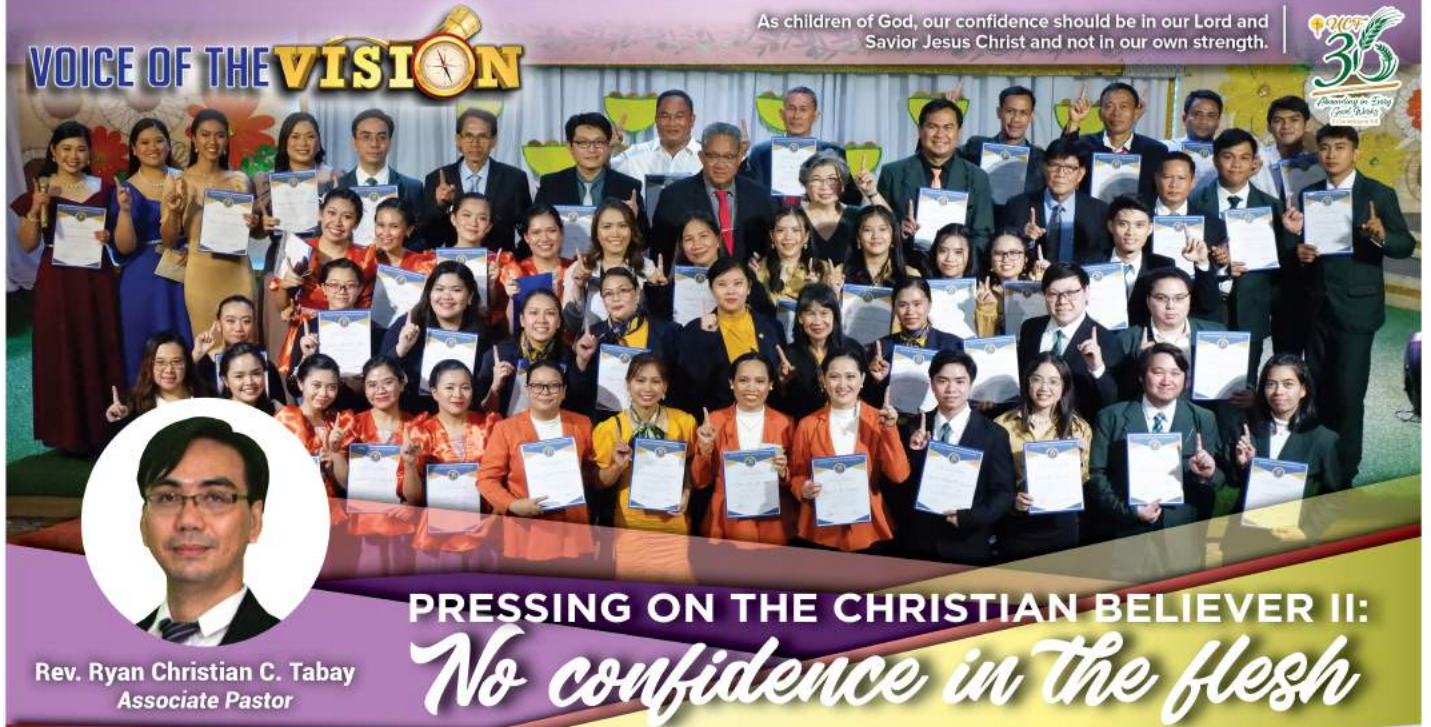


VOICE OF THE VISION

As children of God, our confidence should be in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and not in our own strength.



Rev. Ryan Christian C. Tabay
Associate Pastor

PRESSING ON THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER II: *No confidence in the flesh*

Philippians 3:4-11 (NKJV)

⁴Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Introduction

All of us want to become acceptable, close, and right with God.

We tried many things to make ourselves right in front of God.

- Rituals
- Ceremonies
- Seminars
- Prayers
- Religious acts

But we must acknowledge the truth:

- We cannot make ourselves righteous.
- No person can make us righteous.
- No religion can make us righteous.
- Only in Jesus Christ we can have the righteousness acceptable to God.

Righteousness cannot be attained by:

- Birth or ancestry
- Religious rituals
- Nationality
- Social/Religious status
- Religious faithfulness
- Being a follower of the true religion
- Religious commitment or zeal
- Keeping all rituals and ceremonies

Righteousness can only be attained in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 5:20

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and

Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:22-23

²²"Many 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!'"

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 10:3

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

We can have the righteousness of Christ if we received and believe

(trust) Him, and if we make Him our Lord and Savior.

Jesus saved us not only from the penalty of sin (death), but also from our false beliefs about righteousness. True righteousness is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

What is Righteousness?

Righteous means:

- Being right
- Acting in accord with divine or moral law
- Free from guilt of sin

Only God can declare us righteous, through the saving grace in Christ Jesus. No human action or achievement can declare us righteous.

The Knowledge of Christ

1. To know Christ is to know the power of His resurrection.

- God has the power to conquer all trials and temptations of life.
- God has the power to give man new life and the power to live a new life before Him.
- God has the power to raise men from the dead.

2. To know Christ is to know the fellowship of His sufferings.

- We must share the purpose for which Christ was suffering.



Isa sa ating hangarin ang magkaroon ng isang buhay na maayos at kasiya-siya. Ngunit ano nga ba ang buhay na nais ng Panginoon para sa Kaniyang mga anak? Isa si Rev. Dr. William Sy sa mga tinawag ng Diyos noong siya ay binata pa lamang. **"Noong tinawag ako ng Diyos, bata pa ako. I was just in my early 20s, but I believed in God. I followed the Lord. There are so much ups and downs kasi kapag bata ka, nadadala ka ng takot. Nadadala ka rin ng ibang hangarin. Gusto mong mangarap pa at ang dami mo pang ibang pangarap pero wala namang laman. Kapag nandoon ka na pala sa Panginoon, ang mga pangarap mo ay pinapalitan ng Diyos ng katotutuhan. God is going to increase you. He will multiply what you have in life. The greater part of you will be productive. You will be remembered as we remember the great people of the Bible—that once upon a time, there's a person of God who really worked for God."**

Tulad ng iba, nagsikap din sa buhay si Rev. Dr. Sy, ngunit sa kabila ng kaniyang tagumpay sa mundo ay natuklasan niyang siya ay mayroon ding hangganan. **"Tumanda na ako pero nakita ko talagang mayroong Diyos. Kung nagdududa kayo, sasabihin kong may Diyos. Nakita ko kung gaano kabuti ang Panginoon. At kung ang pangangailangan natin ay materyal, hindi nagkukulang ang Diyos. You just worry too much. I have so much opportunity as**

a person, but I know my limitations. I know that without God, I cannot do anything. If you don't have God, your success will always be artificial. Iyong mayaman ka pero malungkot ka. Marami kang pera pero basag-basag ang puso mo."

Marami mang pagsubok ang dumaan sa patuloy na pagsunod ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa Diyos at kahit na ang kaniyang pamilya ay hindi sang-ayon sa kaniyang desisyong maglingkod, mas nangingibabaw ang pananampalataya niya sa Panginoon. **"Ang mga kapatid ko ay laban sa akin. Minsan na rin nilang sinabi na, 'Bakit mo binigay ang lupa mo? Kayamanan na iyan.' Sabi ko, 'Lahat ng nandito sa mundo ay iiwan din natin.' A very few people can do that unless they experience God. So, I cannot blame anybody. May nagsabi pa, 'Bakit mo binigay ang Mt. Tabor? Hindi ba pera na iyan?' Alam niyo, kung ang paglilingkod mo sa Diyos ay puro pera lang, huwag ka na maglingkod. Magnegosyo ka na lang. Kapag naglilingkod tayo sa Diyos, it is God who takes care of us."**

Sa kabila ng mga akusasyon at pagsubok, mas pinili pa rin ni Rev. Dr. Sy na magpatuloy sa kaniyang tawag na maglingkod. **"Masaya akong naglilingkod sa Panginoon. I take it as a gift that God has been using me. Because at the first place, I have chosen to serve God. Ang paglilingkod sa Diyos ay bunga ng pagmamahal ng Diyos sa buhay mo."**

Psalms 150:1-3
(NKJV)

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! ²Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! ³Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

UCA PROMOTES QUALITY EDUCATION

Throughout the years, the Lord's guidance in United Christian Academy (UCA) has always been evident. The school becomes a place not only to provide quality education, but a strong academic institute built upon the vision given by God.

By God's direction, UCA stands immovable as a gateway of evangelism through which families are reached out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And to continue this vision, the Marketing Department go out its ways to further the cause of UCA to students who also dream of a brighter future. On March 16 and 17, Thursday and Friday, the team visited Masville National High School to share to them UCA's goal in shaping them into future leaders and professionals.

The school promises quality education that encompasses both spiritual development and holistic growth. Aside from developing the students' intellectual skills, there are also various activities that await students for their fun learning and memorable experiences.



UCA Marketing Head Ms. Karen Mohammad and UCACOA students together with Masville National High School Guidance Teacher Mr. Kemzee Amores

MINISTRY UPDATE

LUBOS NA PAGGAMIT SA MINISTERYO

Sa paglipas ng mga taon, nagkaroon na ng maraming pagbabago sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center dahil sa patuloy na pagsunod ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy sa mga plano ng Diyos para sa malawak na paggamit sa lupain.

Sa kasalukuyan ay inihahanda na ang tatayuan ng panambahan sa Mt. Tabor na magiging paraan upang marami pa ang maabot ng Salita ng Diyos. Ang mga hotel cabin naman ay unti-unti nang natatapos. Narito ang ilan sa mga larawan ng mga naging gawain.



Ang kalalakihan sa patnubay ni Rev. Dr. Sy ay maingat na pinagtrabahuhan ang sahig sa pangalawang palapag ng cabin.



Sa nagdaang linggo ay hinukay na ang espasyo na pagtatayuan ng panambahan.

⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! ⁵Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! ⁶Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Psalms 150:4-6
(NKJV)



PAGSASAMA-SAMA NANG MAY *Tunay na kagalakan*

Sa pagsapit ng buwan ng Abril, ang bawat pamilya sa UCF ay muling dadako sa Mt. Tabor upang magsama-sama sa kinasasabikang aktibidad na *Family Camp* 2023. Ang dalawang araw na programa ay inaabangang mangyari sa Abril 8-9, Sabado at Linggo.

Ang nasabing aktibidad ay bukas para sa lahat ng pamilya, kaibigan, at kamag-anak na nais sumama. Ito ay tunay na maganda at kasiya-siya lalo na't ang makakasama ng bawat isa ay ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay.

Ito ay hindi lamang para magbigay kapahingan sa bawat isa bagkus para mas mahubog at pagyabungin pa ang pagmamahalan at pagkakaisa sa mga pamilya na dadalo sa programa.



Mayroong masasarap na pagkaing masayang pagsasaluhan ng lahat.



Iba't ibang aktibidad ang naghihintay para sa bawat isang sasama na siguradong pagkakaaliwan at kakasiyahan ng mga dadalo.



Hindi mawawala ang flag and torch parade upang alalahanin at sariwain ang kabutihan ng Diyos Ama sa buhay ng kaniyang mga anak.



Kasiyahan din ang photobooth area, upang ang lahat ay mayroong magandang alaala sa kanilang masayang karanasan.

**Psalms 95:1-4
(NKJV)**

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. ⁴In His hand are the deep places of the earth.

Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

Ang Diyos ang magbibigay sa atin ng pag-asa—pag-asa na kapag kasama natin Siya, tayo ay magtatagumpay.

Kapag si Kristo ang nasa ating buhay, lahat ay sapat na.

Pagsikapin nating tayo'y pagharian ng Diyos at mamuhay nang may takot at kabanalan sa harapan Niya.

Learn how to live free from anxiety by meditating on God's Word.

Marahil ikaw ay may karamdaman. Marahil ikaw ay gulung-gulo na. Tandaan mo, kapatid, na ang Diyos ay nariyan lamang.

Kung anomang mayroon tayo ngayon, ipagpasalamat natin ito sa Panginoon.



UPCOMING 2023 PROGRAMS

APRIL 8 & 9

FAMILY GETAWAY

Coordinator:

Sis. Karen Mohammad

Registration Fee:

Until March 20 only- PHP 1,500
(inclusive of food, bonfire package, and accommodation)



OCTOBER 6

PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

Coordinator:

Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



DECEMBER 17

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Coordinator: Sis. Liezle Ala



On March 23, 2015, UCA began its groundbreaking for the **expansion of the campus** as part of the Lord's promise to Rev. Dr. William Sy that the year of harvest in the ministry is soon to come. After only a few months of construction, UCA transformed into a four-story building with spacious rooms, wider hallways, and additional facilities that foster young minds to academic and spiritual excellence.

WHY READ THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS



The Book of 1 Corinthians is another letter written by Apostle Paul but now towards the church in Corinth. The city of Corinth is known as the least likely to be converted to the Christian faith. They have many strenuous activities and beliefs that they thought were right and acceptable, imposing that they were free in Christ.

Paul started to discipline them with his letters. Correcting the people through the Gospel, he addressed the main problems he saw and carefully lectured them about what should be done and not. Some concerns he saw were influenced by culture: division of the church, differing views of worship, immorality, lawsuit, and the extent of Christian freedoms.

After describing and identifying the problems, Paul always responded with parts of the story of the Good News about Jesus. The book explains how to view life through the perspective of the Gospel. This is also where the church is emphasized as a community of people who are centered around Jesus. The Book of 1 Corinthians teaches us to reflect on the rightful actions as Christians who have strong faith in God.

WORD MATCH

Choose the correct answer from the choices below. You can also open your Bible to help you find the answers. The first one to answer correctly will get a free copy of VOV next issue. Present your VOV copy to Sis. Aira Tolentino.

- Love is _____, love is kind. (1 Corinthians 13:4)
 - Great is your _____. (Lamentations 3:23)
 - What is the role of the Holy Spirit? (John 16:8)
 - Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and _____. (1 Timothy 6:11)
 - If it's possible, as far as it depends on you, live at _____ with everyone. (Romans 12:18)
 - The Lord is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving _____. (Psalm 145:8)
 - _____ your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:31)
 - The Lord is _____, a stronghold in the day of trouble. (Nahum 1:7)
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| A. Love | D. Kindness | F. Faithfulness | H. Good |
| B. Patient | E. Gentleness | G. Peace | I. Self-control |
| C. Conviction of sin, instruction in righteousness, and sound judgment | | | |

⁵The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁷For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:5-7
(NKJV)

Pressing on the...

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- The purpose is to proclaim the righteousness and salvation of God on how men can become acceptable to God and have eternal life.

Acts 14:22

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Philippians 1:29

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

Note

God draws close to believers when we suffer for the cause of Christ.

3. To know Christ is to be made conformable to His death. Jesus subjected His will to the will of God the Father.

Matthew 26:39

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 26:42

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

Luke 9:23 (Deny ourselves, take up the cross)

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

Romans 6:6 (Crucify our old man)

Knowing this, that our old man was

crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:11 (Dead to sin, alive to God)

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:36 (Kill ourselves all day long)

"For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

1 Corinthians 15:31 (Die daily)

I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

2 Corinthians 4:11 (Saved for Christ's sake)

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Galatians 2:20 (Crucified with Christ)

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 2:20 (Dead with Christ)

Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations.

Conclusion

Only in Jesus Christ we can have the righteousness acceptable to God. Nobody and nothing aside from Christ can bring us righteousness.

Challenge

Let us not have confidence in our flesh (our strength and our achievements). Our confidence should be in Christ Jesus alone.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

20
days left before

FAMILY Camp
2023

Join us in two days of fun-filled and exciting activities as we bond with our UCF family this coming April 8-9, 2023!

SHARE HIS WORD



For UCF updates, prayer requests, testimonies, live broadcasts, and replay of church services and gatherings, follow us on our social media accounts.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:00AM
On-site and online services on Facebook and YouTube

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