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Isaiah 55:1-7 (ESV)

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to vou, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you. 6"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Introduction

The Book of Isaiah

The central theme of the book is God Himself, who is sovereign and does all things for His own sake. God does not punish His unbelieving people as they deserve, for that would diminish the display of His glory in His persistent compassion.

Isaiah 48:9-11

⁹"For My name's sake I defer My anger; for the sake of My praise, I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. ¹⁰Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For My own sake, for My own sake, I do it, for how should My name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another."

Isaiah announces God's surprising plan of grace and glory for His rebellious people (Israel) and indeed, for the world.

A. God invites us to "come"

A simple yet complex word, "come" can imply an invitation to join and also the action in response to an invitation.

The Lord, because of His great compassion, invites us to come and experience His grace and mercy. He invites us to come and consider thoughtfully our actual position before Him.

1. As sinful and unclean

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

2. As ignorant of His ways because we followed the ways of the world Isaiah 2:3

And many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Knowing our position before God empties us. That is why God invites us to come to Him and be refreshed.

Isaiah 55:1

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Thirst is not a problem but an opportunity, an invitation for us to come so that God can refresh us.

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'' ³⁹Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

God invites us to come to Jesus, the source of living water.

John 4:13-14

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

To come to Jesus and to drink mean to believe in Him and to enter into a trusting and ongoing personal relationship with Him.

B. God invites us to come, to listen diligently, and to eat.

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Associate Pastor



United Christian Academy (UCA) visited the Grade 6 students of Fourth Estate Elementary School (FEES) last February 7 to share the Education Service Contracting (ESC) program and what UCA has to offer this coming school year.

UCA conducted a room-to-room orientation to 16 sections of incoming grade 7 students, who can be the fortunate recipients of the ESC vouchers. Students were also invited to pay UCA a visit. It will be an opportunity for each one to have a life-changing experience in the school that cares for their future.



John 3:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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anda na ba kayong matunghayan muli ang katapatan ng Panginoon sa panambahan ng UCF? Samahan ang tahanan ng UCF na nagsilbing kasangkapan ng Diyos para sa maraming kaluluwang kinasumpungan ng habag at pag-ibig ng Panginoon.

Tanda ng umaapaw na pagpapala at pagsama ng Diyos, magsasama-sama muli ang kongregasiyon sa pagdiriwang ng ika-37 na anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag ng simbahan. Muling matutunghayan ng mga bisita ang kasaysayan ng UCF na sinubok ng panahon at ang maraming ministeryo nito. Naging daan ang UCF upang maidako muli ang mga tupa sa paanan ng ating Panginoong Hesus.



He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:18 (NKJV)

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PAGGAWA NG BAGONG DISENYO SA PANAMBAHAN

lang araw na lamang at muli nating ipagdiriwang ang katapatan ng Panginoon sa ating panambahan sa paggunita ng ika-37 na anibersaryo nito.

Unang linggo pa lamang ng Pebrero ay sabik nang sinimulan ng mga boluntaryo ang paggawa ng mga dekorasyon at palamuti para sa panambahan. Naglaan ng kani-kanilang oras at lakas ang bawat isa upang maging kabahagi ng isang malaking selebrasiyong magtatanghal sa kadakilaan ng ating Panginoong Hesus.

Tuloy-tuloy ang paggawa at mga paghahanda kaya naman tayo rin ay makiisa na anyayahan ang ating mga mahal sa buhay na makadalo sa espesyal na araw na ito. Pagkakataon din nila ito na makarinig ng Salita ng Diyos at maranasan Siya sa kanilang mga buhay. Purihin ang Panginoon sa Kaniyang kadakilaan!













John 3:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.

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Paghahayag ng Mabuting Balita

ng Home Bible Church ay isang oportunidad upang ang mga nawawalang kaluluwa ay matagpuan at makabalik sa paanan ng ating Panginoong Hesus. Dahil dito, ang mga anak ng Diyos ay patuloy na ipinapangaral ang Mabuting Balita sa Laguna at mga karatigbayan nito.

Bawat linggo ay tinuturuan din ang bawat miyembro ng HBC na mas kilalanin pa ang Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng pagsasaliksik at pagbabasa ng Bibliya. Inaanyayahan din tuwing Linggo bilang pagpapatuloy sa kanilang paglakad at pagsunod sa Diyos.

Sa ngayon ay siyam (9) na HBC na ang naitayo sa iba't ibang lugar. Tunay na ang Diyos ang nagbubuklod sa Kaniyang mga tupa. Purihin ang Diyos sapagkat ang tinig Niya ay narinig ng Kaniyang mga anak!



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³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

John 3:30-31 (NKJV)

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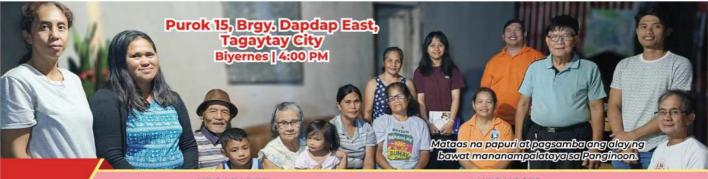
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Mapa-bata o matanda ay maaaring makaranas sa presensiya at kagila-gilalas na pagkilos ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay sapagkat nakatingin ang Diyos sa lamanin ng bawat pusong lumalapit sa Kaniya.



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Sama-samang pinagninilay-nilayan ng bawat isa ang Salita ng Diyos nang may pagnanais na alamin ang kalooban ng Panginoon sa kanilang mga buhay.

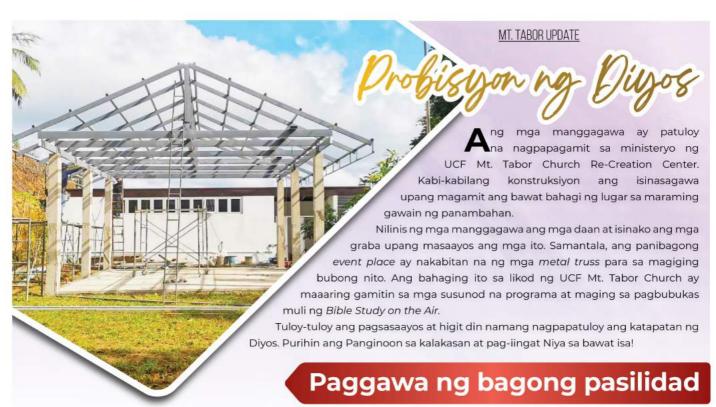


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John 3:32-34 (NKJV) ³²And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. ³³He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. ³⁴For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

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Nagkabit ng mga metal truss upang mapatibay ang estruktura ng bubong nito.



³⁵"The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 3:35-36 (NKJV)

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The Invitation of...

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In 55:2, Isaiah exposes how costly but disappointing unbelief to God is. We tend to focus our resources (money, time, and energy) to physical and material possessions that cannot and will not satisfy us.

Listen to God's word (Gospel) and your soul will live.

Isaiah 55:3a

Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

Jesus is the bread from heaven, the rich food we should delight in.

John 6:27-35

27"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal." 28Then they said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29Jesus answered them. "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." 30So they said to Him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? 31Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

Coming to Jesus is to forsake everything.

Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever

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would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

The person who rejects God's will and instead pursues his own ultimately loses eternally every earthly good he is trying to protect. Acquiring all the money, pleasure, fame, and power of this world brings no lasting benefit if we forfeit our soul to spiritual death and separation from God.

Philippians 3:7-9

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

C. God invites us to seek Him.

Isaiah 55:6 shows both God's sovereignty and compassion.

Since salvation is God's offer/invitation, He is free to withdraw that invitation anytime He wills it. Therefore, we should not be foolish nor delay to respond in His invitation. How do we respond to this invitation?

- Forsake our wicked ways.
- Return to God and ask for His forgiveness.

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Romans 3:9-12

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⁹What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews

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and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Romans 3:23

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

We are now in God's grace period. This grace period is not in our control but in God alone.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

'Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saving, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Luke 13:24-25

²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'"

WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM (Parañaque) 3:00 PM (Cabuyao, Laguna) HOME BIBLE CHURCH For schedule, please see HBC Updates. HOUSE OF PRAYER 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Luke 17:26-33

²⁶Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all- 30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. 32Remember Lot's wife. 33Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

Conclusion

God's invitation to come to Him is for all, yet our action to respond is our sole decision. God has already given His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us and to pay the penalty for our sins. Now, it is our decision to receive Him or not in our lives. Going to heaven or hell is our decision.

John 3:16-18

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

Challenge

2 Corinthians 6:2

For He says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Come to Jesus now!



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