



His Joy and Peace IN TROUBLED TIMES



John 14:25-27 (NKJV)

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Introduction

Jesus gave a gentle rebuke to the disciples, who were troubled upon hearing the news that He was leaving them. He continued in giving encouragement and comfort just hours before His arrest and crucifixion. Rather than being focused on Himself, the Lord's focus was on equipping them for the trials that they would face. His words show us how to have His joy and peace in troubled times.

1. Rejoice that Jesus returned to the Father.

Why did Jesus tell the disciples that they should rejoice at the news of His departure?

When Jesus temporarily laid aside the glory He shared with the Father, He took on the form of a man and became obedient to death on the cross. After His resurrection, He would be restored to His former glory with the Father, seated at His right hand.

If the disciples' focus had been on loving Jesus, they would have rejoiced because Jesus was coming back to His Father and returning to

His former glory. But the disciples' focus was on themselves. They were troubled because Jesus was leaving them. They worried about what would happen to them if Jesus would leave.

2. Rejoice that Jesus has sent the Helper, the Holy Spirit to us.

Jesus promised the Helper, the Holy Spirit. He will teach us and will bring to our remembrance all that Jesus said.

During the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and baptized them, enabling them to perform miracles and to proclaim the gospel with power.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit will teach us the meaning of the written Scriptures (Bible) and will bring that meaning to our minds at times when we need it.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12

¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

3. Rejoice that Jesus has given

us His peace for our troubled times.

What is Jesus' peace?

The Lord makes it clear that His peace is different from the peace that comes from the world. The world has its own ways of attaining peace—peace that comes from drug prescription, religion, counseling, etc.

Jesus' peace is “shalom,” which refers to the general well-being or contentedness that comes from God.

- Peace with God because Jesus bore the penalty for our sins

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Peace of God is not the absence of life's troubles. Jesus Himself experienced troubles like in the tomb of Lazarus, in the Garden of Gethsemane when Judas would betray Him, and even on the cross.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor

UCA opens new school year

As United Christian Academy (UCA) embarks in a new school year, the school welcomed its students and parents with interesting activities.

Students were given their UCA Online accounts to start navigating the platform in preparation for the coming lesson days. They also engaged in a three-day activity where they explored the features of UCA Online and answered the Parent's Orientation Guide. UCA also conducted its general Parents' Orientation on August 4, Saturday, held both on-site at the UCA Auditorium and online through a live broadcast in the UCF YouTube channel.

With the opening of the new school year, UCA anticipates to not only bring quality education but also the Word of God to the lives of its students and their families. It will continue its mission as a gateway of evangelism to draw more souls at the feet of the Lord.



Rev. Dr. James Sy addresses the inquiries of parents both online and face-to-face. He also reassures them that UCA is here to provide high quality education to their children as the school truly cares for the welfare and future of its students.

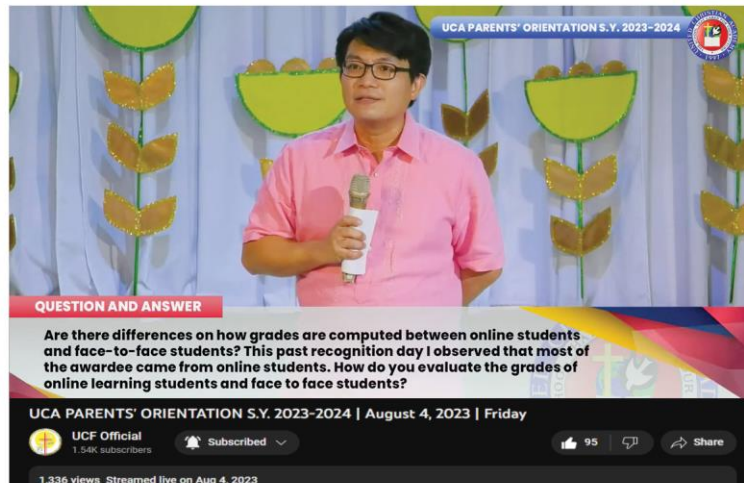


Parents, together with their children, attend and raise their questions during the parents' orientation.



Faculty members introduce topics about the school such as its curriculum, registration, accounting, and outreach programs among others. Policies are also discussed to better inform the parents. UCA believes that success of one's education is through shared responsibilities of its community.

The school gladly received the parents and students in the UCA Campus during its orientation. They were also informed about the schedule of the students' classes. It will be another exciting and productive school year for their children.



QUESTION AND ANSWER

Are there differences on how grades are computed between online students and face-to-face students? This past recognition day I observed that most of the awardee came from online students. How do you evaluate the grades of online learning students and face to face students?

UCA PARENTS' ORIENTATION S.Y. 2023-2024 | August 4, 2023 | Friday

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- Marelen Talabon for students enrolled in face to face, can they attend an online class in the event that students get ill or need to join their parents to travel to the province or out of the country?
- Raiza Maligang We welcome all the students, parents, and guardians this school year. We are all excited to see you in all our activities.
- TOTALLYCRUNCHY Thank you Teacher Raiza
- Mirasol Cajote-Cortes Thank you po Teacher @Raiza Maligang
- Orestesa Cadlaon watching here from kuwait how to avail ESC Ma'm for my kinder and grade 10 daughters. thank you
- Marivic Panopio Hello Teacher Sheyl
- Sharlize Ybanez Good afternoon po, this is Mrs. Ybanes, mother of Sharlize Ybanez (Gr. 11 student). Can you represent a swimmer in DepEd swimming competition?
- TOTALLYCRUNCHY I have a question po ma'am/sir, kahit po ba online student covered po ng ESC program? Thank you
- Sushmita Murillo Yes, even online students are covered by the ESC program as long as they meet the criteria. :)
- TOTALLYCRUNCHY thank you teacher Mita for your reply. God bless

The orientation was also broadcasted live on YouTube. Parents actively participated during the program and even commented their questions. The upcoming programs were also announced to gather participants for the coming contests.



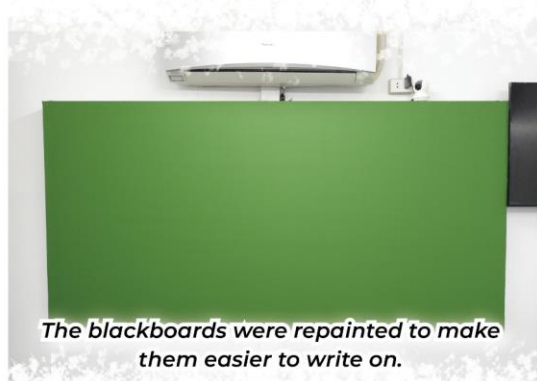


UCA undergoes construction

Welcoming a new school year, United Christian Academy (UCA) began its construction around the campus to maintain the surroundings safe and secured, and to improve its physical ambiance for learning.

Various facilities were repaired, ensuring an environment where students can have an enjoyable school experience. Air-conditioners in some classrooms were fixed, the window grills were installed with board covers for security, and walls were painted for beautification. Classrooms were also improved to be conducive to students' learning.

Through the provision and wisdom that comes from the Lord, UCA is able to offer parents and students the kind of education that they deserve. Praise be to God for His everlasting favor and goodness to the school that prioritizes the well-beings of its student.



UCA Teacher TAKES AN OATH

Glory and honor to the Lord who give abundant blessings and victory to His children. UCA Faculty Member Ms. Lara Minerva Rebulan passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) last May 19, 2023. To officially signify being a Licensed Professional Teacher, she attended the Oath-taking Ceremony at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) last August 5, Saturday.

After graduating at the Pangasinan State University in 2019 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education, she is now a Licensed Professional Teacher (LPT). Truly, God works in all things and for the purpose of His ministry!



**MS. LARA MINERVA
REBULLAR, LPT**

"Malaki ang pasasalamat ko sa Panginoon buhat ng pagpasa ko sa Licensure Examination for Teachers. Ngayon na ako ay nakapasa na, ako ay magpapagamit pa rin sa Panginoon upang mas lalo pang lumawak at lumago ang ministeryo Niya. All glory and honor to our Almighty God!"

⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10
(NKJV)

YOUR Future BEGINS IN UCA

For years, United Christian Academy (UCA) provides quality education with a holistic approach. As one of the premiere ICT institutions in Parañaque that sees the trends and innovations in technology, UCA offers Tech-Voc track for its senior high school. With the available Information and Communication Technology (ICT) courses, it nurtures students not only with knowledge but also with skills and competencies to prepare them for the industry.

During the pandemic, students were provided with doors of opportunities to apply in various business process outsourcing (BPO) companies in the Philippines. What was once knowledge in computer and customer service has now become a source of income and a career, helping graduates and their families.

"Being able to study in a private school is a privilege for those like me who are not financially fortunate. UCA gave that opportunity to study and finish my senior high school. I learned a lot of good things, including all the basic and advanced practices that really prepared me in my work today. I deal with several different individuals on a daily basis. You need to be confident and spontaneously good in English language, both in written and verbal communication. And UCA prepared and molded me for that. A special mention to all my teachers out there. Without you all, I wouldn't be in my position today. Thank you very much. To those aspiring students who want to pursue their career in BPO, you need to train hard to be mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually prepared in order for you to handle the reality in the BPO industry. And the one that can totally help you out with that is UCA—the school that cares for your future."

LEONARD B. MORENO

UCA ALUMNUS | CLASS OF 2021
TECHNICAL SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE | FOUNDEVER

UCF DANCE CLINIC RECITAL

Exhibiting grace on stage

Ballet as a traditional art form requires disciplined training. Dancers express and communicate their feelings through their movements. After weeks of training and learning the basics of ballet in the UCF Dance Clinic, a student performed in her dance recital last August 1, Tuesday, at the UCF Sanctuary.

UCF Dance Department Head Mrs. Joan Sy congratulated the student for successfully finishing the course. She was awarded with a Certificate of Completion together with her family and her dance instructor, Ms. Trisha Mae Dimaranan. Her parent also gladly supported her daughter in enhancing her dance skills.

The dance clinic continues to offer workshop for ballet, tambourine, and streetdance. May this be a way to discover our talents and use them for the glory of God. Praise the Lord for the gifts He has given!



The little ballerina poses with her family, her dance instructor, and the UCF Dance Department Head.



The student shines on stage as she executes her ballet steps. She also shows her best dance positions taught by her instructor. At a young age, she already develops a heart for ballet.

"I enjoy the ballet class. My favorite part is exercising."

Katuparan ng plano ng Diyos



Ang kalalakihan ay patuloy sa pagpapalitada ng entrada ng panambahan at pagsasaayos ng stage at likuran nito.

Dahil sa patuloy na paggabay ng Panginoon sa Kaniyang mga anak sa pagtatayo ng bagong panambahan sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center, isang buwan na lamang ay magbubukas na ito at mapupuno ng mga taong nais pang makilala ang Diyos Ama. Mula sa pangitaing ibinigay ng Panginoon kay Rev. Dr. William Sy, mas marami pa ang makasusumpung sa habag at grasya na nanggagaling lamang sa Diyos.

Ilang mga pader pa ang kailangang palitadahan bilang pagtatapos ng pangunahing estruktura nito na higit ding magpapatibay dito. Kasunod nito ay ang pagpipintura ng mga pader upang mapaganda ang panambahan.

Nalalapit na ang araw ng pagbubukas ng bagong panambahan at pagsalubong nito sa maraming mananampalataya at sa mga naliligaw na tupang nais sumunod kay Hesus. Kaya ating patuloy na suportahan ang gawaing ito.



Tulong-tulong ang mga manggagawa at construction worker sa pagpapalitada ng pader ng simbahan.



Ang lahat ay inaanyayahan sa gaganaping Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission sa Mt. Tabor Church sa darating na Setyembre 23, Sabado. Sa mga nais na makiisa sa gawaing ito, maaari kayong mag-register kay Sis. Karen Mohammad.

Contribution: Php 1,500 (Inclusions: polo shirt, cap, food, transportation, medicines, and supplies)

Deadline ng contribution: August 15, 2023

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

**Romans 5:8
(NKJV)**

BIBLE STUDY

Ang pagdala ng mga nawawalang kaluluwa sa paanan ng Diyos ang pangunahing layunin ng programang *Bible Study* sa Mt. Tabor. Mahigit walong linggo na itong ginaganap at sa bawat paglipas ng panahon ay padami nang padami ang mga dumadalo rito na umaabot na ng higit sa 100. Ang mga manggagawa ay masigasig sa pagbabahagi ng kabutihan at pagmamahal ng Diyos upang mapakilala sa kanila na tunay at buhay ang Panginoon na ating pinananampalatayaan.



Sama-samang nagpuri at nagpasalamat sa Panginoon ang bawat isang nakadalo ng gawain. Sila rin ay nakinig ng pagbabahagi ng Salita ng Diyos.



Ang lahat ay inaanyayahang makidalo sa Bible Study mula bata hanggang sa matatanda upang sila ay mataniman ng Salita ng Diyos.

Dahil sa kalakasang ipinagkakaloob ng Panginoon sa Kaniyang mga anak, marami nang pamilya ang kanilang nabahagian ng Mabuting Balita at ng kanilang karanasan sa Kaniyang presensya. Sa pangunguna ni Rev. Morrell Estrellado, patuloy na binisita ng mga manggagawa ang mga tahanan sa Brgy. Casile at iniimbitahan sa ginaganap na *Bible Study* tuwing Martes sa Mt. Tabor. Sila rin ay inaanyayahan sa darating na *Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission* sa Setyembre 23 at sa inagurasyon ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church sa Setyembre 24.. Sa susunod na mga linggo, ang karatig na barangay naman ang kanilang bibisitahin.

HOUSE VISITATION



Nilibot muli ng mga manggagawa ang mga tahanan sa Brgy. Casile upang anyayahan sila sa gawain ng Diyos.



⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

Pagluwalhati sa Diyos Ama

Ang Diyos ay mabuti sa lahat ng oras. Sa Kaniyang puro at wagas na pag-ibig, tayo ay Kaniyang sinagip at binigyan ng panibagong buhay. At bilang mga anak Niya, karapat-dapat lamang na bigyan Siya ng mataas na papuri at pagsamba sa grasya at kabutihang Kaniyang ipanaparanas.

Noong Linggo, Hulyo 30, ang kabataan mula sa *Youth Fellowship* ay naghanda ng kanilang awiting alay para sa Panginoon. Ang presentasyong ito ay nagpapakita ng kanilang deklarasyon at pagbibigay karangalan at pagsamba sa tapat na Diyos na hindi nagbabago noon, ngayon at magpakailanman. Bilang bahagi ng katawan ni Kristo, ito rin ay paghihikayat sa bawat isa na patuloy nating purihin at itaas ang Ama sa ating mga buhay.

Buong katapatan nating ihayag ang kabutihan at pag-ibig ng Diyos na nararanasan sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak. Purihin Ka, aming dakilang Diyos!



Isang kagalakan ang pagkakataong ito na maitaas ang Diyos at mahikayat din ang ibang kabataan na purihin ang makapangyarihang Panginoon.

"Lalo ko ngayong napatunayan na walang imposible kung ang buhay natin ay itiniwala natin sa Panginoon. Lahat ng papuri at pasasalamat ay ibinibigay ko sa ating Diyos na buhay!"

Kagalingan sa presensiyang NG DIYOS

SALAMAT, Panginoon!

Sa panahon ng kahinaan at karamdaman, ang Diyos ay laging naririyang upang bigyang kagalingan at kalakasan ang mga anak Niyang patuloy na inilalagak ang pananampalataya sa Kaniya. Narito ang patotoo ng isa sa ating mga kapatid na nagpapatotoo na ang pagkilos ng Diyos Ama ay hindi limitado!



Sis. Merryll Lhorwin Santos
COVENANT WORKER

Simula noong 2019 hanggang ngayong taon, madalas akong nakakaramdam ng sakit sa aking likuran. Mayroon din akong nakakapang pamamaga sa bandang itaas ng aking likod at madalas akong nakararamdam ng pamamanhid sa aking kaliwang braso. Noong nakaraang linggo, dumating sa punto na dahil sa sobrang sakit, hindi ako makahinga at makagalaw nang maayos at kumalat na sa buong likod ko ang sakit. Kaya naman, nagdesisyon akong magpakonsulta sa doktor upang malaman ko kung ano ang dapat kong ipanalangin sa Diyos. Ngunit bago pa man ako pumunta sa doktor, nanatili pa rin akong nagtitiwala sa gagawin ng Diyos sa buhay ko. Ipinanalangin ko sa Kaniya na nais ko pang maglingkod at hindi maging hadlang ang sakit na nararamdaman ko upang magamit Niya ako nang lubusan para sa Kaniyang ministeryo. Nang pumunta kami sa doktor, lubos na nagalak ang puso ko dahil normal ang nakita sa x-ray at maganda raw ang posisyon ng aking spine. Lalo ko ngayong napatunayan na walang imposible kung ang buhay natin ay itiniwala natin sa Panginoon. Lahat ng papuri at pasasalamat ay ibinibigay ko sa ating Diyos na buhay!

¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:18-19 (NKJV)

Pag-abot ng PAGPAPALA, paglawak ng MINISTERYO

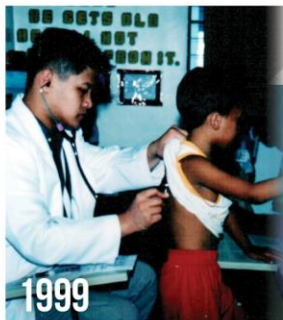


Isa sa mga pangitaing ibinigay ng Diyos kay Rev. Dr. William Sy ay ang pagtatalaga ng ospital na mag-aabot ng tulong medikal sa mga nangangailangan. Bilang hakbang sa pagsasakatuparan nito ay ang pagsasagawa ng mga *medical-dental-optical mission* sa iba't ibang sulok ng bansa.

Magmula taong 1999, ang panambahan ay nakapagsagawa na ng 20 na mga *outreach mission* sa Parañaque, Oriental Mindoro, Laguna at Quezon Province. Hatid hindi lamang ang tulong medikal bagkus pati ang Mabuting Balita ng kaligtasan, ang mga manggagawa ay buong puso na inaabot ang mga taong mayroong pisikal na pangangailangan at may kauhawan sa Salita ng Diyos.

At sa muling pagkakataon magmula noong kasagsagan ng pandemya, ilulunsad ng UCF ang ika-21 na *Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission* sa Mt. Tabor Church sa Setyembre 23, 2023. Ang gawaing ito ay magpapakilala rin sa mga dadalong benepisaryo patungkol sa panambahang bubuksan sa lugar kung saan nila maaaring makilala pa nang lubos ang ating Diyos Ama.

Kasama ang boluntaryong mga doktor at dentista, ang mga benepisaryo mula bata hanggang matanda ay nakakatanggap ng libreng check-up, gamot, pagbunot ng ngipin at pagpapatingin ng mata na may libreng salamin.



Serbisyong medikal, dental at optikal



Pagbahagi ng Salita ng Diyos

Ang pag-ibig ng Panginoon at kaligtasang sa Kaniya lamang masusumpungan. Oportunidad din iyon na kanilang maipahayag ang karanasan nila sa Diyos na siyang nagsisilbing patotoo ng Kaniyang katapatan at pagmamahal sa buhay nila.

Ang mga manggagawa ng panambahan ay kinakasangkapan ng Diyos upang maihatid



Jeremiah 31:3
(NKJV)

The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

THE CALL OF ONE MAN

brings forth souls to Christ

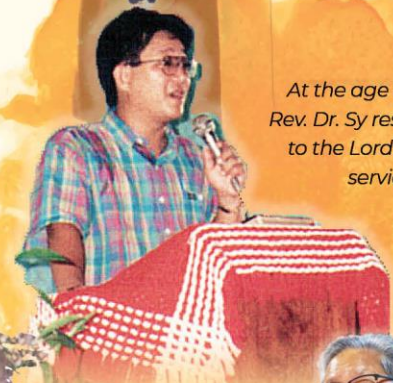
In a world full of uncertainties, problems, and struggles bombarding our minds, it might be difficult to realize God's call. But he who has a heart that truly seeks God will surely find Him. The journey of Rev. Dr. William Sy began when the Lord opened His eyes, touched His heart, and called Him with a holy calling.

This August, we celebrate the birth and life of our Head Pastor who has given his life to the ministry of the Lord. Despite hardships and persecutions throughout the years of establishing the UCF Group of Ministries, Rev. Dr. Sy—as a father, evangelist, pastor, counselor, and leader—persevered in accomplishing the vision and mission of the church by the grace and provision of God. As the church abounds in every good work, challenges also came at every step, but Rev. Dr. Sy held on to his faith in God. Eventhough he went through illnesses, he still trusted the Lord and His plans. And throughout Rev. Dr. Sy's life, the Lord keeps His promises and fulfills them in His perfect time.

The UCF Church thanks and praises the Lord for the life of Rev. Dr. Sy—the life that God is using mightily to bring back the lost sheep into His kingdom. We greet you a happy birthday and a blessed life of fulfilling God's call, Rev. Dr. William Sy!



At the age of 24,
Rev. Dr. Sy responded
to the Lord's call of
service.



As God has been
faithful to his life,
Rev. Dr. Sy remains
faithful to His call.



Happy 67th Birthday, Rev. Dr. William Sy!

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:13
(NKJV)

His Joy and...

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John 14:27c

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- We have to take control over our emotions. Even David's life was threatened. As it is in Psalm 57, he was in a cave, hiding from Saul and his army.

Psalm 57:7

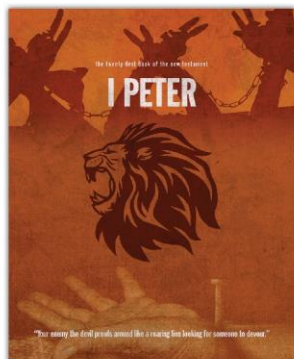
My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

Part of the fight involves reciting God's promises.

Conclusion

Joy and peace are part of the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus had already sent the Helper, so walk in the Spirit.

WHY READ THE BOOK OF *1 Peter*?



Peter wrote this letter to the Jewish Christians driven out of Jerusalem and all the believers everywhere who were suffering in following Christ. He had seen fellow Christians die and the church scatter. But Peter knew Christ, and nothing could shake his confidence in his risen Lord.

Peter explained to his readers that trials refine their faith (1:7-9). Many circumstances come in life, but they should believe in spite of hardships. Peter commanded the believers to live holy lives (1:14-16), to be honest and loving, and to become like Christ (2:1-3). In the following chapters, Peter portrayed the church as a living, spiritual house, with Christ as the foundation and the cornerstone and each believer as a stone (2:4-8). In the same way, Apostle Paul also portrayed the church as a body, with Christ as the head and each believer as a member. Both of these emphasize a community, wherein one body part is useless without the others. Peter also pointed out that Christians should be above reproach (2:12-17), imitating Christ in all their social roles—masters and servants, husbands and wives, and church members and neighbors (2:18-3:17).

In the last chapter, Peter concluded by introducing Silas and by giving personal greetings from himself, possibly from the church in Rome, and from Mark (5:12-14). The Book of 1 Peter reminds us that when we suffer for doing what is right, remember that following Christ is a costly commitment. When persecuted for your faith, rejoice that you have been counted worthy to suffer for Christ.

SERMON NOTES

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Kindly approach
Sis. Karen Mohammad.

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