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DIVINE OWNERSHIP

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“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (Genesis 1:26-28).

God created man that He might have fellowship with him. So man was created in His image, as a free moral agent, with a mind, a will and emotions. God made man a steward of all His creation, the earth and all the living creatures on land and sea. The Apostle Peter said, “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10). We are God’s stewards of His manifold grace. A steward is a trustee or custodian.

MAN’S RESPONSIBILITIES AS GOD’S STEWARD

First, he is to “be fruitful and multiply”. This is not only to have children, but with regards to the earth and environment. For every

tree and vegetation we cut down, we are to plant, sow and replenish the earth. But man has been careless and cruel to the earth. Our world is running short of its natural resources, including sea life, and we are facing pollution, extinction of wild animals and climate warming. Second, he is to “subdue” the earth, that is to govern the earth. Third, he is “to have dominion” over the earth, to maintain order, harmony and discipline.

GOD CREATED THE GARDEN TO TAKE CARE OF MAN’S NEEDS

The Bible says, “The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of

the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. .. Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (Genesis 2:8-9; 15) Note the repetition of this phrase, “The Lord God”. The Bible says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1). Man is a steward of God’s earth.

To work is not a curse and to work is to be worthy of the garden. God does not advocate laziness. The Bible says, “The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But

diligence is man's precious possession" (Proverbs 12:27) and "For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

UNDERSTANDING THE DIVINE OWNERSHIP OF GOD

The Bible says, "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). The tree was "set apart" or made sacred. The tree was there for man to know the earth is the Lord's. Man had the freedom to obey or disobey. The Bible says, "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. ... Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil'" (Genesis 3:1;4-5) Satan, in the form of a serpent tempted Eve, "You will be like God." Man had a choice to acknowledge divine ownership. To obey God is to be blessed and to prosper. To disobey is to be cursed and to fall out with God, the source of life and blessings. Man chose to listen to Satan and disobey God by

eating the fruit. Man chose to be a god to himself and rejecting his stewardship. Many don't understand that disobedience has bad consequences. When you walk away from God's truth, righteousness, and holiness to do what is right in your own eyes, you are choosing to walk in disobedience. You will reap the consequences of your actions, and they are negative consequences.

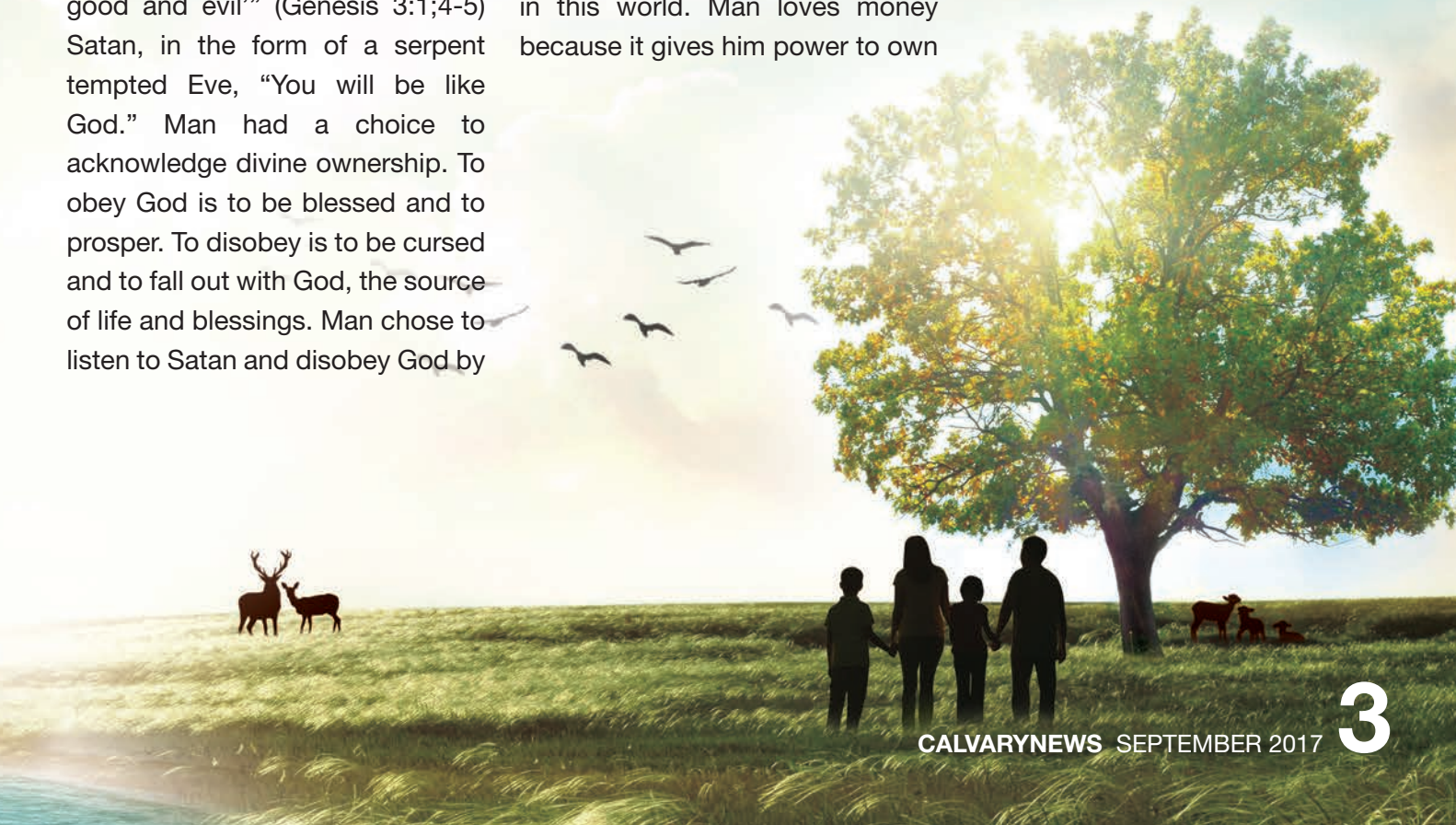
THE PAGAN CONCEPT

Satan has got the world to think that God is a force and not a divine being and therefore cannot be the creator. Man thinks he can be a god, and determine his own destiny and nobody needs to tell him how to live. He believes that what he has is by the sweat of his brows. Man fights to conquer and possess, so we have wars, nations against nations. Man becomes arrogant, erects fences and boundaries, acts as owners by his abilities to conquer and own. That is why money is a dominating force in this world. Man loves money because it gives him power to own

more and be more powerful. As time went on, we have grown with the pagan concept that Satan wants us to believe.

The Bible says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10). When you fail to acknowledge that you are a steward, you are robbing what belongs to God. When you live this way, you have stolen property and you are cursed. Man who live like there is no God, inspite of their wealth, live meaningless life and many have decided to end their life.

The Bible says, "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8). The tithe (a tenth portion) is the sacred portion God has ordained for you to recognise Him as owner and we



are His stewards. When we do not tithe, we deny God as the creator and owner of the universe and will live with negative consequences of our disobedience.

THE CHRISTIAN CONCEPT

The Pagan concept holds that God is not the owner, but you. The Christian concept is Biblical, that God is the creator of the world and everything therein (Psalm 24:1). He created man in His image for fellowship and required him to be a responsible and faithful steward.

The Scriptures teach us God's divine ownership.

• Psalms 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

• Psalms 95:4-5

"In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land."

• Psalms 50:10

"For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills."

• Isaiah 66:1

"Thus says the Lord: 'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?'"

• Haggai 2:8

"'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts."

TITHES

It has been said, "recognising divine ownership is a matter of intelligence and acknowledging divine ownership is a matter of honour, giving glory to God". The Bible says, "And the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30). Whatever you have, set apart a tenth portion as your tithe, and give it to God. God says that the tithe is a sacred portion that acknowledges His

ownership. When we give right recognition and acknowledge the ownership of God and honour Him through giving of our offerings and paying of our tithes, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out His blessings upon you (Malachi 3:10).

Giving to God is a privilege. The Bible says, "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all that is therein. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High" (Psalms 50:12-13). God has given us the privilege to present Him with our gifts. We give to God not because He cannot afford it, but because He first gave us.

God has instituted a body called the church, for us to bring our offering or tithes to God's house, so that the church of Jesus Christ will have no lack and you will not only be blessed but prosper (Malachi 3:10-12).

All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version.



LIFE STORY

GLORY OF GOD'S POWER MANIFESTED IN MY FAMILY AS WE PRAY

By Daphne Way

I felt weak and uncertain when I first started fasting and praying in conjunction with Pentecost Today, the Church's call to 50 days fasting and prayer (16 April – 4 June 2017). Praise and thank God for His strength and grace to persevere in praying. God is faithful and I have seen the glory of God's power manifested in my family. With a grateful heart and determination I want to trust more in Jesus, and give Him praise and thanks.

I want to testify how God worked through my mom as we fast and pray.

Mom accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour in 2016 Church camp, where she prayed for my second younger brother to have a child. This brother had been married many years and still without child. Thanks and praise God for blessing him with a baby girl on 27 April 2017.

Mom lives in Teluk Intan and came to Kuala Lumpur (KL) to help take care of the new baby for a month. She faced many challenges, both big and small. Praise the Lord, every time she had difficulty she would come to me, and even though I am not very good in praying, we would bring all the difficulties and concerns to God in prayer. We thank God for answering our prayers and everything went well during Mom's one month helping with the baby.

After Mom went back, for half a month, my brother, his wife and mother-in-law, would have sleepless nights, as the baby would keep on crying, especially at night! My brother was desperate and asked

Mom to help with getting the baby prayed for at the temple in our home town.

I prayed with Mom steadfastly for God to bless the baby and to break all these bondages over my brother and family. I also prayed for Mom not to waver in her faith but to trust and obey Jesus.

On Saturday, 27 June 2017 my brother and sister-in-law took the baby back to Teluk Intan, hoping Mom would arrange for the temple's blessing. Before Mom accepted Christ, she was very superstitious and handled all the praying in the temple on her own.

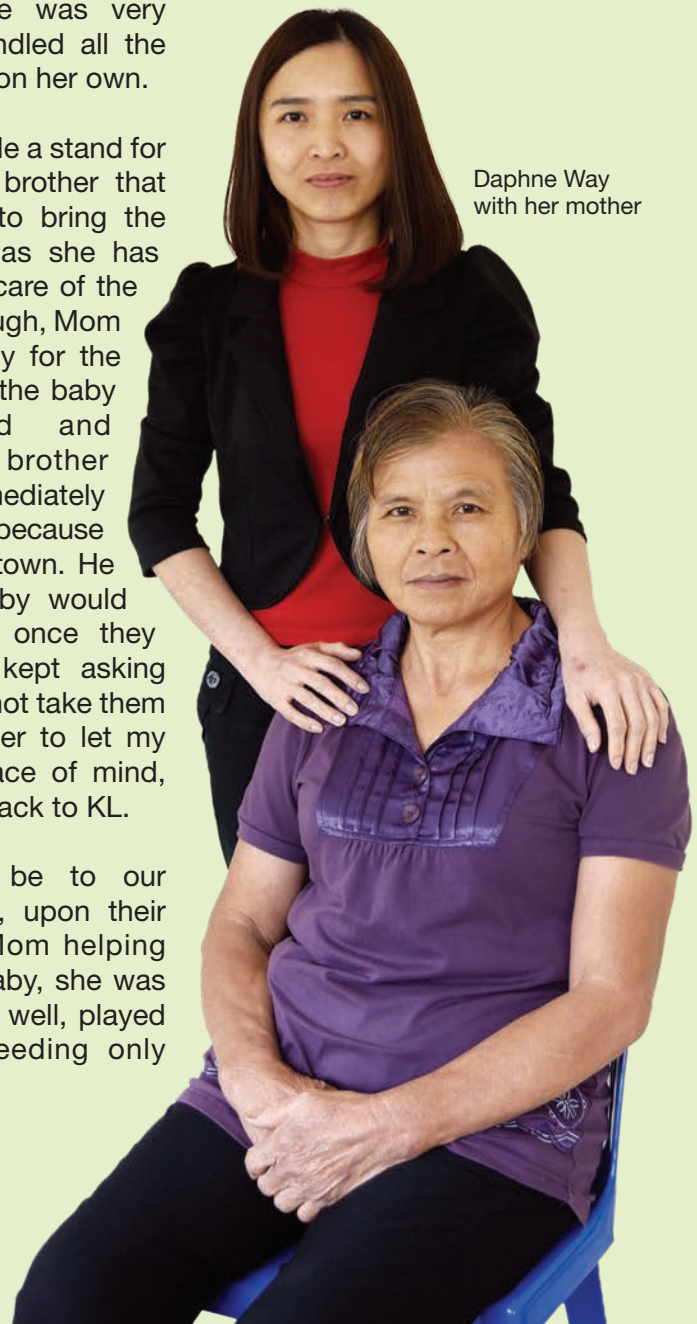
Thank God, Mom made a stand for Jesus. She told my brother that there was no need to bring the baby to the temple as she has found a way to take care of the baby crying. True enough, Mom took care of the baby for the next three days, and the baby was well behaved and stopped crying. My brother was amazed but immediately told Mom that it was because she was at the hometown. He believed that the baby would cry non-stop again, once they return to KL. They kept asking Mom why she would not take them to the temple. In order to let my brother have the peace of mind, Mom followed them back to KL.

Praise and thanks be to our Almighty Lord Jesus, upon their return to KL, with Mom helping to take care of the baby, she was able to eat and sleep well, played on her own and needing only

one milk-feed at night, and slept through the night till morning!

My brother asked Mom how she did it. Mom only said, "It's because of Jesus. I prayed and asked Jesus for help."

Thank and praise the Lord. Because of the testimony of Mom, my faith has also been strengthened. I am very encouraged that Mom attended this year's Church camp. We believe in a true and living God who answers prayer.



Daphne Way
with her mother

“TIMELESS LOVE” DINNER

By Evon Peng



Cherilyn Teoh
emceeding the event



Chua Ken Tee welcoming
the guests to the dinner



Thong Oi Siang
introducing Winnie



Pastor Timothy
praying for the dinner



Praise and thank God for the support of 450 Calvarites and their loved ones and friends at the dinner concert organised by the Chinese Ministry on Saturday, 29 July 2017 at the Multipurpose & Banquet Hall, Calvary Convention Centre. The main attraction was Winnie Ho, a local renowned artist.

Winnie performing a contemporary song

Dinner was served immediately after the opening prayer by Associate Pastor Timothy Ong, with Calvarites fellowshiping with each other and with new friends at the table while savouring the nine sumptuous dishes.

When Winnie took to the stage, she sang a few popular classical songs in her special contemporary style, followed by her salvation testimony. From young, Winnie lacked the fatherly love and

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Guests interacting and fellowship with one another

encouragement she needed when growing up. She felt unloved and useless, even though she won many singing competitions. She tried to find comfort and affirmations from every where else, but they were not able to give her the security she needed.

However, God was watching over her! At her lowest moment, she even considered committing suicide, but somehow, God was



All ears listening to Winnie's powerful testimony

there for her. He guided her into His everlasting arms through her roommate. Since then, her life was changed. She experienced the forgiveness and limitless love of God. A few years later, she was overjoyed when her father decided to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, after seeing how God has transformed Winnie.

The dinner concert concluded with Winnie performing a touching song she wrote that ministered to all present. Praise and thank God that many potential believers present had the opportunity to hear the Gospel through Winnie's songs and testimony. Calvarites were reminded of God's timeless unconditional love and were encouraged to reach out in love to our loved ones and friends.

无尽的爱晚宴音乐会

在七月二十九日，加略山中文事工在加略山会议中心举办了一场晚宴音乐会与特色艺人，何芸妮。感谢神，450人出

席，教会会员也邀请了他们的家人朋友来到参与这场特别活动。

这场晚宴在 Timothy Ong 牧师的开场祷告后开始了。全套晚餐包括了9道菜肴。在晚餐时候，我们有机会认识那些与我们坐在同桌子的人。

在我们完成我们的美食之后，歌手何芸妮用自己的方式演绎了几首经典歌曲。她也向我们分享了她的见证。她告诉我们因着她那不晓得如何表达爱与给与鼓励的父亲，她觉得自己不被爱以及一无是处虽然自小她赢过许多比赛。所以芸妮开始在其他地方寻找安全感和认可，但却全失败了。

但是，神从来没放弃她即使当她想要放弃自己的生命时。通过芸妮的室友，神把芸妮带回自己的怀抱中，从那以后，她的生命被改变了。芸妮知道神已经原谅了她也无止尽的爱她。几年过后，芸妮被神惊讶了，因为她的父亲决定要跟随主，因着父亲看见芸妮生命的改变。

这场晚宴在芸妮表演自己所写的歌后结束了，所有人都被她的歌曲感动了。我们再次的被鼓励和被提醒，神对我们的爱是永恒和无尽的。我们充满了神的祝福，好让我们可以成为别人的祝福。



Calvarites with their families and friends

EQUIPPING ROYAL RANGERS

By Arthur Kuan



Our Royal Rangers Commanders with the trainees from Nepal

A team of Royal Rangers (RR) leaders led by Commander Jim Guneratnam conducted leadership training for existing and new Royal Rangers leaders from various churches in Kathmandu from 26-30 July 2017. Our aim was to “Reach, Teach and Keep Children and Youth for Christ”. This was a follow up to our Royal Rangers’ inaugural trip last year to Nepal where we helped to start the RR ministry in Nepal.

The Leadership Training Course was to further equip the leaders who had attended the training last year, while the potential leaders were taught the Ranger Fundamentals. Thank God for 103 trainees who attended the two training tracks.

On arrival in Kathmandu, we visited their weekly RR meetings. All the school children from grade one to ten participate in the Royal Rangers program as part of their after school activities. Most of these meetings have been running for over a year now, as they were kicked off by the local RR leaders since they attended our first training course in Nepal.



Commander Jim preaching at the Church Worship Service

The Ranger Fundamentals course provides a basic understanding of the RR ministry and how to run it as a relational and effective program with the materials and curriculum provided. The Leadership Training Course provides leaders with a deeper understanding of the discipleship of children and youth through Royal Rangers.

During the time, the team also taught on the practical part of running a RR outpost, including how to handle the children, manage the class and conducting ranger activities. The trainees also benefited from participating in a

model outpost meeting. They had first-hand experience of the ministry from the perspective of the child.

Titus, one of the Nepali leaders, shared that he found the training



Trainees discussing lesson in small group

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very helpful. With the necessary knowledge and skills imparted to him, he is confident of conducting the Royal Rangers ministry effectively.

Praise God that many leaders and new leaders have been strengthened and equipped. We believe God will empower their leadership and more outposts will be started to disciple the next generation of children and youth, the future leaders of Nepal.



Commander Jim teaching the new leaders



Commander Yoke Yee teaching the Leadership Track

Before departing for home, the team worshipped at four different churches in Kathmandu where Commanders Esther Kuan, Chin Yoke Yee, Lee Kah Yun and Jim Guneratnam ministered God's word respectively. Commander Ong Soon Aun and Ranger Arthur Kuan were also part of the team.

Praise and thank God for the opportunity to serve the Nepali church through Royal Rangers. We were greatly blessed because we went!

Missions PHOTO CONTEST



Calling all photographers – professional, amateur, hobbyist and 'Instagramers'. Calvary Missions is running a Missions Photo Contest.

2 CATEGORIES FOR PHOTO SUBMISSION:

1. Daily Life
2. People Need the Lord

3 PRIZES TO BE WON FOR EACH CATEGORY:

People's Choice, Missions Choice and Most Creative



Submit your photos between 3 – 24 September 2017 to missionsphoto@calvary.org.my

Selected photos will be exhibited at the CCC lobby.

Details and rules of the contest available at the counter on 27 August & 3 September 2017 or online at www.calvary.org.my/missionsphoto

PEMILIKAN ILAHI

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

"Berfirmanlah Tuhan: "Baiklah Kita menjadikan manusia menurut gambar dan rupa Kita, supaya mereka berkuasa atas ikan-ikan di laut dan burung-burung di udara dan atas ternak dan atas seluruh bumi dan atas segala binatang melata yang merayap di bumi. Maka Tuhan menciptakan manusia itu menurut gambar-Nya, menurut gambar Tuhan diciptakan-Nya dia; laki-laki dan perempuan diciptakan-Nya mereka. Tuhan memberkati mereka, lalu Tuhan berfirman kepada mereka: "Beranakcuculah dan bertambah banyak; penuhilah bumi dan taklukkanlah itu, berkuasalah atas ikan-ikan di laut dan burung-burung di udara dan atas segala binatang yang merayap di bumi" (Kejadian 1: 26-28).

Tuhan menciptakan manusia agar Dia dapat bersekutu dengannya. Jadi manusia diciptakan menurut gambarNya, sebagai agen moral bebas, dengan fikiran, kehendak dan emosi. Tuhan menjadikan manusia sebagai pelayan semua ciptaanNya, bumi dan semua makhluk hidup di darat dan laut. Rasul Petrus berkata, "Layanilah seorang akan yang lain, sesuai dengan karunia yang telah diperoleh tiap-tiap orang sebagai pengurus yang baik dari kasih karunia Tuhan" (1 Petrus 4:10). Kita adalah pelayan Tuhan atas anugerahNya yang berlimpah. Seorang pelayan adalah pemegang amanah atau penjaga.

TANGGUNG JAWAB MANUSIA SEBAGAI PELAYAN TUHAN.

Pertama, dia harus "berbuah dan berhasil". Ini bukan hanya untuk memiliki anak, tapi berkaitan dengan bumi dan persekitaran. Untuk setiap pohon dan tumbuh-tumbuhan yang kita tebang, kita harus menanam, menabur dan mengisi bumi. Tapi manusia menjadi tidak peduli dan kejam terhadap bumi. Dunia kita kekurangan sumber alam semulajadi, termasuk kehidupan laut, dan kita menghadapi pencemaran, kepupusan haiwan liar dan pemanasan iklim. Kedua, dia harus "menaklukkan" bumi, iaitu memerintah bumi. Ketiga, dia "memiliki kekuasaan" di atas bumi, untuk menjaga ketertiban, keharmonian dan disiplin.

TUHAN MENCIPTAKAN TAMAN UNTUK MENJAGA KEPERLUAN MANUSIA

Alkitab mengatakan, "Selanjutnya Tuhan membuat taman di Eden, di sebelah timur; disitulah ditempatkan-Nya manusia yang dibentuk-Nya itu. Lalu Tuhan menumbuhkan berbagai-bagai pohon dari bumi, yang menarik dan yang baik untuk dimakan buahnya; dan pohon kehidupan di tengah-tengah taman itu, serta pohon pengetahuan tentang yang baik dan yang jahat...Tuhan mengambil manusia itu dan menempatkannya dalam taman Eden untuk mengusahakan dan memelihara taman itu" (Kejadian 2:8-9; 15). Perhatikan pengulangan frasa ini, "Tuhan Tuhan". Alkitab mengatakan, "Tuhanlah yang empunya bumi serta segala isinya, dan dunia serta yang diam di dalamnya" (Mazmur 24:1). Manusia adalah pelayan di bumi Tuhan.

Bekerja bukannya satu kutukan dan bekerja adalah sepatutnya untuk taman. Tuhan tidak menganjurkan kemalasan. Alkitab berkata, "Orang malas tidak akan menangkap buruannya, tetapi orang rajin akan memperoleh harta yang berharga" (Amsal 12:27) dan "Sebab, juga waktu kami berada di antara kamu, kami memberi peringatan ini kepada kamu: jika seorang tidak mau bekerja, janganlah ia makan" (2 Tesalonika 3:10).

MEMAHAMI PEMILIKAN ILAHI

Alkitab berkata, "Lalu TUHAN Tuhan memberi perintah ini kepada manusia:

"Semua pohon dalam taman ini boleh kaumakan buahnya dengan bebas, tetapi pohon pengetahuan tentang yang baik dan yang jahat itu, janganlah kaumakan buahnya, sebab pada hari engkau memakannya, pastilah engkau mati." (Kejadian 2:16-17). Pohon itu "diasingkan" atau dijadikan kudus. Pohon itu ada di sana agar manusia tahu bahwa bumi adalah milik Tuhan. Manusia memiliki kebebasan untuk taat atau tidak taat. Alkitab berkata, "Adapun ular ialah yang paling cerdik dari segala binatang di darat yang dijadikan oleh Tuhan..." Tetapi ular itu berkata kepada perempuan itu: "Sekali-kali kamu tidak akan mati, tetapi Tuhan mengetahui, bahwa pada waktu kamu memakannya matamu akan terbuka, dan kamu akan menjadi seperti Tuhan, tahu tentang yang baik dan yang jahat" (Kejadian 3:1; 4-5) Setan, dalam bentuk seekor ular yang menggoda Hawa, "Kamu akan menjadi seperti Tuhan." Manusia memiliki pilihan untuk mengakui pemilikan ilahi. Mentaati Tuhan bermakna akan diberkati dan berhasil. Untuk tidak taat adalah dikutuk dan jauh dari Tuhan, sumber kehidupan dan berkat. Manusia memilih untuk mendengarkan Setan dan tidak mentaati Tuhan dengan memakan buahnya. Manusia memilih untuk menjadi tuhan bagi dirinya sendiri dan menolak pengurusan Tuhan. Ramai yang tidak mengerti bahwa ketidaktaatan mempunyai akibat buruk. Bila kamu menjauh dari kebenaran dan kesucian Tuhan untuk melakukan apa yang benar di mata kamu sendiri, kamu memilih untuk tidak taat. Kamu akan menuai akibat dari tindakan kamu sendiri, dan itu adalah akibat negatif.

KONSEP PENYEMBAH BERHALA

Setan telah membuat dunia berfikir bahwa Tuhan hanyalah satu kuasa dan bukannya makhluk ilahi dan kerana itu tidak dapat menjadi pencipta. Manusia berfikir dia boleh menjadi tuhan, dan menentukan takdirnya sendiri dan tidak ada siapa yang perlu memberitahunya bagaimana cara hidup. Dia percaya bahwa apa yang dia miliki adalah dengan keringat dahinya. Manusia berjuang untuk menaklukkan dan memiliki, jadi kita ada peperangan, bangsa melawan bangsa-bangsa. Manusia menjadi sombong, mendirikan pagar dan batas, bertindak sebagai pemilik dengan kemampuannya untuk menaklukkan dan memiliki-

inya. Itulah sebabnya wang adalah kekuatan yang mendominasi di dunia ini. Manusia mencintai wang kerana memberinya kekuatan untuk memiliki lebih banyak dan menjadi lebih berkuasa. Seiring berjalannya waktu, kita telah tumbuh dengan konsep penyembahan berhala yang Setan ingin kita percayai.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Karena akar segala kejahatan ialah cinta wang. Sebab oleh memburu uanglah beberapa orang telah menyimpang dari iman dan menyiksa dirinya dengan berbagai-bagai duka" (1 Timotius 6:10). Bila kamu gagal untuk mengakui bahwa kamu adalah seorang pelayan, kamu merompak apa yang menjadi milik Tuhan. Bila kamu hidup dengan cara ini, kamu telah mencuri harta dan kamu terkutuk. Manusia yang hidup seperti tidak ada Tuhan, walaupun mereka kaya, hidup tanpa makna dan banyak yang telah memutuskan untuk mengakhiri hidup mereka.

Alkitab berkata, "Bolehkah manusia menipu Tuhan? Namun kamu menipu Aku. Tetapi kamu berkata: "Dengan cara bagaimanakah kami menipu Engkau?" Mengenai persembahan persepuluhan dan persembahan khusus!" (Maleakhi 3:8). Persepuluhan (bagian persepuluh) adalah bagian suci yang telah ditetapkan Tuhan bagi kamu untuk mengenalpasti bahwa Dia sebagai pemilik dan kita adalah pelayanNya. Bila kita tidak memberi persepuluhan, kita menyangkal Tuhan sebagai pencipta dan pemilik alam semesta dan akan hidup dengan akibat negatif dari ketidaktaatan kita.

KONSEP KRISTEN

Konsep Peyembahan Berhala berpendapat bahwa Tuhan bukanlah pemiliknya, tapi kamu. Konsep Kristen itu alkitabiah, bahwa Tuhanlah pencipta dunia dan segala isinya (Mazmur 24:1). Dia menciptakan manusia menurut gambarNya untuk persekutuan dan meminta dia untuk menjadi pelayan yang bertanggung jawab dan setia.

Alkitab mengajarkan kita tentang pemilikan ilahi Tuhan.

• Mazmur 24:1

"Tuhanlah yang empunya bumi serta segala isinya, dan dunia serta yang diam di dalamnya."

• Mazmur 95:4-5

"Bagian-bagian bumi yang paling dalam ada di tanganNya, puncak gunung-gunungpun kepunyaan-Nya. Kepunyaan-Nya laut, Dialah yang menjadikannya, dan darat, tanganNya yang membentuknya."

• Mazmur 50:10

"sebab punya-Kulah segala binatang hutan, dan beribu-ribu hewan di gunung."

• Yesaya 66:1

"Beginilah firman TUHAN: Langit adalah takhta-Ku dan bumi adalah tumpuan kaki-Ku; rumah apakah yang akan kamu dirikan bagi-Ku, dan tempat apakah yang akan menjadi perhentian-Ku?"

• Hagai 2:8

"Kepunyaan-Kulah perak dan kepunyaan-Kulah emas, demikianlah firman TUHAN semesta alam"

PEMBERIAN PERSEPULUHAN

Telah dikatakan, "mengakui pemilikan ilahi adalah satu perkara yang bijak dan mengakui pemilikan ilahi adalah satu perkara kehormatan, memuliakan Tuhan". Alkitab mengatakan, "Demikian juga segala persembahan persepuluhan dari tanah, baik dari hasil benih di tanah maupun dari buah pohon-pohonan, adalah milik TUHAN; itulah persembahan kudus bagi TUHAN" (Imamat 27:30). Apa pun yang kamu

miliki, bagikan bagian persepuluh sebagai persepuluhan kamu, dan berikan kepada Tuhan. Tuhan mengatakan bahwa persepuluhan adalah bagian suci yang mengakui pemilikanNya. Ketika kita memberikan pengakuan yang benar dan mengakui pemilikan Tuhan dan menghormati Dia melalui pemberian persembahan dan pembayaran persepuluhan kita, Dia akan membuka tingkap surga dan mencurahkan berkatNya kepada kamu (Maleakhi 3:10). Memberi kepada Tuhan adalah satu hak istimewa. Alkitab berkata, "Jika Aku lapar, tidak usah Kukatakan kepadamu, sebab punya-Kulah dunia dan segala isinya. Daging lembu jantankah Aku makan, atau darah kambing jantankah Aku minum? Persembahkanlah syukur sebagai korban kepada Allah dan bayarlah nazarmu kepada Yang Mahatinggi!" (Mazmur 50: 12-14). Tuhan telah memberi kita hak istimewa untuk mempersembahkan kepadaNya pemberian kita. Kita memberi kepada Tuhan bukan kerana Dia tidak mampu membelinya, tapi kerana Dia terlebih dahulu memberi kepada kita. Tuhan telah membentuk sebuah badan yang disebut gereja, agar kita membawa persembahan atau persepuluhan kita ke rumah Tuhan, sehingga gereja Yesus Kristus tidak memiliki kekurangan dan kamu tidak akan hanya diberkati namun berhasil (Maleakhi 3: 10-12).

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari versi Bahasa Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.



神圣的所有权

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「神说：“我们要照着我们的形像，按着我们的样式造人，使他们管理海里的鱼、天空的鸟、地上的牲畜和全地，以及地上爬的一切爬行动物。”神就照着他的形像创造人，照着神的形像创造他们；他创造了他们，有男有女。神赐福给他们，神对他们说：“要生养众多，遍满这地，治理它；要管理海里的鱼、天空的鸟和地上各样活动的生物」（创1:26-28）。

神造人是要与人相交。所以人是照神的形象被造的，作为一个有自由意志的人，有思维，意志和情感。神使人成为他所有创造之物的管家，包括这地球和地上和海上一切的生物。使徒彼得说：「人人要照自己所得的恩赐彼此服事，作神各种恩赐的好管家」（彼后4:10）。我们是神各种恩赐的管家。管家是受托人或托管人。

人作神的管家的责任。

首先人是要“生养众多”。这不但是要生养孩子，而且也关于地球和环境。对于我们砍伐的每棵树和植物，我们要种植，播种和补充地球/遍满全地。但是，人类对地球一直是粗心大意和残酷的。我们的世界缺乏自然资源，包括海洋生物，我们面临污染，野生动物灭绝和气候变暖。第二，他要“征服”大地，就是治理这地。第三，是“管理”全地，维护秩序，和谐和纪律。

神创造了伊甸园来照顾人的需要

圣经说道：「耶和华神在东方的伊甸栽了一个园子，把所造的人安置在那里。耶和华神使各样的树从土地里长出来，可以悦人的眼目，好作食物。园子当中有生命树和知善恶的树。---耶和华神把那人安置在伊甸园，让他耕耘看管」（创2:8-9，15）。注意「耶和华神」这个一词的重复。圣经说道：「地和其中所充满的，世界和住在其中的，都属耶和华」（诗24:1）。人是神的土地的管家。

工作不是诅咒，工作是伊甸园配得的。神不主张懒惰。圣经说道：「懒惰的人不烤猎物；殷勤的人却得宝贵的财物」（箴12:27）和「我们在你们那里的时候曾吩咐你们，说若有人不肯做工，就不可吃饭」（帖后3:10）。

了解神的神圣所有权

圣经说道：「耶和华神吩咐那人说：“园中各样树上所出的，你可以随意吃，只是知善恶

的树所出的，你不可吃，因为你吃它的日子必定死！”」（创2:16-17）。这树是被“分别出来”或者为神圣的。这树就在那里，让人知道地是属耶和华。人有顺服或不顺服的自由。圣经说道：「耶和华神所造的，惟有蛇比田野一切的走兽更狡猾。---蛇对女人说：“你们不一定死；因为神知道，你们吃的日子眼睛就开了，你们就像神一样知道善恶”」（创3:1;4-5）。撒旦，以蛇的形式试探夏娃，「你们就像神一样」。人有选择承认神的所有权。顺服神是被祝福的，并能兴盛。不顺服是被诅咒，并与神生命和祝福的源头中断相交。人选择听从撒旦，不顺服神而吃善恶的树的果子。人选择自己成为神和拒绝他作管家的责任。许多人不明白不顺服有不良的后果。当你不遵守神的真理，公义，和圣洁而去作你自己眼中看为正的事的时候，你选择走不顺服的道路。你就会收获你自己行为的后果，它们是负面的后果。

异教的概念

撒旦使到世人认为神是一种力量而不是一位有位格的神，因此不可能是创造者。人认为他自己可以成为神，决定自己的命运，没有人需要告诉他该如何生活。他认为他所拥有的是他靠辛勤劳动而获得。人为征服和拥有而战斗，所以我们有战争，国要攻打国。人变得傲慢，竖立围栏和边界，以他的征服和拥有的能力作为主人。这就是为什么金钱是这个世界的力量。人们喜爱金钱，因为它赋予他权力拥有更多和变为更强大。随着时间的流逝，我们已经与撒旦想要我们相信的异教概念一起成长。

圣经说道：「贪财是万恶之根。有人因贪恋钱财而背离信仰，用许多愁苦把自己刺透了」（提前6:10）。当你没有承认你是一个管家时，你正在抢夺属于神的东西。当你以这种方式生活的时候，你已经偷取了财物，你就会被诅咒。生活像没有神的人，尽管他们有财富，却生活无意义，甚至许多人决定结束他们的生命。

圣经说道：「人岂可抢夺神呢？你们竟抢夺我！你们却说：‘我们在何事上抢夺你呢？’其实就是在你们当纳的十分之一奉献和当献的供物上」（玛3:8）。十分之一奉献是属神的圣物，是神为你设立的，让你认识到他是所有者，而我们是他的管家。当我们不纳十分之一，我们否认神是宇宙的创造者和所有者，并且将会面对我们不顺服的负面后果。

基督教的概念

异教的概念认为神不是主人，而是你自己。基督教的概念是根据圣经，神是世界和住在其中的一切受造物的创造者（诗篇24:1）。他照着他的形象造了人，与人相交，并要求他成为一个负责任和忠心的管家。

圣经教导我们神的神圣所有权。

• 诗24:1

「地和其中所充满的，世界和住在其中的，都属耶和华。」

• 诗95:4-5

「地的深处在他手中；山的高峰也属他。海洋属他，是他造的；旱地也是他手造成的。」

• 诗50:10

「因为，林中的百兽是我的，千山的牲畜也是我的。」

• 赛66:1

「耶和华如此说：“天是我的座位；地是我的脚凳。你们能为我造怎样的殿宇呢？哪里是我安歇的地方呢？」

• 该2:8

「银子是我的，金子也是我的。这是万军之耶和华说的。」

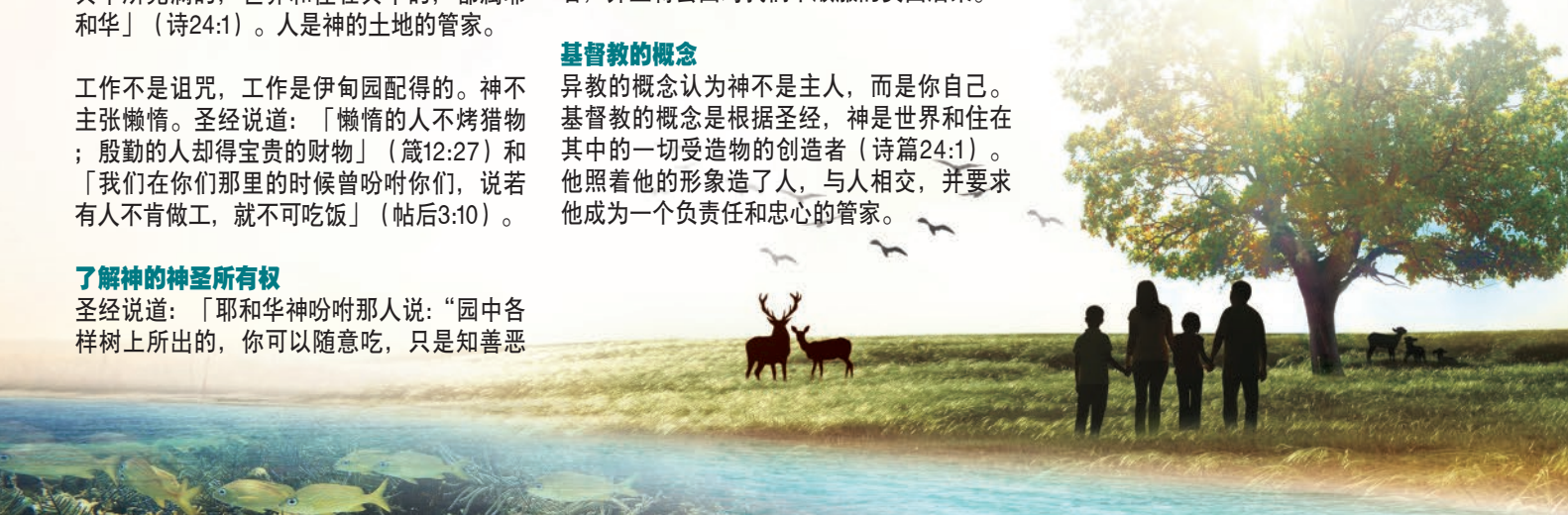
十分之一奉献

有人说过，「认识到神的所有权是涉及智慧和承认神的所有权是涉及尊荣，归荣耀于神」。圣经说道：「地上所有的，无论是地上的种子，是树上的果子，十分之一是耶和华的，是归耶和华为圣的」（利27:30）。无论你有什么，把十分之一分别出来作为你的十分之一奉献，把它献给神。神说，十分之一是属神的圣物，它承认他的所有权。当我们给予正确的识别并承认神的所有权，并通过献上我们的奉献和纳我们的十分之一来尊荣他时，他将打开天上的窗户，并将他的祝福倾倒在您身上（玛3:10）。

奉献给神是一项特权。圣经说道：「我若是饥饿，不用告诉我，因为世界和其中所充满的都是我的。我岂吃公牛的肉呢？我岂喝公山羊的血呢？你们要以感谢为祭献给神，又要向至高者还你的愿」（诗50:12-14）。神给了我们这特权向他献上我们的礼物。我们奉献给神不是因为他负担不起，而是因为他先给了我们。

上帝已经设立了一个称为教会的团体，为了我们能将我们的奉献或十分之一献给神的家，以致耶稣基督的教会不会有缺乏，你不但会得到祝福，而且会兴盛（玛3:10-12）。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本修订版。



WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 19 Calvarites on their decision to follow Christ in water baptism on 12 August 2017 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.



Front Row (L to R)

Andrew Ang Yu Hui
Esther Sangedha a/p Ezra Anandaraj
Juliana Heng Imm Hoon
Olivia Lim Hoi Yin
Kerry Kek Chyi Shan

2nd Row

Joshua Tan Tai Jim
Grace Nesamani d/o Raju
Gabrielle Choo Hui Yeng
Janice Claire G. Santiago
Doreen Wong Suet Ching

3rd Row

Hew Yen Looi
Wang Fei
Kelly Koh Hui Chin
Cecelia Lakai
Carmen Chong Kar Woon

Back Row

Shaun Choo Kok Sum
Diomedes A. Angat Jr.
James Bartholomen Stephen Sinit
Lynn Yap Choon Lin

*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.*



Christmas 2017

Every year Calvary Church reaches out to our city during the Christmas season through a Christmas presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to be involved either on stage or help out backstage at our **Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, 24 December 2017.**

We are recruiting for:

- Singers
- Stage Management
- Dancers
- Set & Props Design
- Wardrobe

Rehearsals will begin in September 2017.

Sign-up at our counter in the month of September or online at www.calvary.org.my/music-creative-arts



PICNIC

By Amelia Lee, Krystle Lim and Angie Ng



CALVARY NURSERY CARE (CNC) GARDEN PICNIC

Twenty six families consist of 108 parents and their little ones joined for a fun-filled picnic at Calvary Convention Centre on Monday, 1 May 2017. The plaza and garden was transformed with balloons and pools filled with colourful balls.

The purpose of the event was to build a closer relationship among the CNC teachers and helpers, parents and kids. We have a great time of family bonding and getting to know other parents with young ones. We praise God that five new families came for the first time and out of these, two families are potential believers.



The picnic started with a short devotion to encourage the parents to trust and lean on God in bringing up their children by Pastor Quek Lee Siu. Then we had an ice-breaker organized for the whole family followed by a time of singing. Parents joined to sing songs that

their little ones sing on Sundays in the CNC. It was indeed a time well spent for all on a public holiday.

Praise God for a wonderful time of fellowship and many parents indicated they were looking forward to more gatherings in the future.



CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP AGES 11 OUTDOOR PICNIC

Sixteen children ages 11 and three teachers had a fun-filled picnic at the Bukit Jalil Recreational Park on Monday, 1 May 2017. We thank God for good weather. It was a great time of getting to know one another better and drawing close to God through singing praises and a short devotional lesson. We

enjoyed God's beautiful creation as we admiring the landscape in the garden, feeding the fish and tortoise and had our picnic under the trees. All glory to God!

CARPENTER'S WORKSHOP AGES 5-6 INDOOR PICNIC

On Sunday, 30 April 2017 excited chattering of children ages 5-6 waiting impatiently to be registered

to enter Multipurpose & Banquet Hall, Calvary Convention Centre to participate for their indoor picnic. 76 children and 20 teachers were having a great time bonding though worship, games and indoor kite flying. We praise God for supporting parents and dedicated teacher and most of all a loving God who love and cares for each of us.

PRAYER COURSE

“How To Respond To People With Specific Needs”

Organized by Calvary Prayer Tower

Dates: Saturdays, 2, 9 & 30 September 2017

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Venue: Prayer Tower Chapel (Level 3)

Expectation from participants:

You must be committed to log in to the Prayer Tower website daily and pray for people's needs for at least 10 minutes for the next one year.

Register your participation at calptower@gmail.com

This is a “series” of studies with discussion on learning to minister to those with specific needs.

You will learn how to pray with people with various types of needs:

- For those who need financial breakthrough.
- For those who is plague by sickness and unfortunate incidences.
- For family relationship needs.
- Subsequent sessions will deal with other needs.



HeartShapers Needed

It takes a big heart to shape little hearts

HeartShapers are an astoundingly important set of people who guide and help mould the next generation. We nurture, build bonds, listen and have a soft spot for kids. We take responsibility of “starting children off on the way they should, so that even when they grow old, they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We don't need "Super Hero" but ordinary people just like you who are willing to make a difference that lasts a lifetime. Come and sign up at our counter at CCC on 3 & 10 September 2017.

Training will be provided on 17 September 2017.



VOLUNTEERS FOR TEENS NEEDED

We believe in the importance of moulding and nurturing youths in their crucial formative years. Every Sunday, our volunteers at Calvary Youth (CY) Teens teaches principles to youths aged 12-14 to win young people for Christ, building them to be Godly young people, and equipping them to impact their generation.

If you love young people and have a desire to invest in their lives, come by our counters at CCC on 3 & 10 September 2017.

Training will be provided.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future



WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2017

WATER BAPTISM

5.00PM

7 OCTOBER 2017
Saturday

CALVARY DAMANSARA HEIGHTS
Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 3 September 2017

SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

Calvary Damansara Heights

02 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Communion

09 Associate Pastor Steven Kum

16 Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

23 Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

30 Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Communion

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (CY NIGHTS)

7.00PM

9 & 23 SEPTEMBER 2017
Saturdays

CALVARY DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

11.30AM

24 SEPTEMBER 2017
Sunday

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE, Theatrette 1
Speaker: Chua Ken Tee

SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

Calvary Convention Centre

03 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
Baby Dedication

10 Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng
Membership Intake

17 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

24 Associate Pastor David Seah



**BUKIT JALIL
CCC RUN 2017**

**Saturday,
30 September 2017
7.00am Flag-off**

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