



# Overcoming DEATH



## **Ephesians 2:1-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup>among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## **Introduction**

What is death?

In the perspective of the world, death is:

- near during war and calamities
- near during sickness and accidents
- hopeless and fearful
- the end

The passage is telling the believers on how to overcome death.

## **A. The Life-Giver: God already gave you a life (v. 1a).**

### **1. Men were dead because of living in the following:**

- a. **Trespasses (v. 1b)** – swerving aside and falling
- b. **Sins (v. 1b)** – missing of the mark of life; doing evil
- c. **Conform (v. 2a)** – walking according to the course of this world

### **d. Disobedience**

(v. 2b) – walking according to the power of the enemy

### **e. Lusts of our flesh (v. 3a)**

– fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind

### **f. Wrath (v. 3b)** – violent anger

## **2. God gave you life through faith in Jesus Christ.**

a. Rich in mercy (v. 4a)

b. Great love (v. 4b)

c. Made us alive together in Jesus Christ (v. 5b)

d. Raised us up together (v. 6a)

e. Made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (v. 6b)

f. Exceeding riches of grace in kindness (v. 7)

## **John 10:10b**

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Sin = Death

Jesus Christ = Life

## **B. The Thief: The enemy keeps on stealing you from that life.**

## **John 10:10a**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

### **1. Steal the opportunities God gave you in:**

- a. Living for God
- b. Serving God
- c. Being blessed by God

### **2. Kill the joy that**

you have in following and serving God.

### **3. Destroy the plan and the good future of God has for you.**

## **C. The Power: God gives you authority and power to overcome the enemy.**

### **1. Authority as a child of God**

## **John 1:12**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

### **2. Power of the Holy Spirit in a servant of God**

## **Mark 16:17-18**

<sup>17</sup>“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

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## OPENING OF CLASSES

# A FUN SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

UCA finally started its face-to-face and online classes last August 5, Monday. Students were warmly welcomed by the teachers and staff, while looking forward to their momentous experience for the entire school year with their classmates.

A new set of activities and learning programs is prepared for the students. Teachers set the tone of the class by implementing class rules and policies, encouraging student's participation through short introductions and setting student's expectations. UCA made sure that their first week of classes will be light by letting them experience first-hand the UCA culture.

Praise the Lord as UCA joyfully opens its new school year with the guidance and wisdom from the Lord!



## FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES



All students are welcomed by the UCA staff as they enter the school premises. Bag inspections are also done as part of the safety and security protocol of the school.



Before entering the classrooms, students are properly guided by their teachers to practice orderliness in all school facilities.



Fun-filled interactions brighten up the room as teachers encourage students' participation.

Hebrews 11:6  
(NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.





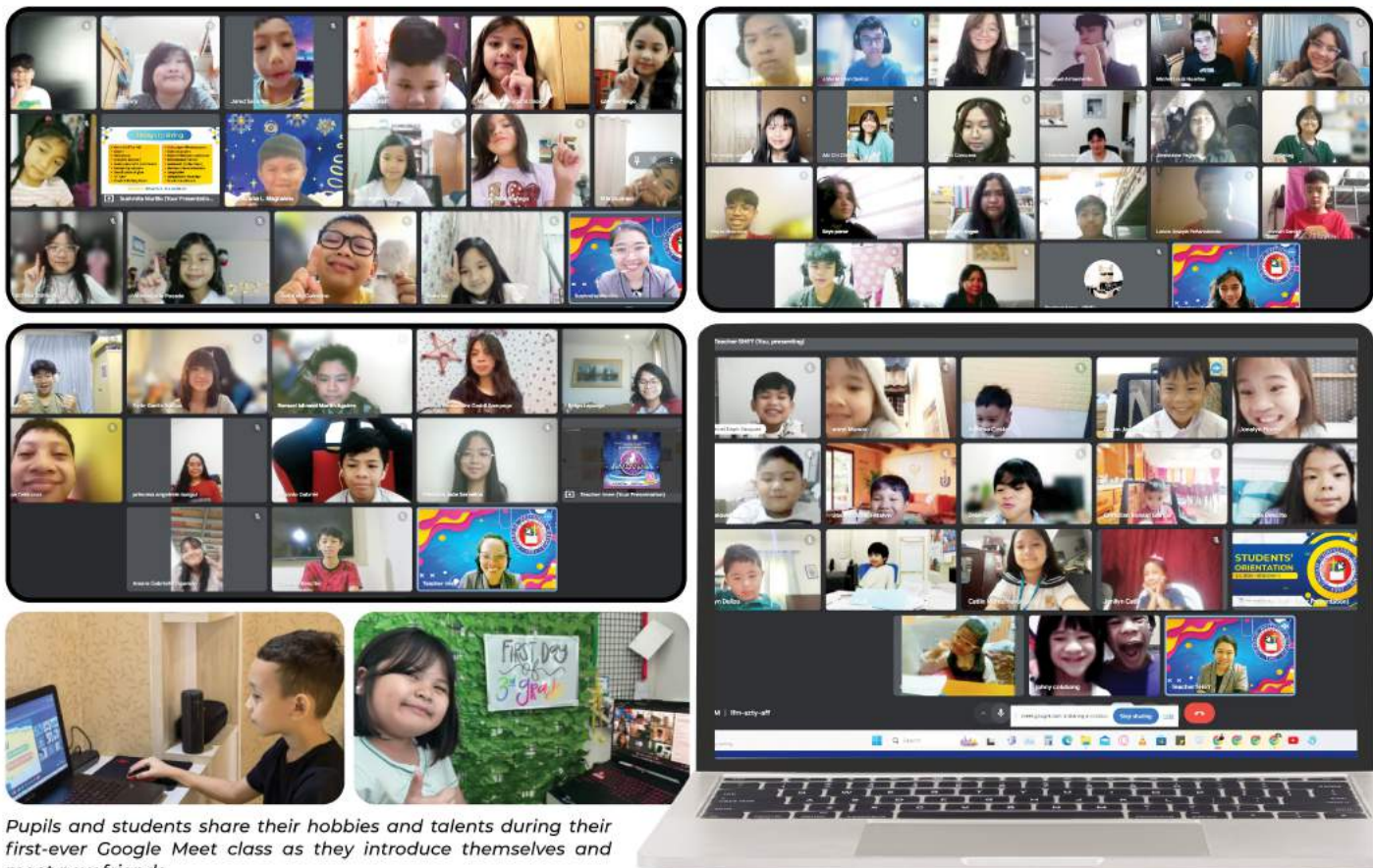
Students surely enjoy their first day of classes as they bond and meet with their classmates and teachers over snacks.



UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) also begins their first semester of A.Y. 2024-2025. UCACOA Dean Dr. Mary Joy Obingayan spearheads the students' orientation by explaining the school calendar and class schedules.

Field with fun and exciting school year ahead, the distance learning students were oriented by their advisers through Google Meet session together with their classmates. They were also encouraged to join different contests in the 28<sup>th</sup> Foundation Week.

## ONLINE CLASSES



Pupils and students share their hobbies and talents during their first-ever Google Meet class as they introduce themselves and meet new friends.

<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.

**Ephesians 2:8-9  
 (NKJV)**



For three consecutive days, the teams dedicated their time in preparing yells, creative chants, and graceful choreographies that will best represent their respective teams in the cheering competition.

## CHEERING PRACTICE



*With eagerness and enthusiasm to win, everyone gives their best during their practice with their teammates.*



*Truly, UCA is a school that promotes holistic learning, providing opportunities where the students can be honed in different aspects.*



*Despite coming from different grade levels, their team preparation is an opportunity for the students to make new friends.*

**Matthew 17:20  
(NKJV)**

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."



Alongside their classmates and teachers, UCA students gathered in the photobooth area to take pictures, celebrating this joyous day. They were all the more excited as another year of learning began.

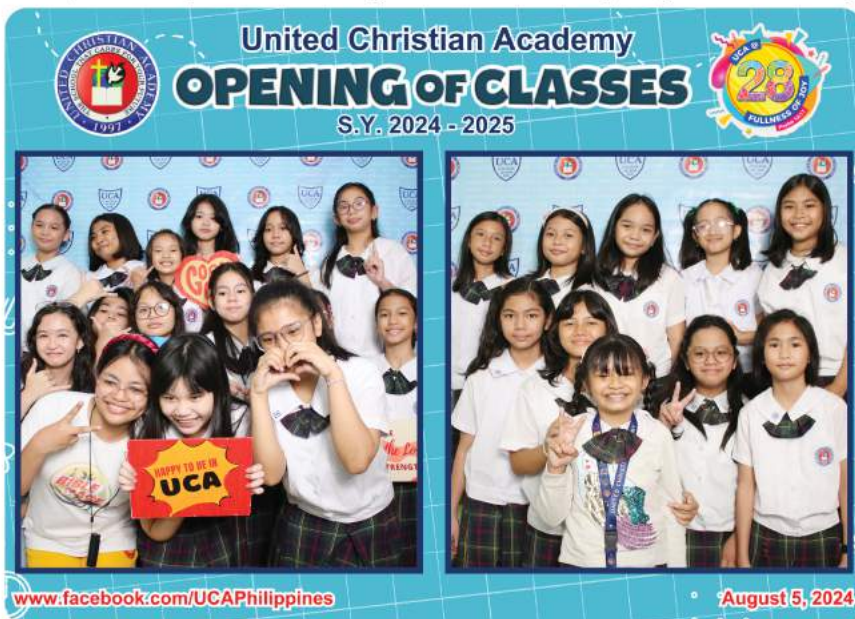
## PHOTOBOOTH



The students and teachers show their brightest smiles as they strike a pose in the photobooth area with their newest friend, UCA's mascot, Joyful



Indeed, students experience an exciting and memorable class opening. It will be another year of planting the Word of God to their hearts.



Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 2:16  
(NKJV)



## Overcoming...

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### Deuteronomy 8:18

"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

### D. The Voice: Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's conviction.

1. Be wise, – distinguishing right from wrong (e.g. King Solomon)
2. Be quick to listen and to obey.
3. Build a good foundation.

### Hebrews 3:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness.

### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### James 1:22-25

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup>But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

### Matthew 7:24-25

<sup>24</sup>"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup>and the rain descended, the floods

came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

### E. The Victory: Fight the good fight of faith.

1. Stand firm.
2. Be strong and very courageous (e.g. Joshua).
3. Resist the devil.

### Ephesians 6:10-11

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

### Joshua 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide

as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

### James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

### Challenge

- Are you preparing to live?
- Are you preparing to die?

### John 16:33

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

Live and die like Jesus Christ.



# 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.  
**1 Peter 4:10**

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