

Miracle Service

On March 18, 2017
Reported by Sarah Koh

**DO NOT FEAR, BUT ONLY BELIEVE, FOR
WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**

This evening, Pastor Rony's powerful message was entitled **The Message Of The Cross**. He explained that Christianity is not a mere religion. It is experiencing a relationship with God. Jesus Christ is the Mediator between a Holy God and sinful mankind. Most people in the world know that Christianity is about Jesus Who died on the Cross to forgive and redeem us from sin. But sadly, many people cannot relate to this Truth because they do not think they are such bad sinners who need salvation from sin and eternal damnation.

The Bible is clear that all have sinned and come short of the standard of God. Moreover, the wages of sin is eternal death. The Almighty God, Who is perfect and holy, detests sin but loves the sinner unconditionally. God had made a big deal about sin that He sent Jesus Christ to salvage us once and for all. Hence 2,000 years ago, Christ paid the gruesome penalty for our sins on the Cross and rose again victoriously to reconcile us to God. The Word of God tells us that before we were Christians, our minds were darkened by Satan so that we could not understand the message of the Cross. It is only when the Holy Spirit convicts a person in the heart about sin that there will be realization and repentance of sin.

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, He would convict man of three things: sin, righteousness and judgment. This means all unrighteous thoughts, words and deeds, even the little lies, are offensive to God. We can never be righteous on our own due to the nature of sin. But on the day when we receive

Christ, God accepts us because of our faith in Him and imputes His righteousness upon us. He made us righteous, having forgiven and cleansed us from our sin and guilt, so that we can start a new life in Christ. The Bible says it is appointed for every man once to die and then the judgment. So the Day of Judgment will come when everybody has to be held accountable to God, and there is no escape.

The Apostle Paul, who persecuted Christians, was transformed by the message of the Cross. Convicted by the Holy Spirit, he gave himself fully to preach Christ crucified and the Good News to the Jews and Gentiles. We find the essence of this message in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NLT). Here, it is very clear that the message of the Cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction. But for those who have been saved, they know it is the very power of God. Notice, God says that He will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard their intelligence. The wisdom of man is deceptive, wrapped in lies and imaginations. So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars and the world's brilliant debaters? Verse 20 says that God has used the simple message of the Cross to make foolish the wisdom of the world with all its philosophies and debates. Many people will not recognize that the Bible contains words of eternal wisdom unless and until they have a personal encounter with Jesus.

Think of it, God used 'foolish' preaching of the Cross to save those who believe. This is because God, in His wisdom, saw that the world would never know Him through human

wisdom. Is it not true that all the human wisdom will never lead a person to salvation? Just like the Jews who were looking for more signs to believe the Messiah. So they were not convinced though Jesus was literally doing miracles by the power of God when He was on this earth. The Greeks depended on intellectual stimulus and human wisdom. Hence, the Jews were offended by the Cross and the Gentiles said it was totally nonsensical to preach that Christ was crucified to redeem mankind from sin. Obviously, they have missed the pivotal truth that God reveals Himself only through Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago.

Conversely, for those who are convicted and have received salvation, Christ is the power and wisdom of God. Hence, this 'foolish' plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength (verse 25). Indeed, it is the wisdom of God to use the foolishness of the Cross to set you free from the power and penalty of sin. Having received Christ as Lord and Savior, you will be acquitted and found not guilty on Judgment Day. Like it or not, there is an eternity awaiting every person – a Heaven to gain and a hell to shun!

When you understand the Truth of God's redemption plan, you will see through the limitations and folly of man's wisdom. So delay no more! Let your life be transformed by the power of the Cross and seal your eternity in Christ alone.

During the healing segment, Pastor emphasized that Jesus Christ took upon Himself not only our sins, but also all manner of sickness on the Cross. Truly, Christ our Savior and Healer is alive! Do not fear, but only believe, for with God all things are possible.

It is no secret what God can do in the Miracle Service. We rejoiced with precious souls who were quickened by the living Word of God and received Christ. Also, many others were miraculously touched and healed in Jesus'

name! Here are some testimonies for your edification:

For some months, Peggy Lim suffered from **rheumatoid arthritis**. She had been praying at the Miracle Service. The first time after prayer, her condition improved as the joint pain was reduced. She continued to believe God for complete healing. Tonight, she was further healed of swollen joints of the fingers and elbow. She thanked God that there was no more pain and tightness of the joints.

Esther Lim had been attending and **praying for a job for eight months**. When she came tonight, she trusted God to answer her prayer. Two hours later, she received a call that she had secured a job with a good position. She praised God for His faithfulness.

Annie Lim suffered **insomnia for nearly a year**. Even after taking sleeping pills that the doctor prescribed, she was still unable to sleep well. So she got into the habit of watching TV due to her sleeplessness. She had been praying at the Miracle Service. Since the beginning of March, she was healed of insomnia and was able to sleep like a baby! Hallelujah!

Charles Tan **hurt his left ankle**. Last Saturday, he came to the Miracle Service and was prayed for. But he did not receive instant healing. However, the next day, the pain lifted away. Over time, the swelling subsided and his ankle was restored. Praise God!

Goh Tse Shyen testified on behalf of her husband. They had traveled to Japan. **Her husband** was still **having a bad cough since last month**. He was on medication, but the cough persisted. Whilst there, they watched the Miracle Service online and prayed for healing. The next day, he coughed out much phlegm and was healed of the persistent cough. Praise God that His unlimited healing power is present even when people tune in to the Miracle Service overseas. Hallelujah!

**JESUS CHRIST
PAID IT ALL ON THE CROSS!**



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Next Sunday
**APPLICATION AND
APPROPRIATION**
By Pastor Rony Tan

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PART 6

CHURCH

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

The Church is the result of Christ's sacrificial love. It is not a venue or a social club. It is the people of God, called out from darkness into the marvelous light of God.

Today's sermon will help us to be reminded of the wonderful blessings we have because we are His church, covenanted in His love.

中文聚会 Chinese Service

华语崇拜会

清明节

黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

福建崇拜会

神可以翻转一切

沈喜华 Sim Hee Hua

下个主日 Next Sunday

华语崇拜会: 信心系列(一)信心的重要性 黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong
福建崇拜会: 门徒之路(九)荣耀之名 田乘田牧师 Pastor Desmond Tian

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

生史大解剖

电视韩剧常流行男女主角对自己身世大追查, 紧接着就带来且离谱且是预料中的情节。往往恋爱多年的‘欧巴’其实是自己的亲哥哥, 或公司的女总裁原来是丢弃自己多年的亲身妈妈。小时候我也一度质疑过自己到底从哪里来。当然绝不是指怀疑自己不是母亲所生的意思。

年幼时家在海边, 家的后面是农场, 小孩子的我们手里没有手机, 家里没电子游戏飞机。夜晚一到整个村子就像进入静止状态, 抬头一望就是闪闪星星。童年闲荡时间多思想空间也变为较多。

每回看到祖父的微笑时, 我都会好奇的想, 祖父的祖父也一样的慈祥吗? 曾祖父的父亲又是长得什么样子呢? 最伤透我脑筋的疑问是那第一个祖父是从哪里而来呢? 再想想, 我的邻居同伴也总有第一个祖父, 是谁把他给生下的呢? 但那始终只能是心中无法解答的困惑!

原来圣经里早有所要的答案! 路加福音3: 23记载耶稣的家谱说耶稣开头传道, 年纪约有三十岁。依人看来, 他是约瑟的儿子, 约瑟是希里的儿子。经节一代一代的追索到第38节说以挪士是塞特的儿子, 塞特是亚当的儿子, 亚当是神的儿子。哦, 原来如此!

人类的第一个始祖原来是亚当, 是上帝所造的而不是我原先猜想由一个白发苍苍的老神仙用棒子变

来的。当然幼时也想到死亡的问题和它所带来的恐惧。每当村子里有丧礼时, 观看出殡礼成为我的一个娱乐活动。但看热闹的兴致中又带有畏惧, 心中有股莫名的不安! 一般送殡的人越多家属会显得越光彩, 表示已故的人有福气, 旁人也会议论纷纷他可以升天成仙。

记得有一回又一家人户有丧事, 那已是整50年前的事。可是至今我还清楚记得, 当时我突然惊觉有一天母亲也会那样的离开我们, 我该怎么办呢? 哀伤黯然而生且又不知如何表达而只能哭泣着。顿时, 小小的心灵是灰暗的!

如今, 我深知若不是耶稣把亮光给带来, 我仍然要活在灰暗中。通过圣经的接触我了解第一个祖父从何处, 也晓得当一个生命结束后会去哪里。人类自古对生命的由来和归去疑惑不解, 所以秦始皇会寻求长生不老药。但圣经里有明确的指示, 对生与死作了解剖。

耶稣把光带来世界, 相信的就能与他一起有永生。不能靠自己, 不能靠行善, 不能靠别人, 惟有靠那揭开生命历史的创造主耶稣!

高启发撰文

**THURSDAY
UPPERLIGHT
(PRAYER MEETING)
8.00 PM @ LET & LEW
April 6, 2017**
Prayer Items
• Miracle Service
• Healing of Seasonal Influenza
• Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
• Pursuing (God-given)
– Job
– Relationships
– Material Possessions
• Preparation For Mid-Year Examinations

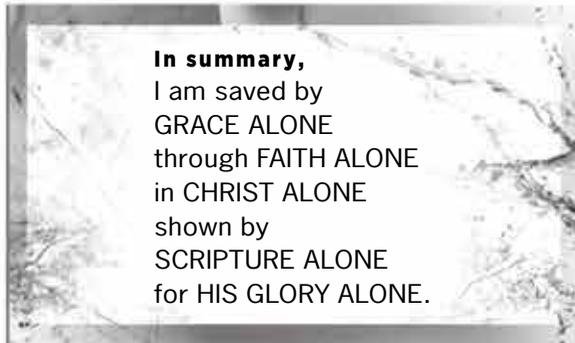


HOLY COMMUNION

Oh how precious to think that we shall be with Christ through all eternity! It will truly be a glorious moment when Christ returns to receive us! So dear Lord, we set our thoughts on this heavenly hope as we partake of the Communion at Your Table today.

FIVE SOLAS

Two Sundays ago on March 19, Pastor Pacer preached on **Five Solas**. They are:
1. Sola Gratia: "grace alone"
2. Sola Fide: "faith alone"
3. Solus Christus: "Christ alone"
4. Sola Scriptura: "scripture alone"
5. Soli Deo Gloria: "to the glory of God alone"



NB Five Solas is Part 5 of the Creed In-Deed Series. This message is available on MP3 audio sermon subscription at \$20 for the entire series of 10 sermons. Within 72 hours of that Sunday Service, you will receive the MP3 via email which can be downloaded to your iPhone, Android, Tablet or PC device. To purchase the MP3 subscription, visit the Faithlight counter or speak to any of the friendly staff for more information.



HONOR YOUR PARENTS LUNCH

Date : Monday, May 1, 2017
Time : 11.30 am – 2.30 pm
Venue : Bliss Garden Restaurant, Singapore Expo
Speaker : Actor Li Nanxing
Cost : \$45 per pax
(Limited to six tickets per person)

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 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!

Tickets are on sale today immediately after the service. Please take note that 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.



CHURCH CAMP 2017

Great news for all of you waiting to attend church camp! This year's church camp is scheduled for **December 5 to 8 (Tuesday to Friday)** at Hotel Equatorial in **Malacca**. Make plans to join us at this exciting family gathering. Apply for your annual leave now. See you there!



LIGHTHOUSE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & PRACTICAL WAYS TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS

Mental illness can affect persons of any age, race, religion or socio-economic level. Many are providing care to a loved one with a mental health issue. As some have said, mental illness is a disease that affects the whole family. Caregivers feel the impact of the disease as they struggle to care for their loved ones.

What is mental illness? Is recovery at all possible? Is it treatable? How can caregivers help their loved ones manage the challenges of living with a mental disorder? Find out the answers to these questions in our upcoming Mental Health Talk by Dr Joseph Khoo and Ms Eunice Quek on **Saturday, April 22, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm** at **Lighthouse Tampines**.

The following topics will be covered:

1. Brain Anatomy
2. Types of Mental Illness & Diagnosis
3. The Need for Empathy & Effective Communication
4. Recovery and Rehabilitation
5. Support for People with Mental Health Issues and Caregivers
6. Q & A



P6 MATH TUITION PROGRAM

In preparation for the PSLE, Lighthouse will be offering free Mathematics tuition to needy Primary 6 students from May to September.

Sign up your child, nephew or niece for the program. Or, volunteer as a tutor with us! Whether you are a professional Math teacher or tutor, or someone with a desire to teach our little ones, we welcome you to serve with us.

Tuition sessions will be held every **Saturday, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm** at **Lighthouse Tampines**. Call us at the church office at **67881323** to register.

DR JOSEPH KHOO

Dr Joseph Khoo is a medical doctor with a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health. He is a believer in Christ and an active volunteer trainer with the Caregivers Alliance Ltd. Personally, he is a caregiver to a loved one with mental illness.

MISS EUNICE QUEK

Miss Eunice Quek is a Programme Manager / Counsellor with the Caregivers Alliance Limited (CAL). She received her Master of Social Science (Professional Counselling) from Swinburne University, Australia.

To attend, you need to purchase a \$5 coupon. As an outreach effort, you can bring along a pre-believer free of charge.

The talk will end with a time of ministry and prayer for God's empowerment for all caregivers and healing of their loved ones with mental health issues.