

**Making the Shift**

*John 21:12*

Many Christians, though born again, do not change the way they think. They just continue on in their old way of thinking. There is no transformation or power. Christ calls us to a new way of life through the “renewing of our minds” (Romans 12). We are called to leave behind our old way of thinking and **make the shift** to a new way of thinking, planning and living within the framework of the Bible story. To be born again is a one-time definite moment; making this shift is a lifetime process. But it has to start somewhere. The earlier we do it, the faster and easier we progress.

In John 21:12, the Disciples are meeting Jesus again after the resurrection. They had been with him 24/7 for over three years, but this time the atmosphere is tensed and they feel awkward. Why was it awkward? Why was it so different? I believe Jesus was introducing them to a new way of relating to Him. He is not just the “Jewish” carpenter anymore, but he is the Resurrected Lord of lords and King of kings commissioning them to “all the nations”. The Disciples were learning to make that shift. Here are a few things they learned that day:

(1) Christianity is not just a memory, but it is also a powerful life-principle. As they sat by that seashore, they knew it was Jesus, but he was different from the one in their memory. They had to learn to turn that memory into a powerful life principle. Memory, in and of itself, can become a weight to drag us down.

We remember the broken body and the blood that was shed during a Lord’s Supper Sunday. But it is not just a memory. The Blood and Broken body is also a powerful principle to fire up our present, and give hope to our future.

(2) Christianity had strong Jewish roots, but by the end of John’s Gospel and as Acts begins, it had made a huge shift from “Jewish” to all nations of the world. No nation or tribe in the world can claim to own Christianity or confine it to their national/tribal identities. Christianity brings new life and vitality to the nations. What the soul is to the body, Christianity is to the nations.

(3) The shift from “my definition of success” to God’s definition of success. The Disciples laboured all night to catch fish but caught nothing. At the bidding of Jesus they threw their nets to the right and got the biggest catch of their career. They learned that henceforth, all of their success, achievements, and prosperity will come only at the call and bidding of their master Jesus Christ.

(4) Christianity begins with an individual decision, and it moves to “community with responsibility” where love is the most important thing. *“Christianity that does not begin with the individual does not begin at all. Christianity that ends with the individual ends.”* - Michael Green.

In the power packed conversation between Jesus and Peter (John 21:15-18), Jesus uses the word “*agape*” (divine unconditional love) two times and the last time switches to *phileo* (human brotherly love); whereas Peter uses *phileo* all three times. Brotherly love is important. The NT often uses “love one another” to emphasise love within the Christian community. Often it is easier to love our non-Christian neighbours than to love our fellow church member. One of the first signs that we are drifting away from God is lack of love for our own Christian brothers and sisters. The Bible says that in the last days, the love of many will grow cold.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

**VISION statement of the City Church:**

*City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.*

**AIMS of the City Church:**

**Worship:** *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

**Fellowship:** *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

**Evangelism:** *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

**Discipleship:** *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

**Mission:** *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

- Leader : Apila Sangtam
- Speaker : Moa Imsong
- Ushers : Chenakum Dvung & Rosang Pongen
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Youth Department

**Call to Worship**

**Praise & Worship**

- Reading : Psalm 119: 41-48

**Mass Prayer**

- Presentation : Youth Campers
- Prayer for the Youth : Hekali Shikhu

Offertory & announcement

- The Battle : Jonathan & the Band

Message

- Closing Hymn 139 : The Solid Rock

Benediction

**PRAYER**

- Pray for all the families and individuals in City Church that everyone will encounter God and taste God’s grace and goodness personally.
- Pray for the ongoing Youth Camp at Dimori Cove, that all the campers and leaders will get to know Christ personally, and grow in faith.
- Pray for those who are sick among us, and for those who are travelling.
- Pray for the **Life Impact 2017** (Sept. 22-24) under the theme **“Following Jesus; Leading People”**. Pray for Dr. Paul Windsor, (professor of Homiletics at SAIACS, and International Director for Langham Preaching) for God’s protection and leading upon him as he prepares to minister to us.

## PSALM 119: 41-48

May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,  
Your salvation, according to your promise;  
Then I can answer anyone who taunts me,  
For I trust in your word.  
Never take your word of truth from my mouth,  
For I have put my hope in your laws.  
I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.  
I will walk about in freedom,  
For I have sought out your precepts.  
I will speak of your statutes before kings  
And will not be put to shame,  
For I delight in your commands  
because I love them.  
I reach out for your commands, which I Love  
that I may meditate on your decrees.

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### Information

- Next Thursday the Women's will have colony wise fellowship @ 5pm.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children's choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Anyone interested to buy "NANA - A TALE OF US", may kindly get it from the church office.

### Sunday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 1,04,400.

Offering: ₹ 7,820.

Building Fund: ₹ 10,000.

Thanksgiving: ₹ 700.

Mission: ₹ 9,500.

Nagamese: ₹ 520.

Total: ₹ 1,32,940

## ACTS chapter 29

(A series of 10 topical Bible study sessions based on Acts 1-28.)

The book of Acts records 30 years of ministry (one generation) that changed the world. How did they do it? What was their approach? Their strategy? Their power? How ordinary and illiterate were the early disciples? Can we do better? Can a new chapter [29] begin today?



In this Bible study series, we will explore these questions [and many more] together as we seek to be faithful to the Word and open to the Holy Spirit.

Starting this Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August at 5:00 pm.  
(Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meetings).

All are welcome!

### NAGAMESE FELLOWSHIP

**The pathway to humility (Deut 8:2,3)**

*"Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. He humbled you, causing you hunger and then feeding you with Manna, to teach you that man does not live by bread alone but by the every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord".*

**Here are three things I think we can take away from today's key verse:**

1. God is our provider. The children of Israel were used to working the land to provide for themselves. They trusted their own work for their provision. Now, they would need to look up and trust God His provision.
2. God's provision is what we need but not always what we want. This Manna God provided was not like the normal food the Israelites were used to. But God knows it was the perfect nourishment for those in the desert. He knows our needs better than we do. God is more concerned about our ultimate good than our temporary pleasure.
3. God's provision protects our heart. Our desires have the potential of corrupting our heart. Man made bread is not what gives the fullness of life God desires for us. Only the word of God can seep into the hungry places of our souls and make the dead and discouraged places within come fully alive and deeply satisfied.

**Conclusion :-** We must want Him most of all. And then He will see our hearts are prepared and trustworthy to handle other things. May we all choose to trust Him and let that be the lens through which we process our circumstances. Let's trust God.

- Robert