



One of the most powerful verses in the Bible is found in 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” To be in Christ is to be in union with Him. When we believe His Word and receive His Person into our inner man or into our hearts, we will be in union with Him.

Life is brief. The Bible describes it as a vapor in comparison with endless eternity. When our life is connected with God through Jesus Christ, we are in union with Him and old things are passed away. Tonight, we can delete our past history of messiness, brokenness, heartaches, disappointments, wayward sins and all kinds of junk. You can press the delete button and old things will pass away and all things become new. All your sins will be forgiven and your impurities cleansed. The newness of life is in your spirit. Tonight’s message is aptly entitled **From Pauper To Preacher.**

Pastor Rony shared a true and touching story of a young man who had a wonderful career. His life was ahead of him. He married a good woman and had children. When life was stressful, he drank a little bit to relieve stress. Just a few glasses a night became bottles to the point where he could not focus on his work. At the age of 34, he was dismissed from work. His wife divorced him and he was out on the streets begging so that he could buy the next drink. He ate little. He would go to the mission house to get free food. The pastor managing the mission house got wise. He told him that if he wanted free food, he had to come to the

service first to hear the Gospel then he would be fed. True enough, he stayed in to listen to the Gospel and, thank God, his heart was warmed towards it and he received Jesus into his heart. When he did so, the horrible plight of his situation was realized. He did not see it that way in the past but under the light of Jesus, he saw the truth. He cringed when he saw himself as he was. When he gave his heart to Jesus, the most wonderful things took place. He no longer had desire for another drink. He sobered up, got a decent job and began to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone who would hear. He made his life so useful that word got around and churches invited him to give his wonderful testimony. Then the first church invited him to speak. He stood up with tears in his eyes telling of the goodness of God. He was crying because he told himself, “I was a bum, I was a pauper and now I am a preacher of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ!” Hundreds of people were listening to him.

At the end of his message, he looked at an innocent-looking 12-year-old girl. He pointed at her and said he would do anything to be as pure, clean and innocent as her. The pastor of that church corrected him and told him, “You’re much purer and cleaner than this girl if she’d not received Jesus into her heart!” There is a tendency for us to judge others based on their appearance. If a person is unkempt and dirty, we think he is dirty on the inside too. When he is clean-cut and well-shaven, we think he is a gentleman. Therefore, man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart. ▶

◀ One day, Jesus and the disciples were eating and the religious leaders were looking at Him with disdain as He was eating with hands that were not ceremoniously cleansed. Ceremonial washing was not just about hygiene, but it was also a tradition of washing in a certain manner that would declare you were clean inside. However, you can have the cleanest hands, but you can still have a very black heart. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says that nothing from the outside – whatever you eat or drink – can make you an unclean person, but the things that come out from your inside can be immoral. The food that comes into your mouth does not enter into your heart but into your stomach and it will be expelled. Jesus says what comes out of a person is what defiles him and it is from within. For out of the heart of man come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, idolatry, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these sins come from within and will bring death, both physical and eternal. That is why the Gospel is such an important piece of news and thousands of missionaries literally gave their lives to preach the Good News. Jim Elliot was one of them. In 1956, he and four other missionaries were speared to death in the jungle of Ecuador in their attempt to preach the Gospel to the Auca Indians. His wife Elizabeth Elliot took the challenge later to venture to the same spot to preach the Gospel by learning their language. In his journal, Jim Elliot wrote of his dedication to Jesus. He said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Tonight, many in our midst experienced the reality of God’s healing touch and saving power.

Tan Ah Pia had **blood in the urine** and the doctor suggested she goes for a scope. Before the scope, she came to be prayed for. Praise the Lord, everything is clear!

Jane Koh testified that **God renewed her youth** amazingly. She grew in height from 1.45 m to 1.50 m and her shoe size expanded from size 5 to size 7. She also saw baby hair around her hairline. Jane was also **delivered from potential danger** when she fell from the escalator in 2015.

Lim Choon Theng suffered **nagging back pain** for five years. Tonight during Pastor’s sermon, she exercised faith and her back pain was lifted.

In January, Sandy Cheong was hospitalized and discovered to have **two cysts on her ovaries**. On the right side was 7 cm and on the left was 14 cm. Since March, she had been coming to the Miracle Service to pray for healing. On her recent visit to the doctor, she was told that her cysts had shrunk in size to 1.5 cm on her right ovary and to 8 cm on her left. She was also told that a **cancerous lymph node on her left armpit** was totally gone.

In November last year, Patrick Ong had **pain on his L4 and L5**. It was so painful that doctor prescribed painkillers. Since he started attending the Miracle Service, he was totally delivered. Hallelujah!

Four years ago, the Lord healed the son of Steven Tan of **color blindness**. He managed to get a job after that and within four years, he was promoted twice. And come to think of it, he could not have gotten the job had God not healed him of his color blindness. Praise be to Him!

Joyce Lim discovered that she had **congenital heart murmur**. She did not pray about it. However, when she served in the Praislight ministry, she remembered her condition and prayed about it. Last September, after her medical checkup, her heart doctor declared she was free from heart murmur. To God be the glory!



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Next Sunday
Creed In-Deed Series
Part 7
Baptism
By Pastor Pacer Tan
March 2017
34 Salvations
17 Rededications
Glory to our
Lord Jesus Christ!

Spectator OR Participant?

BY PASTOR SAMUEL SAM

Being a follower of Christ immediately ushers us into the arena of Christian living where we are either a spectator or a participant. Being a participant requires tremendous commitment, effort and even sacrifices, but we will receive glory and honor if we persist to the end. We may choose an easier and safer path by being a spectator, but we face the risk of ending disastrously.

Today, let’s study the Scriptures to find out why this is so and learn important lessons for application.

中文聚会 Chinese Service
华语崇拜会 / 福建崇拜会:
主日特别聚会
生命光艺术团 Light Of Life
下个主日 Next Sunday
华语崇拜会: 门徒之路(十) 田乘田牧师 Pastor Desmond Tian
福建崇拜会: 祭神明偶像的供奉物 黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

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医院探访随想

宽限期

下午一阵倾盆豪雨过后，雨仍然时大时小的下个没停。从诺维娜地铁站外头乘搭免费专用巴士前往汤申路一间关怀护理医院探访一位弟兄，沿途有些地方都积水了。

抵达医院时，在柜台处登记好名字，服务员友善给我指示到病房的方向。我微笑道谢，心想，没问题啦，跑病房我比医生还拿手呢！

当我按了电梯要上四楼时，后头从柜台处传来急促的叫唤声把我给留住。怎么回事呀？“对不起啊！”她们向我道歉。原来那弟兄已在几个小时前过世了！

我走出门口时心如天空般阴沉！这弟兄是一年多前在一次探访他的母亲时认识。他当时正很辛苦的和癌症搏斗。他在警察部队任职，获知我过去也是在警界服务时就聊得很开，像已认识多年的朋友。他也开玩笑说我一看见就像名警察！

愣了一阵后，我连忙拨打电话给他的姐姐了解状况。感谢主，电话另一端传来的是很平静的回应！离开医院时，我一直望着整栋医院楼房，间隔着的是丝丝雨滴，像串珠帘的仿佛也把我和这弟兄从此给隔开了。当然不是永别，因为弟兄生前接受耶稣，在主里改日能重逢。但要与他再聊警界的事已不可能了！

回到地铁站再乘搭另一辆巴士到竹脚医院探访另一位会友。一上车，司机先生就说弟兄平安感谢主！哦！原来是教会的会友！弟兄顺手递给我一份报纸。我一面翻阅一面和弟兄闲聊。弟兄笑着问我呈报所得税了没，原来对面税务局人流因最后宽限期呈交所得税而造成交通堵塞。

唉，每年都会有大批的国民在宽限期最后时间赶着呈交所得税。突然想到，当一个人跨入永恒时，再也没有宽限期可言了！灵魂归向何处已无法更改。其实我们活着的每一刻都是宽限期，而这宽限期还有多久谁也不晓得。

看看手中的报章，再想想四周所发生的，不外是美国要朝鲜检点，朝鲜叫美国别嚣张，俄国指着美国，美国指着中国，上司指责员工，员工埋怨老板，婆婆责怪媳妇，媳妇不满先生...

我们如果心中缺少光，就会只顾争吵，没法看到永恒。世人往往忙于繁琐而忽视了那带恩典的宽限期...

车窗外还是细雨绵绵...

高启发撰文

THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT (PRAYER MEETING) 8.00 PM @ LET & LEW

May 4, 2017

Prayer Items

- Miracle Service and Sunday Services
- Healing of Kidney and Liver Failure
- Mothers in Lighthouse
- Personal Needs and Reflection

MIRACLE SERVICE On May 6, 2017

This Saturday, Pastor Rony's sermon at the 7.00 pm Miracle Service will be interpreted on stage from English to Mandarin. Seize the evangelistic opportunity to invite your unsaved English and Mandarin-speaking relatives and friends to join you at the service. Share with them some inspiring healing testimonies from our Miracle Service. They are just a phone call away. Let's keep the flame of evangelism burning brightly and win souls for His glory.



Faith - NOT SIGHT

By Kenneth E. Hagin

For we walk by faith, not by sight. - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Smith Wigglesworth said something that blessed me when I first read it way back in the late thirties, because it was so in line with my own experience. He said:

"I am not moved by what I feel.
I am not moved by what I see.
I am moved only by what I believe."

Then he went on to say:

"I can't understand God by feelings.
I can't understand the Lord Jesus Christ by feelings.
I understand God by what the Word says about Him.
I understand the Lord Jesus Christ by what the Word says about Him. He is everything the Word says He is."

You will not be able to understand yourself by feelings. Instead, understand yourself as a born again, Spirit-filled Christian, by what the Word of God says about you.

And when you read what the Word says about you, whether you feel like it or not, say, "Yes, that's me. I have that. The Word says I have that. I can do what the Word says I can do. I am what the Word says I am."

As you do this, you will begin to develop spiritually.

LIGHTHOUSE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM PROSPER YOUR SOUL

Date : May 16, 23 & 30 and June 6 (Tuesdays)
Time : 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Venue : LE Woodlands
Lecturer : Sister Cynthia Seow
Fee : \$10

Synopsis:
The mind is the main communication centre of the personality. What goes on in our soul determines the kind of person we are. Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." What we think determines what we do and what we do determines what we become.

Margaret Thatcher once said "Watch your thoughts, for they will become actions. Watch your actions, for they will become habits."

Watch your habits, for they will forge your character. Watch your character, for it will make your destiny."

The mind of man remains the strategic battleground in the universe. Christians must master their minds and develop power thoughts in order to overcome the battles in life.

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9.00 am and 11.15 am services
To attend the course, you may obtain a coupon from the reception counter at basement 1 office.

3.15 pm service.
Please obtain a coupon from the counter in the Sanctuary foyer.

In LE Woodlands
To attend the course, you may obtain a coupon from the counter at the lobby.

All are welcome to attend the course.

LOVE ON THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY 2017

Reported by Katherine Joyce Somosierra



"His blood bought my salvation, blessed be the Lord, for His love endures forever." That was the sound resonating in our sanctuaries, declaring the truth of what we believe. It was the sound of a congregation worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ in speech and song on Good Friday morning.

"Love on the Cross" contemplated the deity and humanity of Christ. The whole service portrayed the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, revealing His love for all mankind that led Him to the Cross.

Between songs of praise and worship, short video clips of Pastor Pacer reading passages of the Word and his brief homilies were shown. The uniting of theology and doxology allowed the congregation to better respond in deep worship. The lights dimmed again, and Dramalighters presented a powerful, artfully vivid, heart-rending dramatic

reading, to orate an eye-witness recount of Jesus' way to Calvary.

It was clear that every movement, sound and arrangement of art was an offering of praise. The play of lights and multimedia enhanced the biblical portrayal, and all elements worked beautifully in retelling the heartbreaking yet perfect sacrifice of Christ.

Pastor Pacer then encouraged the congregation to look to the Cross, for the power and love of the Cross lay in the truth that it's not mere man dying for men, but it's God becoming man to die for mankind. "Look unto the Lord and live!" he continued so that despite life's challenges, life is good if you knew the Father's love, and it is free for receiving. Many, who were impacted by the message, streamed forward to the altar giving or rededicating their lives to Christ.

Praise God for His love and mercy, and for those who entered the Kingdom that morning.

