

# VOICE OF THE VISION

# Purifying Hope



## 1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

### Introduction

When you understand biblical prophecy rightly, you will purify yourself from sin. John did not suggest purifying yourself, but rather, he said, <sup>3</sup>"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

Understanding our present position as children of God and our future hope of being like Jesus when He comes motivates us to grow in holiness now.

The Father's great love for us as His children is probably the strongest motivation for holy living. When we contemplate on it that God gave His own Son on the cross to forgive all our sins and to make us His own child, it should compel us to be distinct from the world and to grow in holiness.

### A. Now we are children of God.

John said in verse 1 that we are children of God, then repeat it again in verse 2. Our current position that should dominate every aspect of our daily lives is that we are the children of God.

Do you know that you are a child of God?

For better or worse, the families into which we are born have a huge impact on how we grow up and live. That is where we are trained or molded to who we are today. It greatly affects how we think and live.

When we are born of God (born again) by the Holy Spirit, we are now part of the family of God. We can now call Him "Father."

### Romans 8:16-17

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

This new position of being a child of God in the family of God should shape us on how we think, how we live, and how we relate to the many temptations in this world. Our weakness begins when we fail to realize what we are, or who we are. Every appeal from conduct and good living in the New Testament is always preceded by our position as a child of God (beloved, brethren). Our Godly conduct rests on our understanding of our true position as children of God.

When you see this truth and allow it to shape your identity, it works out like this: Whenever you are

tempted to engage in some sin, the Holy Spirit in you will remind you that you are a child of God. You will say, "I can't do that because I'm a child of God and it would disgrace the name of my heavenly Father." Your new identity motivates you to grow in holiness.

### B. Our hope, we will be like Him.

Understanding John's statement: Our future is yet to be completely revealed when Jesus comes.

Our future state of glorified perfection, where we will be free from all the impurity of sin, is not a present reality. Right now, we live in the flesh. We are not yet perfectly sanctified in this life.

### Colossians 3:3-10

<sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. <sup>7</sup>Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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



# Teaching them to OBEY CHRIST

*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from it.*  
**Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)**



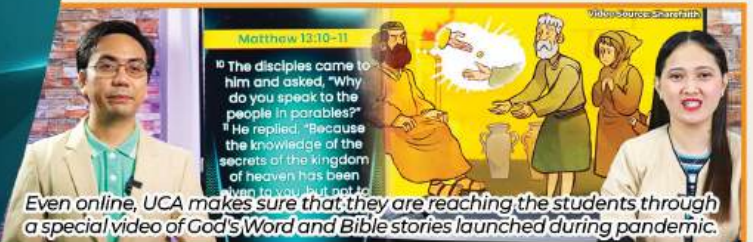
**T**here is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents, according to the Book of Luke 15:10. In over 28 years, the mission of United Christian Academy (UCA) is clear, that is to bring souls at the feet of Christ.

Aside from providing quality Christian education, the sole purpose of the school is to be the gateway of evangelism, preaching Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Chapel Service is one of the many programs that UCA uses to bring students in the knowledge of God. From early years, they are taught to memorize Bible verses, sing praises to God, and pray. These are all opportunities of how God can move in their lives and reveal Himself to them that they may obey Him.

And this year, UCA will once again organize its Chapel Service both face-to-face and online. This will be another momentous year filled with God's goodness over the lives of the students.



*Hearing and memorizing God's Word and praising Him every day become part of the students' campus life.*



*Even online, UCA makes sure that they are reaching the students through a special video of God's Word and Bible stories launched during pandemic.*

**John 3:16  
(NKJV)**

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.



# KNOWING GOD in the school He called

**Ms. Arianne Alejandro**  
UCA Alumna



During my time in UCA, the chapel services had profound impact in my life, especially in building my relationship with the Lord. These moments showed me that UCA deeply cares not only about our academic growth, but also about our spiritual well-being. Chapel services provided a sacred time for praise and worship, allowing us to connect with God meaningfully. Hearing the Word of God during these gatherings enlightened me about His calling in my life and helped me grow in my understanding of who He is. It was through these moments that I truly experienced spiritual growth and developed a deeper relationship with Him.

**Ms. Samantha Iniego**  
UCA Alumna and Teacher



Kung babalikan ko ang mga pangyayari sa buhay Kristiyano ko, masasabi ko na ang unang pagkakataon na nakarinig ako ng Gospel ay sa chapel service noong ako ay Grade 3 o 4. Noong umpisa, a-attend lang ako kasi kasama ito sa class schedule, pero dumating ang panahon na inaabangan ko na ito. Dahil sa chapel service, nakilala at naranasan ko ang Panginoon kaya pati Sunday School at Sunday Worship Service ay sinimulan ko na ring attend-an at ngayon ay nagpapatuloy ako sa Panginoon.

**Ms. Ivy Cabus**  
UCA Alumna



Ang UCA Chapel Service ay isang gawain na nagbigay daan upang maranasan at makilala ko ang Panginoon nang tunay sa aking buhay. Ang pagbabahagi ng Salita ng Diyos sa chapel service ang isa rin sa naging daan upang mahubog ang aking pagkatao na mayroong pagmamahal at magandang asal patungo sa iba. Nabuksan din ang aking isipan upang malaman at maunawaan ko ang katotohanan. Purihin ang Panginoon!

**Ms. Christine Joy Demain**  
UCA Alumna



Ang UCA Chapel Service ay naging malaking parte upang ako ay makarinig ng Salita ng Diyos. Naging paraan ito upang masagot ang mga tanong sa isip ko na gumugulo sa akin at dahil sa pakikinig ng Salita ng Diyos ay nasagot ito. Doon ko napagtanto na isa pala akong naliligaw na napunta sa maling landas. Na-realize ko rin na makasalanan ako at kailangan ko si Hesus sa buhay ko. Nagpapasalamat ako sa Panginoon na ginamit Niya ang chapel service noon upang marinig ko ang Salita Niya. Salamat sa Panginoon dahil idinako Niya ako sa UCA kung saan may mga ganitong gawain. Noong panahon na ito, tunay kong nasabi na, 'I was once lost, but now I am found.'

**Ms. Trisha Mae Dimaranan**  
UCA Alumna



Chapel Service in UCA is an opportunity given by the Lord for me to hear His Word and praise His Name. When I was still a UCA student, it was something that I always looked forward to every week. I thank the Lord because the Chapel Service helped me seek God more in my life, and I also got to share His love with my schoolmates.

**Mr. Adrian Klein Laurel**  
UCA Alumnus and Teacher



Nakatulong ang UCA Chapel Service sa akin noon upang magkaroon ng balance sa buhay ko bilang estudyante-na hindi lang pala naikot ang buhay ko sa aral lang, kundi may buhay espirituwal din. Habang tumatagal, natuto at namulat ako sa Salita ng Diyos at naranasan ko ring magpuri at sumamba sa Panginoon.

*Praise the Lord for the lives He has touched!*

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

John 1:12  
(NKJV)





18TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

**UCACOA:**

## *Producing industry-ready graduates*

**U**CA College of Asia (UCACOA) held its 18<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises to recognize the Contact Center Services (CCS) NC II graduates from the TESDA Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP) last November 15, Friday, at the UCA Auditorium.

UCACOA TVET Focal Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay proudly presented 50 graduates who have completed the training. The graduates gladly received their Certificate of Training that were handed by UCACOA Vice President and UCA School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy, who also shared an inspiring message that graduates will carry with them as they start their journey in their chosen careers. Indeed, everyone went home encouraged and confident with their accomplishment.

All glory belongs to God for the opportunities He opened through UCACOA to help individuals be job-ready.



(L-R) Rev. Dr. Sy and City Councilor Hon. Wahoo Sotto congratulate the graduates and share an insightful message to everyone. Rev. Tabay ended the program with a closing prayer.



Rev. Tabay and Rev. Dr. Sy handed the certificates to the graduates as a testament of their training completion.



To celebrate and commemorate their special day, graduates snap photos at the photobooth area together with their loved ones.

**Matthew 6:33  
(NKJV)**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



IN-DEPTH STUDY

# Paglaya dahil sa KATOTOHANAN

**S**a pangunguna ni Rev. Dr. William Sy, ilan sa mga miyembro ng panambahan ay dumalo sa ikalawang linggo ng pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos noong Nobyembre 16, Biyernes, sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church.

Mahalaga na ang bawat mananampalataya ay aral sa Salita ng Diyos sapagkat ito ang nagsisilbing gabay sa ating tamang pagsunod sa Kaniya. Ang unang parte ng programa ay nagsimula sa pagtatalakay ni Rev. Dr. Sy ng mga puntos na dapat tandaan sa tuwing nagbabasa ng Bibliya. Binahagi rin ni Rev. Dr. Sy na isa sa pinakamahalaga sa ating pagbabasa ng Bibliya ay ang pagsama at paggabay ng Espiritu Santo sapagkat Siya ang ating magaling na tagapagturo. Matapos nito ay tinalakay din ang sinasabi sa Bibliya tungkol sa *healing at deliverance* na mahalaga bilang mga anak ng Diyos na nais lumakad sa kabanalan at katotohanan.

Tiyak na babaunin ng mga nagsipagdalo ang kanilang bagong natutunan upang maisabuhay sa kanilang paglakad sa Panginoon.



Sama-samang pinagbulay-bulayan ng mga anak ng Diyos ang katotohanan ng Kaniyang Salita.

Naranasan din ng mga dumalo ang paglaya sa tanikala ng kaaway at pagtuklas sa katotohanan ng Salita ng Diyos.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19  
(NKJV)



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<sup>6</sup>Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

### 1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

### 1 Corinthians 15:50-53

<sup>50</sup>Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup>Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

### Philippians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the

working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

### C. Our motivation, to grow in holiness

#### John 14:2-3

<sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Our hope is not in circumstance or in optimistic wish for a better tomorrow. Our hope is on Jesus.

#### Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

#### 2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### Conclusion

Sin is what separates us from God. It easily entangles and ensnares us if we allow ourselves to it. Many who continue to commit sin did not consider the long-term consequences. They lack hope, they live in the moment. A true child of God has the fear of the Lord because they are motivated by holiness.



## COME AND VISIT

UCF Mt. Tabor Church and Re-Creation Center, where your spirit finds rest! Feel the cool breeze, bask under the sun, and appreciate the wondrous creations of the Lord. You and your loved ones will surely enjoy your day in this relaxing and peaceful place.

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