



Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay
UCF Associate Pastor

Enter the Kingdom of God

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Introduction

Entering or inheriting the kingdom of God is the privilege of those who acknowledge and live by the rule of God and have become part of the new order of salvation and righteousness in Christ.

The old order is by a person's sacrifices and offerings, the new order is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

To enter the kingdom of God is of vital importance.

-It is costly.

-it is a treasure that costs everything.

Matthew 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

-It is a matter of urgency.

Luke 9:59-62

⁵⁹Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." ⁶¹And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." ⁶²But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

What are the conditions to enter the kingdom of God?

-Child-like trust

Mark 10:15

"Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it"

Matthew 18:3

"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

-To be born again of God's Spirit

John 3:3-5

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's

womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 15:50

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

-Obedience to God's will

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of grace.

-It belongs to those qualified by God.

Colossians 1:12-13

¹²Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

-It belongs to the poor and the poor in spirit.

Luke 6:20

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God."

-It belongs to the child-like.

Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

-It belongs to the sinners.

Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Luke 18:9-14

⁹Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be

UCA breaks borders, soars high

Despite the challenges that this pandemic has brought upon everyone, the Lord opened an opportunity for United Christian Academy (UCA) to expand its territories. With the shift from traditional classroom set-up to distance learning through UCA Online, UCA goes beyond and is now able to reach out to more students in various regions of the Philippines and even in other countries. Through this milestone, the school was able to showcase its world-class education system, share to students God's Word, and help them in strengthening their spiritual lives. Truly, God is faithful and continuously pours out His favor to UCA despite any circumstance.

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UCA has been an answered prayer to parents who seek for an affordable and innovative online learning program for our children especially in this time of pandemic. As Christians, we are in favor of the school's mission and vision, hoping that our children will not only graduate with academic excellence but also be personally and spiritually mature individuals. God truly works in His glorious ways—a faithful God He truly is even in the midst of a storm.



Mrs. Ma. Dansie Domingo
Parent of Grade 7 & 9 students
Pasay City

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I am thankful to the teachers that they take time for our questions, and that is a very big thing for us because we know that the teachers are really busy. I would like to thank our teacher, Ma'am Imee, personally because she is nice, patient, and understanding with, so we are really lucky to have her.



Jezreel Alicaway
Grade 8 student
Parañaque City

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I thank UCA for being organized when it comes to schedules, especially for the deadlines of activities, and for not rushing us but giving us enough time. Despite the pandemic, I am still able to learn a lot of things from my lessons because the teachers explain them well, even if we are not communicating face-to-face and only listening to them through video lessons.



Kirk Roxel Arguta
Grade 8 student
Muntinlupa City

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UCA ensures that they are ready in facilitating online learning at a time of pandemic. I commend the simple enrollment process for Kindergarten and prompt response to inquiries. UCA also offers great learning activities, and values-based culture to inspire children. I commend Teacher Shey for being patient to her students and encouraging participation. It is nurturing and fun at the same time. Thank you, UCA!



Mrs. Maria Theresa Landicho
Parent of Kinder pupil
Muntinlupa City

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UCA has allowed our kids to study through distance learning. The students need not to travel, so they can spend it studying in the comfort of our home. The platform was very useful and easy to use.



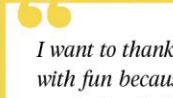
Mrs. Lesley Anne Perez
Parent of Grade 1, 7 & 8 students
Imus, Cavite



Sophia Beatrice Gonido
Grade 8 student
Imus, Cavite

I thank UCA for helping me grow into a better person because I am learning new things day by day. UCA never stops to amaze me as I overcome each obstacle and face challenges. I thank UCA for helping me gain more knowledge of all sorts of cultures, topics, and more.

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Glenn Caleb Dilla
Grade 6 student
San Pedro, Laguna

I want to thank UCA for this opportunity to study with fun because the homeschool I was at when I was in Grade 5 was not really fun. When I came to UCA, my thought was that it is going to be hard. But with God's help and faith, nothing is impossible. And also, I would like to thank UCA for motivating me and my siblings to study harder and for the content and entertainment brought by the video lessons. I hope I can reach an average grade of 90 in my school year with God's help.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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We are so thankful to United Christian Academy. We are also grateful to the sacrifices of those who are leading the school and all the humble teachers. We, as parents working here in Kuwait, are blessed knowing our child is in a good school. For this online class, aside from the academic lessons, we want to thank you for allowing younger students to go deeper in their relation with Jesus Christ for teaching them many things about God as well. Thank you, UCA, for your passion, wisdom, and dedication. Thank you for your kindness in leading our children to the right path and to inspire them to be better human beings. God bless you all!



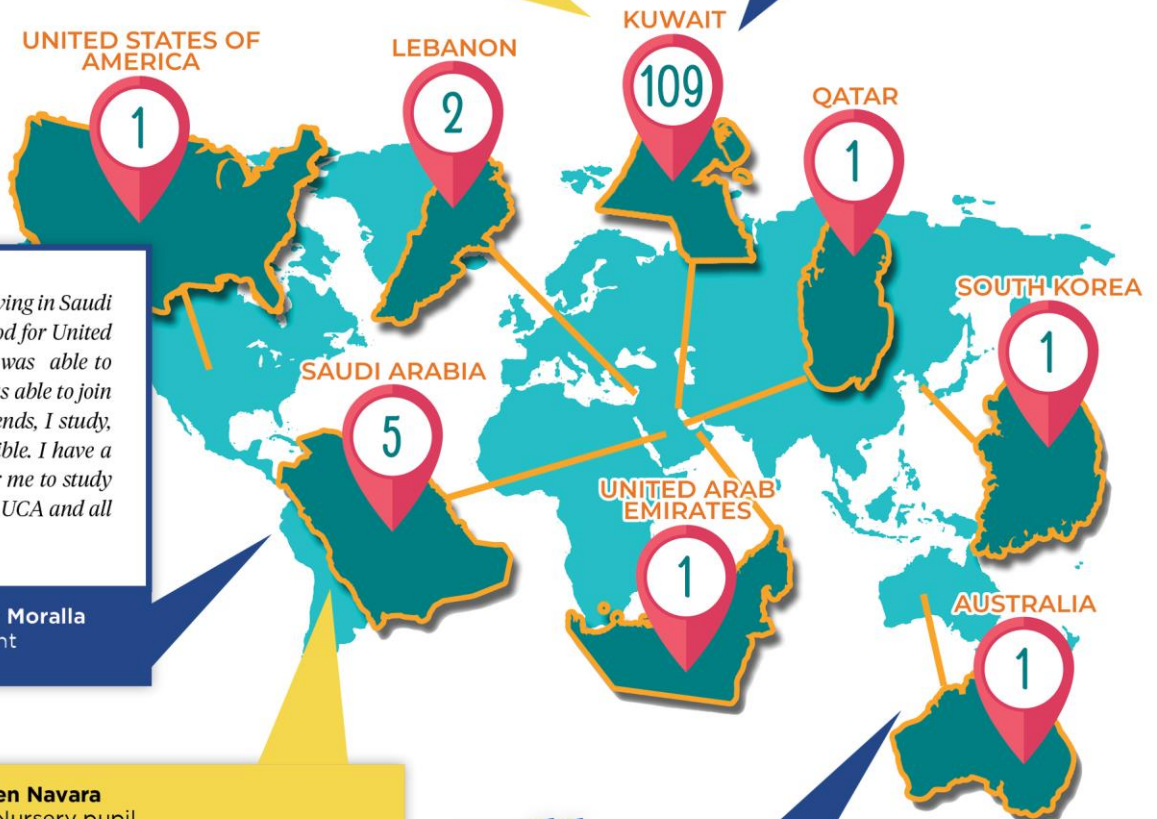
Mr. Jude Thepkaew and Mrs. Lany Thepkaew
Parents of Grade 8 student
Kuwait

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We, as parents living abroad, are thankful to what the UCA brand of education brings to our children. Their moral values are high and continue to learn in a normal way despite this pandemic situation we are in. We are thankful for their teachers for the effort they are giving so our children can learn using this kind of learning.



Mrs. Ma. Arra Ryanna Sembrano
Parent of Grade 3 & 4 pupils
Kuwait



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I am Krizz Anthony Moralla, living in Saudi Arabia. I just want to thank God for United Christian Academy because I was able to study when I am in Saudi. I was able to join the art champ, I meet new friends, I study, and memorize verses on the Bible. I have a very kind adviser. It is easy for me to study even when I'm home. God bless UCA and all the staff.



Krizz Anthony Moralla
Grade 7 student
Saudi Arabia



Mrs. Marilen Navara
Parent of Nursery pupil
Saudi Arabia

When our daughter Anya turned four years old, I and my husband started to talk about enrolling her in Nursery, specifically an international Philippine school here in Saudi that accepts more Filipino students. But due to the pandemic, a lot of schools shut down and stopped operating, including the Philippine international school here in Jeddah. With that being said, we started to look for a school that offers an online learning program that is safer and practical during this pandemic period. And good thing UCA was introduced to us by our sister-in-law which it so happened that her daughter was enrolled in this school. We learned that UCA accepts students across the nation.

We are grateful that we can enroll our daughter at UCA even we are residing abroad (Saudi Arabia). Aside from that, they offer quality of education to the students and the tuition fee is much more affordable. So far, our daughter has been enjoying her online learning class as a nursery student and at the same time, she is gradually learning day by day. Thank you UCA and God bless you more.

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As an international student from Australia who is currently enrolled in UCA this S.Y. 2021-2022, I would like to give thanks to the school for conducting online classes even in the time of pandemic. The teachers give their best to communicate with us despite the internet connection, the distance, and the time difference.



Hilliana Lynette Cuartos
Grade 10 student
Melbourne, Australia

**Total number
of students:**
507
and counting

***Praise God for
His wisdom and
guidance to UCA
in expanding its
reach!***

James 1:5 (NKJV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Pangangalaga sa ministeryo ng Diyos

Isa ang Mt. Tabor sa ministeryong Lipinagkatiwala ng Panginoon kay Rev. Dr. William Sy. Kaya naman buong puso at lakas na sumusunod ang ating punong pastor para sa mas ikaayos ng lupain sa Mt. Tabor, kasama ang iba pang mga manggagawang

nagdesisyong maglingkod sa Panginoon.

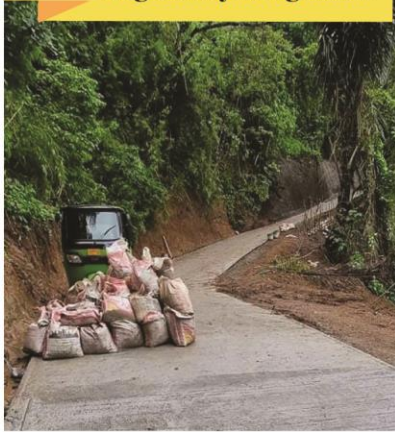
Malawak man ang lupain, sinisikap pa rin ng mga manggagawang panatilihin ang kaayusan at kagandahan nito. Sa tulong ng Panginoon ay araw-araw silang

masigasig na naghahanda sa kanilang mga nakaplanong gawain. Ilan lamang sa kanilang mga pinagkakaabalahan ay ang pagsesemento ng daan patungo sa ilog, paghahanda ng mga bagong lupang tataniman at regular na paglilinis sa mga daan, pasilidad,

manukan at mga taniman sa Mt. Tabor.

Higit sa dedikasyong maisaayos ang ministeryo ng Mt. Tabor ay ang paniniwalang Diyos pa rin ang magbibigay ng katagumpayan sa lahat ng ito.

1 Pagsasaayos ng daan



Patuloy ang pagsasaayos ng mga bahagi ng Mt. Tabor tulad ng mga pader na kinakailangan ng pagsesemento.

2 Pagsesemento ng pader



3 Pangangalaga sa mga manok



Ang bagong sementadong daan ay malapit na sa ilog kung saan magtatayo din ng karagdagang gazebo

4 Paglilinis



Upang mapanatili ang kaayusan ng coop at kalusugan ng mga manok ay isang malawakang paglilinis ang isinagawa ng mga in-house worker sa lugar.



Tulong tulong ang mga in-house worker sa pagpapanatili ng kalinisan sa Mt. Tabor sa pagwawalis dito araw-araw.



UPANG BISITAHIN ANG FACEBOOK PAGE NG UCF MT. TABOR CHURCH RE-CREATION CENTER, I-SCAN ANG QR CODE NA ITO. MAKIKITA RITO ANG MGA PASILIDAD SA MT. TABOR AT MGA KASALUKUYANG AKTIBIDADES DITO.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa patuloy Niyang pagsama sa Kaniyang mga anak!

Mga Kawikaan 3:5-6 (MBBTAG)

⁵Kay Yahweh ka magtiwala, buong puso at lubusan, at huwag kang mananangan sa sariling karunungan. Sa lahat ng iyong gawain siya nga'y alalahanin, ⁶upang ika'y patnubayan sa iyong mga tatahakin.

MGA BENEPISYO NG AZOLLA

1

Ang Azolla o *water fern* ay may malaking potensyal bilang pagkain ng mga hayop tulad ng baboy, pato, baka, isda, kambing at manok. Ito ay dahil sa mataas na *content* ng protina, *amino acid*, *growth promoter* at mga mineral.

2

Ang Azolla ay mainam din sa mga baka lalo na sa produksiyon ng gatas na maaaring makapagpataas ng higit 15-20% nito. Napapaganda rin nito ang kalidad ng mismong gatas mula sa mga alagang baka.

3

Ang bagong aning Azolla ay maaaring maging kapalit ng higit 20% ng pagkaing komersyal ng mga manok. Dahil dito, mas maaaring maging mas masustansya ang manok at itlog nito na tamang-tamang sa pagkunsumo ng tao.

4

Ang Azolla ay maaaring maging organikong pataba para sa palay. Ayon sa isang pag-aaral, ang paglalagay ng Azolla bilang pataba ay maaaring makapagpadagdag sa inaasahang ani ng palay hanggang 30%.



AZOLLA



MADRE DE AGUA

MGA BENEPISYO NG MADRE DE AGUA

1

Tulad ng Azolla, ang Madre de Agua ay nagbibigay ng mas magandang resulta sa mga hayop lalo na sa timbang nito, kalidad ng karne at higit sa lahat sa pinansyal na aspeto.

2

Ang Madre de Agua ay mainam na pinanggagalingan ng protina at iba pang *nutrient* na kailangan ng mga manok, kambing, baboy at isda.

3

Ang Madre de Agua ay madalas na itinatanim malapit sa mga ilog o talon dahil nakatutulong ito upang maiwasan ang pagguho ng lupa.

May kaibigan o kapamilya ka bang nagsisimula ng negosyo sa pagsasaka o kaya ay pag-aalaga ng mga hayop? Ano pang hinihintay mo? Tawagan mo na sila at ipaalarm ang tungkol sa Azolla at Madre de Agua. Ang dalawang produktong ito ay abot-kamay na sa Mt. Tabor Farm. Sa murang halaga, matutulungan kayo nito sa inyong negosyo at makatutulong naman ang malilikom dito para sa mga manggagawa ng Mt. Tabor.



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Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵Kaya't mag-ingat kayo kung paano kayo namumuhay. Mamuhay kayong tulad ng matatalino at di tulad ng mga mangmang.
¹⁶Gamitin ninyo nang lubusan para sa mabuti ang bawat pagkakataon, sapagkat puno ng kasamaan ang kasalukuyang panahon.

Who are the greatest of this world? The most powerful politicians? The most beautiful women and men in this world? Sila ay pinapalakpakan. Sila ay kinokoronahan. Ang mga nananalò ay sinasabitan ng ginto, pero ang mga naglilingkod sa Diyos ay lalakad sa ginto. If you are serving God, one day, you will walk in the streets of gold in heaven. Sa Sea Games, maraming mga ginto na sinasabit. Ang mga nanalo ay pinapalakpakan pero ang mga lingkod ng Diyos—ang mga Kristiyano—ay pumapalakpak sa Diyos! Ito ay palakpak sa Panginoon hindi dahil mayroon kang ginto o mayroon kang yaman. Ikaw ay pumapalakpak dahil ang Diyos mo ay dakila. Our Lord is the greatest of all.

Greatness in God's kingdom is a matter of service. If you want to become great, you have to serve the Lord. Serve like servants, not as lords. Serve like a slave, not as kings. We have to serve God. If you want to be great in the kingdom of God, serve the Lord. Let us be servants. Do not act as lords. Do not act as kings. We have to be servants of God.

Greatness of God's kingdom is a matter of humility. Whoever wants to be first, must be a slave of all. What is the difference between a servant and slave? In the New Testament, kapag sinabing servant ay malaya ka. Pero pagdating sa Old Testament, kapag sinabing slave ay wala ka nang Kalayaan—binili ka na ng amo mo habambuhay. But you have the chance na puwede kang umuwi, puwede kang mag-give up after seven years pero kung gusto mo pang mag-stay, you can extend your contract as a slave.

Ano ba talaga ang ginawa ng Panginoon sa ating buhay? He is an example of humility. Ibinigay ni Hesus ang Kaniyang buhay sa atin bilang mga tao. He gave priority to all of us. Binigyan Niya ng kahulugan ang ating buhay. Binigyan Niya tayo ng patuloy na pagpapala. Dahil ang nagpapakababa ay itinataas ng Diyos.

Jesus is looking for a person who is humble. The highest virtue that Jesus is looking for is humility. It is a virtue of all virtues. Without humility, all the kindness, goodness, and faithfulness of a person ay hindi uugnay o tatama sa buhay ng isang lingkod na walang kapakumbabaan. Ang isang Kristiyano ay nagpapakumbaba sapagkat ang mga Kristiyanong

nagpapakumbaba ay mayroong kapayapaan sa kaniyang puso. Ang Kristiyanong nagpapakumbaba ay mayroong pagpapalang nakalaan sa kaniyang buhay. Ang Kristiyanong nagpapakababa ay patuloy na itataas at itinataas ng ating Diyos sa Kaniyang kaluwalhatian.



People are always thinking on what position they can be. Ang tawag doon ay, 'Lord, paano naman ako maglilingkod kung wala akong posisyon?' Well, position is not serving, but the view of the world is that you have to be in position for you to serve. Ito ang isa sa pananaw ng anti-Christ, ang pananaw na kailangan nasa posisyon ka para ikaw ay makapaglilingkod. Sabi niya, 'Kasi pastor ang daming mga balakid kapag wala ako sa posisyon.' Sabi ng Salita ng Diyos, 'If God is with you, who will

be against you?' If God is with you. Now, that is a big if.

Iba ang pananaw ng mundo sa pananaw ng Diyos. First, greatness is of God. Laging sa Diyos lang. So, God is preparing to bestow such honor (to sit on His right and on His left) upon some. God alone determines who will reign with Him.

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**God measures the level
of your commitment by your
dedication and by the level
of your commitment to the Lord.**”

Second, greatness is not dominion over others. Mayroong dalawang pananaw. First is that people look at them sa kanilang power, fame at recognition. Kaya nga ang iba nakikita ko

kapag pumupunta ako sa opisina nila, maraming certificate ang nakasalpak sa kanilang pader. Because they want to show the people that they are somebody. In this world, it is applicable. But in the kingdom of God, it is not.

Anything that you do that is not rooted in the Word of God will come to ruin. Sabi ng Bible, 'Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' Kaya ang hiram maglilingkod sa Diyos kasi ang pananaw ng tao ay hiwalay sa pananaw ng Diyos. How can you change the view of the person? It must be based on the Word of God.

Now this is the question, how can you become great? Sabi sa John 5:42-44, 'But I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's Name, and you do not accept Me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?'

Ang Salita ng Diyos ay hindi nakabase sa edad o estado mo. Nandiyan ang Salita ng Diyos. Basahin mo. Paano mo sasabihin na tinawag ka ng Diyos kung ang pananaw mo ay nasa mundo pa rin? Ang glory na inasam-asam mo ay sa mundo pa rin. Kaya ang gusto nila ang high and mighty. Ang hindi nila naiintindihan, what is high and mighty without God? It's nothing.

Third, greatness is serving others. Sabi ng Bible, great are those who minister. Pero ang greatest daw ay those who are servants. Pero ang tanong, among sa mga naglilingkod, who is the greatest? Siya ang servant. At binigay Niya ang example na iyon by washing their feet. God measures the level of your commitment by your dedication and by the level of your commitment to the Lord. At iyon ang malaking pagkakaiba kasi ang Diyos ang mabibigay sa iyo ng honor.



2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

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.

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Episode Highlights

Y2 S6 E11: JESUS CHRIST, THE HOPE OF GLORY
Aired on September 8, 2021



“Kailangan confident tayo kasi kapag confident ka sa isang bagay, halimbawa sa pananampalataya mo o sa pagsunod mo sa Diyos, hindi ka talaga bibitaw. Dapat maging solid ang confidence mo na alam mo na Siyang nangako sa iyo ay hindi ka talaga papabaya. Sasamahan ka Niya hanggang sa huli.”

Rev. James C. Sy, ThB, CEEd, EdD
Panelist (Administrative Pastor)

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Ang hope of glory sa Panginoon ay kung hindi tayo nagpapatinag sa ating paglakad sa Diyos. Hindi nagbabago ang paglakad natin bagkus lagi tayong nagtitiwala sa ating Panginoong Diyos na tumawag sa atin upang magampanan natin ang mga tungkulin na inatang sa atin. Now, the result of your faith is the salvation of your soul.”

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Rev. William G. Sy, ThM, CEEd, EdD
Host (Head Pastor)



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Kapag mayroon kang nararanasan ngayong iba't ibang mga trial, magandang opportunity ito na makaranas ka kung paano kikilos ang Panginoon sa buhay mo at paano Niya napagtagumpayan ito. Sabi Niya sa John 15:33, 'Behold, I have overcome the world.'

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Rev. Morrell B. Estrellado, BSECE, ThB, MDM
Panelist (Associate Pastor)

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Ang pag-asa natin ay doon sa tumawag sa atin para magpatuloy tayo sa paglilingkod. Ang Diyos lamang ang tumawag sa atin and there is hope sa tumawag sa atin. Magpatuloy lang po tayo.”

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Rev. Victorio G. Lamarca, BCE, ThM
Panelist (Associate Pastor)

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Huwag tayo matakot kung tayo ay dumaraan sa matitinding pagsubok sapagkat ito ay nagpapatibay sa atin. Habang dumadaan tayo sa pagsubok, gaano man kahirap iyan, mapagtagumpayan natin sapagkat ang Diyos ay nasa likod natin. Siya ang gumagabay at tumutulong sa atin.”

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Rev. Ricardo B. Jacob, BSME, ThB
Panelist (Associate Pastor)



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Ang suffering na ating pinagdadaanan dahil sa pagsunod sa Panginoon ay mayroong bunga, bunga ng kapayapaan at bunga ng assurance. Ang ating kaligtasan ay tiyak dahil tayo ay niligtas ng ating Panginoong si Hesu Kristo.”

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Rev. Ryan Christian C. Tabay, ABMC, MDM
Panelist (Associate Pastor)



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Mula sa kamatayan ni Hesus ay nabuhay Siyang muli after three days upang patunayan na ang sinumang naniwala sa Kaniya at sumasapalataya ay magkakaroon ng ganap na pag-asa. Naiwan man natin ang lupang ito, mayroon tayong makakamit na isang pangako mula sa ating Panginoon na tayo ay isasama Niya sa Kaniyang kaharian.”

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Rev. Fidel C. Dillo, ThB
Panelist (Associate Pastor)

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

Ecclesiastes 3:2 (NKJV)

A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to

pluck what is planted.

1 Corinthians 15:12-17 (NKJV)

¹²Now 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? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ¹⁵Yes, 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. ¹⁶For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

Acts 14:22 (NKJV)

Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Life is full of trials and temptations. But know the truth about it.

- Trials are only for a season.
- Trials cause heaviness within.

John 14:15 (NKJV)

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV)

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1 Corinthians 3:12-14 (NKJV)

¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

Acts 5:40-41 (NKJV)

⁴⁰And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV)

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 10:22 (NKJV)

"And you will be hated by all for My Name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."

Titus 2:13 (NKJV)

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (NKJV)

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace.

Hebrews 6:11 (NKJV)

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end.

Hebrews 10:35-38 (NKJV)

³⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ³⁷"For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

Bible reference

Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the talents)

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Challenge

Romans 5:2-5 (NKJV)

²Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance,

Psalm 143:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. ¹⁰Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV)

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

1 Peter 1:17 (NKJV)

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.

John 16:33 (NKJV)

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Hebrews 12:7-11 (MBBTAG)

⁷Tiisin ninyo ang lahat ng hiras tulad sa pagtutuwid ng isang ama, dahil ito'y nagpapakilalang kayo'y tinatanggap ng Diyos bilang tunay niyang mga anak. Sinong anak ang hindi dinidisciplina ng kanyang ama? ⁸Kung ang pagdidisciplina na ginagawa sa lahat ng anak ay hindi gagawin sa inyo, hindi kayo tunay na mga anak kundi kayo'y mga anak sa labas. ⁹Hindi ba't dinidisciplina tayo ng ating mga magulang, at dahil diyan ay iginagalang natin sila? Hindi ba't upang tayo'y mabuhay, mas nararapat na tayo'y pasakop sa Diyos na ating Ama sa espiritu? ¹⁰Sa loob ng maikling panahon, dinidisciplina tayo ng ating mga magulang para sa ating ikabubuti. Gayundin naman, itinutuwid tayo ng Diyos sa ikabubuti natin upang tayo'y maging banal tulad niya. ¹¹Habang tayo'y itinutuwid, hindi tayo natutuwa kundi naghihinagpis, ngunit pagkatapos niyon, mararanasan natin ang kapayapaang bunga ng pagsasanay

sa matuwid na pamumuhay.

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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MIDWEEK SERVICE

Pleasing God

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2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NKJV)

¹For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we

are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

A "tent" was a familiar symbol of what was temporary. Our physical bodies are only temporary structures, but God is preparing new bodies for us.

How do you keep your eyes fixed on what is unseen and eternal rather than what is seen and temporary?

- What happens if our earthly tent (human body) is destroyed (v. 1)?
- Why do we groan in the meantime (vv. 2-4)?
- What has God given us (v. 5)?
- Walk by faith, not by sight (vv. 6-7).
- While we live, we make it our aim to do what (v. 9)?
- What do we receive there (v. 10)?

1. Our Aim

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2. Find out what is acceptable.

Ephesians 5:8-10

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:1

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God.

3. Serving God by heart

Galatians 1:10

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Colossians 3:22-24

²²Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. ²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

4. Lead/living by the Spirit

Romans 8:5-8

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



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1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV)

³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

