



# The Power of God FOR SALVATION



## Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

## Introduction

Man's greatest need is to be reconciled with God. How can I be reconciled with God? How can I be delivered from the wrath of God?

In verse 15, Paul said, "So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also."

- Because – "for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"
- Why? – "for it is the power of God to salvation"
- How? – "for everyone who believes"
- Who? – "for the Jew first and also for the Greek"

The good news is that sinners can now be delivered from the judgment and be reconciled to God. This is called **salvation**.

## The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

To proclaim the gospel boldly or unashamedly, we must believe it. But to believe it, we must understand it. The gospel is all about salvation.

## A. Salvation is the need of every person.

### - The sinners

#### Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

### - The ungodly and unrighteous

#### Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress

the truth in unrighteousness.

### - The evil doers who loved darkness

#### John 3:19-20

<sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

### - The unbelievers

#### John 3:36b

"And he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

### - The disobedient

#### Colossians 3:6

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

Salvation refers to being rescued from God's wrath and judgment that we deserved because of our sins.

- It delivered us from the **penalty of sin**, which happens the moment we believed.
- It delivered us from the **power of sin**, as we grow in godliness.
- It delivered us from the **presence of sin**, and now we stand blameless in His presence and glory.

## B. Salvation is the power of God given through Jesus Christ.

One of the deceptions is when one believed that being a good person, one who lives a peaceful and moral life, deserves Heaven.

If being a good person can get us to Heaven, then we do not need Jesus to die on the cross to pay for our sins. But we need a Savior who was crucified for our sins. When we realize that we need to be saved or face eternal punishment, that is when the gospel

becomes the Good News.

The gospel does not tell people about the power of God. Rather, it is "**the power of God for salvation**."

- Salvation is not something that sinners can attain by their own efforts or good works.
- Salvation is not a joint project, where God has done His part and man must also do his part.
- Salvation is received and sustained by faith alone from start to finish.

But "**saving faith**", which includes repentance, is not something that sinners can produce on their own. It is the gift of God, so that no one can boast.

#### Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.

#### 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.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:29-30

<sup>29</sup>That no flesh should glory in His presence.

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**Rev. Dr. James C. Sy**  
Administrative Pastor



# COLLABORATING FOR STUDENTS WELFARE AND LEARNING



The school premises and its learning platform will be filled again with exciting programs, diverse activities, and top-notch learning focusing on the holistic growth of learners. United Christian Academy (UCA) successfully began its new school year last August 1, followed by the Parent's Orientation on August 2, which is held in the UCA Auditorium and also broadcasted live on YouTube.

The faculty and staff discussed important points that parents must be aware of the whole school year. Beyond the knowledge, grades, and awards, UCA is far more concerned with the student's well-being, confidence, life skills, and most importantly, their fear and love for God. UCA prepares students for the real-world scenarios they may encounter in the future. Praise the Lord for this educational ministry!



Several points are emphasized leading to shared responsibilities of the school and parents for the success of each student in discovering their innate talents.



UCA continues to improve and progress in different aspects to ensure that students receive the best educational learning they deserve.



Parents and guardians listen attentively as the speakers explain the important details for the opening of this school year.



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## What is new in UCA?

### SCHOOL CANTEEN RFID SYSTEM



Rev. Dr. Sy introduces the newly invented RFID scanner for the school canteen, making it easier to purchase food and track the students spending.

## Online Broadcast



### QUESTION AND ANSWER

Can we also use the RFID for co/extra curricular activities/events so there will be less transactions via email?

During the question and answer segment, Rev. Dr. James Sy answers vital questions of the parents watching online both from the Philippines and abroad. Parents and guardians thank UCA for the engaging and informative orientation.

**Glahdis Catindig**

Praise be to God for the wisdom of all the UCA teachers and staff.

**LeaFrickel-o6o**

This is a very helpful and amazing orientation. Thank you so much, UCA family.

**buddybantilan2435**

Thank you, UCA. Despite having difficulties, we are able to manage our time.

**Babypink Ang**

Thank you, UCA, for helping the students abroad study via distance learning. It is a big help for parents like me. I will support my child with what she needs.

**Harlene Brito-Gomez**

Thank you, UCA. Now everything is well explained, and I can say that this school has the best features exactly what we are looking for.

**Joca Cariaga**

Well done on the protection for our child and the new technologies.

**Veronica Rosario**

Thank you, UCA.

**Jeanette Dario**

RFID for canteen use is good.

**Alva Ang**

Thank you po, Pastor James.

**Chelle Fabz**

Thank you so much, UCA. Three hours worth the watch. God bless.

**MakeUpforUsbyRhod**

Watching from Riyadh. Thank you po.

**rheareyes3440**

Thank you, UCA, for all the efforts.

**Glahdis Catindig**

We have been blessed to have know this amazing school UCA. Thank you!



SCAN THE QR CODE AND SEND YOUR REPORT

UCA uses the SHARE system to prevent bullying incidents and make sure that students are safe inside the campus, giving them the voice and the platform to report.

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Romans 1:17 (NKJV)





UCA FOUNDATION WEEK

# Dive into NEW LEARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES



**K**ickstarting the school year with amazing school programs, students will be welcomed once again to another fun-filled learning experience in UCA.

After participating in the recent orientation, parents are given the same enthusiasm to prepare and motivate their children to discover new skills and talents through programs, while excelling academically. As they enter the new school year, students are to be honed holistically by the guidance and teachings of our dedicated teacher-workers.



## MY FAMILY'S GOT TALENT, THE VOICE, AND THE MOVES

Join the talent contests! Show your confidence and your love for performing, even as a family. You might be the next singing sensation, dance master, or talent stars.

## MR. & MS. UCA AND LITTLE MR. & MS. UCA

Beauty and wit will also shine as we find the next Mr. and Ms. UCA and Little Mr. and Ms. UCA.



## BOOTH GAMES

Booth games are much-anticipated activities by all students. They get to play and redeem special prizes.



## FUN GAMES

Fun games are prepared to test your teamwork and cooperation as a group. Ready yourself for the land, water, and air animals this foundation week!



## MY PET DAY

Pet lovers are welcomed in UCA's My Pet Day. Let your pets show their adorable tricks and undeniable cuteness.



## MYSTERY BOX

Get mystery box prizes as you collect winning tickets for your desired tier.



**8 days to go before the UCA's 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Week**

**JOIN THE FAMILY THAT TRULY CARES FOR  
YOUR FUTURE! ENROLL TODAY.**

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REGISTER  
TODAY.**



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# Pagtitiipon ng mga anak ng Diyos



**M**asayang nagsama-sama ang mga miyembro ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church kasama ang kapatiran noong Hulyo 31, Miyerkules.

Masasarap na pagkain ang pinagsalu-saluan ng bawat isa kasabay ng kanilang pagbahagi at pagsariwa ng kabutihan ng Diyos na nararanasan nila araw-araw. Naghanda rin ng mga palaro na nagbigay-alih sa lahat ng dumalo. At sa pangunguna ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy, siya ay nagbahagi ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga mananampalataya.



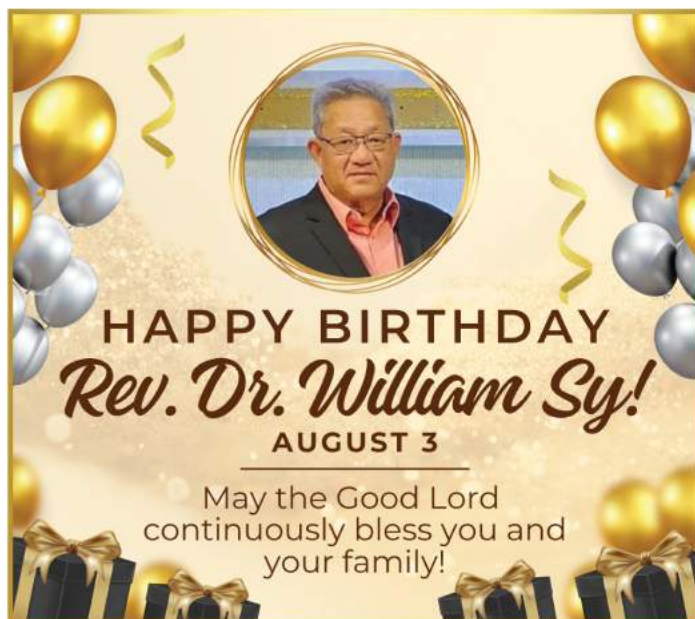
**SALU-SALO**

*Bakas sa ngiti ng kapatiran, ang kagalakang nagmumula sa Diyos.*



*Tunay na ang buhay na Salita ng Diyos ang may kapangyarihan sa ating buhay.*

**PATOTO**



## The Power of...

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<sup>30</sup>But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

### Acts 11:18

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

### Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as

had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Salvation does not depend on "human decision," but on the very power of God. It requires God to "impart life" to a dead sinner, something that is impossible for men.

When Jesus cried out, "Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:43), the bystanders may have thought, "Is He crazy? He's speaking to a dead man who has been in the tomb for four days!" But the power of God through the word of Jesus imparted life to a dead man. The gospel is like that.

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<sup>26</sup>But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:26-28 (NKJV)



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When the rich young ruler walked away from eternal life, Jesus commented to the disciples (Matthew 19:23, 25, 26), "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were "very astonished and said, 'Then who can be saved?'" Jesus replied, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

In other words, "Salvation is from the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). It requires the very power of God. The gospel is not some helpful advices that a person may decide to try out. It is the very power of God imparting new life and salvation to those who were dead in their sins and under God's just wrath and condemnation.

The preaching of the gospel does not make salvation possible; it affects the called to hear the gospel and follow.

### John 10:16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

### John 10:26-28

<sup>26</sup>But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**C. Salvation demands that the righteousness of God be upheld and applied to the guilty sinner.**

Apostle Paul explains why the gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes: "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed..." Take note that Paul does not lead off with the love of God in the gospel, but rather with the righteousness of God.

Many would argue that salvation happens because God loved us (a great misinterpretation of John 3:16). This idea that God loved us would make everyone go to heaven, but the Bible is clear. God is righteous that is why He gave His Son, Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, we cannot be saved. Those who "believe in Jesus" will have everlasting life.

### John 3:16

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.

The righteousness of God is revealed.  
- God always does what is right, and is revealed to us in the gospel (Heaven or Hell).

- God is faithful to His promises (covenant).

- God gives righteousness to those who believe.

### Romans 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

The righteousness of God declares or grants that sinners can become righteous or be justified by faith.

### Romans 3:21-22,26

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup>even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

<sup>26</sup>to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

God's righteousness is revealed in the gospel in which He can grant right standing to sinners because His Son, Jesus Christ, met the righteous requirement of His perfect Law and died to pay the penalty that sinners deserved.

Sinners are not justified by their own righteousness, but by God imputing the righteousness of Christ to them through faith.

### Philippians 3:9

And 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.

**D. Salvation is by faith from start to finish.**

If the formula for salvation is faith plus good works, as the Roman Catholic Church teaches, then we could never know whether we have enough good works to qualify. But God justified us (sinners) when we believe in Jesus Christ, that is Good News!

But not everyone who believed in Jesus is saved. The demons believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and yet they still reject Him as their Lord.

### Romans 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made

unto salvation.

### Saving faith is...

- Knowing and receiving Jesus Christ (who He is, His death, His resurrection, His reign, etc.)
- Responding and following the voice (call) of the Shepherd
- Continuing (commitment) to follow Jesus as Lord (even in hardship, persecution, and trials)

When we received the gospel by faith, we should also go on living by faith.

- Saving faith is not a single event; it is an ongoing event to the end.

### Matthew 10:22

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

"The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) means the one who is righteous (justified) by faith will live (saved).

### E. Salvation is personal.

"...salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Paul could have used Jews and the Greeks, but instead he said, "Jew first and also the Greek." Salvation is a personal matter.

### Conclusion

The gospel does not discriminate. It is for everyone who believes. But it is only to those who believe, and only to those who continue to believe.

The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. So proclaim the gospel because "for with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:10)

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