

MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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is responsible for the sin,
sorrow and sickness in
this world.

Is Christianity a foreign religion? Some say that Christianity is a Jewish religion because Jesus was a Jew. He was born into a Jewish family when He was incarnated into this world. As God, He became a man so that He could identify with us.

God created Adam and Eve. And through them, the human race began to multiply. Colors came into play because of the weather and genes. To become man, God had to start somewhere. All this took place in Israel. The good news is that God loved us so much that He, in Jesus Christ, became a man and took our punishment upon Himself on the Cross. He rose again on the third day and whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. This message was meant for the Jews first and then later on for the Gentiles.

Tonight's message is entitled **Gospel for Gentiles Too**. The Gospel was conceived in Israel and meant initially for the house of Israel. But later on, it was also made available to the non-Jews or Gentiles. It all began in the Book of Acts with a noble, honorable, kind and charitable man in Caesarea called Cornelius. Although he did not know God personally, he was a God-fearing man who actually prayed to Him regularly. Many people may believe in a general god without being superstitious or worshipping idols. This Cornelius was such a person. He prayed regularly, and yet he did not know God.

We are all born with a God-consciousness. But when our minds are messed up by reading books that are anti-God, our conscience will be messed up too. Although few would pray to a God they do not know, Cornelius was different and special. One afternoon at three o'clock, an angel appeared to him. The angel told him that his alms and charitable works were noticed by God as a memorial. As Christians, we are not saved by good works but by our belief that Christ has died for our sins. As a result of our faith in Jesus Christ, good works begin to flow out of us. The angel also instructed Cornelius to send his men to a town called Joppa, specifically to the house of Simon the Tanner, to see the guest of this house called Simon Peter who had a message for them. Cornelius knew this was an important message from God, so he sent three men to Joppa to find Simon Peter.

While Cornelius' men were making the journey to Joppa, Peter was praying at the roof top of Simon the Tanner's house during lunchtime. Although he was hungry, he found himself in a trance. He saw a vision of a sheet being lowered down from Heaven by its four corners. This vision concerns the whole world. The sheet contained unclean animals, reptiles and unclean fowls and birds. A voice from Heaven told Peter to arise, kill and eat. In the Old Testament, the Jews were not supposed to eat any of these unclean animals. They would be declared ceremonially defiled if they eat anything unclean. Peter told the Lord these were unclean animals and he, a Jew, would not eat them. The vision happened three times and the Lord spoke to him three times, "What God has cleansed, let no man declare that they are unclean." It was unclear to Peter that God was doing something new. As he was still pondering the meaning of this vision and the words of God, Cornelius' three men were at the doorstep of the house of Simon the Tanner. The Spirit of God bade Peter to go with them to Cornelius' house. The following day, Peter, with six other brothers, followed the three men to Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for Peter and had gathered all his relatives and close friends to hear the important message. Cornelius knew after the angelic visitation that there was a very important message from God that it would supersede any message he had ever heard.

So he gathered all the people precious to him, his relatives and close friends, to be at his house to hear the Word of Life. We Christians should follow the example of Cornelius and be zealous and excited about the Good News and share our faith with those close to us.

When Cornelius met Peter, he fell down at his feet and worshipped him. Peter told him to get up because he was only a man. As Cornelius walked him into the living room, Peter addressed the whole group present. Peter told the group that it was unlawful for a Jewish man like him to keep company with or to visit a non-Jew. There were strict rules in the Old Testament teachings that Jews could not go into a Gentile's home to eat with them. If he did that, he would be labeled as ceremoniously unclean. Peter also told them that God has no favorites. He treats everybody equally. We are all equal at the foot of the Cross. The only difference is whether we will receive Jesus or reject Him. In our hearts, we know we are sinners. God has put a consciousness in every one of us so we can turn to Him for cleansing. Jesus took our guilty place and died for us so that all our guilt, shame and secret sins can be washed away. In addition, Peter shared how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38).

The above verse is important because it reveals that the devil is the root cause of our mental, emotional and physical sicknesses. Our minds and emotions can be oppressed by the devil without us being conscious that it is from him. Although our sicknesses can be brought about by the demons, we tend to explain the incidences from a natural perspective. One example is the woman who was bound by the devil for 18 years. She was bent over and could not lift herself up. When Jesus healed her, she stood as straight as a board. Jesus told the religious leaders that this lady, whom Satan had bound for 18 years, was a daughter of Abraham.

When God created Adam and Eve, there was no sickness or death in the Garden of Eden. Sickness, sin and death came in only when Adam and Eve partook of the fruit they were told not to eat. The moment they broke the law of God, sin, sorrow, sicknesses and death came in like a flood. So Satan is responsible for this world's suffering. When Jesus came, God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and He went about healing those oppressed by the devil. The bad news is we are susceptible to sickness; but the good news is we can be healed and live in divine health if we choose to trust Jesus.

Jason Phee had a **heart attack** three weeks ago. He was in a coma for three days and in the ICU for six days. Our Powerlighters prayed for him while he was in hospital. The day Jason had a dream of Jesus, he came out of the coma. Praise God, Jason is fully restored!

On January 15, Tan Heng Jin suffered a **hearing impairment** in his left ear. After prayer at the Miracle Service, he can now hear clearly. At his last appointment with the specialist, he was told that his hearing was almost near perfection.

Before the Chinese New Year, Josephine Philips **sprained her right ankle and walked with a limp**. Her **toes were swollen**. Tonight, on the way to the Miracle Service, she fell at the Admiralty MRT station, thus worsening her condition. During worship, she committed her condition to the Lord and laid hand on her right ankle. She then took off the bandage and saw the swelling subsided. She is now able to walk normally.

Shannon Voon gave God the glory for helping her in her **accountancy examinations**. At the beginning of her course, she did not do well. As a result, she felt disappointed and depressed. After attending the Miracle Service for more than a year, she prayed that she would do well. Praise the Lord, she passed her examinations with flying colors and would be graduating in June this year.

ALL GLORY TO GOD!



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SATAN'S MANY TRAPS

BY PASTOR RONY TAN

Next Sunday
Identity Series
What Is A Spiritual Leader?
Part 2
By Pastor Pacer Tan

Most people logically believe that there is only one true God in the world. Yet there are numerous religions with conflicting beliefs, each claiming to be the truth. Something is seriously amiss!

More and more people are open to the realm of the supernatural these days. Hence, many believe that evil spirits or demons actually exist.

The Bible affirms that they do. So is it possible that the devil is using false beliefs to trap unsuspecting souls, making it extremely difficult for them to find the way to freedom and everlasting life? If so, what are the numerous traps of Satan?

Messages in CDs and DVDs may be ordered at the counter.

Today's Pre-Service Upperlight Prayer Items

1. Busing Ministry

- Divine protection during bus journey
- Ferry more people to the Miracle Service

2. Translight Ministry

- Good health and blessings upon all Translighters
- Wisdom, strength and patience as they manage parking situations

March 19 Thursday Upperlight Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing of chronic respiratory diseases
- Lighters who are inclined toward false teachings
- Protection against disasters and tragedies
- Baptism Service on March 28

Speedlight Tuition Program

We will be providing free Mathematics tuition, from April to August this year, for Primary 6 students from needy families and students who are struggling with Mathematics. The program will be conducted in Lighthouse Tampines every Saturday from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

If your child requires this tuition or you know of someone who does, please register after the 9.00 am, 11.15 am or 3.15 pm service. For more information, you may also call the church office at 67881323 and ask for the Speedlight Department.

HONOR YOUR PARENTS LUNCH

Ephesians 6:2 exhorts us to honor our parents. This commandment comes with a promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

This year's Honor Your Parents Lunch will be held on Labor Day, May 1 at Tim Palace in SAFRA Toa Payoh. Lighters, here is a great opportunity for you to thank and appreciate your parents for their unending love and sacrifices. Invite them to a sumptuous meal at this restaurant headed by an award-winning master chef. An exciting program, including an evangelistic message, has been specially prepared for you and your parents.



Tickets at \$42 each or \$420 for a table of 10 persons will be on sale TODAY at the lobby in LEW and the car porch in LET. Obtain your tickets after the service.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK

ARMED FOR TRIUMPH

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY TAN

The Shield Of Faith

The first three items of our spiritual armor are the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness and the sandals of the Gospel of peace.

In practical terms, the third piece of the armor means the readiness to share the Gospel of peace and power with others. A witnessing Christian who shares Christ as a lifestyle is joyful and vibrant; and God's joy will keep him from being depressed and discouraged.

4TH ITEM OF THE ARMOR THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Why was it necessary for a Roman soldier to use a shield as part of his armory? It was because the other pieces of his

armor could not possibly cover up his entire body to totally protect him. So the shield made up for any deficiency in his armor.

Here we are talking about a big oblong shield, measuring four feet by two feet, that gave the soldier adequate coverage when it was lifted up in the direction of any speeding spears or fiery arrows. The shield was made of a thick and impenetrable material that gave the user overall protection.

For an attacking Roman soldier who was storming a fortress, it was inconceivable for him not to be armed with that kind of shield. Even with that piece of equipment, he had to be very alert to the onslaught of flying daggers, spears and arrows. Oftentimes, these arrows were made of combustible material and set aflame before they were dislodged from the enemies' bows. They could be deadly if the shield of a Roman soldier was not lifted up to ward them off.

Here is the spiritual implication: just as the Roman soldier had to be ready with his shield despite the coverage



provided by all the other pieces of his armor, a believer has to live by active faith as he or she gets involved in soulwinning activities of the church. All Christians can only experience the reality of Jesus Christ in every facet of life by active faith.

The phrase "above all" means "of paramount importance" or "that is something you cannot do without". Above all, take up the shield of faith!

Why is it imperative to use the shield of faith correctly? The Word of God reveals that Satan shoots fiery darts at us, which come suddenly and without warning. Hence, the just shall live by faith. In other words, believers who have been justified by the Blood of Christ should live a lifestyle of faith in order to prevent defeat.

Hebrews 11:6
But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and

that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Bible is clear that there is no other way for a believer to please God other than through faith in Him; even good works are born out of faith in God.

When we approach God, we must approach Him in faith so that we not only please Him, but we will also be assured of His rewards. And God's rewards are usually in the form of answered prayers.

Just meditating on Hebrews 11:6 and believing it will give us the assurance that God truly cares for us and longs to reward us as we believe and trust Him. This assurance in God's loving attitude toward us will give us great confidence in Him; and that, in turn, will give our minds protection from the devil's fiery darts.

Let's now define what it means to have faith in God. It means that

a person believes and trusts the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word no matter what happens, especially in adverse circumstances. And he still believes that God has his best interests at heart and things will ultimately work to his advantage.

So we trust the Lord not only when the sun is smiling but also when a terrible storm is raging, not only when there is an absence of adversity but also in the midst of a crisis, not only when the going is easy but also when the going gets tough, not only when people are supportive and co-operative but also in lonely times when people forsake us.

