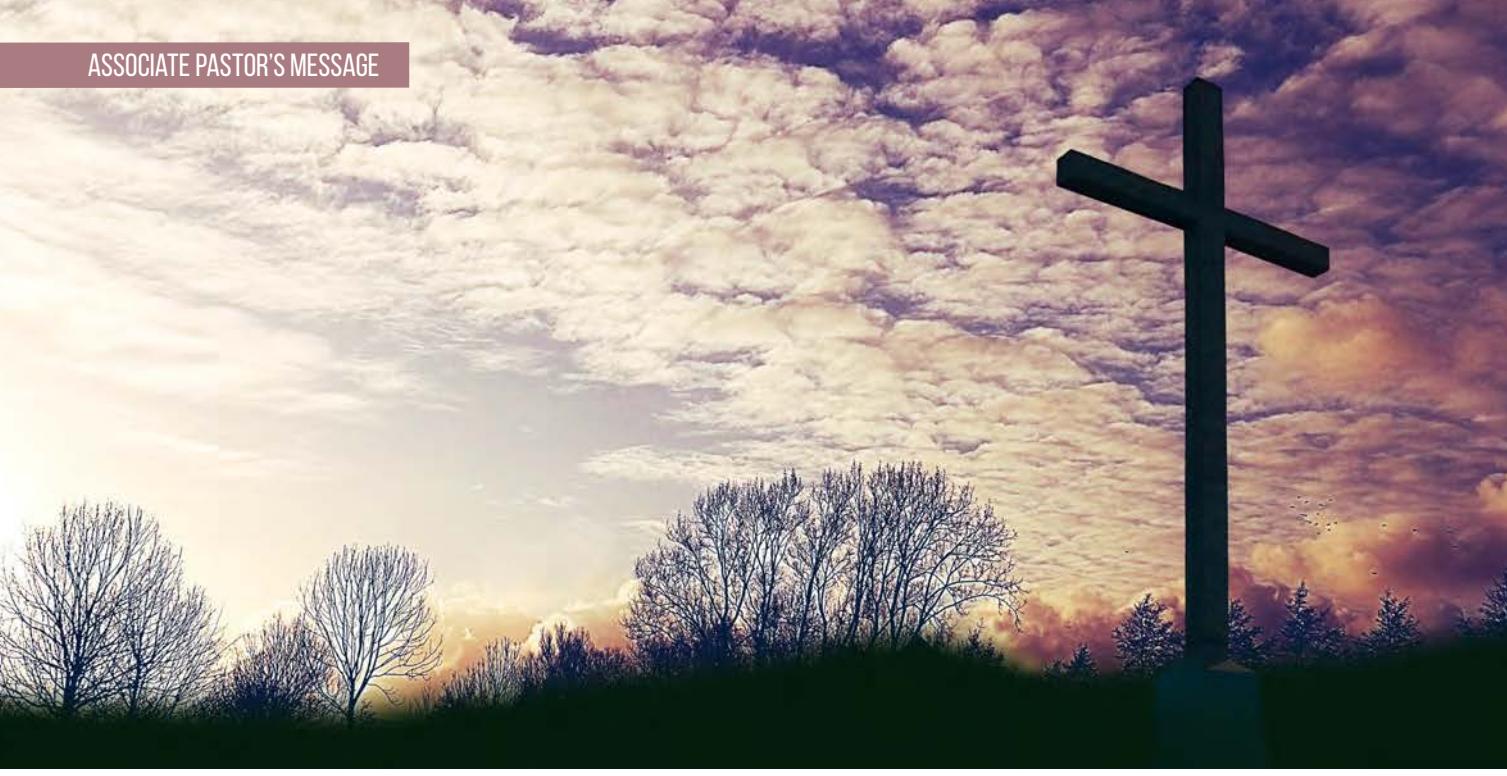
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GOD'S UNSHAKEABLE LOVE

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHAN LEE PENG

We are living in unprecedented times. As we read the news, it is evident that our world is currently shaken to the core by the coronavirus pandemic. Who can tell what is next after the coronavirus? Every one of us at some point in our journey of faith might have encountered an experience that shook our faith to its foundation and we wondered, 'Where is God in all this?' In a shaky world where everything that can be shaken will be shaken, we can take comfort in the truth that God's love throughout the ages is unshakeable. How vital it is for us to have not just a head knowledge of God's love, but a heart experience that will further deepen our faith in Him.

The Bible teaches three characteristics of God's unshakeable love:

1. IT IS INDESCRIBABLE

The Apostle Paul said, "*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God*" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Paul illustrates the magnitude of God's love using various dimensional measures. The width of God's love gives us a glimpse of the extent of His love. God's outstretched arms extended in Jesus Christ includes all humanity. His love embraces all peoples regardless of race, creed, status, or gender. The length of God's love suggests the duration of His love. God's love for us extends from eternity past to eternity future. It was birthed before the foundations of the earth were laid and it has no expiry date. The height of God's love is described by the Psalmist, "*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him*" (Psalm 103:11). God's love has lifted us unworthy sinners saved by grace to an exalted position as joint heirs with Christ. The Bible says, "*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*" (Ephesians 2:4-6). The depth of God's love is evidenced by how God left the glory of heaven and reached down to where we were in our sin. The Bible says, "*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins*" (1 John 4:10).

2. IT IS INEXHAUSTIBLE

God said through the Prophet Isaiah, “*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed*” (Isaiah 54:10). Mountains and hills stand as emblems of permanence. The Himalayas, the youngest mountain range in the world, is believed by scientists to be formed about 50 million years ago. In the light of how enduring and immovable mountains are, it is an absolute impossibility that God’s love for us could be shaken. His covenant of peace is sealed eternally by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross.

3. IT IS INDESTRUCTIBLE

Paul said, “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Romans 8:35, 38-39). God’s love for us is an eternal covenant and a sacred commitment. There is absolutely nothing that can stand between us and God’s love. When everything collapses around us, His indestructible love is the anchor that helps us stay afloat.

In order to prove the magnitude of God’s unshakeable love, let us consider what it cost Jesus, the personification of God’s love, to take on the form of human flesh.

1. The sacrifice of His glory

The Scriptures teach us that Jesus shared in His Father’s glory from the beginning of time. In order for Him to come to this sinful world, He had to lay down and forego everything that belonged to Him. The Bible said, “*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!*” (Philippians 2:8). In becoming a man, He who was not limited by anything, now became subject to human limitations and experienced the full gamut of human emotions.

2. His nail-scarred hands

Jesus could have shed His humanity when He ascended to heaven, but He chose to remain human and retain the scars on His glorified body. He will forever be the God-man in heaven and the

only One with permanent scars. The scars on His hands confirmed to His disciples that it was truly Him, now risen and transformed. As they least expected, Jesus appeared and stood among them saying, “*See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet*” (Luke 24:39-40, ESV). The nail-scarred hands of Jesus are the unerasable proof of God’s love for us. The permanent scars on His resurrected body serve as a reminder to us that God fully understands our human pain because He knew what it was like to suffer in human flesh.

3. The gift of the Holy Spirit

Before He went to the cross, Jesus told His disciples, “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you*” (John 14:16-17, ESV). The gift of the Holy Spirit authenticates our relationship with God and it serves as a stamp of His ownership over our lives. The Bible said, “*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*” (Romans 8:15-16, NKJV).

The infallible proof of God’s unshakeable love provides a biblical basis for us to exercise an unshakeable trust in Him. Jesus said, “*I’ve told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakeable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world, you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world*” (John 16:33, MSG).

‘We should never measure God’s love for us by what happens to us in life. We measure God’s love by what Jesus did for us at the cross’ (David Guzik). If Jesus took care of our greatest need for eternal salvation, there is no need that He cannot take care of. Therefore, our challenges and crises are not setbacks. Every need is an opportunity for us to encounter God’s love and an open door to share His love to those around us.

All Scripture references are taken from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise stated.



The Prims girls trying their hand at making paper flowers with guidance from Sponsor Julie Yap (top row, second from left)

CONNECTING IN THE NEW NORMAL

BY SANDY GOH

Despite the curtailing of physical church activities with the enforcement of the Movement Control Order, we were able to keep in touch with the girls and boys from the various Missionettes clubs through the use of online platforms in the last four months.

The Prims girls (ages 6-7) were reminded of God's power in creation when they went on a virtual tour of their Sponsor's beautiful garden, complete with flowers and fruit trees. This was followed by another exciting online crafts session making paper flowers. Meanwhile, the Daisies girls (age 5) had a great time creating Father's Day cards with an online tutorial from their Sponsors. The Rainbows girls (ages 3-4) and boys (ages 3-5) were treated to engaging video

sessions put together by the Sponsors and helpers that included Bible stories, memory verses, praise and worship, and making origami cards for Father's Day. Thank God for technology in this new normal - many of the children enjoyed participating in the virtual sessions and were happy to connect with their friends and Sponsors.

This past Saturday, 25 July 2020, they were promoted to the next club, and that has been something the girls and boys were excitedly looking forward to!

To find out more about Missionettes, call us at 03 8999 5532.



Jayden Hoo and Suchit Kancharla (Rainbows) with the Father's Day cards they made for their fathers



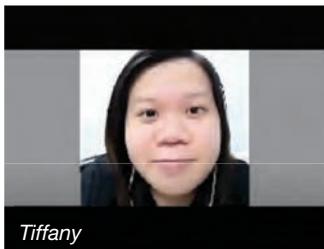
Tan Yue (Rainbows) diligently writing and reciting a memory verse



A heart-warming Father's Day card made by Cynthia Nwankwo (Daisies)

THROUGH THE LENSES OF THE GUESTS

BY ANNABEL LILY



Tiffany



Yee Yie



Endrea



Zhen Xi

The experience of the 3Sixteen sessions can be seen through diverse lenses. For the guests, it can be based on their background, upbringing, and religious beliefs. Here, four 3Sixteen guests articulate their responses and impressions of 3Sixteen, the Gospel, and the Christian life. It has given us insights deepening our understanding and helping us to be good witnesses of Jesus Christ.

What did you think when you were first approached and invited to 3Sixteen?

Tiffany: *A gathering of people where I could experience true friendships and discussions on the issues of life which are intriguing to me.*

What made you agree to come to 3Sixteen?

Yee Yie: *I was curious, especially on subjects that have to do with religious beliefs.*

What was your impression of the 3Sixteen sessions?

Endrea: *Good films to initiate discussions on faith, build trust, and relationships with others whilst the sharing by everyone helped me understand their life experiences.*

Can you think of one thing you appreciate that has left a positive impression on you?

Tiffany: *The sharing of the hosts' lives left a positive impression, especially the one who shared about her journey of believing in God in the face of her mother's sickness and having found God who was there all along.*

Did the experience in 3Sixteen help you in any way?

Yee Yie: *Yes, it helped me to start thinking about my own life, my future, and the search to find the answers.*

Would you recommend 3Sixteen to anyone, and why?

Zhen Xi: *Yes, because the sessions are conducted in a creative, friendly, and interesting way.*

It is our desire that our guests' perspectives will change, causing a yearning in their heart to know and accept Jesus Christ. We pray and believe Yee Yie, Zhen Xi, Tiffany, and many other guests will ultimately acknowledge Christ as Saviour and Lord, and for Endrea in her personal journey as a believer.

3Sixteen gives guests safe spaces to explore life's big questions and be led gradually to see through the lenses of the Christian faith. Like the Christian author C.S. Lewis said, *"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

Subsequent to their sharing, Yee Yie and Zhen Xi invited Jesus into their lives during a 3Sixteen session. We are excited for them in their new journey with Jesus, that they will be blessed to be a blessing!



Our loved ones and friends deserve the opportunity to know Jesus. The systematic, coherent, and comprehensive strategy in 3Sixteen will equip you to witness effectively. We welcome you to join us in 3Sixteen training. Please seek assistance from your Life Group leader, or call us at 03-8999 5532 ext. 442.



Some of the Chinese-speaking Calvarites joining in the Chinese Fellowship on Sunday, 28 June 2020

HAVING GOD'S PEACE

BY SHANNI LAU

The Chinese Ministry members have been meeting for their monthly fellowships online, and on Sunday, 28 June 2020, Associate Pastor Richard Yun shared on having God's peace in these uncertain times. We need not fear, but believe and trust in God. Drawing from Philippians 4:4-8, Pastor Richard encouraged all who were tuning in to dwell in His peace.

All 65 who joined in the online session were indeed blessed, and the following two testimonies were shared during the fellowship.

Pastor Richard 分享关于得到神的平安祷告可以得到从神而来的喜乐。为什么害怕？挂虑？担忧？为何伤心？你可以用祈祷的方式，多一些祷告。要感谢主，赞美主，谢谢主，要相信神会帮助你。停止一切不好的思想，不开心的不要说。不要想以前的，不要说以前的。选择想神的话语。少一点烦恼，多一点平安（腓利比书 4:4-8）。

With the encouragement of Sectional Life Group leader Molly Yong, We started a Bandar Utama (BU) Zoom LG group for the BU elderly. Meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we worship God, share testimonies, and study His word. Everyone is full of joy, and I thank God for technology.

In my family of six, we pray, worship God, and study His Word every night. My son has changed from being withdrawn and hot tempered to being more cheerful, lively, and gentle, with a better attitude. Praise God!

当我全心全意为神工作，神改变了我的家庭。

经过 Molly Yong 领袖的鼓励，我们开始了星期二与星期四的 BU Zoom 小组，侍奉 BU 长辈们一起唱诗歌，分享见证，听神的话语，大家都非常喜乐。感谢神祝福我们这个时代的高科技。

我们一家六口，每晚读神的话语，唱诗歌，祈祷。我看到儿子有所改变，活泼了，态度好了，性格温和了。以前的他脾气不好，孤僻。感谢主！

May Liew

My Aunt Xiu Ying in Ipoh was fearful all the time, as she saw black shadows in her room. We prayed for her, and I fasted for three days, overcoming temptation (I love cake).

I went to my aunt's house with a few Calvarites to pray for and share the Gospel with her. Praise God, my aunt accepted the Lord without hesitation. She still feels weak and fearful sometimes, but we will continue to pray for a breakthrough.

当光进来，黑暗就要出去。

我的四姑-秀英(住在怡保)。她常常惧怕，说看到房间有黑影。我们不断为她祷告，为此我禁食了三天，感谢主，我顺利完成了禁食，度过了家人蛋糕的诱惑(我非常爱蛋糕)。

第四天，与领袖姐妹们到了四姑家祷告，分享福音，感谢主，她当场接受了主。一个多星期后她的惧怕已好转了很多。目前虽然偶尔还有软弱惧怕，我们依然继续为她祷告。

Moon Chong

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BONDING THROUGH SERVING

BY KANESON SONOMALAI

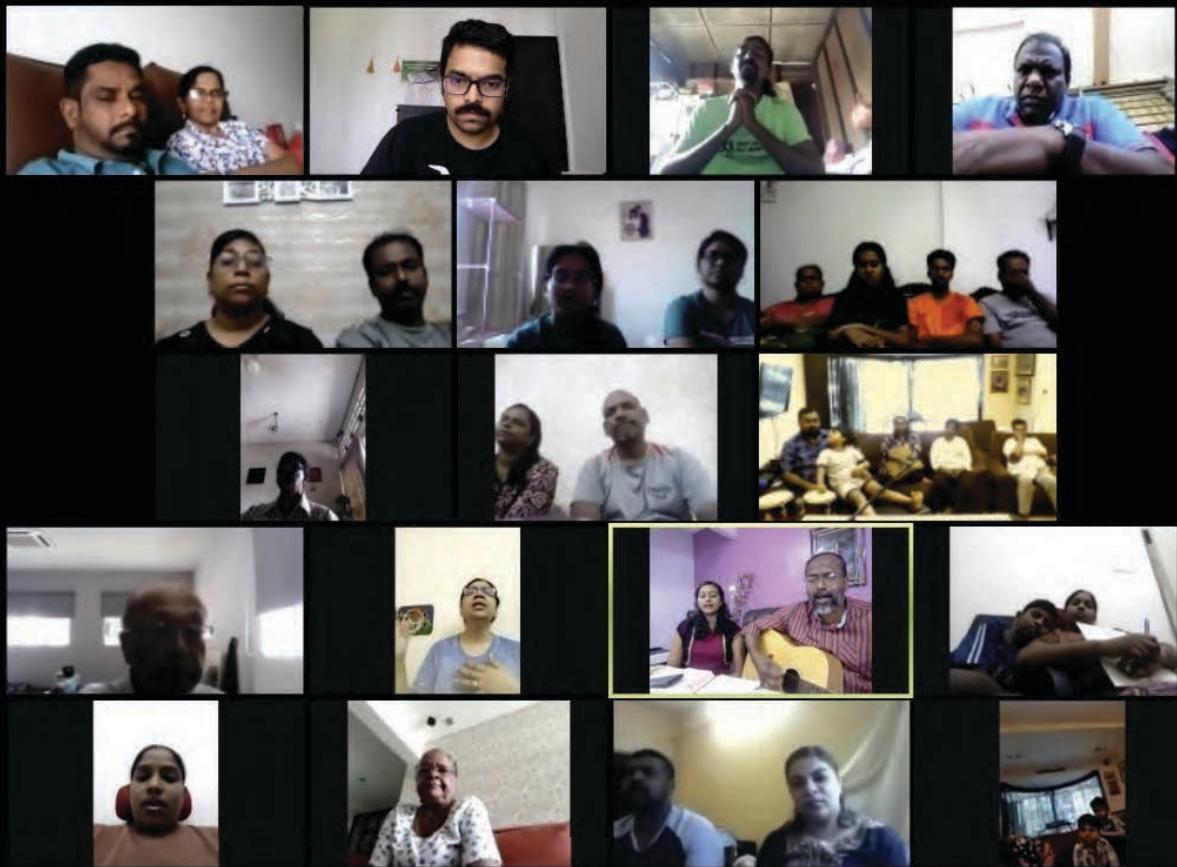
Under the pastoral oversight of Associate Pastor Peter Ong, the Tamil Ministry members have kept connected during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period, with many meetings, fellowships, and group prayers with the Tamil Ministry coordinators and members. The Covid-19 pandemic and the MCO have provided an opportunity for the Tamil Ministry members to bond together. We were also privileged and blessed to hold two of our regular monthly fellowships online, having shared and disseminated announcements to members. In the process, new talents were discovered in our Tamil congregation in the areas of sharing, worship leading, and multimedia. God works in amazing ways!

The Tamil Ministry members were blessed by the Tamil translation of all the sermon notes of our live-streamed Sunday worship services.

They were greatly encouraged by the sharing of the Word and special song presentation by guest speaker Reverend Joshua Raman at the online Tamil Fellowship on Sunday, 4 June 2020.

A new believer who was with us for the first time expressed that she is looking forward to joining us when we resume physical meetings at Calvary Convention Centre.

If you would like to find out more about the Tamil Ministry, call us at 03 8999 5532.



The attendees, including entire families, participating in the online Tamil Fellowship



Senior Pastor welcoming the congregation back

WELCOME HOME!

Exactly four months after the Movement Control Order was first enforced on 18 March 2020, the church was finally able to resume physical services on the weekend of 18-19 July 2020 at both Damansara Heights (DH) and Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). This resumption also marks the addition of a third worship service at 11.30am on Sundays at CCC.

In adhering to the standard operating procedures for the reopening of houses of worship, Calvarites were encouraged to arrive for services earlier to facilitate mandatory temperature checks and contact tracing registration.

A heavy downpour did not dampen the spirits of Calvarites who turned up for the Saturday Worship Service at DH. Associate Pastor Richard Yun shared a timely reminder that while life is short, eternity is long. We need to live our lives taking God into consideration in all that we plan and do, living

wisely in the sufficiency of Christ to accomplish His will and purpose.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam preached at both the Sunday Worship Services at CCC, welcoming all Calvarites back and acknowledging all who were tuning in to the online service. Sharing from the parable of the Good Samaritan, the exhortation was that as believers, we are to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not walk away from people who need the Lord. It may not be convenient, and will definitely cost us in different aspects, but this is part of missions, bringing the Gospel to those who have yet to know Christ.

It was truly good to be able to worship God as a family and partake of communion together again. We look forward to being able to welcome everyone back into God's house.

The 8.00am Sunday Worship Services are streamed on our YouTube channel @Calvaryone

Find out what to expect when returning for physical services at tiny.cc/ServiceResumption or at calvary.my/church-online



Calvarites having their temperatures checked before service at both DH and CCC



Scanning the QR code to fill in the contact tracing form



The worship team at the 5.00pm Saturday Worship Service



The ensemble at the 8.00am Sunday Worship Service



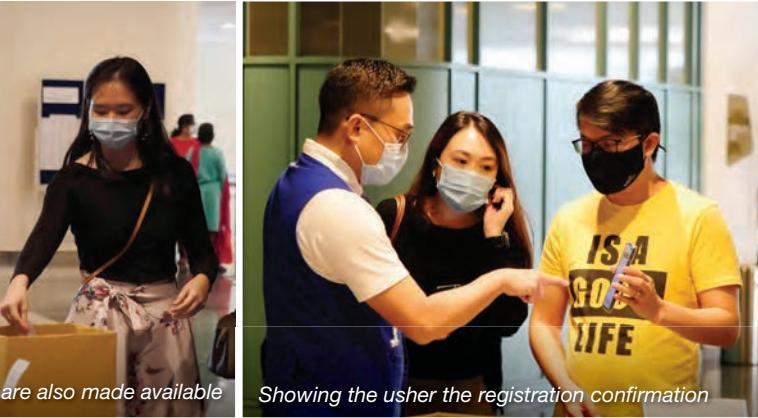
Listening to the Word of God at DH



A time of prayer at CCC



Physical contact tracing forms are also made available



Showing the usher the registration confirmation



Attending service at DH complying with SOPs



Partaking of communion



KASIH TUHAN YANG TIDAK TERGONCANG

OLEH PENDITA BERSEKUTU CHAN LEE PENG

Kita hidup di zaman yang belum pernah terjadi sebelumnya. Ketika kita membaca berita itu, jelas bahawa dunia kita saat ini tergoncang oleh wabak coronavirus. Siapa yang dapat memberitahu apa yang akan terjadi selepas coronavirus? Setiap orang dari kita pada suatu saat dalam perjalanan rohani kita mungkin akan atau mungkin telah mengalami pengalaman yang menggoncang iman kita ke dasarnya dan kita bertanya-tanya, ‘Di manakah Tuhan dalam semua ini?’ Dalam dunia yang goyah di mana segala sesuatu yang dapat digoncang akan tergoncang, kita dapat merasa tenang dalam kebenaran bahawa kasih Tuhan sepanjang zaman tidak tergoyahkan. Betapa pentingnya bagi kita untuk tidak hanya memiliki pengetahuan utama tentang kasih Tuhan kepada kita tetapi pengalaman hati yang akan semakin mendalam iman kita kepada-Nya.

Alkitab mengajarkan tiga ciri kasih Tuhan yang tidak tergoyahkan:

1. IA TIDAK DAPAT DIGAMBARKAN

Rasul Paulus berkata, “sehingga oleh imanmu Kristus diam di dalam hatimu dan kamu berakar serta berdasar di dalam kasih. Aku berdoa, supaya kamu bersama-sama dengan segala orang kudus dapat memahami, betapa lebarnya dan panjangnya dan tingginya dan dalamnya kasih Kristus, dan dapat mengenal kasih itu, sekalipun ia melampaui segala pengetahuan. Aku berdoa, supaya kamu dipenuhi di dalam seluruh kepenuhan Tuhan” (Efesus 3:17-19). Paulus menggambarkan betapa besarnya kasih Tuhan dengan menggunakan pelbagai ukuran dimensi. Lebar kasih Tuhan memberi kita gambaran sejauh mana kasihNya. Tangan Tuhan yang dihulurkan melalui Yesus Kristus merangkumi seluruh umat manusia. KasihNya merangkul semua orang tanpa mengira bangsa, kepercayaan, status, atau jantina. Panjang kasih Tuhan menunjukkan jangka masa kasihNya. Kasih Tuhan kepada kita menjangkau dari masa lalu hingga ke masa depan. Ia dilahirkan sebelum dasar bumi dibangunkan dan ia tidak mempunyai tarikh luput. Tingginya kasih Tuhan digambarkan oleh Pemazmur, “tetapi setinggi langit di atas bumi, demikian besarnya kasih setia-Nya atas orang-orang yang takut akan Dia” (Mazmur 103:11). Kasih Tuhan telah

mengangkat kita orang-orang berdosa yang tidak layak, telah diselamatkan oleh kasih karunia ke kedudukan yang tinggi sebagai pewaris bersama dengan Kristus. Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi Tuhan yang kaya dengan rahmat, oleh karena kasih-Nya yang besar, yang dilimpahkan-Nya kepada kita, telah menghidupkan kita bersama-sama dengan Kristus, sekalipun kita telah mati oleh kesalahan-kesalahan kita--oleh kasih karunia kamu diselamatkan dan di dalam Kristus Yesus ia telah membangkitkan kita juga dan memberikan tempat bersama-sama dengan Dia di sorga,” (Efesus 2:4-6). Dalamnya kasih Tuhan dibuktikan dengan bagaimana Tuhan meninggalkan kemuliaan syurga dan sampai ke tempat kita yang berada dalam dosa kita. “Inilah kasih itu: Bukan kita yang telah mengasihi Tuhan, tetapi Tuhan yang telah mengasihi kita dan yang telah mengutus Anak-Nya sebagai pendamaian bagi dosa-dosa kita” (1 Yohanes 4:10).

2. TIDAK HABIS-HABISNYA

Tuhan bersabda melalui Nabi Yesaya, “Sebab biarpun gunung-gunung beranjak dan bukit-bukit bergoyang, tetapi kasih setia-Ku tidak akan beranjak dari padamu dan perjanjian damai-Ku tidak akan bergoyang, firman Tuhan, yang mengasihani engkau” (Yesaya 54:10). Gunung dan bukit berdiri sebagai lambang kekekalan. Himalaya, banjaran gunung termuda di dunia, dipercayai oleh para saintis terbentuk sekitar 50 juta tahun yang lalu. Fakta ini menunjukkan betapa kuatnya dan tidak beranjaknya gunung. Oleh itu, adalah sesungguhnya betapa mustahil untuk kasih Tuhan kepada kita dapat digoncang. Perjanjian perdamaianNya dimeteraikan selama-lamanya oleh curahan darah Yesus Kristus di kayu salib.

3. IA TIDAK DAPAT DIHANCURKAN

Paulus berkata, “Siapakah yang akan memisahkan kita dari kasih Kristus? Penindasan atau kesesakan atau penganiayaan, atau kelaparan atau ketelanjangan, atau bahaya, atau pedang? Sebab aku yakin, bahwa baik maut, maupun hidup, baik malaikat-malaikat, maupun pemerintah-pemerintah, baik yang ada sekarang, maupun yang akan datang, atau kuasa-kuasa, baik yang di atas, maupun yang di bawah, ataupun sesuatu makhluk lain, tidak akan dapat memisahkan kita dari kasih Tuhan, yang ada dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita”

(Roma 8:35, 38-39). Kasih Tuhan bagi kita adalah perjanjian abadi dan komitmen yang kudus. Sama sekali tidak ada yang dapat memisahkan kita dari kasih Tuhan. Ketika semuanya roboh di sekeliling kita, kasihNya yang tidak dapat dihancurkan adalah sauh yang menolong kita tetap bertahan.

Untuk membuktikan betapa nilai kasih Tuhan yang tidak tergoyahkan, marilah kita mempertimbangkan apa yang telah dibayar oleh Yesus, keperibadian kasih Tuhan, untuk mengambil bentuk manusia.

1. Pengorbanan kemuliaanNya

Alkitab mengajarkan kepada kita bahawa Yesus berkongsi kemuliaan BapaNya sejak awal waktu. Untuk Dia dapat datang ke dunia yang penuh dosa ini, Dia harus meletakkan dan melepaskan semua yang menjadi milikNya. Alkitab mengatakan, “Dan dalam keadaan sebagai manusia, ia telah merendahkan diri-Nya dan taat sampai mati, bahkan sampai mati di kayu salib” (Filipi 2:8). Dalam menjadi seorang manusia, Dia yang tidak dibatasi oleh apa pun, kini menjadi tunduk pada batasan manusia dan mengalami keseluruhan emosi manusia.

2. Tangannya yang dipakukan

Yesus dapat membuang kemanusiaanNya ketika Dia naik ke surga, tetapi Dia memilih untuk tetap menjadi manusia dan mengekalkan bekas luka di badan-Nya yang dimuliakan. Dia selamanya akan menjadi manusia Tuhan di surga dan satu-satunya yang mempunyai bekas luka yang kekal. Bekas luka di tangan-Nya menegaskan kepada murid-murid-Nya bahawa itu benar-benar Dia, sekarang bangkit dan berubah. Seperti yang paling tidak mereka jangkakan, Yesus muncul dan berdiri di antara mereka sambil berkata, “Lihatlah tangan-Ku dan kaki-Ku: Aku sendirilah ini; rabalah Aku dan lihatlah, karena hantu tidak ada daging dan tulangnya, seperti yang kamu lihat ada pada-Ku.’ Sambil berkata demikian, ia memperlihatkan tangan dan kaki-Nya kepada mereka” (Lukas 24:39-40). Tangan Yesus yang dipakukan adalah bukti kasih Tuhan yang tidak dapat dilupakan bagi kita. Bekas luka kekal di tubuhNya yang dibangkitkan berfungsi sebagai peringatan kepada kita bahawa Tuhan memahami sepenuhnya kesakitan manusia kita kerana Dia tahu bagaimana rasanya menderita dalam daging manusia.

3. Anugerah Roh Kudus

Sebelum Dia pergi ke kayu salib, Yesus mengatakan kepada murid-murid-Nya, “Aku akan minta kepada Bapa, dan Ia akan memberikan kepadamu seorang Penolong yang lain, supaya Ia menyertai kamu selama-lamanya, yaitu Roh Kebenaran. Dunia tidak dapat menerima Dia, sebab dunia tidak melihat Dia dan tidak mengenal Dia. Tetapi kamu mengenal Dia, sebab Ia menyertai kamu dan akan diam di dalam kamu” (Yohanes 14:16-17). Pemberian Roh Kudus memeteraikan hubungan kita dengan Tuhan dan itu berfungsi sebagai tanda hakmilikNya atas kehidupan kita. Alkitab berkata, “Sebab kamu tidak menerima roh perbudakan yang membuat kamu menjadi takut lagi, tetapi kamu telah menerima Roh yang menjadikan kamu anak Tuhan. Oleh Roh itu kita berseru: ‘ya Abba, ya Bapa!’ Roh itu bersaksi bersama-sama dengan roh kita, bahwa kita adalah anak-anak Tuhan” (Roma 8:15-16).

Bukti sempurna tentang kasih Tuhan yang tidak tergoyahkan memberikan dasar alkitabiah bagi kita untuk mempercayai Dia yang tidak tergoyahkan. Yesus berkata, “Semuanya itu Kukatakan kepadamu, supaya kamu beroleh damai sejahtera dalam Aku. Dalam dunia kamu menderita penganiayaan, tetapi kuatkanlah hatimu, Aku telah mengalahkan dunia” (Yohanes 16:33).

‘Kita tidak seharusnya mengukur kasih Tuhan kepada kita dengan apa yang berlaku kepada kita dalam hidup. Kita mengukur kasih Tuhan dengan apa yang Yesus lakukan untuk kita di kayu salib.’ (David Guzik). Sekiranya Yesus menjaga keperluan terbesar kita untuk keselamatan kekal, tidak ada keperluan yang Dia tidak dapat pelihara. Oleh itu, cabaran dan krisis kita bukanlah kemunduran. Setiap keperluan adalah kesempatan untuk kita menemui kasih Tuhan dan pintu terbuka untuk menyampaikan kasihNya kepada orang-orang di sekeliling kita.

Semua rujukan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia, melainkan dinyatakan.

神不动摇的爱

文: Chan Lee Peng 牧师

我

们生活在前所未有的时代里。当我们阅读新闻时，新闻报道一再证明世界各地被新冠肺炎病毒蔓延、感染。没有人可以预测病毒之后，接踵而来的会是什么？我们每个人在属灵旅程中或许都会遇到信心根基被动摇的时候，我们会怀疑：“神在哪里？”在这个动荡的世界，所有的事物都在变，唯有神的爱永远不会改变。我们不要只是在认知上知道神爱我们，而是要经历他的爱，这样的体会将坚固我们对他的信心。

圣经教导我们，神永不动摇的爱有三个特征：

1. 非笔墨能描述

使徒保罗说：“使基督借着你们的信，住在你们心里，使你们既然在爱中扎根建基，就能和众圣徒一同领悟基督的爱是多么的长阔高深，并且知道他的爱是超过人所能理解的，使你们被充满，得着 神的一切丰盛”

（以弗所书3:17-19）。保罗透过各种方式描述神的爱长阔高深。神的爱是何等的阔，让我们得以窥见祂的爱有多宽广神的爱借着耶稣基督延伸至全人类。他的爱不分种族、宗教、地位和性别，他拥抱他所有子民。神爱的长度表明了他爱的恒久。从亘古到永恒神都爱我们。他的爱在创造天地之前已经存在，直到永远。诗人描述神的爱是何等地高：“天离地有多高，他的慈爱向敬畏他的人也有多大”（诗篇103:11）。神的爱使我们这些不配的罪人因他的恩典被拯救，与基督一同升为尊贵同作后嗣。圣经上说：“然而神满有怜悯，因着他爱我们的大爱，就在我们因过犯死了的时候，使我们与基督一同活过来，（你们得救是靠着恩典，）又使我们在基督耶稣里，与他一同复活，一同坐在天上”（以弗所书2:4-6）神高深的爱显示在他舍弃天上的荣华，降为卑微与有罪的我们同在。圣经上说：“不是我们爱神，而是神爱我们，差遣他的儿子为我们的罪作了赎罪祭，这就是爱了”（约翰一书4:10）。

2. 永不枯竭

神透过以赛亚先知说：“虽然大山可以挪开，小山可以迁移，但我的慈爱必不从你身上挪开，我和平的约也必不迁移；这是怜悯你的耶和华说的”（以赛亚书54:10）。群山象征永恒。科学家认为，就算是世界上年资最小的喜马拉雅山脉，也是在五千万年前形成的。因此，神对我们的爱绝对不能被动摇。耶稣基督用他在十字架上流下的宝血，在重修和好的盟约上盖上了永远生效的印记。

3. 坚不可摧

保罗说：“谁能使我们与基督的爱隔绝呢？是患难吗？是困苦吗？是迫害吗？是饥饿吗？是赤身露体吗？是



危险吗？是刀剑吗？因为我深信：无论是死、是生，是天使、是掌权的，是现在的事，是将来的事，是有能力的，是高天的、是深渊的，或是任何别的被造之物，都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝，这爱是在我们的主耶稣基督里的”（罗马书8：35，38-39）。神对我们的爱是永恒的盟约，是神圣的承诺。没有任何事物可以使我们与神的爱隔绝。当我们周遭的环境开始面临毁灭时，他坚固的爱是救我们性命的锚。

为了彰显神高深不可动摇的爱，耶稣为我们道成肉身，奉献牺牲活出了神的爱。耶稣为此究竟付上了什么样的代价？

1. 他舍弃天上的荣耀

圣经教导我们，耶稣本与他的父同享至荣。为了以人的身份来到这个罪恶的世界，他舍弃属于他的尊贵荣耀。圣经上说：“既然有人的样子，就自甘卑微，顺服至死，而且死在十字架上”（腓立比书2:8）。他本来超越一切，却降卑成为人子，他受限于人类有限的躯体，也经历了人类脆弱的情感世界。

2. 他钉痕的双手

耶稣升天后本来可以脱去人子的局限，但他选择继续在他荣耀之身留下手上的钉痕。他永远是天上的神，也是那降世的人子，他保留这个永不退去的伤痕。他伸出手上的伤痕向他的门徒证实自己，他复活和完全变了。耶稣亲自站在他们当中，说：‘你们看我的手、我的脚，就知道我是谁。摸我看看，灵没有骨，没有肉；你们看，我是有的。’说了这话，就把手和脚给他们看”（路加福音24：39-40）。耶稣被钉的双手就是神爱我们不可抹灭的证明。他复活的身体仍留着那永不退去的伤疤，再提醒我们，神理解我们的痛苦，他可以感同身受，因为人子经历过。

3. 神赐下圣灵

耶稣被钉十架之前，他对门徒说：“我要请求父，他就会赐给你们另一位保惠师，使他跟你们永远在一起。这保惠师就是真理的灵，世人不能接受他，因为看不见他，也不认识他。你们却认识他，因为他跟你们住在一起，也要在你们里面”（约翰福音14：16-17）。神赐给我们圣灵以证实神与我们的关系，这是他拥有我们生命主权的印记。

圣经上说：“你们接受的，不是奴仆的灵，使你们仍旧惧怕；你们接受的，是使人成为嗣子的灵，使我们呼叫‘阿爸、父’。圣灵亲自和我们的灵一同证明——我们是神的儿女”（罗马书8：15-16）。

神可靠永不动摇的爱是圣经的基础，使我们在神的爱里操练坚定的信心。耶稣说：“我把这些事告诉你们，是要使你们在我里面有平安。在世上你们有患难，但你们放心，我已经胜了这世界”（约翰福音16：33）。

“我们绝对不可以以生活的大小事来衡量神对我们的爱。耶稣为我们钉死在十字架上才是衡量神爱我们的标准”（David Guzik）。

耶稣已经赐给了我们永恒的救恩—我们最大的需要，没有任何事情可以难倒他。不要让挑战和危机成为我们的绊脚石。每一个需要都是我们经历神大爱，并向身边的人分享神爱的机会。

圣经经文摘自新译本圣经。



Dr. Sumrall, guest speaker for Missions Emphasis



Senior Pastor encouraged and prayed for Faith Promise partners

SEIZING THE DAY OF HARVEST

BY LISA TOH

For our online Missions Emphasis on Sunday, 12 July 2020, a 53-strong choir pre-recorded a special number titled, "One Life At A Time", a song to remind us all of God's great love and how He transforms the world, one life at a time.

We had the privilege of having Dr. David Sumrall, Senior Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise in Manila, Philippines, share his thoughts for our first-ever online Missions Emphasis service.

Dr. Sumrall spoke on how desire begins with what we see and what we focus our thoughts and attention upon, and how we need to see the need to reach people for the Lord. He reminded us that wealth and prosperity do not reflect a person's spiritual condition. Sharing from his experience, he stressed that when we do God's work, He will take care of and provide for His people. He challenged the church to see the urgency of missions, and specifically addressed the young people to rise up and obey the call, willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to further God's work.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam reminded us of the importance of being involved in missions to fulfill the Great Commission, and encouraged all Faith Promise partners to continue keeping their Faith Promise pledges from the first half of 2020 till December 2020.



Senior Pastor then concluded the service with a prayer for God's grace and blessing to be upon everyone.



Be inspired by Dr. Sumrall's message again at tiny.cc/CCMEJuly2020



Listen to the special number by the choir again at tiny.cc/CCMEJuly2020Choir

If you have an enquiry regarding Faith Promise, call us at 03 8999 5532 or email missions@calvary.my

ONLINE GIVING

While physical services at both Damansara Heights and Calvary Convention Centre have resumed, offerings, tithes, and Faith Promise pledges may still be sent in through online banking and the Touch 'n Go eWallet platform. These avenues are convenient ways for us to give at any time and anywhere. In light of the current situation, it also allows us to avoid physical contact.

Find out more about giving and obtaining tax receipts at calvary.my/online-giving



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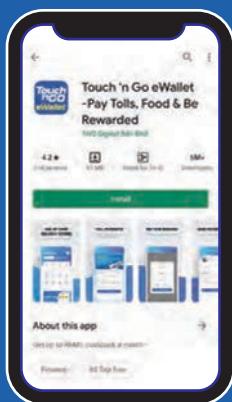
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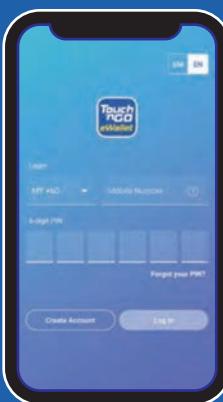


How to use Touch 'n Go eWallet

Calvary Church is on the Touch 'n Go eWallet platform, and this is a new way of giving. Here is a quick guide on how to use it.

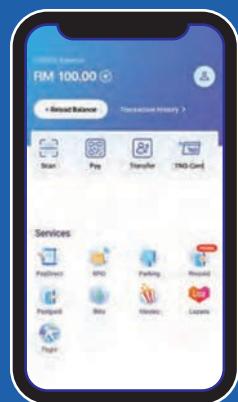


STEP 1
Download the Touch 'n Go eWallet app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.



STEP 2
Create an account by tapping on "Create Account", and follow the instructions.

You will be asked to create a 6-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).



STEP 3
Load your eWallet by tapping on "+Reload Balance", and follow the instructions.



STEP 4
To use your eWallet, tap on the "Scan" icon, and scan the Calvary Church T'nG QR code. Ensure that the payee is Calvary Church.



STEP 5
Enter your preferred amount to give, and tap on the "Confirm" icon. You may be prompted to enter your 6-digit PIN.



STEP 6
You will then be shown a confirmation of your payment.

Please note that giving through the Touch 'n Go eWallet platform is not eligible for tax exemption.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2020

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 01** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Communion
- 08** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 15** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 22** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Water Baptism
- 29** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

Sunday, 8.00am & 11.30am Calvary Convention Centre

- 02** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion / Deacons' Installation
- 09** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 16** Associate Pastor Richard Yun
- 23** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 30** Associate Pastor Peter Ong

 All our 8.00am Sunday Worship Services will also be streamed on our YouTube channel, **@Calvaryone**



WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED!

We are thankful to have been blessed by a Calvarite who volunteered to sanitise the entire premises of Calvary Convention Centre. This sanitisation utilises titanium dioxide nanoparticle technology that is applied as a coating on walls and surfaces, and will last for over a year, actively disinfecting in the presence of light.

Aside from the auditorium, our nursery, classrooms, threatrettes, and other public areas were included in the sanitisation. The kindergarten, Calvary Education Resource Centre, Asian Institute of Ministries College, and Prayer Tower have also been disinfected.

Another Calvarite has generously donated many bottles of hand sanitiser, and temperature scanners were sent in through a Calvarite to facilitate the efficient carrying out of precautionary measures taken for the resumption of church services.

Praise God for caring members who contribute to ensure the health and safety of all who come to church.



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