



Rev. Dr. James Sy
UCF Administrative Pastor

Romans 3:21-24 (NKJV)

²¹But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Introduction

For many religious people, they wanted to be justified through their faith and works.

Justification = Faith + Works

Verse 23 states, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The unrighteousness of men is evident when we reject the revelation of who God is (Jesus Christ is the only way), of what He is like (Truth), and of His standards for man's conduct (Life of Holiness).

John 14:6 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Unrighteousness = Rejects Jesus Christ + Does not seek the truth + Unholy life

The wrath of God (eternal death) is the manifestation of God's righteousness in response to man's ungodliness and unrighteousness.

Wrath of God = Man's ungodliness + Unrighteousness

Romans 1:18-23 (NKJV)

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Man's point of view of "God's provision of righteousness" only aims to attain our need for righteousness.

What to do list to be righteous = Through religion and religious activities

But God demonstrates His love by reconciling sinful men to Himself through the death of His Son Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The way we live as Christians is greatly influenced by this significant difference in perspective. Let us consider it carefully, and diligently seek to understand our salvation from God's point of view.

God's Righteousness Demonstrated in Justification through Faith

I. The Law bears witness.

Righteousness is defined by the Law. The Law condemns all mankind, for no man will ever meet God's standard of righteousness as laid down in the Law. The Law also informs men of

their inability to attain righteousness by their own works (Old Testament).

When Jesus Christ was revealed, the Law was met. Jesus Christ was subjected to the Law which bear witness that He is righteous, and that He is the Righteous One whom God promised would come to save His people from their sins.

Because of His undeserving death, Jesus could rightfully appeal to the Law as His witness, as proof of His identity as Messiah. So, the Law, therefore, defines true righteousness, and Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law.

Matthew 5:17 (NKJV)

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

II. Not by law-keeping

Keeping the Law cannot justify men or reveal the righteousness of God. While the Law defined righteousness and declared that it would come, the Law did not produce this righteousness. The Law's function is something like the role of the judges. The judges recognize the best performance and announce the winner, but the

Celebrating Christmas through UCA Online

United Christian Academy (UCA) begins to celebrate Christmas this year through its TLE and Arts Day.

To make it a fun and exciting celebration, UCA prepared a lantern-making activity for the students

with its theme "Radiating Hope through Technology, Livelihood and Arts". The lantern will be used as a decoration to lighten up their homes in celebrating Christmas. This season reminds us of the hope we have in our

Lord Jesus Christ as He was given to us to save us and grant us eternal life.

This activity is also made possible through the uploaded tutorial video that is used as a step-by-step guide in making the said project.

Lantern-Making Activity



Tutorial Video

To guide the students in creating these gleaming lanterns, UCA prepared tutorial videos. In these videos, students are shown the process of making a lantern, the proper assembling it, and the basic principle of design which they could use in decorating their lanterns. The video tutorial was also used to share the love and hope in Christ Jesus. This has reminded everyone about the true meaning of this season.



UCA teachers joyfully spearheaded the lantern-making activity in different grade levels.



The video tutorial presents the different materials used in making a lantern, which are already made available in the Christmas Lantern Kit provided by UCA.



A step-by-step guide is included to help the students create their own lantern. Samples of designs and patterns are also given to the students for them to follow and use.



Get your battery-operated LED lights.



Decorate your lantern with colorful paper and other materials.



Even online, students are able to learn new crafts that will help them nurture their creativity and give them practical ideas of making a business out of their finished art pieces.

Distribution of Lantern Kits

Lantern kits, which contain all the needed materials in making this craft, were made available in UCA for those who wants to avail. Students who availed started picking up their kits in UCA last December 1, with some pupils and students together with their parents. They are overjoyed visiting the school after almost two years.



2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

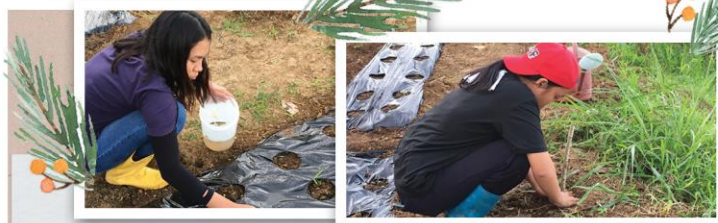
Tulong tulong para sa kaluwalhatian ng Diyos

Bilang mga anak ng Diyos, isa sa ating hangarin ang maitanghal ang pangalan ng Panginoon sa ating mga buhay araw-araw. Ano man ang ating gawin at saan man tayo naroroon, atin Siyang papupurihan. Gaya nga ng mga gawain sa iba't ibang ministeryo ng UCF, isa ang Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center sa kasalukuyang isinasagawa at isinisaayos para sa mas malaki pang paggamit dito ng Panginoon.

Kaya naman araw-araw ring nagpapagal ang mga manggagawa sa pangunguna ni Rev. Dr. William Sy upang pagandahin at isaayos ang malawak na lupain ng Mt. Tabor. Nangangailangan man ng pisikal na kalakasan at pinansyal na probisyon upang magpatuloy ang gawain, tapat ang Panginoon sapagkat Kaniyang tinutugon ang mga pangangailangan ng Kaniyang ministeryo.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa dedikasyon ng mga manggagawang nagdesisyong maglingkod para sa Kaniyang kapurihan!

Pagtatanim



Muling nagtanim ang mga in-house trainee worker ng mga langka at malunggay na magagamit rin sa mga pagluluto. Nagtanim rin ng sunflower bilang karagdagang atraksiyon sa lugar at para rin sa mga bubuyog.

Fellowship



Matapos ang produktibong mga gawain tulad ng pagsesemento at paglilinis ng mga daan, nagkaroon muli ng *fellowship* ang mga manggagawa mula sa mga *Youth* hanggang sa *Adult Group* habang sila ay salu-salong kumain ng tanghalian at hapunan na niluto naman ng *Ladies Fellowship Group*.



Pagsasaayos ng daan sa Trail 3

Sa tulong ng kalalakihan, isinaayos ang konektadong daan mula Trail 2 hanggang Trail 3 para sa mas madaling pagpasyal sa mga lugar.

Pagtulong sa pagsesemento



Tulong-tulong ang mga UCA worker sa pagsasako ng buhangin at graba na magagamit sa pagsesemento ng mga daan sa Mt. Tabor.

Pagsesemento ng Daan

Para sa mas mainam na proteksiyon sa lugar, naglagay na din ng sementadong harang sa mga gilid na bahagi ng Trail 3 hanggang Trail 2.



1 CRONICA 29:14 (MBBTAC)

"Ngunit sino ako at ang bayang ito? Buong puso kaming nagkakaloob sapagkat ang lahat ng ito ay galing sa Inyo at ibinabalik lamang namin."

Pagbibigay para sa gawain ng Diyos

Ngayong buwan ng Disyembre, isang gawain ang inihanda ng panambahan upang makapag-abot ng tulong sa mga taong higit na nangangailangan. Ang *Hit and Run* ay taunang programa ng UCF kung saan ang panambahan at mga miyembro nito ay nagsisilbing daluyan ng pagpapala ng Panginoon sa mga taong nakatira lamang sa mga kalsada. Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, naipararanas natin ang pagmamahal at biyaya ng Panginoon sa kanila. Kaya naman noong nakaraang Linggo, Nobyembre 28, ay muling isinagawa ang pagbibigay ng handog para sa mga kakailanganin sa gawaing ito. Ang mga miyembro ng panambahan ay taos-pusong nagbigay ng kanilang handog para sa hangarin na magamit sa pag-abot sa mas maraming kaluluwa. Narito ang listahan ng kabuuang nalikom na pondo.

KABUUANG LISTAHAN NG MGA NAGBIGAY NG KANILANG HANDOG PARA SA NALALAPIT NA HIT AND RUN 2021

Ang mga pangalang nakalimbag ng mariin ang mga karagdagang nagbigay.

Adrian Klein Laurel	100	Dr. Rina Ani	500	Dimaranan		No Name	20
Adrian Renei Ani	100	Edzel Toledo	500	Lara Minerva Rebullar	200	Noe & Aileen Amancio	2,000
Aira Tolentino	500	Elsa Gino-Gino	100	Lara Nadonza	100	Noriel Victoria	1,000
Alexandra Liban	100	Elyna Karene Dolotina	20	Lera Mai Cobarrubia	500	Tolentino	
Alyssa Jean Hermosa	500	Elyna Karene Dolotina	80	Liezle Ala	300	Princess Eva Adan	500
Amanda Dimaranan	500	Emelita Salvacion	300	Lito & Rhea Cobarrubia	2,000	Rev. Fidel Dillo	1,000
Analisa Cos	50	Ernesto Quiminales	50	Lorna Chua	100	Rev. Dr. James Sy	500
Analisa Cos	20	Estrelieta Oafallas	100	Ma. Katrina Rica Murillo	500	Rev. Morrell & Nerissa	15,000
Andres Chavit	500	Francisco Viernes	500	Ma. Louzelle Jesalva	100	Estrellado	
Angel Tolentino	100	Gerlyn Pacris	500	Manny Estrellado	1,000	Rev. Ricardo Jacob	3,000
Arian Allen Ani	50	Grace Bungalso	1,000	Marcelina Empic	300	Rev. Ryan Christian	1,000
Arianne Alejandro	200	Hermosa Family	300	Mariane Shanley	200	Tabay	
Aries Joshua Ani Jr.	516	Hon. Leopoldo Casale	500	Vargas		Rev. Victorio Lamarca	600
Aries Joshua Ani Jr.	50	Imee Gorobat	200	Mariel Porquiado	500	Raena Christine Tabay	500
Arjay Nadonza	500	Imelda Yadao	300	Marisol Villaviray	90	Raiza Maligang	1,000
Arjay & Nenette	500	Ivy Cabus	100	Marisol Villaviray	150	Rechie Tanjusay	500
Nadonza		Ivy Jane Estrella	150	Mark William Sy	1,000	Reuben Daniel Deloy	500
Basilisa Chavit	500	James Baque	1,000	Mark & Angelica	1,000	Reynaldo Porras	200
Beatrice Vargas	200	Jasmine Jimenez	150	Oafallas		Ruth Caranguian	30
Bong & Razel Bulagnir	500	Jedidiah Dillo	1,000	Mary Joy Obingayan	1,000	Samantha Iniego	500
Cherry Hann Tanjusay	60	Jennifer Jintalan	1,000	Mary Rose Porquiado	200	Sardy Oafallas	100
Chi-chi Viernes	500	Jess Mark Marcelino	150	Mary Rose Porquiado	100	Sheriewyn Lourdes	500
Chrismavic Apas	300	Jezreel Murillo	200	Mayet & Sonny Costales	500	Vallido	
Christ Alexander Reyes	20	Jhun Rebuquiao	100	Memet Cañada	500	Sherly Quiminales	200
Christ Alexander Reyes	150	Joan Sy	500	Merryll Lhorvin Santos	1,500	Sonny Dwayne Emerald	300
Christine Joy Demain	100	John Cyr Castro	100	Nelia Tolentino	1,000	Costales	
Chrysantha Iniego	300	John Paul Toledo	100	Nena Amancio	500	Sushmita Murillo	300
Clod Aguirre/Dillo	40	Jonamae Jimenez	100	Nenet Manay	500	Tanjusay Family	500
Family		Jonathan Rodriguez	25	Nerrie Portugal	200	Teresa & Alfonso Tabay	500
Cristina Iniego	500	Josie Porras	2,000	Nicole Clemente	150	Tess Dampog	500
Dela Cruz Family	5,000	Justine Yadao	120	Nikka Sophia Kahanap	60	Tessy Manaog	500
Dely Sy	5,000	Karen Mohammad	1,000	Niña Murillo	1,000	Toledo Family	1,000
Divina Davin	500	Khristina & Marco Guo	3,000	No Name	500	Trisha Mae Dimaranan	140
Divina Davin	500	Kristina Cassandra	100	No Name	20	Vivian Jimenez	300

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Purihin ang Panginoon sa Kaniyang patuloy na pagpapala sa Kaniyang mga anak kaya ang bawat isa ay nagiging pagpapala rin sa iba!

Lucas 6:38 (MBBTAG)

"Magbigay kayo at kayo'y bibigyan din; hustong takal, siksik, liglig, at umaapaw pa ang ibibigay sa inyo. Sapagkat ang panukat na ginagamit ninyo sa iba ay siya ring gagamiting panukat sa inyo."

Pagsasanay para sa paglilingkod

Bilang mga mag-aaral ng Banal na Kasulatan, isa sa mga pinakamahalagang aspeto ng pagkatuto ay ang pagsasabuhay ng mga aral na ito sa pang-araw-araw nating mga buhay. Ang UCF Theological Seminary (UCFSTS) ay itinatag upang maging oportunidad ng pagsasanay para sa mas malaki pang plano ng Diyos. Narito ang patotoo ng ilan pang mga mag-aaral ng UCFSTS patungkol sa kanilang mga natutunan sa kanilang mga subject at kung paano nila ito maisasabuhay.

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Marami akong natutunan mula sa mga historical background ng early Christian church hanggang sa pagdi-disciple, pero ang pinakatutalak sa akin ay ang itinuro sa amin ni Ma'am Liezle which is ang mga iba't ibang klase ng essay kung saan naibahagi sa amin ang Bible verse na Psalm 37:4 na nagkaroon ng ibang impact sa akin sa pagbasa at pag-intindi ko sa aking Bibliya. Ang mai-a-apply ko ay ang pag-assess ko sa mga tao na ie-evangelize ko. Hindi lang pala iyon simpleng pagbabahagi sa kanila ng Salita ng Diyos pero ang paghahanda at preparasyon ay nagkaroon ng malaking parte sa pag-e-evangelize ko.



Bro. Adrian Klein Laurel
UCFSTS Student

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Ang isa sa mga una kong natutunan ay ang gifting ng Holy Spirit. Mahalaga kasi sa paglakad natin bilang lingkod ng Panginoon ay ang pagsama ng Banal na Espirito sa atin kasi ang Banal na Espirito ang nag-e-enable sa atin para makapaglingkod talaga tayo at magamit natin ang ipinagkatiwala sa atin ng Panginoong Diyos, may it be in pastoring, evangelizing, and many more as long as magagampanan po natin ang role natin sa body.



Bro. Sonny Diwayne Emerald Costales
UCFSTS Student

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Makakatulong lahat ng natutunan ko lalo sa HBC namin ng family ko na magkaroon muna kami ng praise and worship bago magsimula ang gawain kung saan sa pamamagitan ng mga papuring awitin ay maihahanda ang puso ng bawat kasama sa HBC. Naranasan ko kasi na kapag blessed ka na sa mga papuring awitin hanggang matapos ang sharing, nararamdaman mo pa rin ang pagsama ng Diyos sa iyo.



Sis. Nina Murillo
UCFSTS Student

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Marami po akong natutunan. Isa na po rito ay ang masubukan ang kung paano ang mag-disciple at i-disciple din. Tulad ko po noon, due to lack of knowledge pertaining to God and His powerful Word, na-mislead po ako. But because of God's grace, I once was lost but now am found. Simula po noon, nagkaroon ako ng bagong buhay na kasama ang Diyos, living according to His will and serving Him, continuously striving to remain obedient, committed and faithful until the end (lahat by His grace alone).



Sis. Rina Ani
UCFSTS Student

Sabi ni Paul, 'To live is Christ, to die is gain.' Sa mabuhay o sa mamatay, ang kamatayan ay may pakinabang. Sa mga naririto ngayon na kumikilala sa ating Panginoon at nagdedeklara na Siya ang ating personal na Tagapagligtas at Panginoon, mayroon tayong ganoong katangian. Lumalaban tayo sa katotohanan. Hindi tayo matatakot. Anuman ang mangyari, maglilingkod tayo sa Diyos. Ang Diyos ni Peter, ang Diyos ni John at ang Diyos ni Pablo ay Siya ring Diyos ngayon na



Rev. Fidel Dillo

UCF Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship Service | June 23, 2015

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Lumalaban tayo sa katotohanan. Hindi tayo matatakot. Anuman ang mangyari, maglilingkod tayo sa Diyos.

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nakatunghay sa ating kalagitnaan at nakakaalam ng laman ng ating puso.

The starting point of salvation is the acknowledgement of the lordship of Jesus Christ, confessing Jesus is Lord. At salamat sa Panginoon sapagkat noong tinanggap mo Siya bilang personal Savior ng buhay mo at idineklara mo, mapalad ka, kapatid. Kaya mahalaga ang ating Believer's Declaration ng UCF. Kailangan

MY PASTOR
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SAID...

masaulo po natin iyan. "I am a child of God created in the image and likeness of God." Dahil kung sinuman ang nasa Panginoon ay kawangis o kagaya ng ating Panginoong Hesus. Hindi man natin kayang gawin na magpapako, sapat na na tanggapin natin Siya at maniwala tayo.

Believe in your heart with a confession in your mouth. Buong puso mong tanggapin ang ating Panginoon. Declaration ang mahalaga. Nais iparating ng Diyos sa buhay natin na kahit nasaan man tayo, tayo man ay nasa opisina, huwag natin ikahiya na ideklara ang Ngalan ng Panginoong Hesus. Because in the gospel of God, there is power. Ang Believer's Declaration natin ay kumpleto iyan. Kaya mahalaga na sa puso natin ay nakaukit iyan.

Ang kaligtasan na hawak natin ngayon, may pagkakataong mawawala iyan habang may buhay tayo dahil marami pa tayong kakaharapin. Bagamat may istorya na si Peter ay itinanggi si Jesus noong panahong sila ay magkasama pero lumayo ba siya o tinalikuran ba niya? Hindi. Nagsisi at bumalik si Pedro. Kaya ang madalas na pangangaral ni Pedro noong panahon nila ay 'Repent!' Magsisi ka sa iyong mga kasalanan at bumalik ka sa Diyos. Bakit? Dahil naranasan niya iyon noong mga panahon na iyon.

Habang tayo ay lumalaban, hayaan natin na ang buhay natin bilang nakaranas ng kaligtasan ay maging isang magandang halimbawa para sa iba. Kahit anumang sitwasyon, hindi tayo magigiba.

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Habang tayo ay lumalaban, hayaan natin na ang buhay natin bilang nakaranas ng kaligtasan ay maging isang magandang halimbawa para sa iba.

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2 Corinto 8:12 (MBBTAG)

Sapagkat kung may hangaring magbigay, tatanggapin ng Diyos ang inyong kaloob ayon sa inyong makakaya at hindi ayon sa hindi ninyo kaya.

Pagtitiwala sa makapag-yarihang Diyos



Bilang mga mananampalataya, marami man tayong mga alalahanin sa mundo, ang Diyos ay hindi malayo at nariyan lamang upang tayo ay dinggin at pagpalain. Limitado man ang ating kakayanan, hindi ito hadlang upang ang buhay natin ay ayusin ng Panginoon at upang mas magamit pa para sa Kaniyang kaluwalhatian. Ilan sa ating kapatiran ang patuloy na nagpapasalamat sa ating Diyos sa maraming bagay na Kaniyang ipinagkaloob sa kanilang buhay.



Nagpapasalamat po ako sa Panginoon sa Kaniyang kabutihan at katapatan sa aking buhay. Last Sunday, nagkaroon tayo ng offering for Hit and Run, and God knows that's the only money I have. Dumaan ang Monday at ang dami kong kailangan i-settle na bills sa kuryente, tubig at iba pa. Noong Tuesday, another billing na naman ang dumating na kailangan kong ma-settle and mga necessities na kailangan ko. Sa sobrang kakaisip kung saan ako kukuha ng pambayad ko sa mga bills at sa pangangailangan ko sa araw-araw sumasakit na ang ulo ko, but then sabi ko, 'Lord, You are the God who provides our needs.' Na-remind po ako ng verse sa Matthew 7:7, 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.' I prayed to God and sinabi ko po sa Kaniya lahat ng pangangailangan ko, and He answered me immediately. May mga ginamit Siyang tao para magbigay ng pangangailangan ko. Purihin po ang Panginoon! Ang sabi ko nga po sa HBC group ko that the secret of blessing is when you put God first in your life. Sabi nga po ng Believer's Declaration natin, 'All these promised blessings shall come upon me and overtake me because God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think.' Purihin po ang Panginoon!

>>>> Sis. Gerlyn Pacris



The phrase "God is good all the time; all the time God is good" may sound old and cliché, but that is my heart's content. I always praise and thank the Lord every day for the blessings of life, family, friends, opportunities, and even circumstances that come along the way. These past few weeks, my family encountered a lot of trials—some of my family members got sick (my mother) and some died (my grandma). Nevertheless, I chose to give thanks to God for He allowed things to happen for us to see His greater plans. Amidst those trials, God's grace and provision abound. We never lacked anything for He who provides is faithful. He restored my mother's health, He blessed my husband (Bro. Franz) with another year to celebrate, we are healthy and able, and we are surrounded by great people that I believe are God's blessings. There are a lot of things to be thankful for. If we just take a moment to count our blessings, we will never stop thanking God. Gratitude is the open door to abundance and to a fulfilled life. Thank You, God, for everything!

>>>> Sis. Chi-chi Viernes



Tunay nga na napakabuti ng ating Diyos. Hindi Niya tayo binibigo sa Kaniyang mga pangako kapag tayo ay lubos na naniniwala sa Kaniya. Katulad ng Kaniyang Salita sa Filipos 4:6, 'Huwalag kayong mangabalisa sa anumang bagay; kundi sa lahat ng mga bagay sa pamamagitan ng panalangin at daing na may pagpapasalamat ay ipakilala ninyo ang inyong mga kahilingan sa Dios.' Patunay dahil ang ating pamangkin ay nakadalawang swab test at lahat ng result ay positive. Ang result sa pangatlong swab test siya nag-negative. Sila ay kinuha na ng kaniyang magulang at doon na sila titira. Kapag hindi pa siya nag-negative ng swab test ay maiiwan siya at matagal pa siyang kukunin dito sa Pilipinas. Dahil sa panalangin na buo ang tiwala at pag-asa, ang lahat ay naayos din. Ngayon, masaya na sila at magkasama na sila ng buo nilang pamilya. Thank You, Lord. To God be all the glory.

>>>> Sis. Rechie Tanjusa



LIFE THEN, LIFE NOW

PRAYING

In the New Testament, it was shown that Jesus always goes up in the mountain to take His time to pray and asks wisdom, guidance and strength from the Lord. We see that mountains are a very meaningful place for Jesus for when He prays alone, God also reveals the plans to His Son. In the present days, people's way of praying has now make a big difference. Sometimes, many of us forget to pray even if we have more time, instead we use the remaining time to do what we want to do. But, let us not forget how Jesus earnestly spent His time talking to God privately and see how important praying is because God always reveals something to each one of us everytime we seek and pray to the Lord who is unseen. Jesus said in Matthew 6:6, *"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."*

2 Corinto 9:10 (MBBTAG)

Ang Diyos na nagbibigay ng binhing itatanim at tinapay na makakain, ang Siya ring magbibigay sa inyo ng binhi, at mapagpalago nito upang magbunga nang sagana ang inyong kabuting-loob.

Bible Study ON THE AIR Episode Highlights

Y2 S7 E09: JESUS CHRIST: THE TRUE LIGHT

Aired on December 1, 2021



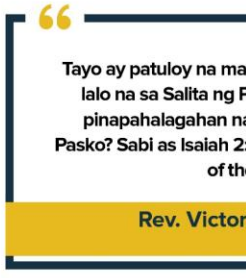
Kapag ikaw ang ilaw, wala ka talagang darkness. Noong sinabi ni Hesus na, "You are the light of the world," ang gustong sabihin ni Hesus ay ikaw na ang ilaw na iyon. Kaya kapag nandoon si Hesus sa iyo, wala ka ring darkness. Kagaya na natin ang nature Niya na nagniningning.

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



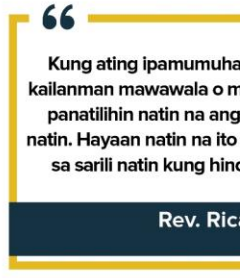
Ang Panginoon ay pumunta rito hindi lang para makita ang light Niya kung hindi ay tayo mismo ay makaranas nito. From the darkness ng ating buhay, binigyan tayo ng pag-asa ng Panginoon noong tayo ay namulat sa liwanag ng Panginoon.

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



Tayo ay patuloy na magkaroon ng kaliwanagan lalo na sa Salita ng Panginoon. Ano ba ang pinapahalagahan nating liwanag ngayong Pasko? Sabi as Isaiah 2:5, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord."

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



Kung ating ipamumuhay ang liaw na ito, hindi tayo kailanman mawawala o maglalakad sa kasalanan. Kaya panatilihin natin na ang liaw na iyan ay nasa buhay natin. Hayaan natin na ito ay magniningning hindi lamang sa sarili natin kung hindi sa lahat ng kakilala natin.

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



Ang paggawa ng mabuti ay dapat sumusunod sa ating pagtanggap kay Hesu Kristo. Kung tunay kang liwanag, mabubuti ang ginagawa mo. Ang paggawa natin ng mabuti ay kahalintulad kung paano natin naranasan ang kabutihan ng Diyos sa ating buhay.

Rev. Ryan Christian C. Tabay, ABMC, MDM
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Jesus Christ: the true Light

by UCF Pastors | Bible Study on the Air with Rev. Dr. William Sy
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John 1:9-13 (NKJV)

⁹That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Truth comes from two Greek words:

1. Alethes - true; the opposite of false
2. Alethinos - the true; the real; opposite of unreal; imaginary

Christ is the true Light.

Many may claim to be lights, claiming that they can lead men to the truth. But their claims are only ideas in their minds, fictitious ideas and counterfeit claims. They claim to:

- Reveal God to men
- Show the nature, meaning, and destiny of the future and other things
- Guide men out of darkness of sin, shame, doubt, despair, and fear of death and hell
- Eliminate darkness entirely

John 14:6 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The Testimony of John the Beloved

John 1:6-8 (NKJV)

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Light is:

- pure and clear
- penetrates
- enlightens one's vision
- reveals truth and dangers ahead
- guides the lost
- discriminates between the right way and the wrong way
- protects

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ gives Light to Men.

A.) Light of Himself

People may reject the Light but cannot deny the Light Himself.

Juan 17:8 (MBBTAG)

Dahil ibinigay Ko sa kanila ang mga salitang ibinigay Mo sa Akin, at tinanggap nila. Natitiyak nilang Ako'y tunay na galing sa Iyo, at naniniwala silang Ikaw nga ang nagsugo sa Akin.

John 1:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Psalms 27:1 (NKJV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

John 1:1-4 (NKJV)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made

through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:8 (ESV)

He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

John 1:12-13 (ESV)

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 12:35-36 (NKJV)

³⁵Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

Proverbs 4:18 (NKJV)

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Philippians 2:15 (NKJV)

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

B.) Light of the Gospel

People can now be delivered from the darkness of sin, despair, death, and hell.

John 8:12 (NKJV)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 12:46 (NKJV)

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

C.) Light of the Spirit

People can now be guided and convicted by the Spirit of power.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Mga Gawa 4:12 (MBBTAG)

"Sa Kanya lamang matatagpuan ang kaligtasan, sapagkat walang ibang pangalan sa buong daigdig na ibinigay ng Diyos sa mga tao upang tayo ay maligtas."

John 8:32 (NKJV)

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Christ was rejected.

- By the world - The world and all the people are His creation.
- By His own - The nation of Israel was His chosen people.

John 12:48 (NKJV)

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Christ was accepted.

- By believing and receiving

Source of Sonship

- It is not by blood - It is not being born of a particular family or heritage.
- It is not by will of the flesh - It is not being born through a natural process of reproduction.
- It is not by will of man - It is not being born through a decision of a man.
- It is by God - The cause of new birth is of God.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷Therefore "come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." ¹⁸"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Matthew 6:2 (NKJV)

Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Lucas 6:27 (MBBTAG)

"Subalit sinasabi Ko sa inyong mga nakikinig sa Akin: Mahalin ninyo ang inyong mga kaaway at gawan ng mabuti ang mga napopoot sa inyo."

Acts 16:31 (NIV)

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 17:8 (NKJV)

For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

John 3:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰"For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Conclusion**Ephesians 5:8-9 (NKJV)**

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).

Isaiah 2:5 (NKJV)

O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

John 8:12 (NIV)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Juan 8:31-32 (MBBTAG)

³¹Sinabi naman ni Jesus sa mga Judiong naniniwala sa Kanya, "Kung patuloy kayong susunod sa Aking turo, kayo nga'y tunay na mga alagad Ko. ³²Makikilala ninyo ang katotohanan, at ang katotohanan ang magpapalaya sa inyo."

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

John 1:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.



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MIDWEEK SERVICE

A Christmas' remembrance

by Rev. Morrell Estrellado
December 2, 2021

**Matthew 1:18-21 (NKJV)**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to

Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Introduction

What do you remember during this Christmas season?

As believers of Christ, we should always remember the following during this season:

I. Praising and worshipping God**Luke 2:8-14 (NKJV)**

⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be

the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

- A. Not being fearful of things around
- B. Find great joy of the fulfillment of God's promises: the birth of Jesus and God in flesh.
- C. Praise God for His Way and His Peace towards men: to take away our sins.

II. Offering to God**Matthew 2:9-11 (NKJV)**

⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- A. These wise men had come in response to an oracle that had proclaimed a newborn king of the Jews had been born.
- B. They travelled even from a distant place by following the star.
- C. They still pursued even if there is a hindrance just to offer Jesus an offering.

III. Seeking God and His Word**Luke 2:41-47, 51-52 (NKJV)**

⁴¹His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Matthew 19:21 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

⁴⁸Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁴⁹And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

A. Jesus, at 12 years old, was sitting in the midst of the teachers.

B. Jesus was listening to them at the temple.

C. Jesus was asking questions to the teachers and understood them well.

D. Jesus increased in wisdom and stature.

E. Jesus increased in favor with God and men.

IV. Repenting of your sins and turning to God

Matthew 3:2 (NKJV)

And saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

A. Everything that Jesus has to offer begins with repentance. In order to receive all that is ours, we must first repent.

B. Repentance is changing the elements around you. It is changing your attitude, thoughts, and behaviors concerning the demands of God for right living. It is the foundational salvation event found in Christ. It is an on-going experience in the life of a follower.

C. Repentance involves a change of

mind. It begins with recognition of sin. It is the recognition that our sin is an offense to the Holy God. It is a recognition of who Jesus is and His right to govern our lives.

D. Repentance is a daily activity due to our fallen state. Without repentance, there is no salvation.

E. Repentance is more than remorse or "being sorry" for your actions. While you may experience remorse, there must be a redirection of your will. You must make a purposeful decision to forsake all unrighteousness for the pursuit of righteousness.

V. Obeying the conviction of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

A. John the Baptist makes it very clear why Jesus was born.

B. Jesus came so we could receive the Holy Spirit.

C. Jesus came to light a fire inside of us, to be obedient to God, and to be messengers of the Gospel.

D. He came to separate the husks from the wheat, gathering the wheat into heaven and casting the husks into an eternal fire. He came to clean up this mess that we live in.

Challenge

During this Christmas season, let's remember and do the following in our daily lives:

1. To praise and worship God
2. To offer your life to God as service to Him
3. To seek God and His Word
4. To repent of your sins and turn to God
5. To obey the conviction of the Holy Spirit

Midweek Service Highlights

"Whatever your offering is, the best offering is your life."

"Huwag tayong matakot sa ibang bagay. Sa halip ay tingnan natin ang ginagawa ng Diyos sa ating buhay."

"Jesus came to light a fire inside of us to be obedient, to God, and to be messengers of the Gospel."

"Whatever your offering is, the best offering is your life."

"Kapag wala kang drive na mag-aral ng Salita ng Diyos, problema iyan. Pakainin mo din ang spiritual aspect ng iyong buhay. Parang kapag nag-gym ka, kailangan spiritually fit and healthy ka din."



Rev. Morrell Estrellado
UCF Associate Pastor
Midweek Service | December 2, 2021

Midweek Service Highlights

"One thing that we have and many people do not have is faith."

"Kung mayroon kang konti, itulong mo. Kung mayroon kang marami, itulong mo rin. Hindi lahat ay nabibigyan ng pagkakataon upang gumawa ng mabuti."

"Kapag naghahanap tayo sa Diyos, iiwas tayo sa kasalanan. You cannot serve God and at the same time serve mammon."

"Isama natin sa ating pangarap sa buhay ang paghahanap sa Diyos."

"Ang ginagawa natin sa ministry ay hindi sayang dahil ginagawa natin ito para sa Diyos."

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Rev. Dr. William Sy
UCF Head Pastor
Sunday Worship Service | November 28, 2021

Luke 3:11 (NKJV)

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December 19, 2021
After Sunday Worship Service

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2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)

