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BECAUSE HE LIVES

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

The Apostle Paul said, ***“And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and our faith is also empty.”*** (1 Corinthians 15:14 NLT).

It is pivotal to our faith that we know and are convinced that we worship and serve a Risen Jesus. The truth and reality of Christ’s resurrection stamps the validity of Christ’s return and the authority of the Gospel. The daunting fact is that Satan understands this truth and seeks to cast doubt on this truth and to bring about the fear of death, robbing the believer of this truth and victory over death. When Satan succeeds in his deception, everything the church stands for is in vain and worthless and Christianity becomes a mere religion like any other.

The resurrection of Christ is one of three fundamental truths of the Gospel and our faith.

FIRSTLY, CHRIST CAME TO REDEEM US THROUGH HIS DEATH.

The Bible says, *“Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!””* (Galatians 4:3-7). Paul makes it clear that Jesus came to redeem us from being sinners by God’s laws of righteousness to becoming sons of God, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ so that we can cry out to God, “Abba, Father”.

SECOND, CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

Paul goes on to say, *“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures”* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). The phrase ‘according to the Scriptures’ denotes a fulfilment of a prophecy once foretold by prophets of old. The Psalmist said, *“No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever”* (Psalm 16:9-11).

THIRDLY, CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN.

The angels said, *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”* (Acts 1:11 NLT).



There were people even in the days of the apostles who denied that God sent Jesus to be our redeemer through His death and resurrection. Paul addresses this issue regarding the importance of Christ's death and resurrection. He says, *"Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up – if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"* (1 Corinthians 15:12-17). Paul makes us understand the hopelessness and emptiness of our faith if Christ is not risen. If Christ did not rise from the dead, we are false witnesses and we are still sinners. The Bible says, *"For the wages of sin is death..."* (Romans 6:23). Satan is very subtle in the way he deceives us to feel hopeless and helpless. Paul goes on to say, *"If this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since*

by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:19-21). Adam disobeyed God and brought death to man but Jesus Christ without sin, came and brought life. Jesus said, *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life"* (John 10:10 NLT).

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

The ministry of Jesus proves that the dead could be raised. The Gospels record the raising of the dead daughter of Jairus. The Bible says, *"While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and the mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And*

He commanded that she be given something to eat” (Luke 8:49-55). When we have faith, we speak faith. Some claim to have faith but speak fear and doubt. Sleep is like death. There is coming a day all who sleep or die in Christ will wake up. Hence, as a Christian, death is not something to be afraid. At death, we cry because of a loss of fellowship with our loved ones, but not without hope. That is why we sing songs and hymns of hope at Christian funerals. Unbelief will criticize faith. We should not be surprised when people ridicule us. Jesus “put them all outside”. Sometimes that is necessary.

Another occasion was the raising of Lazarus. The Bible says, *“So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.”” Where have you put him?” he asked them. They told him, “Lord, come and see.” “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.” Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would*

see God’s glory if you believe?” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” (John 11:14, 34, 39-40, 43-44 NLT).

JESUS’ DISCIPLES ALSO RAISED THE DEAD.

Peter raised Dorcas (Acts 9:40) and Paul raised Eutychus (Acts 20:7-12). It was not for showmanship, but to establish a vital truth to the preaching of the Gospel, that Christ rose from the dead. Jesus Himself said at the resurrection of Lazarus, *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.” (John 11:25)*

THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD.

The Bible says, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Romans 1:16). When we receive Jesus Christ, the power of God transforms us. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

In considering these fundamental truths, that is; if we deny God sent Jesus to be our redeemer, we deny His birth. If we deny His death, we deny His resurrection. If we deny His resurrection, we deny His return. Let us rejoice in our salvation and be bold witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone, who is without hope and live in fear of death.

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.



CALVARY CHURCH celebrates 50 YEARS

2018 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF CALVARY CHURCH.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS SIGNIFICANT
MILESTONE, CALVARYNEWS WILL
BE FEATURING 50 TESTIMONIES
OF CALVARITES THROUGHOUT 2018.

BE BLESSED BY THESE TESTIMONIES...

CALVARY STOOD WITH US, THROUGH IT ALL

Eight years ago, our daughter Annabelle was miraculously healed as Calvary Church stood with us in prayer.

It was through this journey that we learnt to surrender wholeheartedly to the Lord. Indeed as we surrender, God gives and when He gives, He gives us in abundance. Not long after this, my mother came to know the Lord!

But it was when Annabelle, aged nine, took part and acted in our church KidsCAT musical last year that made me realise how God's promises in our lives have come to pass.

You see, both Sun Jian and I had a vision of our children (Annabelle, Adam and Austin), running around in the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) compound way back before the Church moved to CCC. Today, the vision has come to pass, all my three kids are running around CCC! It is such a joy to witness this.



Christopher with his wife, Sun Jian and their three children (Annabelle in the centre)

Praise the Lord! On top of His healing power, He has blessed us so much – be it in His provision for our careers or our family matters. All in all, we want to thank Calvary Church from the bottom of our hearts for shaping our faith in Jesus Christ and accompanying us in our Christian walk.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Christopher Lim

CALVARY CHURCH – THE ONE FAMILY WE KNOW AND LOVE

Growing up in Calvary Church can be likened to growing up in a family, only it is a really big family. Calvary Services are like a huge reunion, where family members gather together and where we don't know a lot of names (sorry if you're reading this and we don't know your names!).

We grew up as children, climbing up and down the laps of teachers and pastors. We went through rebellious stages but soon calmed down (a lot), becoming young adults. Each stage we grew within our family, Calvary Church.



Calvary Church has caring pastors and leaders. They watch, they mentor and they pray for us. They hope for us, believe in us and endure us. Through them Jesus is shown to us.

Each struggle was an opportunity to grow; each test an opportunity to learn and each trial an opportunity to believe in God once again.

We have learned much in Calvary Church through the guidance of pastors and leaders about the love of Jesus. We have learned to give thanks in all circumstances, in good times and bad, for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

We, the twins, give thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness. All glory to God!

David and Jonathan Ngeow

TOLERANCE, ENDURANCE & PERSEVERANCE

My name is Jimmy and my wife is Grace. We have been married for more than 35 years. My wife has been attending Calvary Church since she was young. She has been a helper in Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) for many years and is still serving until today. I got saved in 1987 through my wife, as she encouraged me to come to Calvary Church.



The most meaningful and memorable experiences I received through Calvary Church are encapsulated in these three words, Tolerance, Endurance, Perseverance. These three words have created a very strong sense of faith in me to seek Him deeper.

Through the years, my wife and I have gone through a lot of hardships, ups and downs in life and so on, you just name it. It is these three words that have sustained me and helped me to stand firm in various situations. The weekly messages from pastors and speakers give us the spiritual strength to move on from faith to faith and victory to victory.

All Glory to our Almighty God. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Jimmy and Grace Yap

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY, CALVARY!

I first attended Calvary Church in the year 2001, back where we used to meet in our humble Cheras Satellite Church. Carpenter's Workshop (CW) was my first platform in learning about the Christian faith. In 2003, the eight-year old me seated in the CW classroom, felt deeply convicted to follow Jesus and with no hesitation, I gave my heart to the Lord that very Sunday.



“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The Scripture in Hebrews reminds me of the importance of having good Christian company, something I never took seriously in my early years of growing up. It wasn't until Family Camp 2013, where I met a group of friends that invited me to Calvary Youth – a place where I found a community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about Jesus. I was blessed to have nurturing leaders who guided and helped me in my understanding of God's Word. It was also through the youth ministry that I was given the opportunity to serve and develop my talents. Today, I am serving as a Youth Life Group leader and I am certain that Calvary Youth has played a major part in shaping my character.

It excites me to see how the Calvary Church family is growing! As we commemorate 50 years, may we, as a church continue to honour, love and serve one another, recognizing that our fellowship is made possible through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Victoria Choi

CALVARY CHURCH MY SPIRITUAL HOME

I have attended Calvary Church since 1989 and have grown up with the Calvary family. I have truly been blessed by God and many doors of opportunity have been opened to me when I was serving in the Youth and Young Adults Ministry from 2003 to 2015.

Besides serving and ministering to the young people, I have also been blessed by gaining exposure in organising, managing and taking on challenges for the ministry – picking up useful skills that have helped me today in how I choose to live and work within the corporate world. Through the Youth and Young Adult's Ministry, I have made lifelong friends and also been blessed to have found my life partner, Gan Hua Ann, in the Young Adults Life Group. Truly, God has touched every area of my life.



Calvary Church has played a big part in my life and has helped to keep my faithful walk with God. I am beyond happy to serve my church and I am proud to call Calvary Church my spiritual home.

Benjamin Ong



Calvary Youth leading in exuberant worship

REACHING THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

BY TIMOTHY YEE

The Royal Rangers, Missionettes and Calvary Youth are the three components that make up the Youth Ministry of Calvary Church. Together, we desire to reach out to young people for Christ, disciple them and help them mature in their Christian faith.

On Saturday, 11 February 2018, we came together to organize the first Combined Youth Fellowship of the year. The garden of Calvary Convention Centre was filled with fun and warm fellowship as 173 youths came for the barbeque fellowship. Not

forgetting the finger-licking good chicken wings and perfectly grilled sausages and burgers.

The highlight was the talk on “Friendships” by Pam Guneratnam. She highlighted seven thought-provoking principles on having healthy friendships:

- Begin with yourself.
- Choose people according to your mission and values.
- It’s normal to be misunderstood but don’t stop communicating.
- To be in a relationship is to be vulnerable.
- Forgive for your sake.
- You can forgive someone and not trust them at the same time.
- True friendship sacrifices.

The youths went home not only contented with physical food but also being enriched with spiritual food.

Attention to all young people

If you missed this fellowship, join us for our next Combined Youth Fellowship on Sunday, 22 April 2018!



Missionettes carrying out fun and exciting ice breakers



Royal Rangers, the chef of the day, preparing and serving food



Fellowshipping over delicious food



JOIN THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES IN CALVARY CHURCH TODAY:



Royal Rangers
Sundays, 11.30am
at Calvary Convention Centre



Missionettes
Sundays, 11.30am
at Calvary Convention Centre



Calvary Youth
For 12-14 Years Old
Teens Worship Experience – Sundays, 9.00am

at Calvary Convention Centre (combined with adults' worship service on first Sunday of the month)

For High School, College and University Students
Youth Fellowship – Alternate Saturdays, 1.00pm
at Calvary Damansara Heights
Youth Life Groups (LGs) in various locations

For more information, call 03-89995532 ext. 408



Youths listening attentively to Pam's sharing



2018 CHURCH LEADERS' INSTALLATION

BY MELISSA SAMUEL

On Sunday, 4 March 2018, we took time to appreciate 202 appointed leaders who have dedicated their time, talent and love for the church to serve the Lord.

This is in recognition that all of us have our own special talents, as is written in Romans 12:6a & 8b NLT, "In His grace God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously."

Associate Pastor Peter Ong addressed the leaders to serve wholeheartedly, in proportion to their faith to minister, teach, exhort, give, lead diligently and show mercy and gladness. He



Senior Pastor acknowledging all leaders for their commitment in serving the Lord

encouraged that God will enable and empower them as they serve.

Pastor Peter also charged the congregation with scriptures of their responsibilities— Galatians 5:13 & 16a NLT, "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives."

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam then concluded by praying for God's anointing upon the leaders and congregation as we serve Him together.

Ministry Heads and Leaders at the platform for their installation





Congregation supporting the leaders in prayer

Introducing Church Ministries and Leaders

1. The Life Group (LG) and Bahasa Malaysia (BM) Ministries led by Associate Pastor David Seah.
2. The Carpenters' Workshop (CW) and Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) Ministries led by Pastor Quek Lee Siu.
3. The Chinese Ministry led by Chua Ken Tee.
4. The School of Christian Growth (SCG), Missionettes and Dimensions (Women's Ministry) led by Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng.
5. The Hospitality Ministry led by Associate Pastor Raymond Yong.
6. The Missions Ministry led by Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng.
7. The Music & Creative Arts Ministry led by Associate Pastor Chris Lee.
8. The Prayer Ministry led by Associate Pastor Timothy Ong.
9. The Royal Rangers led by Overseer, Jim Guneratnam, Council Chairman Eddy Law and Senior Commander Jason Tan.
10. The Youth Ministry led by Timothy Yee.
11. Discipleship Ministry led by Pastor Susan Tan.
12. Altar Workers led by Marcus Solomon.
13. Evangelism Team led by Gan Tion Chew.
14. Hidden Treasure led by Jeannie Friis.
15. Olive Café led by Pastor Carol Weller.



SEBAB DIA HIDUP

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Rasul Paulus berkata, “Tetapi andaikata Kristus tidak dibangkitkan, maka sia-sialah pemberitaan kami dan sia-sialah juga kepercayaan kamu” (1 Korintus 15:14). Ini adalah satu kebenaran penting kepada iman kita yang kita tahu dan meyakini bahawa kita menyembah dan melayani satu Yesus Yang Sudah Bangkit. Kebenaran dan realiti kebangkitan Kristus memeteraikan kebenaran kembalinya Kristus dan wibawa Injil. Fakta yang menakutkan ialah Setan memahami kebenaran ini dan mencari untuk membawa keraguan tentang kebenaran ini dan ketakutan akan maut, merampas dari umat percaya tentang kebenaran dan kemenangan atas maut. Apabila Iblis berhasil dalam tipu muslihatnya, segala yang diajar oleh gereja adalah sia-sia dan tidak ada gunanya dan Kekristenan menjadi hanyalah satu agama sama seperti yang lain.

Kebangkitan Kristus adalah salah satu daripada tiga kebenaran dasar kebenaran Injil dan iman kita.

YANG PERTAMA, KRISTUS DATANG UNTUK MENEBUS KITA MELALUI KEMATIANNYA.

Alkitab berkata, “Demikian pula kita: selama kita belum akil balig, kita takluk juga kepada roh-roh dunia. Tetapi setelah genap waktunya, maka Tuhan mengutus Anak-Nya, yang lahir dari seorang perempuan dan takluk kepada hukum Taurat. Ia diutus untuk menebus mereka, yang takluk kepada hukum Taurat, supaya kita diterima menjadi anak. Dan karena kamu adalah anak, maka Tuhan telah menyuruh Roh Anak-Nya ke dalam hati kita, yang berseru: "ya Abba, ya Bapa!" (Galatia 4:3-6). Paulus menjelaskan bahawa Yesus datang untuk menebus kita dari menjadi orang berdosa oleh hukum kebenaran Tuhan agar kita menjadi anak Tuhan, melalui anugerah kasih oleh iman dalam Yesus Kristus agar kita dapat berseru kepada Tuhan, “Abba, Bapa”.

KEDUA, KRISTUS BANGKIT DARI MAUT.

Paulus terus mengatakan, “Sebab yang sangat penting telah kusampaikan kepadamu, yaitu apa yang telah kuterima sendiri, ialah bahwa Kristus telah mati karena dosa-dosa kita, sesuai dengan Kitab Suci, bahwa Ia telah dikuburkan, dan bahwa Ia telah dibangkitkan, pada hari yang ketiga, sesuai dengan Kitab Suci” (1 Korintus 15:3-4). Frasa, ‘sesuai dengan Kitab Suci’ menunjukkan satu pemenuhan nubuat yang pernah dinubuatkan oleh nabi-nabi terdahulu. Pemazmur mengatakan, “Sebab itu hatiku bersukacita dan jiwaku bersorak-sorak, bahkan tubuhku akan diam dengan tenteram; sebab Engkau tidak menyerahkan aku ke dunia orang mati, dan tidak membiarkan orang kudus-Mu melihat kebinasaan. Engkau memberitahukan kepadaku jalan kehidupan; di hadapan-Mu ada sukacita berlimpah-limpah, di tangan kanan-Mu ada nikmat senantiasa” (Mazmur 16:9-11).

YANG KETIGA, YESUS AKAN KEMBALI SEMULA

Alkitab berkata, "Hai orang-orang Galilea, mengapakah kamu berdiri melihat ke langit? Yesus ini, yang terangkat ke sorga meninggalkan kamu, akan datang kembali dengan cara yang sama seperti kamu melihat Dia naik ke sorga" (Kisah Para Rasul 1:11).

Ada orang pada waktu rasul menyangkal bahawa Tuhan mengutus Yesus untuk menjadi penebus kita melalui kematian dan kebangkitanNya. Paulus menangani isu ini



tentang kepentingan kematian dan kebangkitan Kristus. Ia berkata, "Jadi, bilamana kami beritakan, bahwa Kristus dibangkitkan dari antara orang mati, bagaimana mungkin ada di antara kamu yang mengatakan, bahwa tidak ada kebangkitan orang mati? Kalau tidak ada kebangkitan orang mati, maka Kristus juga tidak dibangkitkan. Tetapi andaikata Kristus tidak dibangkitkan, maka sia-sialah pemberitaan kami dan sia-sialah juga kepercayaan kamu. Lebih dari pada itu kami ternyata berdusta terhadap Tuhan, karena tentang Dia kami katakan, bahwa Ia telah membangkitkan Kristus--padahal Ia tidak membangkitkan-Nya, kalau andaikata benar, bahwa orang mati tidak dibangkitkan. Sebab jika benar orang mati tidak dibangkitkan, maka Kristus juga tidak dibangkitkan. Dan jika Kristus tidak dibangkitkan, maka sia-sialah kepercayaan kamu dan kamu masih hidup dalam dosamu!" (1 Korintus 15:12-17). Paulus membuat kita memahami keputusan dan kekosongan iman kita sekiranya Kristus tidak bangkit. Sekiranya Kristus tidak bangkit dari maut, kita adalah saksi-saksi yang palsu dan kita masih menjadi orang yang berdosa. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab upah dosa ialah maut; tetapi karunia Tuhan ialah hidup yang kekal dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita" (Roma 6:23). Setan sangat licik dalam cara ia menipu kita agar kita merasa putus asa dan tidak berdaya. Paulus terus mengatakan, "Jikalau kita hanya dalam hidup ini saja menaruh pengharapan pada Kristus, maka kita adalah orang-orang yang paling malang dari segala manusia. Tetapi yang benar ialah, bahwa Kristus telah dibangkitkan dari antara orang mati, sebagai yang sulung dari orang-orang yang telah meninggal. Sebab sama seperti maut datang karena satu orang manusia, demikian juga kebangkitan orang mati datang karena satu orang

manusia" (1 Korintus 15:19-21). Adam tidak mentaati Tuhan dan membawa maut kepada manusia tetapi Yesus Kristus tanpa dosa, datang dan membawa hidup. Yesus berkata, "Pencuri datang hanya untuk mencuri dan membunuh dan membinasakan; Aku datang, supaya mereka mempunyai hidup, dan mempunyainya dalam segala kelimpahan" (Yohanes 10:10).

BUKTI ALKITABIAH TENTANG KEBANGKITAN.

Pelayanan Yesus membuktikan bahwa yang mati boleh dibangkitkan semula. Injil merekodkan kebangkitan anak Yairus yang telah mati. Alkitab berkata, "Ketika Yesus masih berbicara, datanglah seorang dari keluarga kepala rumah ibadat itu dan berkata: "Anakmu sudah mati, jangan lagi engkau menyusah-nusahkan Guru!" Tetapi Yesus mendengarnya dan berkata kepada Yairus: "Jangan takut, percaya saja, dan anakmu akan selamat." Setibanya di rumah Yairus, Yesus tidak memperbolehkan seoranganpun ikut masuk dengan Dia, kecuali Petrus, Yohanes dan Yakobus dan ayah anak itu serta ibunya. Semua orang menangis dan meratapi anak itu. Akan tetapi Yesus berkata: "Jangan menangis; ia tidak mati, tetapi tidur." Mereka menertawakan Dia, karena mereka tahu bahwa anak itu telah mati. Lalu Yesus memegang tangan anak itu dan berseru, kata-Nya: "Hai anak bangunlah!" Maka kembalilah roh anak itu dan seketika itu juga ia bangkit berdiri. Lalu Yesus menyuruh mereka memberi anak itu makan" (Lukas 8:49-55). Apabila kita memiliki iman, kita bercakap iman. Ada sesetengah orang mengatakan mereka memiliki iman namun melafazkan ketakutan dan keraguan. Tidur adalah seperti maut. Akan ada satu hari dimana semua yang tidur atau mati dalam Kristus akan bangun.

Jadi, sebagai seorang Kristian, maut bukanlah sesuatu yang perlu ditakutkan. Pada waktu kematian, kita menangis kerana kehilangan persekutuan dengan seseorang yang kita kasihi, namun kita masih memiliki harapan. Sebab itu kita menyanyi lagu nyanyian rohani dan lagu kemenangan diwaktu pengkebumian umat Kristian. Yang tidak percaya akan mengkritik iman. Kita tidak seharusnya hairan apabila ditertawakan orang. Yesus "meletakkan mereka diluar". Kadangkala, itu adalah perlu.

Dalam satu peristiwa lain, Lazarus juga terlibat. Alkitab berkata, "Karena itu Yesus berkata dengan terus terang: "Lazarus sudah mati;" "Di manakah dia kamu baringkan?" Jawab mereka: "Tuhan, marilah dan lihatlah!" Kata Yesus: "Angkat batu itu!" Marta, saudara orang yang meninggal

itu, berkata kepada-Nya: "Tuhan, ia sudah berbau, sebab sudah empat hari ia mati." Jawab Yesus: "Bukankah sudah Kukatakan kepadamu: Jikalau engkau percaya engkau akan melihat kemuliaan Tuhan?" Dan sesudah berkata demikian, berserulah Ia dengan suara keras: "Lazarus, marilah ke luar!" Orang yang telah mati itu datang ke luar, kaki dan tangannya masih terikat dengan kain kapan dan mukanya tertutup dengan kain peluh. Kata Yesus kepada mereka: "Bukalah kain-kain itu dan biarkan ia pergi" (Yohanes 11:14, 34, 39-40, 43-44).

PENGIKUT-PENGIKUT YESUS JUGA MEMBANGKITKAN YANG SUDAH MATI.

Petrus membangkitkan Dorkas (Kisah Para Rasul 9:40) dan Paulus membangkitkan Eutikhus (Kisah Para Rasul 20:7-12). Bukannya untuk menunjuk-nunjuk, tetapi adalah untuk menetapkan satu kepentingan penting dalam pemberitaan Injil, bahawa Kristus bangkit dari maut. Yesus sendiri berkata pada waktu kebangkitan Lazarus, "Jawab Yesus: "Akulah kebangkitan dan hidup; barangsiapa percaya kepada-Ku, ia akan hidup walaupun ia sudah mati" (Yohanes 11:25).

PEMBERITAAN INJIL ADALAH KUASA TUHAN.

Alkitab berkata, "Sebab aku mempunyai keyakinan yang kokoh dalam Injil, karena Injil adalah kekuatan Tuhan yang menyelamatkan setiap orang yang percaya, pertama-tama orang Yahudi, tetapi juga orang Yunani" (Roma 1:16). Apabila kita menerima Yesus Kristus, kuasa Tuhan mengubah kita. "Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang" (2 Korintus 5:17).

Dalam mengambil kira kebenaran-kebenaran penting ini, sekiranya kita menyangkal bahawa Tuhan mengutus Yesus untuk menjadi penebus kita, kita menyangkal kelahiranNya. Sekiranya kita menyangkal kematianNya, kita menyangkal kebangkitanNya. Sekiranya kita menyangkal kebangkitanNya, kita menyangkal pengembalianNya. Marilah kita bersukacita dalam keselamatan kita dan menjadi saksi yang berani tentang Injil Kristus kepada semua orang, yang tidak ada harapan dan hidup dalam ketakutan akan maut.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari terjemahan Bahasa Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.

因他活著

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使徒保罗说道：「基督若没有复活，我们所传的就是枉然，你们所信的也是枉然」(林前15:14)。这对我们的信仰是一个关键的真理，我们知道并相信我们是敬拜和服事一位复活的耶稣。基督复活的真理和事实鉴定了基督再来的有效性和福音的权威。令人沮丧的事实是撒但明白这个真理，并试图对这个真理引起疑惑和害怕死亡，使信徒失去这个真理和对死亡的得胜。当撒旦欺诈的作为成功，教会所代表的一切都是徒然的和毫无价值，基督教就与其他任何宗教一样只不过是一种宗教。

基督的复活是福音和我们信仰的三个基要真理之一。

首先，基督藉着他的死来赎回我们。

圣经上说：「我们也是一样，在未成年的时候，被世上粗浅的学说所奴役，也是如此。等到时候成熟，神就差遣他的儿子，为女子所生，且生在律法之下，为要把律法之下的人赎出来，使我们获得儿子的名分。因为你们是儿子，神就差他儿子的灵进入我们的心，呼叫：“阿爸，父！”可见，你不再是奴隶，而是儿子了，既然是儿子，就靠着神也成为后嗣了。」(加4:3-7)。保罗清楚地表明，耶稣来为要把在神公义的律法之下是罪人的我们赎出来，使我们因恩典相信耶稣基督成为神的儿女，所以我们可以向神呼叫：“阿爸，父”。

第二，基督从死里复活。

保罗继续说：「我当日所领受又传给你们的，最重要的就是：照圣经所说，基督为我们的罪死了，而且埋葬了；又照圣经所说，第三天复活了」(林前15:3-4)。「又照圣经所说」这句话表示是应验古先知说过的预言。诗人说：「因此，我的心欢喜，我的灵快乐；我的肉身也要安然居住。因为你必不将我的灵魂撇在阴间，也不让你的圣者见地府。你必将生命的道路指示我。在你面前有满足的喜乐，在你右手中有永远的福乐」(诗16:9-11)。

第三，基督要再来临。

天使说：「加利利人哪，你们为什么站着望天呢？这离开你们被接升天的耶稣，你们见他怎样升上天去，他也要怎样来临」（徒1:11）。

甚至在使徒的时代有人否认神差耶稣来，藉着他的死和复活成为我们的救赎主。保罗针对基督的死亡和复活的重要性这一问题作出回应。他说：「既然我们传基督是从死人中复活了，怎么在你们中间有人说没有死人复活的事呢？若没有死人复活的事，基督就没有复活了。基督若没有复活，我们所传的就是枉然，你们所信的也是枉然。这样，我们甚至被当作是为神妄作见证的，因为我们见证神是使基督复活了。如果死人真的没有复活，神就没有使基督复活了。因为死人若不复活，基督也就没有复活了。基督若没有复活，你们的信就是徒然，你们仍活在罪里」（林前15:12-17）。保罗帮助我们明白，如果基督没有复活，我们的信仰是没有盼望和虚空的。若基督没有从死里复活，我们就是假见证人，我们仍然是罪人。圣经上说：「因为罪的工价乃是死」（罗6:23）。撒但欺骗我们，使我们感到绝望和无助的方式非常狡猾。保罗继续说：「我们若靠基督只在今生有指望，就比所有的人更可怜了。其实，基督已经从死人中复活，成为睡了之人初熟的果子。既然死是因一人而来，死人复活也因一人而来」（林前15:19-21）。亚当违背神，造成人死亡，但耶稣基督没有罪，他来要赐人生命。耶稣说：「盗贼来，无非要偷窃、杀害、毁坏；我来了，是要羊得生命，并且得的更丰盛」（约10:10）。

复活的圣经证明

耶稣的事工证明死人可以复活。福音书里记载了叶鲁死去的女儿的复活。圣经上说：「耶稣还在说话的时候，有人从会堂主管的家里来，说：“你的女儿死了，不要劳驾老师了。”耶稣听见就对他说：“不要怕，只要信！她必得痊愈。”耶稣到了他的家，除了彼得、约翰、雅各，和女儿的父母，不许别人同他进去。众人都在为这女孩哀哭捶胸。耶稣说：“不要哭，她不是死了，是睡着了。”他们知道她已经死了，就嘲笑耶稣。耶稣拉着她的手，呼叫着：“孩子，起来吧！”她的灵魂就回来了，她立刻起来。耶稣吩咐给她东西吃」（路8:49-55）。当我们有信心时，我们说出信心的话。有些人声称有信心，但说出的是害怕和疑虑的话。睡觉就像死亡。有一天，所有在基督里睡了或死亡的人都会醒来。因此，作为基督徒，死亡不是什么可怕的事情。在亲人去世时，我们会哭，因为失去了与亲人的同在，但并非没有盼望。这就是为什么在基督教葬礼我们唱盼望的诗歌和赞美诗。不信会批评信心。当人们嘲笑我们时，我们不应该感到惊讶。耶稣“把他们都赶到外面去”。有时候这是必要的。



另一次是拉撒路。圣经上说：「于是耶稣就明白地告诉他们：“拉撒路死了”」。「他就说：“你们把他安放在哪里？”他们对他：“主啊，请你来看”」。「耶稣说：“把石头挪开！”那死者的姐姐马大对他说：“主啊，他现在必定臭了，因为他已经死了四天了。”耶稣对她说：“我不是对你说过，你若信就必看见神的荣耀吗？”」。「说了这些话，他大声呼叫说：“拉撒路，出来！”那死了的人就出来了，手脚都裹着布，脸上包着头巾。耶稣对他们说：“解开他，让他走！”」（约11:14, 34, 39-40, 43-44）。

耶稣的门徒也叫死了的人复活。

彼得叫多加复活（徒9:40）和保罗叫犹推古复活（徒20:7-12）。这不是为了炫耀，而是为了宣扬福音，建立一个重要的真理，那就是基督从死里复活。耶稣在拉撒路复活时说过，「复活在我，生命也在我」。信我的人虽然死了，也必复活」（约11:25）。

宣扬福音是神的大能。

圣经上说：「我不以福音为耻；这福音本是神的大能，要救一切相信的，先是犹太人，后是希腊人」（罗1:16）。当我们接受耶稣基督，神的大能改变了我们。「所以，若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了」（林后5:17）。

在考虑这些基要真理时，就是，若我们否认神差派耶稣来成为我们的救赎主，我们就否认他的降生。若我们否认他的死，我们就否认他的复活。若我们否认他的复活，我们就是否认他的再来。让我们为我们的救恩而喜乐，并向所有没有盼望，活在死亡恐惧中的人，大胆地为耶稣基督的福音作见证人。

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Participants praying earnestly



Sister Petrina encouraging the ladies to seek God for a personal vision

A VISION TO LIVE FOR

BY PASTOR CAROL WELLER



Pastor Carol introducing the video message



Pastor Lee Peng sharing on Dimensions plans



Ladies diligently filling out a questionnaire



Amy Tan frantically looking for directions in a skit

Recognizing that women need a place to connect and many are unable to attend Dimensions on Tuesdays at Calvary Damansara Heights, Dimensions launched its first monthly meeting at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on Saturday, 3 February 2018. Appropriately titled “A Vision to Live For,” it was a call to refresh our relationship with God through listening to His voice so that we might clearly discern His will for our lives.

Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng began by sharing the direction of the upcoming meetings at CCC in line with the Dimensions’ tagline of “extending

upward, inward and outward” and the need for women to come together and spur one another toward love and good deeds.

Pastor Carol Weller took the ladies through a visioning process beginning with a skit acted by Amy Tan to illustrate the need for us to establish a close connection with God in order to hear His voice. After filling up a self-assessment to identify personal hindrances to hearing God, the ladies were inspired by a video teaching by popular speaker, Pricilla Shirer that provided rich insights into learning to listen to the good Shepherd’s voice, trusting and following His leading.

The ladies then prayerfully filled out a Vision Card after which Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam concluded in prayer for all present to fulfil God’s vision and purpose for their lives.

Join us for our next Dimensions at CCC on Saturday, 28 April 2018 at 1.30pm.



Men worshipping the Lord



Senior Pastor sharing insightful exhortation

A FELLOWSHIP FOR MEN INVOLVED IN MINISTRIES

BY JASON SIA

On Sunday evening, 25 February 2018, over 130 men who are involved in a ministry in the church, filled Theatrette 1 at Calvary Convention Centre with anticipation and excitement for the Men of Calvary Fellowship.

After Fellowship Coordinator, Ding Lai Hong's welcome and prayer, Darren Here led in exuberant worship before Associate Pastor Peter Ong shared the video on "Men of Calvary – In Action!" showcasing our men serving in various ministries in the Church. He then challenged the men to be faithful wherever God has called them to serve and to raise other men to serve too.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam then exhorted the men on how best to live their lives. There are three ways of doing it. Firstly, we can live our lives wasting it. Using the example on the prodigal son, he wasted his father's treasure. Secondly, we can spend on what is more valuable to us. The rich man lived a life with best things and in luxury, but only to realize that he was eternally separated from God as compared to Lazarus who lived faithful to God in this world. Thirdly and finally, we can invest our lives. The Parable of Talents taught us that God has given gifts to each of us, and we need to invest them by serving the Kingdom of God. Senior Pastor concluded by challenging us to allow God to use each of us to be a blessing and prayed for the men.

The fellowship ended with a sumptuous dinner amidst warm fellowship at the Multipurpose & Banquet Hall lobby. Another highlight for the evening was each man was presented with a Men of Calvary card and collar pin to remind them of who they are in Calvary Church.



Pastor Peter introducing Men of Calvary



Ding Lai Hong welcoming all men to the fellowship



Fellowshipping around the tables

WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 16 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 10 February 2018 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.

If you have not been water baptised, make sure you do so in obedience to the Lord. You can call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext 434 or see any of the Pastors.



Front Row (L-R):

Natasha Tan Qie Wen, Symphony Law May Wen, Reese Teng Xuan Tong, Carissa Isaac, Daniel Habinesh a/l Robert Jason, Ethan Lee Kah Sing, Marcus Tan Jin Huang, Jotham Isaac

Back Row (L-R):

Subha a/p Sakaravathay, Teng Neng Tiang, Karen Khor Kui Kheng, Sham Pei Ni, Rachel Chew Swe Qing, Angellisa Isaac, Meri a/p Rathnasamy, Isaac Bala Aya Kannu

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Congratulations to 23 Calvarites who were received as members on 25 February 2018 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.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the new members



GROWING IN PRAYER POSITION YOURSELVES FOR BREAKTHROUGH...

Do you know? We have six Prayer Closets available from 5.00am to 10.00pm daily (except during Church Services times) for you to experience the power of His Presence.



PRAYER PAVES THE WAY

I am overwhelmed and truly touched by what God has done for me.

During my high school years, the Lord provided me with a full Arts and Sports scholarship for five consecutive years at Nobel International School. Recently, I completed my IGCSE. It was a tough period for me but my prayerful mom reminded me to surrender it to God. I want to praise and thank God for my straight A's result.

My passion is golf and I have been playing for the past eight years. While it has been a great joy, it has also been filled with a lot of sweat and tears. At my lowest point, I remember going to the Prayer Tower, crying my heart out as I asked the Lord for help and guidance. This year, with His help, I was able to play my lowest round yet, a 71-even par.

The ultimate dream was to pursue my education overseas. However, questions such as "Is it financially possible for me to go over?" or "Is this dream too big?" often crept into my mind. I was sure I would not be able to fulfill it through my own abilities. Remembering Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me", I committed this to God as well. All Glory to God; this year (2018) I was once again granted a full sports scholarship to study in Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I want to extend my gratitude to the pastors especially Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam for always keeping me in prayer. My endless thanks as well to everyone in the Prayer Tower for constantly praying for and with me.

Megan Lee

ASCENSION TO PENTECOST



Prayer & Fasting from 11-20 May 2018

In Acts 1:8-14, the disciples were praying and trusting God for His promise of empowering of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is imperative that we, the Church, seize the power through prayer and fasting and see an even greater move of God.

Throughout the 10-day prayer and fasting, we urge all Calvarites to gather every night at 8.00pm at the Prayer Tower to pray for:

- The fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit in an unprecedented measure and power.
- God's empowerment in our lives, our homes, our church and a spiritual revival in our nation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 07 Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 14 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Water Baptism
- 21 Associate Pastor David Seah
- 28 Associate Pastor Peter Ong

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 01 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Easter Worship Service
- 08 Associate Pastor David Seah
- 15 Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 22 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Deacons' Installation
- 29 Guest Speaker

ACTIVITIES

CALVARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays, 14 & 28 April 2018, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Soul Detox

WATER BAPTISM

Saturday, 14 April 2018, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights

DIMENSIONS AT CCC

Saturday, 28 April 2018, 1.30pm
Theatrette 3, Calvary Convention Centre
Topic: Coping With Depression
Speaker: Dr. Vincent Wong Choong Wai

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 29 April 2018, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor Richard Yun



 **MISSIONETTES
AWARD CELEBRATION**
Sunday, 08 April 2018, 1.00pm
Multipurpose & Banquet Hall,
Calvary Convention Centre



 **ROYAL RANGERS
GRADUATION**
Sunday, 15 April 2018, 11.30am
Calvary Convention Centre



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