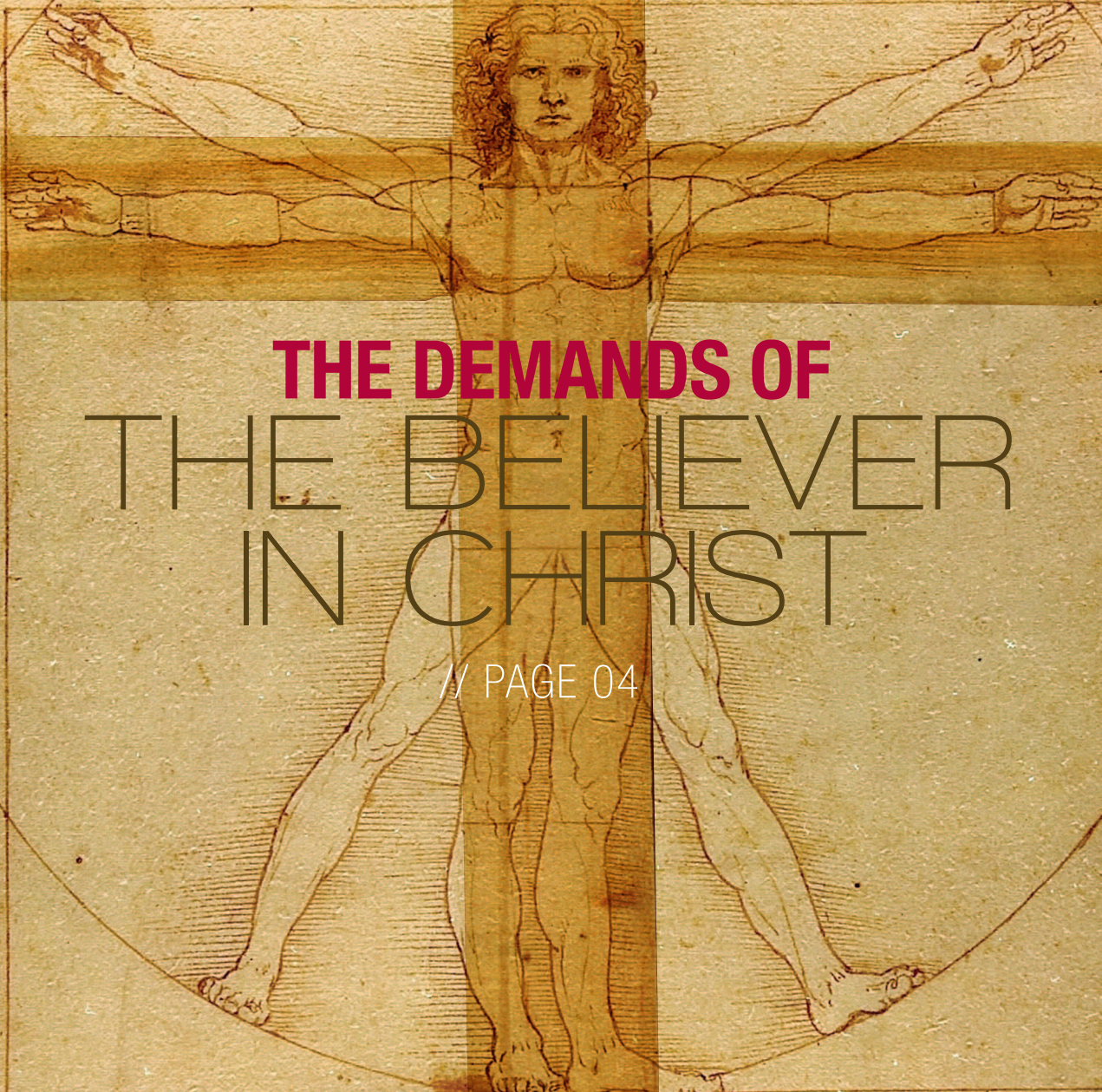


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EXUBERANT CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

THE WHOLE CHINESE CONGREGATION GATHERED FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE PUSAT AKTIVITI CALVARY CHERAS (PACC) ON 25 FEBRUARY 2012. This was followed by a sumptuous Chinese New Year lunch at a nearby restaurant. The service was marked by God's blessings and favour.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam were present to give encouragement to the Chinese speaking congregation. The mood was buoyant with an uplifting time of worship, special presentations by the choir, an ensemble and a solo musical rendition on the guzheng, a Chinese string instrument.

Senior Pastor expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the Chinese congregation leadership for their faithful service and dedicated care of the people. He shared a wonderful message entitled "Empat Kawan" from the story of the paralytic man in Mark 2:3-12 to demonstrate that he was saved and healed because his four good friends reached out in love to him and acted in faith. Indeed we are all to be like these four good friends to those in our circle of influence. When the altar call was made, many responded for various needs.

There was warm fellowship with overflowing unity and joy that marked this exuberant service. More wonderfully, five people accepted Christ as their Saviour for the first time. Surely the Lord had blessed and favoured this occasion. ✚



Top Senior Pastor prays for the needs of all at the altar. Left to right Congregation enjoys the service; Responding to the preaching of God's Word.

充满爱和喜乐的中文团契

全体中文会众在2012年2月25日首次在加略山蕉赖卫星教会 (PACC) 举行主日崇拜, 聚会后大家在附近的一家餐馆一起享用丰富的华人新年联欢午宴, 并受到上帝的祝福和恩宠。

古纳南主任牧师和古师母 也与大家一起出席给予中文会众鼓励。激励人的敬拜, 诗班的献诗, 合唱曲和古筝独奏音乐使会上充满活泼热情的气氛。

主任牧师对中文会众的领导团队的献身服事和忠心事奉表达他的感谢和感激。他从马

可福音2:3-12里一个瘫子的故事, 分享了一个名叫“四个好朋友”的美好信息, 来说明瘫子得救和被治愈, 是因为他的四个好朋友们的爱心扶助和信心行动。事实上, 我们都要像这四个好朋友一样扶助在我们的影响圈里的人。当坛前呼召时, 许多人都为各方面的需要作出回应。

满溢合一和喜乐的温馨团契标志着这充满爱和喜乐的聚会。更美好的是, 有五位朋友初次接受基督为他们的救主! 这次的庆典实在是神的祝福和恩宠。✦



Top Sister Petrina welcomes and prays for the Chinese congregation. Above A special presentation by Chinese worship team. Below A beautiful musical rendition on the guzheng.



Top A cheerful greeting from Senior Pastor. Above Warm fellowship during lunch at restaurant.

THE DEMANDS OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“Therefore put to death your members when you are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds and put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3: 5-11).

THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST IS CALLED TO LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD WHILE STILL LIVING ON EARTH.

He is to focus his attention and affection towards spiritual things because of his identification with Christ in death and resurrection. People must see Christ in him, living as an obedient son of righteousness. Paul addresses some specific sins and demands that the believer lives an exemplary spiritual life style. He speaks with no uncertain terms by saying, “Put to death” these sins. This he says to the church, a people who are redeemed by His blood and filled with His Spirit.

THE DEMAND TO “PUT TO DEATH” SINS THAT ENSLAVE YOU, SINS OF DISOBEDIENCE

1 FORNICATION

Fornication includes all forms of sexual immorality. This means that church goers are not free from immoral lifestyle. Paul admonishes, **“But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints”** (Ephesians 5:3). The believer is to seek things that honour and testify godliness. It is not fitting of a believer to be living an immoral lifestyle. Paul emphasises very specifically again, **“For it is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality”** (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

2 UNCLEANNESS

They say cleanliness is next to godliness. There is a connection between the two.

Moral impurity is uncleanness and so is ungodliness. Do not do things that corrupt and pollute your life. The believer must put to death all things that makes him unclean.

3 INORDINATE AFFECTION, PASSION OR LUST FOR THE WRONG THINGS

Put to death any craving for things you know are wrong and contrary to the Word of God. For instance, over-eating, drugs, nudity, homosexuality and pornography. The list can go on and on. Put it on the cross for it to die and believe through Christ's death, you have the victory over such sins.

There are two Biblical illustrations on inordinate affection or lust.

First, the apostle Paul describes, **“For this reason God gave them up to their vile passions. For even the women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due”** (Romans 1:26-30). The believer ought to live a life that fulfills the purpose for which God created him and so he finds fulfillment in life.

Second, Jesus taught, **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shalt not commit adultery.” But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you;**

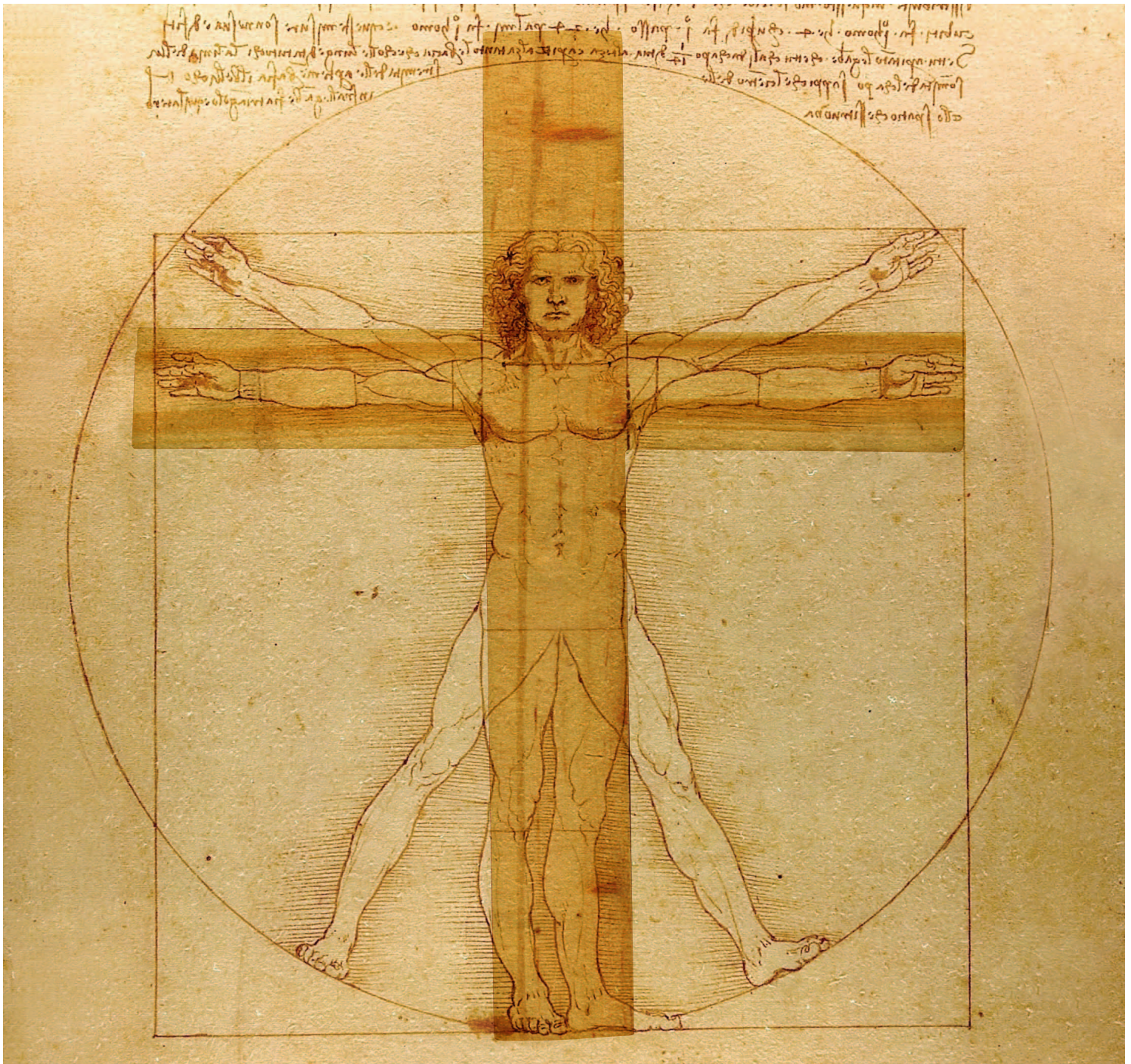
for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to cast into hell” (Matthew 5:27-30). Adultery begins with looking and then touching. That is why Jesus mentions your eye and your hand. The life of the believer is not for half-hearted believers, but fully committed in their faith to the Lordship of Christ. Paul says, **“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified”** (1 Corinthians 9:27).

4 EVIL DESIRES

Evil desire drives a person to all kinds of evil and wickedness, acts of cruelty, unrighteousness and demonic acts. We hear, see and read all kinds of evil acts done not only by criminals, but ordinary man in the street. Mothers can leave their newly born babies to fend for themselves or kill them! Evil desires make you cruel and are demon inspired. The believer in Christ lives in victory over demonic activity and is a blessing to his neighbour. Paul says, **“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”** (1 Corinthians 10:31).

5 COVETOUSNESS OR GREED

To covet is to set whatever up as a god and pursue it with all your energy, mind, soul and body. This is idolatry and greed is a desire to have when it is not needed or to simply have more. You may be rich in possessions, but you are not satisfied! The Bible warns, **“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possess”** (Luke 12:15). And, **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”** (Matthew 16:26).



“Paul addresses some specific sins and demands that the believer lives an exemplary spiritual life style”

DISOBEDIENCE BRINGS THE WRATH OF GOD

Paul says, “Therefore put to death your members when you are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice,

blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds and put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3: 5-11). The wrath of God allows the curse of sin to affect our life negatively.

The Bible teaches, “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you,” (Deuteronomy 28:15). To break the curses of sin over your life, God sent Jesus to forgive your sins and deliver you from the power of sin, to bless and empower you to live for Him.

As a believer, acknowledge Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Nobody needs to coax you to read your Bible, pray and do what pleases Him! Paul says your life is risen with Christ, so live to glorify Him. ✚

All Bible quotations are in New King James, unless otherwise indicated.

TUNTUTAN TERHADAP UMAT KRISTIAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“Kerana itu matikanlah dalam dirimu segala sesuatu yang duniawi, iaitu percabulan, kenajisan, hawa nafsu, nafsu jahat dan juga keserakahan, yang sama dengan penyembahan berhala, semuanya itu mendatangkan murka Tuhan (atas orang orang durhaka). Dahulu kamu juga melakukan hal-hal itu ketika kamu hidup di dalamnya. Tetapi sekarang, buanglah semuanya ini, iaitu marah, geram, kejahatan, fitnah dan kata-kata kotor yang keluar dari mulutmu. Jangan lagi kamu saling mendustai, kerana kamu telah menanggalkan manusia lama serta kelakuannya, dan telah mengenakan manusia baru yang terus-menerus diperbaharui untuk memperoleh pengetahuan yang benar menurut gambar khaliknya; dalam hal ini tiada lagi orang Yunani atau orang Yahudi, orang bersunat atau orang tak bersunat, orang Barbar atau orang Skit, budak tebusan atau orang merdeka, tetapi Kristus adalah semua dan di dalam segala sesuatu” (Kolose 3:5-11).

UMAT KRISTIAN DIPANGGIL UNTUK HIDUP UNTUK KEMULIAAN TUHAN SEMENTARA MASIH BERADA DI DALAM DUNIA INI.

Dia haruslah menumpukan perhatian dan menyukai perkara-perkara rohani oleh kerana identitinya dengan Kristus dalam kematian dan kebangkitan. Orang ramai mesti melihat Kristus di dalamnya, hidup sebagai anak yang taat dalam kebenaran. Paulus merujuk kepada beberapa dosa tertentu dan menuntut agar umat Kristian hidup satu cara kehidupan rohani yang berteladan. Dia berkata dengan tegas, “Matikanlah dalam dirimu” dosa-dosa ini. Dia memberitahu ini

kepada gereja, orang-orang yang ditebus oleh darahNya dan dipenuhi dengan rohNya.

TUNTUTAN UNTUK “MATIKAN DALAM DIRI MU” DOSA-DOSA YANG MENGHAMBAKAN KAMU, DOSA-DOSA KEINGKARAN

1 ZINA

Zina adalah termasuk semua bentuk aktiviti seks yang tidak bermoral. Ini bermakna bahawa terdapat juga jemaat gereja yang mengamalkan cara kehidupan yang tidak bermoral. Paulus menegur, **“Tetapi percabulan dan segala kecemaran atau keserakahan, disebut sajapun jangan di antara kamu, sebagaimana sepatutnya bagi orang-orang kudus”** (Efesus 5:3). Umat Kristian sepatutnya menolehkan perhatian dan mencari perkara-perkara yang menghormati dan menyaksikan kerohanian Tuhan. Adalah tidak patut untuk seorang Kristian untuk hidup tidak bermoral. Paulus menekankan dengan khusus lagi, **“Oleh kerana ia adalah kehendak Tuhan, pengudusan anda bahawa anda perlu menahan diri daripada perbuatan seks yang tidak bermoral”** (1 Tesalonika 4:3).

2 PERBUATAN TIDAK SUCI

Mereka berkata kesucian adalah sama seperti kerohanian Tuhan. Terdapat perhubungan antara kedua-duanya. Kelakuan yang tidak bermoral adalah kotor dan begitu juga kelakuan yang tidak taat kepada Tuhan. Jangan melakukan perkara-perkara yang merosakkan dan mencemarkan hidup kamu. Umat Kristian mesti mematkan semua perbuatan yang menjadikannya tidak suci.

3 PERASAAN SUKA YANG MELAMPAU, KEGHAIRAHAN ATAU NAFSU UNTUK PERKARA-PERKARA YANG TIDAK BETUL

Matikan dalam dirimu keinginan untuk

perkara yang kamu tahu adalah salah dan bertentangan dengan Firman Tuhan. Sebagai contoh, makan berlebihan, dadah, berbogel, hubungan homoseksual dan pornografi. Senarai ini sememangnya panjang. Letakkan ia di atas salib untuk mati dan percaya melalui kematian Kristus, kamu mempunyai kemenangan ke atas dosa-dosa itu.

Terdapat dua gambaran dalam Kitab Injil mengenai perasaan suka yang melampau atau nafsu tamak.

Pertama, Rasul Paulus menjelaskan, **“Kerana itu Tuhan menyerahkan mereka kepada hawa nafsu yang memalukan, sebab isteri-isteri mereka menggantikan persetubuhan yang wajar dengan yang tidak wajar. Demikian juga suami-suami meninggalkan persetubuhan yang wajar dengan isteri mereka dan menyalakan nyala dalam berahi mereka seorang terhadap yang lain, sehingga mereka melakukan kemesuman, laki laki dengan laki laki, dan kerana itu mereka menerima dalam diri mereka balasan yang setimpal untuk kesesatan mereka”** (Roma 1:26-27). Umat Kristian perlu hidup kehidupan yang memenuhi rencana yang Tuhan telah ciptakan untuknya dan maka itu, dia akan mendapat kepenuhan dalam kehidupan.

Kedua, Yesus mengajar, **“Kamu telah mendengar firman: Jangan berzina. Tetapi Aku berkata kepadamu: Setiap orang yang memandang perempuan serta menginginkannya, sudah berzina dengan dia di dalam hatinya. Maka jika matamu yang kanan menyesatkan engkau, cungkilah dan buanglah itu, kerana lebih baik bagi mu jika satu dari anggota tubuh mu binasa, daripada tubuh mu dengan utuh dicampakkan ke dalam neraka. Dan jika tanganmu yang kanan menyesatkan engkau, penggallah dan buanglah itu, kerana lebih baik bagi mu jika satu dari anggota mu binasa daripada tubuhmu**

dengan utuh masuk neraka” (Matius 5: 27-30). Zina boleh dilakukan dalam daging dan dengan mata kamu dan dengan tangan kamu. Itulah sebab Yesus menegaskan “mata dan tangan kamu”. Kehidupan umat Kristian bukannya untuk umat Kristian yang lemah, tetapi mereka yang berkomited penuh kepada Ketuanan Kristus. Paulus berkata, **“Tetapi aku melatih tubuh ku dan menguasai nya seluruh nya, supaya sesudah memberitakan Injil kepada orang lain, jangan aku sendiri di tolak”** (1Korintus 9:27).

4 KEINGINAN YANG JAHAT

Keinginan yang jahat mendorong seseorang untuk melakukan semua jenis kejahatan dan aksi kekejian, perbuatan ketidakbenaran, kekejaman, dan aksi-aksi syaitan. Kita dengar, lihat dan baca segala jenis perbuatan jahat yang dilakukan bukan sahaja oleh penjenayah, tetapi manusia biasa. Ibu-ibu boleh membuang bayi yang baru dilahirkan atau membunuh mereka! Keinginan jahat membuat seseorang kejam dan di rangsangkan oleh syaitan. Umat Kristian hidup dalam kemenangan ke atas aktiviti kesyaitanan dan adalah satu berkat kepada jirannya. Paulus berkata, **“Jika engkau makan atau jika engkau minum, atau jika engkau melakukan sesuatu yang lain, lakukanlah semua nya itu untuk kemuliaan Tuhan”** (1 Korintus 10:31).

5 KELOBAAN ATAU KETAMAKAN

Kelembaan adalah menginginkan sesuatu teramat sangat dan mengejanya dengan kesungguhan tenaga, fikiran, jiwa, dan badan. Ini dianggap sebagai penyembahan berhala dan ketamakan adalah keinginan untuk mempunyai apa yang tidak diperlukan atau hanya ingin mempunyai lebih. Kamu boleh menjadi kaya dengan harta benda, tetapi kamu tidak akan berpuas hati! Alkitab memberi amaran, **“Berjaga- jagalah dan waspadalah terhadap segala ketamakan, sebab walaupun seorang berlimpah- limpah hartanya, hidupnya tidaklah tergantung daripada kekayaannya itu”** (Lukas 12:15). Dan, **“Apa gunanya seorang memperoleh seluruh dunia tetapi kehilangan nyawanya? Dan apakah yang dapat di berikannya sebagai ganti nyawanya?”** (Matius 16:26).

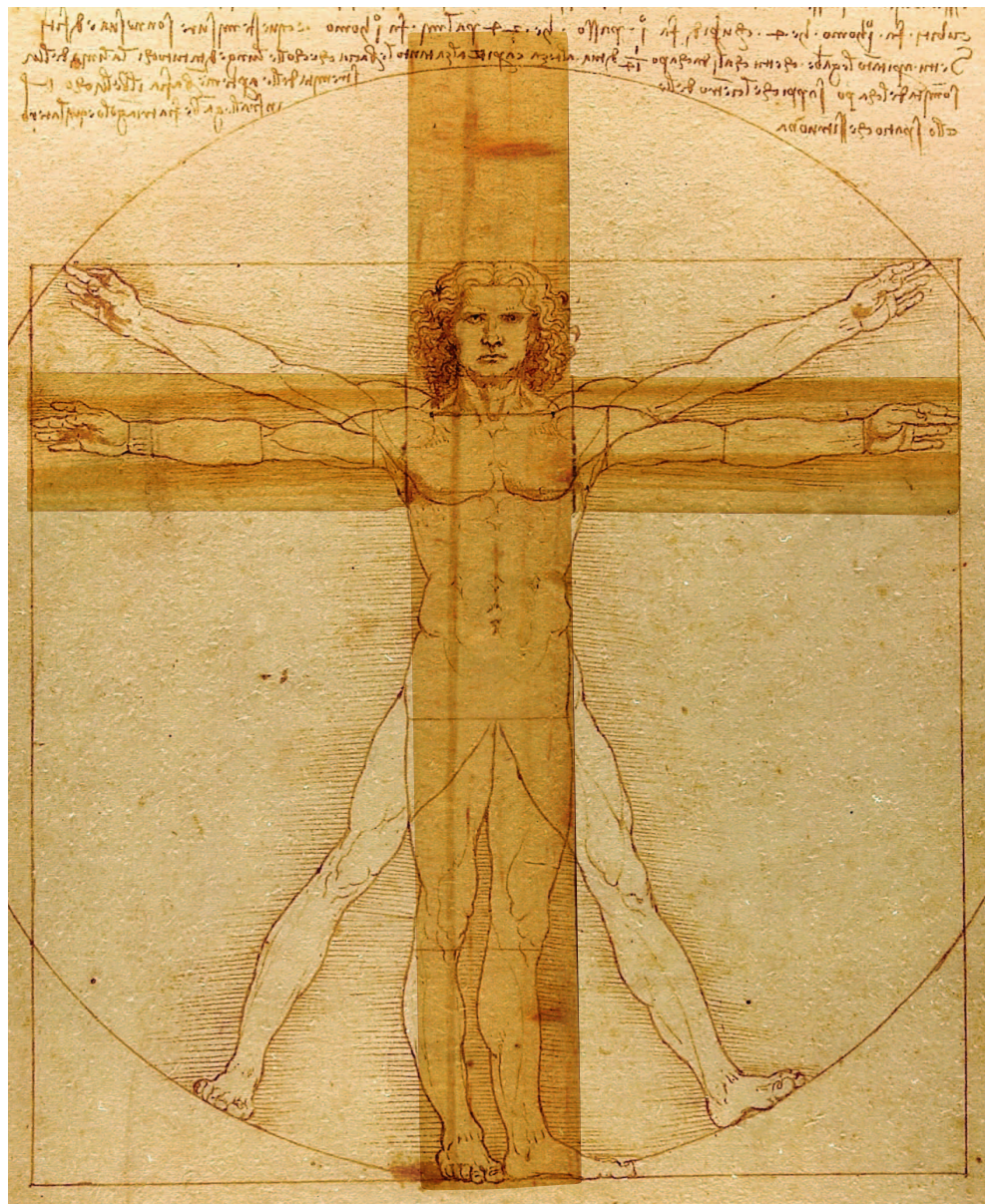
KEINGKARAN MEMBAWA KEMURKAAN TUHAN

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percabulan, kenajisan, hawa nafsu, nafsu jahat dan juga keserakahan, yang sama dengan penyembahan berhala, semuanya itu mendatangkan murka Tuhan (atas orang orang durhaka). Dahulu kamu juga melakukan hal hal itu ketika kamu hidup di dalamnya. Tetapi sekarang, buanglah semuanya ini, iaitu marah, geram, kejahatan, fitnah dan kata kata kotor yang keluar dari mulut mu. Jangan lagi kamu saling mendustai, kerana kamu telah menanggalkan manusia lama serta kelakuannya, dan telah mengenakan manusia baru yang terus menerus diperbaharui untuk memperoleh pengetahuan yang benar menurut gambar khaliknya; dalam hal ini tiada lagi orang Yunani atau orang Yahudi, orang bersunat atau orang tak bersunat, orang Barbar atau orang Skit, budak tebusan atau orang merdeka, tetapi Kristus adalah semua dan di dalam segala sesuatu” (Kolose 3: 5-11). Kemurkaan Tuhan membolehkan

laknat dosa untuk membawa kesan negatif kepada kehidupan kita. Alkitab mengajar, **“Tetapi ia akan berlaku, jika anda tidak mematuhi suara Tuhan, TUHANmu, untuk memerhati dengan teliti semua perintah-perintah-Nya dan ketetapan-Nya yang aku perintahkan kamu hari ini, bahawa semua ini mengutuk akan datang kepada kamu dan memintas kamu,”** (Ulangan 28:15). Untuk memecahkan sumpahan dosa sepanjang hayat anda, Tuhan telah mengutus Yesus untuk mengampuni dosa-dosa kamu dan menyelamatkan kamu dari kuasa dosa, untuk memberkati dan memberi kuasa kepada kamu untuk hidup untukNya.

Sebagai umat Kristian, akulah Yesus sebagai Tuhan dan Penyelamat. Tiada siapa perlu memujuk kamu untuk membaca Alkitab kamu, berdoa dan melakukan apa yang menyenangkan hatiNya! Paulus mengatakan hidup kamu telah dibangkitkan dengan Kristus, jadi hiduplah untuk memuliakanNya. ✚



SYNERGISING TO MEET CALVARY CARNIVAL



CALVARY NEWS MET UP WITH PEGGY LOW, THE CHAIRPERSON OF CALVARY CARNIVAL 2012 COMMITTEE RECENTLY. A gungho Peggy was bursting with testimonies about the encouraging response for the sale of coupons.

CN: How excited are you about the Carnival?

Peggy Low (PL): It is less than a week since we announced the Carnival and we are receiving good reports! I just received a call from a LG member to reserve RM500 worth of coupons for her in addition to the 150 she has taken and another member sold RM1,000 worth of coupons within a week! LG members are calling up to book their menus for the food stalls. So far, 11 types of food have been confirmed. *Nasi lemak*, of course... And this time, we have durians too! There is a team that's so passionate about selling durians that they want to reserve the particular venue to display the durians! They are even sourcing direct from the plantations for the best fruits!

The excitement and the momentum is building up, as more and more people become aware of the event.

I am looking forward to the Carnival day itself! We will see all our hard work come to pass with the Lord's help. This anticipation of how the Lord will bless the actual day and how He is already blessing us already, is very exciting.

CN: What is different about this Carnival compared to Carnival 2006, 2008 & 2009?

PL: This carnival is bigger, better

and more fun. The new venue, Taylor's University Lakeside Campus is bigger compared to the Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort where the past 3 carnivals were held. It is better with more variety of stalls, bigger jumble sale and more big companies are involved in promoting their products. This year we are offering new variety of games. It is more fun compared to past carnivals.

CN: How are you expecting the Church to help?

PL: The Carnival is more than a fundraising project. It is ministry that every Calvarite can participate in. There are so many different avenues for involvement. This is what is most amazing! We are creating awareness and opportunities not only for all Calvarites but our friends as well! Potential believers can participate and be a part of the Calvary family!

For instance, Calvarites can help sell coupons to friends. Calvarites can also invite their friends to take up stalls for games, bazaar, food and beverages. We also need people to be part of the Sponsorship Marketing Team (SMT) to promote the Carnival Souvenir Programme, Cash Sponsorships, and other sponsorships for products, orphanages etc.

CN: What are your goals and how confident are you to meet the goals?

PL: We are setting our hearts on raising RM1.5million gross revenue. We also want to see all Calvarites participating actively in the Carnival. Lastly, but not leastly, we are also targeting 15,000 visitors.

We have a good working team and we work very closely with Associate Pastor Raymond Yong who provides pastoral guidance. I am greatly encouraged by the committee members' enthusiasm in their respective areas of responsibility.

What is very important is the prayers of the Church. Our confidence is in the Lord. Pray for us.



Top Excellent venue in Taylor's University Lakeside Campus. Above It's fun to be dunked!

GOD IS BLESSING THOSE WHO ARE SELLING CARNIVAL COUPONS!

A retiree sold RM4,000 worth of coupons! She was so thrilled to see God answering her prayers. She is keeping her fingers crossed that a friend who is planning to sponsor the orphanages to the Carnival will soon confirm.

A Life Group (LG) Leader sold 20 booklets (RM20 each) to his client.

Peggy's LG sold RM1,500 worth of coupons within a week of the distribution of the coupons and will be taking more coupons for sale.

2012 TARGETS!

HEARING FROM THE HEART OF THE CARNIVAL GOLF COMMITTEE

BY ZEBEDEE TAY



I AM CERTAINLY NOT THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON IN CHURCH TO ORGANISE A GOLF INVITATIONAL.

My motivation in answering the call to take up this challenge is because as a CCC partner over the years, my only contribution has been in terms of finance.

Now that the CCC is in the final stages of construction, my desire to contribute more is urgent. So here I am, availing myself to this effort that aims to raise RM100k for CCC.

The event is two months away, and thus far, God has blessed me in many ways. I am especially thankful for a capable and experienced team consisting of Katherine Tiong, Jacqueline Cheang, Raymond Ow, Gary Yeow and Daniel Loke.

We in the Golf Committee strongly believe that as we avail ourselves, God will work miraculously to see our target met... for His glory!

We encourage everybody to come and play a part in making this event a roaring success, so that the vision of CCC can be realised. Even if you don't play golf, you can invite your golfing friends!

RAISING FUNDS & REACHING OUT THE BOWLING WAY!

BY MELVIN WONG

I PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANISE THE PRE-CARNIVAL BOWLING EVENT FOR THE SECOND TIME.

This event is not only to raise funds for the CCC, but a great opportunity to evangelise our potential-believer friends and to share the vision of CCC. In 2009, we had a total of 160 participants. More than 50 were potential believers. This year we are trusting God for great outreach and raising more funds through this bowling tournament. We are also seeking company sponsorship.

Come join us now and invite your friends! +



Registration
Closing Date:
21 April 2012
(Sat)

Calvary Carnival Bowling Tournament

28 APRIL 2012
SATURDAY, 2PM - 6PM

Venue: Sunway Mega Lanes
Sunway Pyramid Shopping Mall

Participation: RM500 per team



Registration
Closing Date:
6 May 2012 (Sun)
or when the
registration of
120 persons have
been received.

Calvary Carnival Golf Invitational

11 MAY 2012
FRIDAY MORNING

Venue: Kota Permai
Golf & Contry Club

Participation: RM2,200 per flight
Fees include: Breakfast and Lunch



Carnival

30 JUNE 2012
SATURDAY, 9AM - 5PM

Venue: Taylor's University
Lakeside Campus
Bandar Sunway

CALVARY LG MINISTRY: GOING FROM VISION TO REALITY

BY JOHN LIM



Calvary Life Groups seek to be a
vibrant, **CHRIST**-centered,
LIFE-TRANSFORMING *community*

Above and top right Fruitful discussions in small groups.

LIKE THE LAB 1 SESSION THAT WAS HELD DURING LAST YEAR'S CALVARY LIFE GROUP CONFERENCE, THIS WAS AN 'IDEAS LABORATORY' FOR ABOUT 160 PARTICIPANTS TO BRAINSTORM ON HOW TO ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH THE LG MINISTRY.

The vision of the ministry is for the LGs "to be a vibrant, Christ-centered, life-transforming community" and to this end, the focus of Lab 2 was to brainstorm on practical strategies for turning this vision into reality.

Small groups huddled to discuss the strategies for realizing the vision. The

discussions centered on practical issues, such as attracting potential believers and discipling believers to become disciple-makers.

One could see many common themes and issues being highlighted, even though groups came from very diverse backgrounds, representing the homogenous and heterogenous LGs. Many who were present were greatly encouraged to know that their ideas were valued and were helping shape the direction of the ministry.

The coming months will be exciting as these ideas are transferred into vibrant plans that transform lives! +

The Lab 2

3 MARCH 2012, SATURDAY

Participants: Life Group (LG) leaders, hosts and potential leaders

"Very empowering. I have a greater sense of ownership for the ministry!"

"There was a spirit of camaraderie... the atmosphere was relaxed and non-threatening. I came away refreshed and motivated to serve!"

"How exciting it is to know that God is growing His Church worldwide! I am privileged to be a part of His work in Calvary and in building the CCC."

"I was really touched by the power of unity and a sense of belonging which was revealed in the discussion, to the extent that I wanted the discussions to continue further."

"It was inspiring to see the leaders coming together to plan on how we can achieve God's dream for us!"



Above Pastor Jim Cymbala, Senior Pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York teaches on the Holy Spirit.

Many found the sessions helpful, practical, focused and down-to-earth. Every teaching session is accompanied by a powerful testimony that bears witness to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Roma Black the cocaine dealer, Brian Pettrey the aimless drifter, Angel Zapata the gang warlord who suffered deep depression for 30 years and Diana Barrios the substance user who was possessed by evil spirits all have compelling stories to tell. While they were still in bondage and sin, the Holy Spirit was silently working in the background orchestrating the events and circumstances in their lives such that they were confronted with the reality of Jesus Christ. Each had a remarkable turning point following a supernatural encounter with the Holy Spirit. Today, Brian (also the son-in-law of Jim Cymbala) and Angel are ordained ministers whilst Roma & Diana are actively preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. They have experienced the fire of the Holy Spirit and now they cannot contain it. . .

The fire of the Holy Spirit continues to spread today. God desires His Church to be invigorated with the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit that will draw multitudes to His kingdom. Commenting on this aspect, Jim Cymbala makes this observation: "The key is not in money, organization, cleverness, or education. Are you and I seeing the results Peter saw? Are we bringing thousands of men and women to Christ the way he did? If not, we need to get back to His power source - the Holy Spirit." And it begins with you and I!

May the Holy Spirit set our souls ablaze for God that we may love with a love that glows; serve with a faith that kindles and a devotion that consumes; hate sin with a fierceness that burns; rejoice with a joy that radiates. (Samuel Chadwick) ✚

WHEN GOD'S SPIRIT MOVES

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHAN LEE PENG

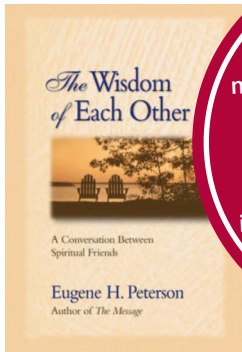
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD'S SPIRIT INVADES THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE AND IS GIVEN ROOM TO MOVE FREELY?

It is not hard to imagine. Yet the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power goes beyond every human imagination. Our dreams and visions of what we desire God to do in our midst pale in comparison with what His Holy Spirit wants to do and is capable of doing. Just as the Apostle Paul declares in 1 Corinthians 2: 9-10, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."

God is eager for His people to experience a fresh sense of His presence and power. When His people set aside their own agendas, apply His Word, listen for His voice and get serious about prayer, God moves in life-transforming ways. When His Holy Spirit is welcomed and honoured, the church becomes a place of divine appointment where people can experience the life-giving power of a Spirit-filled community. This is the primary thrust of the series of teaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit by Jim Cymbala in the recent School of Christian Growth open sessions held on Friday from 17 February to 9 March.

HOW “THE WISDOM OF EACH OTHER” BY EUGENE PETERSON INFLUENCED MY LIFE

BY DR. DOLLY CHYE



God speaks to us in many ways. One significant way is through the books we read. Read how different Calvarites were impacted by books in their spiritual journey.

SINCE I BOUGHT “THE WISDOM OF EACH OTHER”, I HAVE READ IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND LENT IT TO MANY. For me, it was an early practical introduction to how life lived in the presence of God’s Holy Spirit can look like, in the context of everyday. While Peterson agrees that the major forms of Christian communication by words are necessarily preaching and teaching, he proposes in this book that **spiritual conversations between friends** are also important and quieter ways by which we help each other in the actual living out of a life of faith – as questions, comments, ruminations, counsel, suggestions – conveying much in things not said as in those said. When life becomes unpredictable and, well, messy, am I ready to embrace what the Spirit has in store (messiness and all)? Or do I try my best to restore the order of the status quo, and reject a

“From reading this book, I learnt to value spiritual conversations among friends”

possibly more adventurous route that He has laid before me? In my spirit, how do I stay in a posture of constant *readiness* to respond to the call of the Spirit?

Peterson tries to demonstrate this ‘how to’ through a series of letters between him (occupation: pastor) and an imaginary someone called Gunnar Thorkildsson (occupation: scientist) who, despite childhood Christian roots, only became Christian much later in life. Peterson and Thorkildsson carry on a correspondence (conversation) that accompanies the latter’s growth in Christian life and ministry. While imaginary, Peterson qualifies that these letters are based on realistic written **conversations** on actual everyday life with (or without) God that he has gleaned from countless actual encounters with real men and women in his years as a pastor; the contents of these letters are the ‘wisdom of each other’ between the book covers. At the very least, I was introduced to the possibilities of what ‘living in the Spirit’ could be.

From reading this book, I learnt to value spiritual conversations among friends. In the

pattern of the ones modelled in this book between the author and his friend, they were not a waste of time. Life in the Spirit is not just about solitude, nor doing stuff and being busy. I realised that conversations are one of the ways believers can use to stay in a constant state of *readiness* to hear, and respond, to the Spirit’s call, whenever it comes. When the preliminaries, such as the greeting and the eating, are over, Peterson gives us permission to continue to sit and chat about things of God, hearing each other out, and responding.

Being a part of a Life Group (LG) thus became meaningful for me. I could see it as a setting where many such conversations could take place. And in my LG, they did.

For me at least, the Word of God can come alive, be understood and practically applied through innumerable such conversations built upon the collective wisdom of believers, even potential believers, cocooned by the invisible presence of the Spirit of God. ✚

The book is available at Salvation Book Centre, Phileo Damansara



15 BAPTISED IN WATER

Praise the Lord, 15 individuals were baptised in water at the 10.30am Worship Service on 11 March 2012 at Damansara Heights.

We thank God for each one of them who by the act of obedience, publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Front Row (left to right) Lee Su Jin, Grace Tam Yi Fern, Christine Leong Chin Mooi, Tew Hooi Peng, Kong Pin Yee, Esther Ong Pek Im, Ching Zu Zen, Leonella Gonzales (membership). Middle Row (left to right) Judan Jub, Edward Ng Wai Khoon, Kong Fook Hoong, Jeffrey Teow Cheng Keat, Ferdinand Tiglo Santos (membership), Choong Joon Ean (membership), Susan Abraham. Last Row (left to right) Joshua Tam Tze Yung, Sang Caleb, Lee Yun Wing (membership).

对在基督里信徒的要求

文 古纳南主任牧师

“所以要治死你们在地上的肢体，就如淫乱、污秽、邪情、恶欲和贪婪，贪婪就与拜偶像一样。因这些事，神的忿怒必临到那悖逆之子。当你们在这些事中活着的时候，也曾这样行过。但现在你们要弃绝这一切的事，以及恼恨、忿怒、恶毒、毁谤，并口中污秽的言语。不要彼此说谎，因你们已经脱去旧人和旧人的行为，穿上了新人。这新人在知识上渐渐更新，正如造他主的形象。在此并不分希腊人、犹太人、受割礼的、未受割礼的、化外人、西古提人、为奴的、自主的，惟有基督是包括一切，又住在各人之内”（西3:5-11）。

在基督里的信徒被呼召，在地上生活时为神的荣耀而活。他要集中他的注意力和爱慕的心在属灵的事上，因为他已与基督的死亡和复活认同。人们必须在他身上看到基督，有一个公义的儿子们的顺服生活。保罗讲述、提出了一些具体的罪，并要求信徒在生活作模范，要有一个属灵的生活方式。他十分明确地说，“要治死”这些罪。他对教会，被基督的宝血赎回，并被祂的圣灵充满的子女如此说。

对“治死”奴役你们的罪，悖逆的罪的要求

1 淫乱
淫乱包括性方面一切形式的不道德的行为。这意味教会会众不能摆脱不道德的生活方式的侵扰。保罗告诫，“至于淫乱并一切污秽，或是贪婪，在你们中间连提都不可，方合圣徒的体统”（弗5:3）。信徒要寻求尊荣和见证虔诚的生活。信徒过不道德的生活方式是不合体统的。保罗非常明确地再次强调，“神的旨意就是要你们成为圣洁，远避淫行；”（帖前4:3）。

2 污秽
他们说，洁净是仅次于圣洁。两者之间有一个关系。道德的不洁是污秽的，所以不虔诚也是。不要做败坏和污染你的生活的事情。信徒必须治死所有使他不洁净的东西。

3 对不义的东西，有无节制的感情，热情或欲望

治死对任何你知道是不道德和违背神的话语的事情的渴望。例如，过量饮食，药物，裸体，同性恋和色情。这份名单可以不停地列下去。把它钉在十字架上处死，并相信藉著基督的死，你能胜过这些罪恶。

圣经有两个例证关于无节制的感情或欲望。

首先，使徒保罗描述，“因此，神任凭他们放纵可羞耻的情欲。他们的女人把顺性的用处变为逆性的用处；男人也是如此，弃了女人顺性的用处，欲火攻心，彼此贪恋，男和男行可羞耻的事，就在自己身上受这妄为当得的报应”（罗1:26-28）。信徒应该过的生活，是满足神创造他的目的，这样他在生活中找到满足。

其次，耶稣教导说，“你们听见有话说：‘不可奸淫。’只是我告诉你们：凡看见妇女就动淫念的，这人心里已经与她犯奸淫了。若是你的右眼叫你跌倒，就剜出来丢掉，宁可失去百体中的一体，不叫全身丢在地狱里；若是右手叫你跌倒，就砍下来丢掉，宁可失去百体中的一体，不叫全身下入地狱”（太5:27-30）。奸淫可以在肉体上，用你的眼睛和你的双手去犯。这就是为什么耶稣提到你的眼睛和你的手。信徒的生命不是给半心半意的信徒，而是给那些在信心上完全委身于基督的主权的人。保罗说，“我是攻克己身，叫身服我，恐怕我传福音给别人，自己反被弃绝了”（林前9:27）。

4 邪恶的欲望
邪恶的欲望驱使一个人行各种邪恶和不道德的事，残酷，不义和属魔鬼的行为。我们听到，看到和读到所有种种的罪恶行为，不仅是犯罪分子的行径，而且是由普通人犯的。母亲可以丢弃她们新出生的婴儿让他们自生自灭，或杀死他们！邪恶的欲望让你变成残酷，是魔鬼激发的。在基督里的信徒能胜过魔鬼活动的生活，并且是他的邻舍的祝福。保罗说，“所以，你们或吃或喝，无论做什么，都要为荣耀神而行”（林前10:31）。

5 贪婪或贪心
贪婪是把任何事物设立为神，并尽心，尽性，尽意和尽力去追求它。这是偶像崇

四月份

中文聚会
(与复活节联合)

申请浸礼及会籍
浸礼及会籍课程
日期：9-6-12 (六)
时间：下午一点半

浸礼聚会
日期：10-6-12 (日)
时间：上午十点半
地点：加略山教会 (大堂)
报名截止日期：15-4-12 (日)

拜，和贪心是不需要时却想要，或是想要更多的欲望。你可能在财产上富裕，但是你不满足！圣经警告说，“你们要谨慎自守，免去一切的贪心，因为人的生命不在乎家道丰富”（路12:15）。“人若赚得全世界，赔上自己的生命，有什么益处呢？人还能拿什么换生命呢？”（太16:26）

不顺服带来神的忿怒

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作为一个信徒，承认耶稣为你的主和救主。没有人需要哄你读圣经，祈祷和做讨主喜悦的事！保罗说，你的生命与基督同复活了，因此以生活来荣耀祂。+

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APRIL 20
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights

SUNDAY
8.00AM /
10.30AM

Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

Damansara Heights

SUNDAY
5.00PM

Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

Cheras

SUNDAY
9.00AM



Senior
Associate
Pastor
Petrina
Guneratnam

Damansara Perdana

SUNDAY
10.30AM

Senior Associate
Pastor Petrina
Guneratnam

Holy Communion

08

Combined Easter Sunrise Service

6AM AT NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, BUKIT JALIL



Senior
Pastor
Prince
Guneratnam

15

Associate Pastor
David Seah

Associate Pastor
David Seah

Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

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Associate Pastor
Richard Yun

Associate Pastor
David Seah

Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

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Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

Associate Pastor
Raymond Yong

Associate Pastor
David Seah

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Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

SUNDAY, 12.30PM
29 APRIL 2012

Speaker: Felisa Foo
Venue: Bethel Hall

Chinese Fellowship

April's meeting combined with
Easter Sunday Service

Water Baptism and Membership Class

9 JUNE 2012
SATURDAY, 1.30PM

Water Baptism Service

10 JUNE 2012
SUNDAY, 10.30AM

CLOSING
DATE FOR
APPLICATIONS
15 APRIL 2012



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Richard Yun

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WHO ROLLED THE STONE?

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5.30PM

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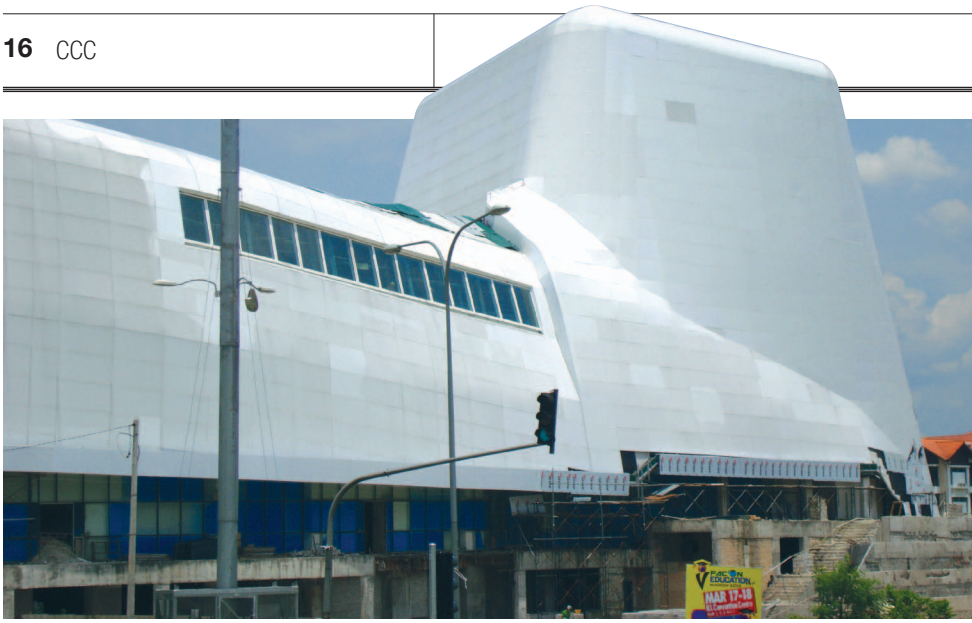


Calvary Family Camp 2012

4 - 7 JUNE 2012
MONDAY - THURSDAY

Venue: Copthorne Orchid Hotel,
Tanjung Bungah, Penang





Above Side view of Prayer Tower end of the CCC.



CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE
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The vision and God's call to Calvary Church is to be a fountainhead church where waters will flow to reach near and far with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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The CCC is an extension of His Kingdom in Kuala Lumpur and beyond to the glory of God.

A VITAL INGREDIENT IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE VISION OF CALVARY CHURCH

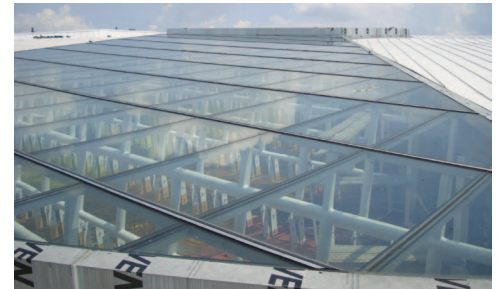
SEEING THE BEAUTIFUL DESIGN OF THE CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE (CCC) UNFOLDING BEFORE OUR VERY EYES BRINGS MUCH JOY AND EXCITEMENT.

The exterior of the CCC, or the shell, is fast nearing completion and the momentum has shifted to the interior of the CCC. Works are going on full steam, and our escalators have been delivered and are being installed!

Our eager anticipation and expectation of the completion of the CCC must be paralleled with a spiritual readiness. Occupying the CCC is more than a change in our Church address. God has chosen Calvary Church to build the CCC. It provides a greater platform for Calvary Church to reach out and make disciples. This is the vision of Calvary Church! And she has been faithful to the calling all through the decades. And now, we are at the brink of a new move of God. Be more than excited! How do you fit into

the vision of the Church? Knowing our Church vision is one thing. But are you embracing it? When you embrace and flow with the vision of the Church, you cannot but act in faith to fulfill it.

This is the vital ingredient in making the vision a reality! Know your role and fulfil it. Don't compare with others. Despise not the day of small beginnings. We do not all have the same capacity and ability. But as we are willing and obedient, we are favoured of God and become that vital ingredient in the achievement of the vision of Calvary Church. +



Top to bottom Glass sky-roof that facilitates the rainbow colours effect of the Covered Plaza roof; Our escalators being installed. Left View of Covered Plaza from road.



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