

It is Finished

John 19:30

World War 2 ended in 1945, but not for Hiroo Onoda, a Japanese army intelligence officer. When he saw the leaflets dropped through air announcing the end of the war, he thought it was an enemy propaganda. So he continued hiding and fighting in the Philippines jungle until he was persuaded to surrender in 1974. He could not believe that the war had ended.

We are like this man in many ways. We continue fighting our own wars. We create our own purpose; our own meaning; our own identities. All these are deep longings within us which we keep striving for. Jesus' reply to the deep search is: "It is Finished". We will look at four different professions to understand the finished work on Christ on the Cross.

(1) The victorious Army General. (2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

- The War is over. Victory is complete. Jesus defeated evil at the Cross, and cried out "It is Finished". We can come home now.
- Christians are not fighting to win the war. We are fighting from the position of victory which Christ secured for us on the Cross.

(2) The Judge. (Romans 4:5)

- Justification is like the work of a Judge who gives a verdict regarding our judicial status. If we are innocent, he declares us forgiven and righteous. If we are in Christ, we have Christ's righteousness and therefore God is satisfied with us.
- Justification by faith has two levels: (1) Our sins are forgiven. We are declared righteous. But this is just one part of the declaration. The second one is more important. (2) God transfers the righteousness of Christ over to us. We may not feel righteous, but we can rest in the fact that if we are in Christ, God is completely satisfied with us. All seeking and striving can cease, because God is completely satisfied. It is finished.

(3) The Surgeon. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

- This is regeneration. God has removed our heart of stone and given us a heart of flesh.
- All that we ever need to live a live pleasing to God has been provided for. We need not seek further.

(4) The Slave Owner. (Romans 6:19-23. 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20)

- Formerly we were a slave to sin. But now we belong to God. We are God's slave.
- We were not created to be our own owners. We were created to belong and depend on another. Just as Children cannot grow without authority, we were are meant to thrive and grow only within a relationship of authority. We need to be in relationships where we can submit to one another for mutual growth and progress.
- But the most important relationship is with God. We will grow only when we totally surrender our lives to God. We are His slaves and all we need to worry about is how to obey Him.

It is finished. All is provided for. For example, a Government School may offer unlimited scholarship for all its students. This provision is open for all, but it will become affective only to those who enrol. Likewise, Christ's provision is for all. But only those who come to Him, believe and submit to Christ can enjoy the provisions of the finished work of Jesus on the Cross.

-Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Ajen Longkumer
- Speaker : Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Imsu Jamir & Elithung Kikon
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Aren Kechu

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading : Psalm 119: 73-80

Mass Prayer

Hymn No.6 : Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Offertory & announcement

Message

Closing Hymn 141 : Trust and Obey

Benediction

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PRAYER

- Pray for our Sunday School Talent Celebration today for God's blessing, guidance and protection upon all the children and teachers.
- Pray for those who are sick among us. Pray for God's healing grace upon them and their families.
- Pray for the **Life Impact 2017** (Sept. 22-24) under the theme "**Following Jesus; Leading People**". Pray for Dr. Paul Windsor from New Zealand, for God's protection and leading upon him as he prepares to minister to us.

Psalm 119:73-80

Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands.

May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,
for I have put my hope in your word.

I know, LORD, that your laws are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

May your unfailing love be my comfort,
according to your promise to your servant.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me
without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

May those who fear you turn to me,
those who understand your statutes.

May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,
that I may not be put to shame.

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 1,15,850 Mission: ₹ 12,000 Offering: ₹ 12,270 Building Fund: ₹ 15,000
Thanksgiving: ₹ 1,500 Nagamese: ₹ 400 Total: ₹ 1,57,020

Information

- Sunday School “TALENT CELEBRATION” today @ 3pm.
- Next Thursday Women’s fellowship @ 5pm. Leader: *Karen Peseyie*. Scripture reading: *Naro Tsuren*. Bible Study: *Nini Bendang*.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/8794172936.
- There will be no ENROUTE Youth Fellowship today.
- Kohima Baptist Youth Fellowship combine program on 16th Sep at Upper Naga Bazaar Baptist Church.



ENROUTE Camp Reunion @ Sakhrrie Park - It was a time to come together after the camp (after 3 weeks) to remind ourselves of the commitment made during the camp, to encourage and to have a time of fellowship. We also had time of discussion about how we are doing after the camp and studying the Word together. Altogether 30 young people attended the Camp reunion.

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