

Miracle Service

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Generally, a gift evokes a wonderful feeling. When someone buys you a present, you feel happy because somebody is thinking about you. The present is not in the object itself, but in the person who gives you the gift, especially if he or she is someone you respect and love. Tonight's topic by Pastor Rony is entitled **The Gift Is Jesus**. It is about giving and receiving a gift. The Gospel of John 3:16 says God so loved you that He gave you a special gift – His only begotten Son. Jesus Christ His Son so loved you that He came into this world, suffered and died on the Cross in order to give you everlasting life. It is a double gift. God gives you His Son, Jesus. And Jesus in turn gives you everlasting life as well as love, peace, joy and more. That is the perfect gift. At a human level, none of us can receive from each other a perfect gift. Only God can give you one.

Seven Characteristics Of A Perfect Gift

- 1. It endures through time.** Receiving a beautiful bouquet of flowers can only last you a week or two. Then the flowers will fade. Even a gift of a car can last only ten years or more. Although it is expensive, it is only for a time period. Even the gift of a dog may only last fifteen years. Only God can give you an everlasting gift. Even rings exchanged between couples cannot last forever. But when God gives you His Son, who in turn gives you everlasting life, it is forever.
- 2. It is meaningful, useful and appropriate.** You may give someone a useful gift, but it may not be appropriate. A husband may give

the wife a very expensive broomstick made of everlasting material with special fiber. But again, it is not appropriate. Even buying souvenirs as gifts for your friends when you travel abroad may not be meaningful, useful or appropriate. To solve her father's problem in buying gifts for her every year, one little girl suggested that he presents her with a simple credit card. The father told the little girl that if she is presented a credit card as a gift, his life will no longer be simple. The gift of a credit card could be useful to her, but he knew it was not an appropriate gift. The gift of Jesus that the Heavenly Father gives you will live in your heart forever. Jesus will never leave you or forsake you and He will guide you all the time. This gift is meaningful, useful and appropriate.

- 3. It is given out of love from someone you respect.** A gift does not have to be an expensive gift. It could be a gift of a card. But it means so much to us because we know somebody loves us. So it is with Jesus. Jesus is the greatest lover of our souls. He loves us so much, and He loves us enough to die for us.
- 4. It entails some sacrifice from the giver.** The most memorable gift you receive is one that does not cost a lot of money. Rather, it is one where sacrifice, time and effort were involved. It could be something handmade, like a handmade card. We look at Jesus. The Bible says He left His glory in Heaven two thousand years ago, stripped Himself of all power and came down to earth to be like us. He was locked in time and space. As God, He could be in every place at one time. But when Jesus came into this world, He could be only in one place at a time. When He died on the Cross for us, He rose again and is with the Father right now and He can be present everywhere. That was the ultimate sacrifice He made.
- 5. It is gladly and willingly given.** We know of people who love us and are generous to us. An example is that of our parents who not only save up and are careful about money, but also when it comes to our education ▶

◀ and needs, they are generous. It seems that when our needs are met, it gives them great pleasure and joy. The Bible tells us that Jesus gave willingly. He suffered on the Cross, braved Himself, soldiered on and gave His life on the Cross gladly and willingly.

- 6. It is from a giver who has no other motive except to bless and make you happy.** If we hardly know someone and he suddenly gives us an expensive gift, we cannot help but be a little suspicious of him. The Bible tells us that we are all sinners and that when we are not forgiven, we will not make it to Heaven. Then Jesus came and gave us a big gift. Although we are all sinners and there is no hope, He paid the price for us. The price was ready for us to receive. But Jesus has no ulterior motive. You may say that you hardly know Jesus. But He knows you because He is your Creator. As far as He is concerned, He is going to buy you back from the devil. He knows you intimately. He is also your Heavenly Father. You owe a debt you cannot pay and Jesus paid a debt He did not owe. On the Cross, He paid it all without any ulterior motives except to save, heal and deliver you.
- 7. It is from a giver who respects your choice to either accept or reject his gift.** Every time you give a gift, you cannot presume that the person must accept it. You run the risk of being rejected. Sometimes your gift is rejected. Sometimes you and your gift are rejected. Jesus gives us everlasting life and when we reject His gift, it is to our detriment. He is very sad because He knows what is going to happen to you without His gift. There are many ways to reject a gift. You may reject it outright by saying "no thanks". There is also a gentle way to reject a gift. You may receive it, but you don't treasure it. You can even throw it away. Jesus says, "I stand at the door and knock." It is the door to your heart.

He wants to come in to give you the most precious gift – Himself. The only person who can control your heart's door is yourself. Jesus is knocking at your heart's door. He wants to fellowship with you and develop a relationship with you. Don't keep the door to your heart shut.

Tonight, we rejoiced with those who came forward to receive the Gift of Jesus in their lives. Many were also wonderfully touched by the healing power of God. Here are some testimonies:

For five years, Catherine Tan, from Kuching, had **acute pain in her right shoulder**. She watched the Miracle Service online from Kuching and prayed during the healing call. Last week, she heard a cracking sound and was delivered from her pain. Before the Lunar New Year, her **blood sugar level was unusually low**. Worried, she prayed and the next day, her blood sugar level was back to normal.

Last year, Ruth Goh had **traces of blood in her urine**. In February 2017, she went for an endoscopy and was cleared of any complications.

Phyu Yatana Thein, from Myanmar, suffers from **partial hearing defect**. After coming to the Miracle Service twice, her hearing has improved 80 percent.

On 29 January 2017, Michelle Lum had **an outbreak of rashes on her body**. She rushed to A&E and was diagnosed as having chickenpox. Worried, she prayed against it and asked Lighters to pray for her. Praise the Lord, her rashes cleared up.

Two years ago, during an inline skating, Andy Ng **fell and injured himself**. He consulted a TCM practitioner and medical doctors, but the **pain persisted**. He was prayed for at the Miracle Service, and progressively the pain lifted. Glory to God!

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By Pastor Rony Tan

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BY PASTOR PACER TAN

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早晨乘搭巴士上班途中，见到路上和车厢里不低头玩弄手机的可谓少之又少。回想念小学时，家里连个电话都没有。最靠近住家的公共电话在整五百米外。当时一毛硬角还可以无限时的通电话，除非后头也有人排队等着用。随着时代的演进，有一天家里也装上了电话机。到了九十年代，哇.. 有传呼机耶!

记得当时还在警界当查案官，警局免费发了一个可供公私两用的传呼机，挂戴在裤头上，特别是当它毕毕响起时简直是神气翩翩，走在路上似有风声呼呼。呼! 那种逍遥风采至今还能感受其中。过了不久来了个‘大哥大’，手机就因此一代一代的晋升到今天的智能手机。

今天，你我一有疑问都会‘机不可失’的向着手手机给猛按，希望能从中得个解答。手机像是万事通；是解药。迷路了，别怕别怕，按手机就行了。无聊啦，没关系，按按手机可解闷。这病痛是什么来头，要吃什么药呢，按手机...。一机在手，唯我独尊，我管他身边的三七二十一！有人就因边走边按的给车子撞个正着。这是有智慧的人善用智能手机还是愚昧的被手机给玩弄了呢我也没答案。

若说五十年前，有谁会想象到今天我们可以随手提着手机与国外的家人聊天呢？但我突然想到，其实我们基督徒都有时能与上帝通话的无线电话。然而仍有数不清的人不知道有这福分。好比五十年前的我们不晓得有无线手机的一天。好比当年李白举头望明月，低头

思故乡时不晓得有一天有太空人登陆月球，人造卫星能和地球通讯。但人类其实从亘古到现在到永远都能和上帝直接有通讯。这通讯远超过任何卫星导航系统的精密。

上帝像是赐给每一个人一台无形的手机，不需充电，不受任何时空设限而随时可以和祂沟通。祂也不会嫌弃我们有事没事打电话干扰祂。相反的，祂渴望我们联络祂且深怕我们不去使用这超自然超科技的福分。

耶利米书33章3节好比是上帝给我们的电话专用热线，1天24小时1星期7天不会间断的回应我们。这经文说：‘你求告我，我就应允你，并将你所不知道、又大又难的事指示你。’这是来自上头而很多人不知晓的头等福分!

上帝不单喜悦我们和祂有沟通团契，祂特别要应允我们的呼求，并指示我们又大又难的事。基督徒要时常记住这333热线，即耶利米书33章3节，无限的无线电话热线!

高启发撰文



A POWERFUL TESTIMONY NEXT SUNDAY

Elvin Tan, who had been suffering from a host of sicknesses, will be sharing his powerful and touching testimony next Sunday, 26 March.



Thursday Upperlight (Prayer Meeting) 8.00 pm @ LET & LEW

March 23, 2017 Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Cancer
- Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
- Elderly @ Lighthouse
- Climate Change

HONOR YOUR PARENTS LUNCH

- **Date:** Monday, 1 May 2017
- **Time:** 11.30am – 2.30pm
- **Venue:** Bliss Garden Singapore Exposition Centre
- **Speaker:** Actor Li Nanxing
- **Cost:** \$45 per pax (Limited to six tickets per person)
- **Tickets selling on Sunday, 2 April after every service**

Honor Your Parents Celebration has become a tradition in our church. Every year we set aside the May Day holiday for this occasion. This evangelistic event presents a non-threatening opportunity for our pre-believing parents or loved ones to respond to the Gospel. Inviting them to lunch makes it easier



HOLY GHOST ENCOUNTER 1 RENEWING OUR WINESKINS

Friday, March 31 • 8.00 pm • LE Woodlands & LE Tampines

As we enter into this new season, we need to prepare ourselves for God to pour new wine or new anointing into our lives.

So come and renew our wineskins together at the upcoming Holy Ghost Encounter. We will be basking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit as we wait upon Him.

Save the date in your calendar for a great renewing experience. See you in the Sanctuary!



for them to accept the invitation. Besides, most of them are familiar with the speaker Li Nanxing, a well-known actor. His presence to share about his conversion will encourage them to accept Jesus as their Lord. The Gospel will be presented in Mandarin and interpreted to Hokkien. This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Get your cash or cheque ready on 2 April. We anticipate that the tickets will be quickly snapped up.

NB We are limiting the number of tickets per person to six so that more Lighters can have the opportunity to invite their pre-believing parents and loved ones.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FAITH

Part 2 Compiled by David Nunn

The first five Commandments of Faith were featured in last Sunday's Link. You may log on to our website to read them.

6. Thou shalt not fear poverty and lack of material things.

But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
The Lord is my shepherd. I shall lack nothing. (Psalm 23:1)
Beloved, I wish above all these that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. (3 John 2)

7. Thou shalt not fear trouble nor any evil.

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. (Psalm 91:10)
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. (Psalm 91:7)
For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. (Psalm 91:11)
And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:18)

8. Thou shalt not be afraid of persecution or of failure.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. (Psalm 34:19)
... He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)
... No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11)

9. Thou shalt not be afraid of man ... nor of demons.

... I give unto you power ... over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)
The fear of man bringeth a snare. (Proverbs 29:25)
Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)
Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. (2 Corinthians 2:14)
... We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. (Romans 8:37)

10. Thou shalt not fret thyself nor fear of what to do ... or worry about God's guidance.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. (Psalm 37:23)
Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:5)

