

Miracle Service

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GOD'S TRUTH Sets Us Free

This is the last Miracle Service of 2016 before we embark on the New Year. We ended 2016 with a song of thanksgiving on our lips, fully aware that the Lord has been good to us this year. He has fought battles for us. He has drawn us to Him, protected and provided for us.

In tonight's message, Pastor Pacer spoke on **God's Truth Sets Us Free**. Truth is so important to us. It is the benchmark for proper communication in any relationship be it spouse, friend or employer-employee. Many people are betrayed because of lies and trust is hard to come by if there is no fundamental aspect of telling the truth. If you do not tell the truth, how do you expect the relationship to be truthful? The truth that we have from people and from various relationships is only skin deep. It is not in the divine realm. It is not in the God factor. However, we want to talk about God's truth because it will set you free. The Bible holds powerful truths and the 66 books of the Bible unlock truths from the heavens to us. You may ask why we put our faith in

ancient Scriptures written by man. It comes down to faith really because the Scripture says though it is written by man, it is divinely inspired by God. Prophets, judges, kings and apostles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote the inspired Word of God given to us in the form of the Bible. Even atheists and agnostics read the Bible. They read in the hope of wanting to debunk and denounce it, but the good news is that some atheists and agnostics became Bible-believing, God-fearing and Spirit-led Christians after reading.

Many of you would tend to agree that in your spirit, there is much more to life than what you see with your eyes. There is something in another dimension; something in your soul knows there is much more out there and there's one whom we call "God". Secondly, there is the issue of conscience and morality. For instance, some atheists may believe that actions do not matter as long as they survive. That means murder, pillage, rape and destruction are fine as long as they benefit from it. We know that most people do have a guilty conscience when they do something wrong. But many do have a good conscience, kindness, empathy and human dignity not given to them just by chance. You have a conscience because God puts eternity in your hearts and you are mirroring His image – the image of God. And though your image has fallen and is cracked and fractured, the reason why you cry over certain things in humanity shows that you still have the semblance of a human heart with compassion. Where did it come from? It came from God.

Thirdly, the order of the universe is so precise that it could not have just come into being by itself. If the earth moves a bit closer to the sun, the earth would burn up. If it moves in the opposite direction, the whole earth would freeze up. The earth, constellation, the stars and the sun and everything else were put precisely in place so that on earth we could actually survive, breathe, have fresh air and living water to drink. It cannot be randomness

◀ or chance in the calculation of something to the probability of a million? When you look at your watch, a car or a house, you see a designer. Look at this spectacular universe. Someone designed this universe and it is God.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus confronts the people about truth. He tells them that if they know the truth, the truth will set them free. This does not make sense if you think you are free. If you are not a follower of Jesus, the Bible would define you as being enslaved to something or someone and you are not free. You are in some form of bondage and when your body or your mind is collapsing, you will lose all hope. In reality, we are trapped by sin. Some people are trapped in emotional or physical bondage, but Jesus comes to set their minds and then their souls free. He comes to tell all of us about God, Heaven and eternal life. You are not free unless you have Jesus in your life and heart. You need something larger than life. Jesus says you will be free if you know the truth; this truth that is higher than life. Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. Indeed, we are slaves to our wants, passions, desires and sins. But Jesus is promising you another way. He is promising you freedom, life, abundance, help and reconciliation to the Father. Most importantly, He is promising you eternal life. That is the Good News. But the bad news is if you practice sin, you are enslaved. But if you are set free by Jesus, you become from being a slave to sin to being a son. A slave has no rights. But as a son, you can enter into Heaven and sign contracts on behalf of your Father God; you are an heir to the throne and have every single right to the Kingdom. If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:31-36)

Once again, we rejoiced with many precious souls who received salvation. Many also experienced the healing touch and power of God.

Here are some testimonies:

God has changed Elvin Tan tremendously. Once a hot-tempered and unforgiving person, he suffered from a list of sicknesses. Praise the Lord, after he learned to manage his anger, be forgiving and live peacefully with people, God healed him of *renal chronic pain, spondylosis, sleep apnea, ear discharge infection, anxiety disorder*. And best of all, he *quit smoking after 37 years*.

Anna Sun tried for a baby for four years. Finally, she conceived twins. However, it was discovered that during the Zika outbreak, she was the second lady in Singapore to contract the virus. Pastor Rony and the congregation prayed for her and she was so touched that God upheld her during that period. Although she was hospitalized for a week, she believed God could help her. Her last checkup with the doctor showed that there was no trace of *Zika virus* and she was totally free from it. Hallelujah!

After *cataract* surgery on *both her eyes* a year ago, Clara Chia felt constant stinging sensation, like sand, in them. She had to blink hard all the time for a year and doctors could not do anything about it. She came to the Miracle Service for prayer. The discomfort in her eyes had disappeared.

Florence Soh had *lumps in both breasts* and her doctor was concerned as she had a family history of cancer. She attended the Miracle Service regularly to pray for her condition. Thank God, her biopsy results showed that the lumps were benign.

Barney Lau's niece in Penang was diagnosed with *cervical cancer* and he prayed in proxy for her. Lately, she was given a clean bill of health and also had found a new job in the New Year. *We give glory to God. Indeed, the truth of God shall set us free!*



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Next Sunday
THE POWER OF MOMENTUM
PART 2

By Pastor Rony Tan



Creed In-Deed Series
Part 1

GOD OUR FATHER

By Pastor Pacer Tan

Why do we call God our "Father"? Throughout the Old Testament, we are never invited to call Him that until Jesus came to earth.

Today, we will learn the wonderful journey of how God has revealed Himself as our Heavenly Father. May we be eternally satisfied in Him!

中文聚会 Chinese Service

华语崇拜会
红色在圣经里的含义
黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

福建崇拜会
门徒之路(七)未知之步
田乘田牧师 Pastor Desmond Tian

下个主日 Next Sunday

华语崇拜会: 爱我的主 高启发 Alan Koh

福建崇拜会: 红色在圣经里的含义 黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

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如何更新你的心思意念

我生活中的最大启迪之一就是：我可以选择我的想法并且有目的地考虑问题。换句话说，我不是仅仅思考出现在我脑子里的任何事情。这对我来说是一个改变生命的启迪，因为箴言23章7节说，“因为他[一个人]心怎样思量，他为人就是怎样。”我想这样说：心往哪里走，人就往哪里去。

神关心的是内心隐藏的那个人，也就是我们的内心世界。我们的内心世界就是我们思考的是什么。就像上述经文所说的，我们思考的方式决定了我们如何生活以及我们是谁。这就是我们为什么要考虑我们在思考的是什么的原因。

对于我们来说了解这一点是如此重要，因为如果我们没有学会怎样让每一个心意都顺服基督（参见哥林多后书10章4-5节），我们就不会活出耶稣为我们而死所给我们的生活——这是与神和好的生活，内心平静的生活，有着好的关系和真正的喜乐，并且有能力成为神创造我们所要成为的一切。一言以蔽之，选择相信神所说的（真理），不仅仅是相信自己的感觉，别人所说的或者我们所处的环境。

圣经明确地讲述了要培养跟随神的心，我们必须要做这样三件事情。我想分享一下每一件事情的好处。

1 “你们要思念上面的事……” (歌罗西书3章2节)

这是抵制诱惑的关键。看看，当我们提前决定我们做什么和不做什么时，在诱惑来临的时候，我们已经为做出正确的选择奠定了基础，就更有可能成功地战胜诱惑。

比如说，在你进入社交场合之前，先决定“我不去说闲话。我不去损坏别人的名声而得罪圣灵。”其他的诱惑可能会要求你做出这样的决定，诸如“我今天不吃四块糖。”或者“我不在网上看色情片。”或者“我不要和带来坏影响的人出去闲逛。”我在这里的意思是，我们不想等到诱惑来到时以我们自己对诱惑的感觉去做出反应。

2 “不要效法这个世界……只要心意更新而变化……” (罗马书12章2节)

更新心意是一个持续的过程。每天我们都需要花时间研读圣经，这样我们可以有目的地根据圣经所说的来思考。我们不能在我们的思想生活中留有一处或两处“垃圾”区域，因为这会阻止我们得到神给我们的最好。我不是说我们必须做到完美，但是我们需要每天都有进步，这样我们可以保持心意更新并且在我们与神的关系中成长。

3 “所以要约束你们的心……” (彼得前书1章13节)

你可能会想，这是什么意思呢？这主要是说我们需要把心里所有的垃圾都从我们的路上清除掉，这样我们才能在基督耶稣里持续奔跑我们的路程，并且得着神想让我们拥有的得胜。然后我们就为遵循神为我们生命的计划做好了行动的准备。有一个实际方式能让我们完成来自神的这三个指示，那就是每天有一个思想会议。就是坐下来，说“我要有目的地思考一些事情。”然后花一些时间默想经文，那些用真理使你心意更新的经文——有关他对你的爱，他对你的计划，以及他想让你如何生活和表现……使用词语检索来找到这些经文：涵盖你在争战中的领域或你需要更多了解的经文。我想鼓励你将其中一些经文写下来并且放置在你每天都能看到的地方，比如洗手间的镜子旁或冰箱上。

如果你决定把心意放在神的话语上，用真理更新心意并且将“垃圾想法”从你的道路上移除，那么你就会经历我们在基督里拥有的丰盛新生命。你所需要做的就是每一天，每一次都有一点更多的进步。

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Salvations : 527
 Rededications : 243
 Total : 770

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January 19, 2017 Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Eye Diseases
- Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
- Infilling Of The Holy Spirit
- Ministry Of Home Affairs
- Ministry Of Social And Family Development

Ready To March

By Max Lucado

Think about the Christian you want to be. What qualities do you want to have: more compassion...more conviction...more courage? What attitudes do you want to discontinue: greed...guilt...endless negativity? With God's help you can! You can close the gap between the person you are and the person you want to be. Indeed, the person God made you to be. You can live "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

To inherit your inheritance is God's vision for your life! Imagine the thought. You as you were intended. It's a life that is yours for the taking. You can expect to be challenged. The enemy won't go down without a fight. But God's promises outweigh personal problems. Victory becomes, dare we imagine, a way of life. Isn't it time for you to change your mailing address from the wilderness to the promised land?

Are you ready to march?

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7 STRONG POINTS OF THE EPHESIAN CHURCH

1. The church was Spirit-filled.

Acts 19:6

Under Paul the Apostle, the church had a great start. He saw to it that the 12 pioneer members were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. The church made witnessing a way of life.

Acts 19:10

In a short time, from this church in Ephesus, the Gospel spread to all of Asia Minor.

A vibrant church is never confined and restricted by the four walls. Daily, the disciples must have brought the Gospel to the marketplace.

3. The church evangelized with miracles.

Acts 19:11

More than just preaching, Paul demonstrated the Gospel with miracles, signs and wonders. The Ephesian church produced the proof that Jesus is the Risen Lord by healing the sick and casting out demons.

4. The church taught the full counsel of God.

Acts 20:27

Paul also said that he had held nothing back which was profitable to the Ephesian Christians. That was how the Word grew mightily and prevailed.

5. The church developed a self-contained organism.

Ephesians 4:11-16

A well-developed church lacks nothing. The leaders placed the entire church in total dependence upon the Lord Jesus to anoint the different members within that church to minister to the various needs of the people. Such a church does not need an endless supply of foreign evangelists and teachers to help it grow. It is self-contained in the Lord.

6. The church boldly exposed demonic practices.

Acts 19:19

In so doing, the Ephesian Christians were not only exposing the evil of demonic practices, but they were also warning and preventing others from being deceived. It was courageous of them to do so.

7. The church warned its members of deceptive teachers.

Acts 20:29-31

The urgency was such that Paul never ceased to warn his sheep night and day and with much tears that they be not deceived by unscrupulous teachers, so much so that the leadership of that church began to take after Paul in being spiritual watchdogs for the protection of its members.