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# MISSIONS IS NOT OPTIONAL IS HELL REAL?

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

A forum on religion in the US reported that 59 percent of Americans believed that hell is real. Today, the statistics showed that 71 percent and growing, do not believe hell is real. We like to think that we will all go to heaven and there is no hell because we like “happy endings”.

**The gospel of Jesus Christ does not just warn us about hell but teach us that hell was intended for the devil and his demons. Our sins will take us there, if we do not believe in God’s plan of salvation The Bible says, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:17-18). Jesus taught about hell, not to scare you but to give you knowledge so you will intelligently learn to live a righteous life that will keep you out of hell. It is not God’s will for us to go to hell. The Bible says, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 2:9).**

## **THE TRUTH ABOUT HELL IS BASED ON THE SCRIPTURES**

The gospel of Matthew has the most reference on hell and it was written for God’s chosen people.

- Matthew 5:22 (NLT). Jesus said, “If you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.”
- Matthew 10:28 (NLT). Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they

cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

- Matthew 13:24-30 (NLT). Jesus said, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ ‘An

enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. ‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. ‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

The disciples asked Jesus what this meant and He said to them, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the

people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!" (Matthew 13:37-43, NLT).

The world today has a mix of both the sinner and righteous. Jesus explained, "That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous" (Matthew 13:49, NLT).

## WHAT IS HELL?

### (Five Descriptions of Hell)

#### 1. Hell is a place of physical agony, mental suffering, loneliness and emotional sorrow.

The Bible says, "But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:12, NLT), and in Jude 6 (NLT), "And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment".

#### 2. Hell is a place of insecurity and fear.

The Bible says, "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand" (Revelation 20:1, NLT). Imagine falling and falling and not able to reach the bottom! There is no ending to the falling and no way to get out of the pit.

#### 3. Hell is a pit of darkness; totally devoid of light.

The Bible says, "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment" (2 Peter 2:4, NKJ), would He spare you when you sin and reject God's gift of salvation through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ?

#### 4. Hell is a place of dissatisfaction.

The Bible describes hell as a "fiery furnace" (Matthew 13:42 & 50, NLT). We are not sure what kind of fire it is. It may be literal fire or it may be something that burns without being the fire we know about. Or it could be just a physical sensation of burning. Or it could be a state of overwhelming yearning for God's love, joy and peace, but never finding it. When you yearn for love, comfort and affection, and you do not receive, it is hell.

#### 5. Hell is a place of eternal separation from God.

Hell is man's final destination without God. Death separates you from your family and from God, if you die a sinner. If you

are born once, you die twice. If you are born again, you die once. To be born again is what Jesus said to Nicodemus, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5, NLT). "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38, NLT).

## WHERE IS HELL?

Hell is a real and definite place prepared for the devil and his demons (Matthew 25:41, NLT). If anybody goes there, it is because they are following the devil. Traditionally, hell is thought to be in the centre of the earth. The Bible said Jesus "descended into the lower parts of the earth" (Ephesians 4:9). The lower parts of the earth refer to where hell is. Peter, quoting David in Psalm 16:10, (KJV), "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" referred to Jesus going to hell (Acts 2:25-27). All offenders and those who practise lawlessness will be cast into the furnace of fire and the righteous will shine as the sun (Matthew 13:39, 40).

## THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

The final judgement for both sinners and the righteous is known as the white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15). To the sinners, Jesus will say, " ... Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his

angels” (Matthew 25:41), “And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46). All believers who were not raptured according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 will be at the white throne judgment. All believers will be judged and rewarded for their works, if they are gold, silver, precious stones or hay, wood or stubble (1 Corinthians 3:12).

### **THE SERIOUS REALITY OF HELL**

Jesus pronounces woe to the Scribes and Pharisees and spoke harshly of their hypocrisy. He chided them, “Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?” (Matthew 23:33). He also called them white-washed tombs, fools and blind, the strongest words ever spoken by Jesus (Matthew 23:1-36).

Jesus made it very clear, hell is not wild imaginations. Hell is real. It is the ultimate judgment against evil and is intended for the devil, his fallen angels and all those who follow their ways. If there is evil in the world, then there is a devil and his demons.

C.S. Lewis wrote “There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lays in my power. But it has the full support of scriptures and especially of our Lord’s own words.” Hell is not to frighten you but to let you know you do not have to die in your sin. It also shows how precious your soul is and how short life is. Knowing hell is real is to help you understand that the Great Commission is not an option, nor to be interpreted, but simply obeyed. Be serious being a committed believer to fulfil

the Great Commission and snatch the lost from the jaws of hell.

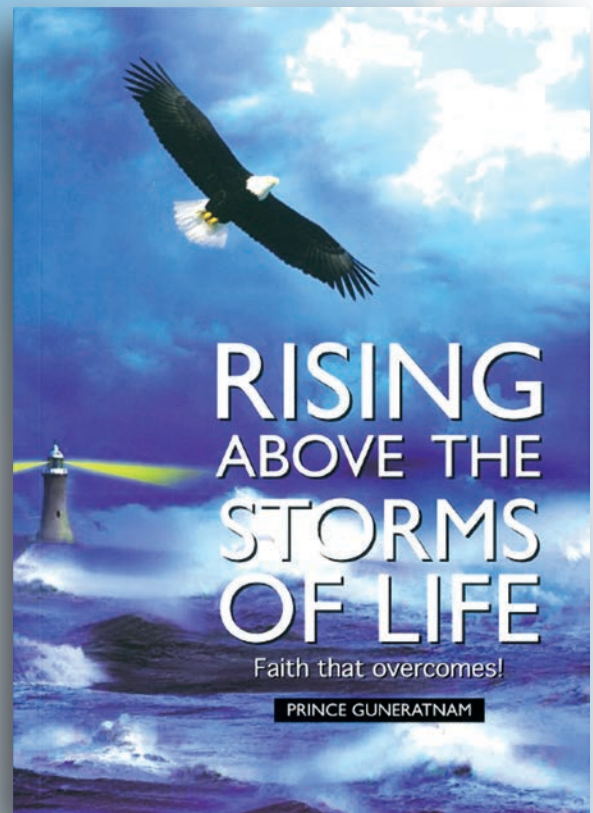
Jesus came as God’s answer to keep you from hell. The Bible says, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37) and “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Therefore, let us reach the lost on their way to hell (lost eternity).

*All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*

# **Be Inspired, Empowered & Transformed!**

Faith is the vital key of the Christian life. “For we walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

This new book from Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, “Rising Above the Storms of Life”, will help us understand the nature of dynamic faith in times of test, trials and challenges we face. Understanding and exercising dynamic faith will change your life!



Available at Calvary Book Corner  
Level 1, Auditorium Block, Calvary Convention Centre

# CALVARY CHURCH FAMILY CONGRATULATES SENIOR PASTOR FOR BEING HONOURED AT THE EMPOWERED21 ASIA CONGRESS

By Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Empowered21 (E21) is a global movement which aims to promote the empowerment of the Holy Spirit on all believers and the empowerment of the generations to serve God.

At the recent E21 Asia Congress held in Singapore from 31 May – 2 June 2017, six key pioneers of the Spirit empowered movement across Asia were honoured.

Among the very select distinguished group was our Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. Others honoured were Dr. David Cho Yonggi (South Korea), Dr. David Mohan (India), Pastor Dennis Balcombe (Hong Kong, China), Dr. Colton Wickramaratne (Sri Lanka) and Rev. Canon Dr. James Wong (Singapore).



Lutheran Bishop Terry Kee presenting the honour award to Senior Pastor



Senior Pastor with Pastor Lawrence Khong, Co-Chair of the Empowered21 Asia Congress 2017 (left) and Lutheran Bishop Terry Kee (right)



Empowered21 Cabinet members

# ROYAL RANGERS GRADUATION

By Jason Tan

When a Royal Ranger reaches the age limit of his or her respective age group, they are promoted to the next age group in a graduation ceremony. On Sunday, 23 April 2017 we witnessed 85 rangers receiving their certificates of advancement along with a number of special highlights.

The main highlight of the ceremony was testimonies of four selected Rangers who were graduating from their age group. They shared how Royal Rangers has helped them to grow in one of the four ways – mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.



**Valerie Lai** from Adventure Rangers (ages 12-14) testified that Royal Rangers has helped her to develop determination in the mind over challenges and also changed her mind set towards people.

**Jared Wee** from Expedition Rangers (ages 15-17) shared that the outdoor adventure and indoor classes alike has helped him to stay fit by being active and by eating right.



**Danzel Jeremiah Paul** from Discovery Rangers (ages 9-11) expressed that simple topics not only taught him about the skills involved but also reflected on God. He recalled the Music Merit taught him about worshipping God in spirit and in truth and the Wildlife Merit connected with God's creative and colourful creation.



**Ian Ong** from Ranger Kids (ages 6-8) shared his experiences of growing with friends in a creative interview-styled testimony conducted by a Ranger Kids commander, Alicia Chan. He enjoyed games and being a patrol leader taught him to be a responsible friend. He ended the interview by telling his friends loudly to “enjoy yourselves in Ranger Kids!”



Rangers receiving their certificates



Timothy Yee sharing a practical devotion

Timothy Yee was introduced as the new Royal Ranger Chaplain as he took the stage to share a devotion entitled “Running the Race”. He stated that graduation reminded us of the end of a race. If we run the race well, we will be rewarded at the end. Hebrews 12:1-2 encouraged us how to finish the race well:

- Remember the crowd of witnesses are cheering us on.
- Throw away every weight that slows us down.
- Keep our eyes focus on Jesus.

He concluded that many of us are in this race but we are not constantly aware of it. Therefore make our decision to run this race well today!

We ended with a special National Royal Rangers recognition awarded to Associate Pastor Steven Kum for 20 years of service as Calvary Church's Royal Ranger Chaplain.



Pastor Steven receiving a special recognition award from Jim Guneratnam (Overseer) and Eddy Law (Council Chairman)

# MISSIONETTES AWARDS CELEBRATION

By Alicia Gomez



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam praying for the Honour Girls



Dr. Liau Qui Lin sharing an inspiring devotion

The 36th Missionettes Awards Celebration held at the Multipurpose & Banquet Hall, Calvary Convention Centre on Sunday, 23 April 2017 saw a wonderful turnout of 297 people. The theme for the celebration was “Chosen”, taken from 2 Chronicles 29:11. The parents, girls and boys were extremely blessed by the devotional thought shared by Dr. Liau Qui Lin reminding the girls and boys that “when you have the Son, you have everything” and encouraging them to stand up for Christ as God’s chosen ambassadors.

A total of 13 girls and boys received the Honours Awards this year along with three graduating girls who were presented the Silver and Bronze Medals of Honour by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam. The mothers of the graduating girls shared encouraging testimonies on how the Missionettes programme helped to instill discipline, commitment, responsibility and godly values in their children through a firm foundation in the Word of God.

The Honour Stars, Friends and Girls Only Graduates presented an

interesting human video entitled “He Will Carry Me” without the aid of props and costumes. The human video illustrated how Jesus, the Light of the World carried His people through various trials and challenges in fulfilling His plans and purpose. The celebration ended with a finale medley comprising “Oh Happy Day” in Mandarin and “Freedom” by all the Missionettes boys and girls. The pastors, parents, sponsors, girls and boys present were truly blessed by this celebration of God’s favour and blessings upon our girls and boys in the Missionettes programme.



Honour Girls presenting an interesting human video



Missionettes girls and boys presenting the finale



Honour Girls with their parents

# PENTECOST TODAY: 50 DAYS FASTING & PRAYER

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for Calvarites to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

“Pentecost Today” was a dedication to the working of the Holy Spirit since it first began on the Day of Pentecost in Acts Chapter 2. Calvarites entered into a 50-day period of fasting and praying which began on Easter Sunday, 16 April 2017 and ended on Pentecost Sunday, 4 June 2017.

It was so evident that the Holy Spirit made His mark upon the Church on Pentecost Sunday, just like the promise of the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in the upper room (Acts 2:1-4). More than 51 people were filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time and many more were refilled with the Holy Spirit at our worship service.

Praise God for what He has done in this “Pentecost Today” emphasis. We believed that it has brought about a fresh anointing, moving us to be effective witnesses for the growth and expansion of the Kingdom of God.

Here are some of the testimonies as the Church fasted and prayed during those 50 days:

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## Started with hesitation, ended with God’s answers to prayer

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**Lina** – “One of days during the 50 days of fasting and prayer, I woke up early for my devotion and was led to pray for a friend who has got into trouble with some gangsters.

When I asked God how to pray, I heard Him saying, ‘Pray for these gangsters to disappear’, and I obeyed. On the next day, the newspapers reported that all these gangsters have been arrested nationwide. I learnt that when I fast and pray, my spirit is more attuned to the voice of God and certainly it fulfils His purpose.”

**Amanda** – “I thank God for the strength that I was able to fast for one month even with the symptom of having the acid reflux. It was a breakthrough for me and I believed God will do a new thing in my life. A new season to draw closer to Him, rely on Him more. I realised that fasting is a privilege.”

**Annie** – “I thank God that I learned to pray specifically during these 50 days of fasting and praying. I prayed for wisdom and boldness to share the Gospel with others. At McDonald’s, the Holy Spirit prompted me to take a bold step to pray for healing for a stranger and the pain was gone almost immediately.”

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## God answers prayer in His power

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**Veronica** – “I praise God for His divine intervention in the sale of one of my apartments. As I was about to conclude the sale with one of the offers, my agent told me that there was a new offer which was more

than the one which I had considered. Most importantly, when I met up with the real estate agent to sign the sale document, I managed to share Christ with her and she accepted Christ. Praise God!”

**Jason** – “The Royal Rangers went to the Myanmar refugee camp to minister to them and 15 children responded to the altar call. We prayed for a girl’s mother who was arrested because she had no documentation. On the same day, the mother was released from prison.”

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## God’s answers to prayer has no barrier

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**Marlene** – “On 9 May 2017 my friend from Australia sent a message requesting for prayer. She has a rare form of leukaemia which was diagnosed at the end of 2016 and had gone for two treatments which involved an injection of her spinal cord. At the prayer meeting, I stood in the gap for my friend together with some sisters. Six days later, she texted me that her blood-count was normal. There was no sign of the cancer and the doctor could not explain it.”

**David** – “My father was sick and was hospitalised a few months back. He was released and went for regular check-ups but initial sessions did not show improvements. When he went for the third check-up and result was much better. I thank God for His healing hand.”

“There are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.” (John 21:25)

We cannot enumerate the many lives that had been changed, healings which had taken place, and multitude of needs met as the people of God fasted and prayed.



# BLOOD DONATION DRIVE 2017

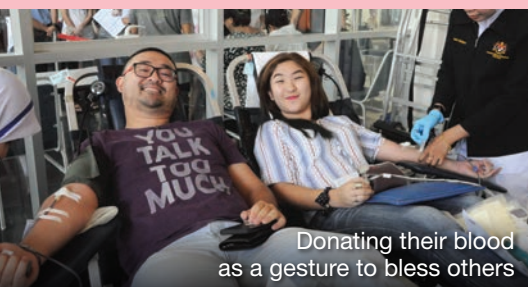
Meeting the needs of the community. Giving someone just another chance!

By Jana Ponnudurai

One hundred and seventy Calvarites and the general public turned up in a record show of compassion and sense of giving, at the Blood Donation Drive organized by the Social Concerns Ministry on Sunday, 28 May 2017 at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

This year's drive saw 120 successful donors fulfilling the call by the National Blood Bank (Pusat Darah Negara, PDN), to meet the shortage of blood supply during the fasting month, and out of these, 49 were from the general public.

"Our main objective for this annual drive is to create awareness that the mere act of 'giving' and to give unconditionally without expecting any returns, is an act we should all learn to appreciate, in order to meet the needs of the community around us," said Associate Pastor Raymond Yong, the Head of Ministry. "This is our fourth year organising this drive at CCC and we've definitely seen an increase in interest as well as numbers," he continued.

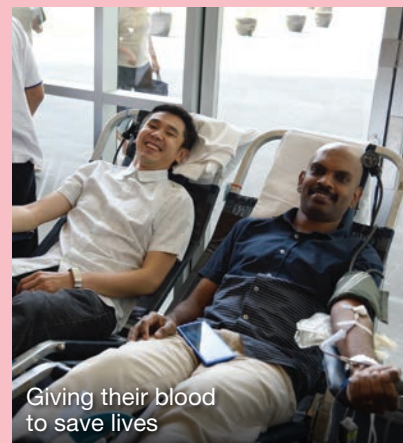


Donating their blood as a gesture to bless others

Medical officers from the National Blood Bank, Dr Alvina Lau and Dr Nik Rizwan, both agreed that targets are always met at the Church's annual drive and they appreciate the efforts made.



Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam visiting the donors to give support



Giving their blood to save lives



Security guard at CCC, **Pritam Singh** from Nepal, who is a regular donor in his home country, donated for the first time in Malaysia, feels good that he is able to help.

are able to contribute to society and to be a good example to non-believers," they said.



A husband and wife team, **Lim Choon Wei and Quah Hian Kiet** said, "It is the right thing to do. Since attending the Church for one year, and this is the first time both of us are donating together as a couple," they said. "One of us has a rare blood group and we feel that it is part of our responsibility to help others."



First timers, **Joyce and Joanna Bux** who are Calvarites, were proud that they were able to fulfil their bucket list of things to accomplish this year. "It's the 'sister' thing that we've always wanted to do together, to be a testimony that we

We would like to thank all who have supported this drive and trust that they will continue to encourage others to also do the same, to save lives with just one pint.



Passionate blood donors at CCC

# CALVARY CHURCH CAMP

By Pearly Williams



Senior Pastor sharing the keynote address



Bishop Sono sharing the inspirational sessions

We were reminded to the theme, “Trust & Obey... Love and Serve One Another” at this year’s camp. A total of 378 campers gathered at the Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort, Penang on 5-8 June 2017. The journey to Penang was refreshing as it was paved with limestone caves and evergreen forests. Many had their taste buds tickled as they followed the exciting food trail and stopped en-route for lunch and tea breaks.

On the first night, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared the keynote address on “Personal Revival”. It is God’s desire to bring revival, where there is spiritual decline. We can pray for revival, just like the prayer of David in Psalm 85:6, “Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?”

Senior Pastor used 2 Chronicles 34 to teach us that to experience a revival in our lives, we are to follow the example of King Josiah:

- He sought God at a very young age (2 Chronicles 34:1-3)
- He repented and destroyed where there was idols (2 Chronicles 34:4, 7)
- He restored his spiritual life by rebuilding and restoring the temple (2 Chronicles 34:8, 14)
- He trusted and obeyed the Word of God in humility (2 Chronicles 34:19, 27)
- He promised and made a covenant with God (2 Chronicles 34:30-33)

In conclusion, he encouraged us to live our lives as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-21) and led us to

pray according to Psalms 119:

- Revive us according to Your Word (verse 25)
- Revive us in Your way (verse 37)
- Revive us in Your righteousness (verse 40)
- Revive us according to Your lovingkindness (verses 88, 159)
- Revive us according to Your Word (verses 107, 154)

The camp speaker, Bishop Mosa Sono continued to enlighten and inspire us at the remaining sessions of the camp.

On the second day, he shared on the “Value and Priority of the Word of God”. He urged us to focus on practice of preaching, teaching and then healing just as Jesus modelled this pattern in Matthew 4:23. We needed to desire His Word because “Heaven and earth will pass way, but my words will never pass away” (Matthew 24:35). We therefore needed to value and gave priority to the Word of God:

- Listening and hearing the Word of God builds our faith (Romans 10:17)
- The Word of God is like a seed (Mark 4:14)
- The Word of God is incorruptible seed (1 Peter 1:23-25)
- The Word of God that is believed and acted upon will grow and increase, and eventually affects every area in our lives (Acts 6:7, 12:24)
- The Word of God has the first strike effect, powerful as a cleansing agent and prevents us from doing wrong even in thought (Hebrews 4:12)

Bishop Sono shared on “Living from the Fountain of Life” at the night session. Our heart or spirit is the most important asset. God will use our spirit as a source to affect the quality of our lives:

- God uses our spirit as a source of strength (Proverbs 18:14)
- God gives us guidance and leadership through our spirit (Romans 8:14)
- God brings creativity, newness, innovation through our spirit (Proverbs 20:27)
- God deposits vision into our spirit (Proverbs 29:18)
- From our spirit, we can bring forth good things (Matthew 12:35-36)

On the third day, he directed our focus on “This is Your Day”. Psalm 118:24 says, “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice



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and be glad in it.” We are therefore to live each day like it’s our day:

- Today is a gift from God, it adds to the totality of our life (Luke 12:16-20)
- Do not postpone that which is in your power to do, today (Hebrews 3:15)
- Do not allow today to pass, with unresolved issues (Ephesians 4:26)
- Start our day (today), with the right mind-set (Philippians 4:8)
- Be grateful and focus on the blessing of today (Philippians 4:11)

He concluded by encouraging us that our day can never go beyond our level of thinking, so do not dwell on the negative. The power of our day is determined by our attitude. Therefore, decide that “This is Your Day”.



Campers worshipping the Lord



Bishop Sono praying for campers



Church Camp group photo





Discussing the topics at workshop



Sharing their thoughts at workshop

At the night session, he cited the examples of two women who had desperate situations in their lives. Both of them reached a turning point and demonstrated the determination to turn their situation around. Hanna, who had no child, prayed earnestly (1 Samuel 1:1-20) and the Canaanite woman whose child was tormented approached Jesus to help her (Matthew 15:21-28). He encouraged us to have "Determination" because God is on our side, He will never leave us nor forsake us, and the promise of God concerning us will never fall to the ground. He concluded by leading us to recite, "I am too positive to be doubtful, too optimistic to be fearful and too determined to be defeated".

the example of Job sanctifying his family. He rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings on the altar (Job 1:5). When we pray consistently for our families, we become the priest of our household. Therefore God will build a hedge around our families.

Besides the powerful inspirational sessions, the campers also enjoyed two interactive workshop sessions. At the first workshop, we watched a video teaching by Joyce Meyers. She emphasized that we need to learn how to love ourselves first before we can love difficult people. We also learned that everyone has different gifts and strengths at the

second workshop. Serving others or being served can sometimes be trying and frustrating. But by recognizing our own and each other's strength and weaknesses, we can work better together for a common goal. We ended by discussing and sharing with one another on what we can do to help new comers find belonging as part of Calvary Church.

As we prepared to leave camp, we were blessed by the numerous testimonies of how God's marvelous love had healed and delivered many. All praise to God for giving wisdom to the working committee who worked tirelessly and sacrificially to organize this year's camp.

On the last day, Bishop Sono exhorted us to "Build a Hedge around Your Family". Family should be a place to teach and model God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:5-13). Therefore we needed to build hedge to protect our families by following



Winning team with their prize



Splashing game time at camp

# KIDS' SUPER CAMP

By Pastor Quek Lee Siu



Kids' performing a song at the adult camp



Fun activities at Kids' Camp



Doing action at worship session

This year we trained and equipped our children to be superheroes for Jesus in our Kids' "Super" Camp where Jesus is their ultimate Superhero. It was a role-play camp filled with action where children took part of the lesson stories in an impressive decorated hall filled with superhero characters. The focus was to teach the kids to trust and obey Jesus in order to be a powerful witness for Him to help to save the lost.

With great excitement and anticipation, 44 kids embarked on their four-day journey from 5-8 June 2017. In the first power session, kids were entrusted with gifts and power (talents) given by God as described

in 1 Peter 4:10 to use it to serve one another. "With great power comes great responsibility", that's where they were engaged in various super power training and rescue mission to build up their inner man. All sessions in camp were geared towards strengthening their calling to be superheroes for Jesus as they participated in fun and engaging lesson, craft and worship time. They helped and served at least five people in the camp and presented a song entitled "Jesus, You are my Super Hero" in the adult session on the last day. Upon graduation, they were charged with Matthew 28:19 to commission them to go and make disciple.

The teachers and volunteers at Kids' Camp thanked God for the opportunity to serve. They had amazing time with the kids and were truly blessed.

We thanked God for the healing and protection upon the kids. They made new friends, had good time together and enjoyed yummy food. Here are the testimonies from some of them:

- James Guneratnam (group leader) – "It is so hard to control the active kids but thank God for helping me to be patient."
- Elizabeth Gan (group leader) – "I don't see myself as a leader but I can because of Jesus in me."
- Ryan Tan – "Starting was difficult but the more I help others, the better I become."
- Jane Lee – "This is my first camp and I am giving my best to help others."



Kid's below 5 years old enjoying games

Although the camp had ended, their superhero journey just started. They will continue to serve one another and obey the Word of God to be His powerful witnesses as they go back to their respective homes and schools.

# 家庭营 CHINESE CAMP 2017

By Nicole Ong



Listening attentively to the camp speaker



Rev. Paul Ch'ng sharing the messages

加略山教会在2017年6月5-8日，在檳城的彩虹天堂渡假村举办了一年一度的营会。64位中文部的营友在这短短四天里不仅轻轻松松的享受檳城之旅也领受了上帝奇妙与伟大的爱。感谢神，庄振和牧师来到营会分享与教导我们如何有自信，刚强的扩张我们侍奉上帝的范围。

我们要成为顺服神的受膏者。人人时常在服事的过程当中，因个人情感，思想或意志而受到拦阻。所以我们必须时时刻刻提醒自己我们是敬拜者，无论遇到任何拦阻都不要忘记敬拜上帝。我们也是“教会”。“教会”不是建筑物而是充满一群谦卑于顺服的心，爱与喜乐的文化。（罗马书14:17）除此之外，我们是“宣扬者”。传福音是我们基督徒的使命，让走失的羊群再次回到上帝的身旁。（彼得前书2:9）

除此之外，翁牧师也借着上帝的话语教导我们成为一位快乐和正面的基督徒。人生难免会遇到瓶颈，只要时时刻刻称颂赞美耶和華，勤与上帝交谈，聆听祂的话语，上帝必赐福于我们。（以弗所书1:15-20）

由Chua Ken Tee姐妹带领的工作坊中，讲解了如何专心并且忠心的服事。营友们都积极的参与并且给予分享与鼓励。

在营会的最后一天，庄牧师分享服事上帝的六大原则：

1. 寻求上帝的帮助
2. 停止埋怨自己和别人
3. 默想神的话语
4. 停止跟人比较
5. 持续说积极和造就的话
6. 对着你的错误开心笑一笑，要学会放开，因为上帝的恩典够用！

感谢与赞美全能的上帝，共有三个人接受耶稣为生命的救主，二个人领受圣灵的受洗。除此之外，更有人得到医治和释放。“神是我们的避难所，是我们的力量，是我们在患难中随时的帮助！所以地虽改变，山虽摇动到海心，其中的水虽匍匐翻腾，山虽因海涨而颤抖，我们也不害怕”。（诗篇46:1-3）

The Chinese Camp was held in conjunction with the Church Camp on 5-8 June 2017 at the Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort in Penang. 64 Chinese speaking campers enjoyed the camp and received the Word of God in these four days. We thanked God for Rev. Paul Ch'ng to come and share with us about self-confidence and to be bold in enlarging our areas in serving God.

We were encouraged to trust and obey God and to be His anointed witnesses. While serving the Lord, we were often hindered by



Chinese Camp group photo

personal feelings, thoughts or will. Therefore we must always remind ourselves that we must worship God regardless of any obstacles. We are also the Church. "Church" is not a building but a group of humble believers with obedient heart, love and joy (Romans 14:17). In addition, we are also His witnesses. Evangelism is our mission to bring the lost return to God (1 Peter 2:9).

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong shared on being joyful and positive thinking Christians. Life would inevitably encounter bottlenecks. But God will help us as we continually praise and worship Jehovah God, diligently commune with Him, and obey His Word (Ephesians 1:15-20).

During the workshops, Chua Ken Tee, the Chinese Ministry Coordinator facilitated the discussion on how to focus and be faithful in serving the Lord. The campers actively involved in sharing their thoughts and encouraged one another.

On the last day, Rev. Paul Ch'ng shared on six principles in serving God:

1. Seek God's help
2. Stop blaming self and others
3. Meditate on God's Word
4. Stop comparing with others
5. Continue to speak positive words and building up others
6. Smile at your mistakes, learn to let go, because God's grace is sufficient for us

Praise the Lord, three campers accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many were healed and delivered. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." (Psalms 46:1-3)



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She has faithfully served the Lord as a full-time staff of Calvary Church for 29 years, where she served in various positions as the Coordinator of the Calvary Child Care, Administrative Secretary in Calvary Life Ministry and Personal Assistant to Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam.

She was also actively involved in the Children's Ministry, Dimensions Tuesday Worship Service as well as the Life Group Ministry. She was passionate about children and has been a great blessing to them and their parents.

She loved her family, always prayed for them and reached them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. She "took pride" to see her grandnephew, Jeffrey, coming to Calvary Church and growing in the Lord.

She trusted the Lord who had sustained her through many challenges, especially when she was unwell. Comforted by the support and prayers of the church family, she held on unswervingly to the Lord's faithfulness and lovingkindness.

God in His loving mercies saw it fit to take our dear sister home to be with Himself on 11 June 2017 at the age of 60 years.



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# MISI BUKANNYA SESUATU YANG BOLEH DIPILIH ADAKAH NERAKA ITU NYATA?

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

Sebuah forum tentang agama di AS melaporkan bahawa 59 peratus orang Amerika percaya bahawa neraka itu nyata. Saat ini, statistik menunjukkan bahawa 71 peratus dan masih bertambah lagi, tidak percaya neraka itu nyata. Kita suka berpikir bahawa kita semua akan pergi ke syurga dan tidak ada neraka karena kita menyukai “akhir yang bahagia”.

**Injil Yesus Kristus tidak hanya memperingatkan kita tentang neraka tapi juga mengajarkan kita bahwa neraka bertujuan untuk iblis dan setan-setannya. Dosa-dosa kita akan membawa kita ke sana, jika kita tidak percaya kepada rencana keselamatan Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab Tuhan mengutus Anak-Nya ke dalam dunia bukan untuk menghakimi dunia, melainkan untuk menyelamatkannya oleh Dia. Barangsiapa percaya kepada-Nya, ia tidak akan dihukum; barangsiapa tidak percaya, ia telah berada di bawah hukuman, sebab ia tidak percaya dalam nama Anak Tunggal Tuhan” (Yohanes 3:17-18). Yesus mengajar tentang neraka, bukan untuk menakut-nakuti kamu, tetapi untuk memberi kamu pengetahuan sehingga kamu dapat dengan cerdas belajar menjalani kehidupan benar yang akan membuat kamu tidak masuk ke dalam neraka. Bukan kehendak Tuhan bagi kita untuk masuk neraka. Alkitab mengatakan, “Tuhan tahu menyelamatkan orang-orang saleh dari pencobaan dan tahu menyimpan orang-orang jahat untuk disiksa pada hari penghakiman” (2 Petrus 2:9).**

## **KEBENARAN TENTANG NERAKA BERDASARKAN ALKITAB**

Injil Matius memiliki rujukan paling banyak di neraka dan kitab itu ditulis untuk umat pilihan Tuhan.

- Matius 5:22. Yesus berkata, “Tetapi Aku berkata kepadamu: Setiap orang yang marah terhadap saudaranya harus dihukum; siapa yang berkata kepada saudaranya: Kafir! harus dihadapkan ke Mahkamah Agama dan siapa yang berkata: Jahil! harus diserahkan ke dalam neraka yang menyala-nyala.”
- Matius 10:28. Yesus berkata, “Dan janganlah kamu takut kepada mereka yang dapat membunuh tubuh, tetapi yang tidak berkuasa membunuh jiwa; takutlah terutama kepada Dia yang berkuasa membinasakan baik jiwa maupun tubuh di dalam neraka.”
- Matius 13:24-30. Yesus berkata, “Hal Kerajaan Sorga itu seumpama orang yang menaburkan benih yang baik di ladangnya. Tetapi pada waktu semua orang tidur, datanglah musuhnyanya menaburkan benih lalang

di antara gandum itu, lalu pergi. Ketika gandum itu tumbuh dan mulai berbulir, nampak jugalah lalang itu. Maka datanglah hamba-hamba tuan ladang itu kepadanya dan berkata: Tuan, bukankah benih baik, yang tuan taburkan di ladang tuan? Dari manakah lalang itu? Jawab tuan itu: Seorang musuh yang melakukannya. Lalu berkatalah hamba-hamba itu kepadanya: Jadi maukah tuan supaya kami pergi mencabut lalang itu? Tetapi ia berkata: Jangan, sebab mungkin gandum itu ikut tercabut pada waktu kamu mencabut lalang itu. Biarkanlah keduanya tumbuh bersama sampai waktu menuai. Pada waktu itu aku akan berkata kepada para penuai: Kumpulkanlah dahulu lalang itu dan ikatlah berberkas-berkas untuk dibakar; kemudian kumpulkanlah gandum itu ke dalam lumbungku.”

Para murid bertanya kepada Yesus apa artinya ini dan Dia berkata kepada mereka, Ia menjawab, kata-Nya: “Orang yang menaburkan benih baik ialah Anak Manusia; ladang ialah dunia. Benih yang baik itu anak-anak

Kerajaan dan lalang anak-anak si jahat. Musuh yang menaburkan benih lalang ialah Iblis. Waktu menuai ialah akhir zaman dan para penuai itu malaikat. Maka seperti lalang itu dikumpulkan dan dibakar dalam api, demikian juga pada akhir zaman. Anak Manusia akan menyuruh malaikat-malaikat-Nya dan mereka akan mengumpulkan segala sesuatu yang menyesatkan dan semua orang yang melakukan kejahatan dari dalam Kerajaan-Nya. Semuanya akan dicampakkan ke dalam dapur api; di sanalah akan terdapat ratapan dan kertakan gigi. Pada waktu itulah orang-orang benar akan bercahaya seperti matahari dalam Kerajaan Bapa mereka. Siapa bertelinga, hendaklah ia mendengar!” (Matius 13:37-43).

Dunia saat ini terdiri daripada orang berdosa dan orang benar. Yesus menjelaskan, “Demikianlah juga pada akhir zaman: Malaikat-malaikat akan datang memisahkan orang jahat dari orang benar” (Matius 13:49).

## **APA ITU NERAKA? (Lima Deskripsi Neraka)**

- 1. Neraka adalah tempat penderitaan fizikal, penderitaan mental, kesepian dan kesedihan emosi.**  
Alkitab mengatakan, “sedangkan anak-anak Kerajaan itu akan dicampakkan ke dalam kegelapan yang paling gelap, di sanalah akan terdapat ratap dan kertak gigi” (Matius 8:12) dan “Dan bahwa Ia menahan malaikat-malaikat yang tidak taat pada batas-batas kekuasaan mereka, tetapi yang meninggalkan tempat kediaman mereka, dengan belunggu abadi di dalam dunia kekelaman sampai penghakiman pada hari besar” (Yudas 6).
- 2. Neraka adalah tempat ketidakamanan dan ketakutan.**  
Alkitab berkata, “Lalu aku melihat seorang malaikat turun dari sorga



memegang anak kunci jurang maut dan suatu rantai besar di tangannya” (Wahyu 20: 1). Bayangkan jatuh dan jatuh dan tidak dapat mencapai bagian bawah! Tidak ada akhir untuk jatuh dan tidak ada cara untuk keluar dari lubang.

### **3. Neraka adalah lubang kegelapan; sama sekali tanpa cahaya.**

Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab jikalau Tuhan tidak menyangkan malaikat-malaikat yang berbuat dosa tetapi melemparkan mereka ke dalam neraka dan dengan demikian menyerahkannya ke dalam gua-gua yang gelap untuk menyimpan mereka sampai hari penghakiman” (2 Petrus 2:4), apakah Dia akan membebaskan kamu ketika kamu berdosa dan menolak anugerah keselamatan Tuhan melalui anak tunggalNya, Yesus Kristus?

### **4. Neraka adalah tempat ketidakpuasan.**

Alkitab menggambarkan neraka sebagai “dapur api” (Matius 13:42 & 50). Kita tidak pasti apa jenis api itu. Ini mungkin berupa api harfiah atau mungkin itu adalah sesuatu yang terbakar tanpa api yang kita ketahui. Atau mungkin juga hanya sensasi fizikal dari pembakaran. Atau mungkin juga adalah kerinduan akan kasih Tuhan, sukacita dan kedamaian, tapi tidak pernah menemukannya. Bila kamu merindukan cinta, kenyamanan dan kasih sayang, dan kamu tidak menerimanya, itu adalah neraka.

### **5. Neraka adalah tempat pemisahan kekal dari Tuhan.**

Neraka adalah destinasi terakhir manusia tanpa Tuhan. Kematian memisahkan kamu dari keluarga kamu dan dari Tuhan, jika kamu meninggal sebagai orang berdosa. Jika kamu dilahirkan sekali, kamu mati dua kali. Jika kamu dilahirkan kembali secara rohaniah, kamu mati sekali sahaja. Untuk dilahirkan kembali adalah apa yang Yesus katakan kepada Nikodemus, “Bagaimanakah mungkin seorang dilahirkan, kalau ia sudah tua? Dapatkah ia masuk kembali ke dalam rahim ibunya dan dilahirkan lagi?” (Yohanes 3:5). “Bertobatlah dan hendaklah kamu masing-masing

memberi dirimu dibaptis dalam nama Yesus Kristus untuk pengampunan dosamu, maka kamu akan menerima karunia Roh Kudus” (Kisah Para Rasul 2:38).

### **DI MANA NERAKA?**

Neraka adalah tempat yang nyata dan pasti disediakan untuk iblis dan setan-setannya (Matius 25:41). Jika ada yang pergi ke sana, itu kerana mereka mengikuti iblis. Secara tradisional, neraka dianggap berada di tengah bumi. Alkitab mengatakan bahwa Yesus “turun ke bagian bumi yang paling bawah” (Efesus 4:9). Bagian bawah bumi merujuk dimana neraka berada. Petrus, mengungkap kata Daud dalam Mazmur 16:10, “sebab Engkau tidak menyerahkan aku ke dunia orang mati, dan tidak membiarkan Orang KudusMu melihat kebinasaan” merujuk kepada Yesus pergi ke neraka (Kisah Para Rasul 2:25-27). Semua pelaku dan orang-orang yang melakukan pelanggaran hukum akan dilemparkan ke dalam dapur api dan orang benar akan bersinar seperti matahari (Matius 13:39, 40).

### **PENGHAKIMAN TAKHTA PUTIH**

Penghakiman terakhir bagi orang berdosa dan orang benar dikenal sebagai penghakiman takhta putih (Wahyu 20:11-15). Kepada orang-orang berdosa, Yesus akan berkata, “Enyahlah dari hadapan-Ku, hai kamu orang-orang terkutuk, enyahlah ke dalam api yang kekal yang telah sedia untuk Iblis dan malaikat-malaikatnya” (Matius 25:41). “Dan mereka ini akan masuk ke tempat siksaan yang kekal, tetapi orang benar ke dalam hidup yang kekal.” (Matius 25:46). Semua orang percaya yang tidak diangkat menurut 1 Tesalonika 4:16-18 akan berada di pengadilan takhta putih. Semua orang percaya akan diadili dan diberi ganjaran atas pekerjaan mereka, sama ada mereka adalah emas, perak, batu permata, kayu, rumput kering atau jerami (1 Korintus 3:12).

### **REALITAS SERIUS TENTANG NERAKA**

Yesus mengucapkan celakalah kepada ahli-ahli Taurat dan orang-orang Farisi dan berbicara dengan keras tentang kemunafikan mereka. Dia mencela

mereka, “Hai kamu ular-ular, hai kamu keturunan ular beludak! Bagaimanakah mungkin kamu dapat meluputkan diri dari hukuman neraka?” (Matius 23:33). Dia juga memanggil mereka kuburan yang dilabur putih, bodoh dan buta, kata-kata terkuat yang pernah diucapkan oleh Yesus (Matius 23:1-36).

Yesus membuatnya sangat jelas, neraka bukanlah imajinasi liar. Neraka itu nyata. Ini adalah penghakiman terakhir melawan kejahatan dan ditujukan untuk iblis, malaikat-malaikatnya yang jatuh dan semua orang yang mengikuti jalan mereka. Jika ada kejahatan di dunia ini, maka ada setan dan iblisnya.

C.S. Lewis menulis “Tidak ada doktrin yang akan saya lebih rela keluarkan dari agama Kristen daripada ini, jika hal itu ada dalam kuasa saya. Tetapi ini mendapat sokongan penuh dari Alkitab dan terutama kata-kata Tuhan kita sendiri.” Neraka bukan untuk menakut-nakuti kamu, tetapi untuk memberi tahu kamu bahwa kamu tidak harus mati dalam dosa kamu. Ini juga menunjukkan betapa berharganya jiwa kamu dan betapa pendeknya hidup ini. Mengetahui neraka itu nyata adalah untuk membantu kamu memahami bahwa Amanat Agung bukanlah pilihan, atau untuk ditafsirkan, namun ditaati. Jadilah serius menjadi orang yang beriman untuk memenuhi Amanat Agung dan merebut yang terhilang dari rahang neraka.

Yesus datang sebagai jawaban Tuhan untuk menjauhkanmu dari neraka. Alkitab berkata, “Apa gunanya seorang memperoleh seluruh dunia, tetapi ia kehilangan nyawanya. Karena apakah yang dapat diberikannya sebagai ganti nyawanya?” (Markus 8:36-37) dan “Jika kita mengaku dosa kita, maka Ia adalah setia dan adil, sehingga Ia akan mengampuni segala dosa kita dan menyucikan kita dari segala kejahatan” (1 Yohanes 1:9). Karena itu, marilah kita menjangkau mereka yang sesat dan dalam perjalanan menuju ke neraka (yang hilang berkekalan).

*Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.*

# 宣教不是可选的 地狱是真实的吗？

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美国的一个宗教论坛报道说，59%的美国人认为地狱是真实存在的。今天的统计显示，71%的人，人数还不断增长，不相信地狱是真实的。我们宁愿相信我们都会去天堂，并且没有地狱，因为我们都爱“美好的结局”。

**耶稣基督的福音不仅要警告我们关于地狱，还要教导我们地狱是为魔鬼和他的恶魔预备的。如果我们不相信神的救恩计划，我们的罪将引我们到地狱。圣经说道：「因为神差他的儿子到世上来，不是要定世人的罪，而是要使世人因他得救。信他的人不被定罪；不信的人已经被定罪了，因为他不信神独一儿子的名」（约3:17-18）。耶稣教导关于地狱，不是要吓唬你，而是给你知识，以致你会有智慧地学习过一个公义的生活，让你远离地狱。神的旨意不是要我们去地狱。圣经说道：「主没有迟延他的应许，就如有人以为他是迟延，其实是宽容你们，不愿一人沉沦，而是人人都来悔改」（彼前3:9）。**

## 关于地狱的真理是建立在圣经的基础上

马太福音是有最多关于地狱的参考经文，它是为神所拣选的子民所写的。

- 太5:22说道：「但是我告诉你们：凡向弟兄动怒的，必须受审判；凡骂弟兄是废物的，必须受议会的审判；凡骂弟兄是白痴的，必须遭受地狱的火。」
- 太5:28说道：「那杀人身体但不能灭人灵魂的，不要怕他们；惟有那能在地狱里毁灭身体和灵魂的，才要怕他。」
- 太13:24-30说道：「耶稣又设个比喻对他们说：“天国好比人撒好种在田里，在人睡觉的时候，他的仇敌来，把杂草撒在麦子里就走了。到长苗吐穗的时候，杂草也显出来。地主的仆人进前来对他说：‘主人，你不是撒好种在田里吗？哪里来的杂草呢？’主人回答他们：‘这是仇敌做的。’仆人对他来说：‘你要我们去拔掉吗？’主人说：‘不必，恐怕拔杂草，也把麦子连根拔出来。让这两样一起长，等到收割。当收割的时候，我会对收割的人说，先把杂草拔出来，捆成捆，留着烧，把麦子收在我的仓里。’”」

门徒问耶稣这是什么意思，他回答说：「那撒好种的就是人子，田地就是世界，好种就是天国之子，杂草就是那恶者之子，撒杂草的仇敌就是魔鬼，收割的时候就是世代的终结，收割的人就是天使。正如把杂草拔出来用火焚烧，世代的终结也要如此。人子要差遣他的使者，把一切使人跌倒的和作恶的从他国里挑出来，丢在火炉里，在那里要哀哭切齿了。那时，义人要在他们父的国里发出光来，像太阳一样。有耳的，就应当听！」（太13:37-43）。

今天的世界，既有罪人，也有公义的人。耶稣解释说：「世代的终结也要这样：天使要出来，把恶人从义人中分别出来」（太13:49）。

## 地狱是什么地方？（五个地狱的描述）

### 1. 地狱是肉体痛苦，精神痛苦，孤独和情感悲痛的地方。

圣经说道：「本国的子民反而被赶到外边黑暗里去，在那里要哀哭切齿了」（太8:12）。和「我却仍要提醒你们：6至于那些不守本位、离开自己住处的天使，主用锁链把他们永远拘留在黑暗里，等候大日子的审判」（犹6）。

### 2. 地狱是一个没有安全和恐惧的地方。

圣经说道：「我又看见一位天使从天降下，手里拿着无底坑的钥匙和一条大铁链」（启20:1）。想象一下一直下降，而不能到底！没有止境的下降，没有办法逃出坑来。

### 3. 地狱是黑暗的坑；完全没有光。

圣经说道：「既然神没有宽容犯了罪的天使，反而把他们丢在地狱里，囚禁在幽暗中等候审判」（彼后2:4）。当你犯罪和拒绝神通过他独生的儿子耶稣基督所赐的救恩时，他会宽恕你吗？

### 4. 地狱是一个不满的地方

圣经描述地狱为一个「火炉」（太13:42&50）。我们不知道是什么样的火。它可能是实在的火，或者它可能是一种会燃烧但我们不知道的火。或者它可能只是一种燃烧的身体感觉。或者它可能是对神的爱，喜乐与平安有一种难以抗拒的渴望的状态，但从未寻见。当你渴望爱，安慰和感情，而你却得不到时，它就是地狱。

### 5. 地狱是与神永恒隔绝的地方

地狱是人没有神的最终目的地。如果你死时

是一个罪人，死亡将你与你的家人和神分开。你若只出生过一次，那么你就要死两次。你若重生，那么你只会死一次。要重生是耶稣对尼哥底母说的话：「我实实在在告诉你，人若不是从水和圣灵生的，就不能进神的国」（约3:5）。「你们各人要悔改，奉耶稣基督的名受洗，使你们的罪得赦免，就会领受所赐的圣灵」（徒2:38）。

## 地狱在哪里？

地狱是一个真实和确定的地方，为魔鬼和他的恶魔而预备的（太25:41）。若有人去那里，那是因为他们跟从魔鬼。传统上，地狱被认为是在地球的中心。圣经说道耶稣「曾降到地底下」（弗4:9）。地底下是指地狱所在的地方。彼得引用大卫在诗篇16:10：「因为你必不将我的灵魂撇在阴间，也不让你的圣者见朽坏」是指耶稣去到地狱（徒2:25-27）。所有的违法者和那些无法的人都将扔在火炉里，义人会像太阳一样照耀（太13:39,40）。

## 白色的大宝座审判

罪人和义人的最后审判都被称为白色的大宝座审判（启20:11-15）。对罪人，耶稣将会说：「你们这被诅咒的人，离开我！进入那为魔鬼和他的使者所预备的永火里去！」（太25:41），「这些人要往永刑里去；那些义人要往永生里去」（太25:46）。根据帖撒罗尼迦前书4:16-18，所有没有被提的信徒将会在白色的大宝座审判台前。所有的信徒都会因为他们的工程而被审判和赏赐，若有人用金银、宝石，或草木、禾秸来建造（林前3:12）。

## 地狱的严肃现实

耶稣向文士和法利赛人宣告他们有祸了，并严肃地说出了他们的假冒为善。他责骂他们：「你们这些蛇啊，毒蛇的孽种啊，怎能逃脱地狱的惩罚呢？」（太23:33）。他也称他们好像粉饰了的坟墓，无知的瞎子，这是耶稣曾经说过的最强烈的话（太23:1-36）。

耶稣非常清楚的指出，地狱不是无端猜测。地狱是真实存在的 这是对邪恶的最终审判，是为了魔鬼，他堕落的天使和所有跟随他们的道路的人。如果世界上有邪恶，那就有魔鬼和他的恶魔。

鲁益师写道：「如果我有这个能力，我最想从基督教教义当中删除的就是这条。不过，这条教义在《圣经》里面有着充分依据，主耶稣的训导就是证明。」地狱不是要吓唬你，而是让你知道你不必死在你的罪中。它也显明你的灵魂是多么宝贵和生命的短暂。知道地狱是真实的，是要帮助你了解大使命不是一个选项，也不是要被解释，而是简单地遵循。认真做一个委身的信徒去履行大使命，并从地狱的关口抢救丧失的灵魂。

耶稣是神的答案，让你远离地狱。圣经说道：「人就是赚得全世界，赔上自己的生命，有什么益处呢？人还能拿什么换生命呢？」（可8:36-37）和「我们若认自己的罪，神是信实的，是公义的，必要赦免我们的罪，洗净我们一切的不义」（约壹1:9）。因此，让我们去将那些正走在前往地狱路上丧失的人（失去永恒）救回。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本修订版。

**“ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. ” - Matthew 28:19-20 NIV**

# MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Congratulations to 18 Calvarites who were received as members on 21 May 2017 at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre. May you continue to be found faithful in this local body of Christ and be involved in serving the Lord.



# WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 29 Calvarites on their decision to follow Christ in water baptism on 10 June 2017 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.

**For more information on water baptism, you can call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext 434. Refer to back page for our next water baptism service.**



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2. Zachary Ashwin Kumar
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4. Hannah Priya Ponnudurai
5. Loh Kai Heng
6. Eberesha Joy
7. Shana Wong Siew Ping
8. Jennysha Joy A/P Yogeswaran
9. Susan Ang Soo Jin
10. Loh Kai En
11. Hayley Wong Mei Ern
12. Angie Ng Mui Teng
13. Rechel Mariano Calip
14. Marissa Jimenez Juliano
15. Christina Phoon Choon Hwan
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17. May Lee Chin Fong
18. Low Lai Yan
19. Raymond Ng Cher Chiang
20. Christina Puvaneswary A/P Rethnam
21. Sheela Oomen
22. Daniel Yogeswaran A/L Benjamin
23. Kashmir George
24. Lee Seng Yee
25. Tan Wing Chun
26. Peter Loh Chun Hoong
27. Nwankwo Stephen Chukwubikem
28. Wong Ting Kun
29. Werrant Thong Yat Mon

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY 2017

## SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

### Calvary Damansara Heights

- 01** Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng  
**Communion**
- 08** Dr. Ivan Satyavrata  
**Missions Emphasis**
- 15** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 22** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
- 29** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

## SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

### Calvary Convention Centre

- 02** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam  
**Communion**
- 09** Dr. Ivan Satyavrata  
**Missions Emphasis**
- 16** Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng
- 23** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 30** Associate Pastor Peter Ong

### THIS MONTH'S MISSIONS EMPHASIS SPEAKER



**Dr. Ivan Satyavrata** is the Senior Pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Kolkata, India. A vibrant and dynamic church that runs 18 services in multiple locations in eight languages every weekend.

He serves as the Chairman of Kolkata Mission of Mercy that runs a hospital and a school for thousands of students. Nearly 20,000 underprivileged children receive meals and basic care every day through this ministry.

Dr. Satyavrata is highly regarded in the theological academic circle. He serves as professor of a theological seminary, chairman of a bible college, and also serves on the governing bodies of four seminaries. He has authored two books, "Holy Spirit, Lord and Life Giver" and "God Has Not Left Himself Without Witness".

### Calvary Youth Fellowship (CY Nights)

**Dates:** Saturdays, 8 & 22 July 2017  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Venue:** Calvary Damansara Heights

### Water Baptism

**Date:** Saturday, 12 August 2017  
**Time:** 5.00pm  
**Venue:** Calvary Damansara Heights  
**Closing date for submission of application:**  
Sunday, 2 July 2017



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