

### Last Sunday message....

**TRUE FAITH** (James 2:14-26 / 3:13-18.)

Faith comes from God. But there is also counterfeit faith. The Devil thrives only on counterfeits. He is the master of deception and lies.

#### The Counterfeits:

(1) **Mere confessional faith.** This is a faith that ends with mere words. We say we are Christians and we write them in our application forms and documents. But are we? We make big claims and high promises to ourselves and people, but do we even have the power and will to fulfil them? (2) **Mere intellectual faith.** Knowing doctrine and theology does not necessarily lead to true faith. Os Guinness says that most intellectuals today are guilty of changing truth to fit present realities, rather than conforming realities to truth (Os Guinness, "Fool's Talk"). If this is true, intellectuals are the most dangerous people on earth. The thrill of intellectual engagements can mimic the excitement of true faith. (3) **Mere emotional faith.** The experience of emotional high does not always result from true faith. Our emotions can be created and controlled by different forces like colours, light, darkness, words, praise, etc. Demons also react emotionally to God, but they still reject God.

Is true faith less than the above considerations? No. It includes our confession of Jesus as the Son of God; it includes the transforming of our minds by the entire Word of God; it includes emotional well-being and experiences of glory. But it is much more.

#### **True Faith**

(1) True Faith is **from God**. Faith is a gift from God. Ephe. 2:8-9. Gal.2:16, 20. 2Tim. 1:5 (KJV). These verses in the KJV make it clear that faith is a gift from God. It is not "my" faith or "your" faith that saves us, but it is the faith of Christ that comes upon us when we believe and put our whole trust in Jesus.

How does this faith come? It comes when we are exposed to the Word of God. Or to be more specific, when we expose others to the Gospel - that Jesus died, was buried and rose again. No one can create this faith. But we can all expose ourselves and others to the Word of God. When the Word of God is honoured, the Holy Spirit gets activated.

(2) True Faith is Saving-Faith. This faith saves because it comes from God. This is the faith that Jesus exercised upon the Cross.

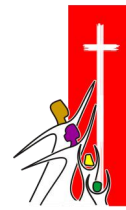
(3) True faith is Dynamic Faith. This is a faith that becomes active in good works. James is not asking us to add good works to our faith. James is saying if we have true faith, it will result in good works.

The different metaphors James uses are useful. Think of a seed. A seed has life, power and beauty of its own. We only nurture and allow it to grow. Or think of a stream. Can a salt water stream produce fresh water? In both cases, James takes us back to the real source of everything – faith that comes from God. If we don't have this faith, no amount of effort and hard work can produce the life, beauty and power that come from God alone. *Christianity requires hard work and discipline, but this hard-work should not be directed toward trying to produce our own righteousness, but we should direct all our energy toward nurturing and making the seed grow, or allowing the fresh water stream to flow from its natural source.*

(4) Counterfeit faith works itself towards demonic wisdom (James 3: 15). True faith results in Godly wisdom. It is up to us which wisdom we want to have.

(5) We have the faith of Christ within us. If this is true (and it is), this means that God has already given us everything we need to live full and abundant lives on earth. We should not be wasting our life waiting to receive more from God. God has already supplied. Now all that remain is for us to realise, actualise and release the power of faith God has deposited within us.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND  
THE WISDOM OF GOD

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# City Church

## Sunday Service

Leader : Vikhorian Swaggerty  
Speaker : Alice Walling  
Ushers : Soyimna & Canaany Lima  
Flower : Sharon Longchari

### **Praise & Worship**

Welcome & Announcement

Prayer for Fathers

Special Song : I thank You Father for fathers

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Offertory

Message

Hymn No.135 : I Know Whom I Have Believed

Benediction

**Everyone is invited to the tea fellowship after the worship service.**

### PRAYER

- Pray for the **Sunday School Bible Camp** from **June 26-28**. Pray for God's leading and wisdom upon all the Sunday School Teachers as they plan and prepare for the Bible camp. And for the children and their parents, pray that they will be able to provide good atmosphere in the family so that the spiritual seeds sown during this camp will grow and bear fruit, and not die out.
- Pray for all our worshippers here at City Church, that along with the progress of our new church building project, all of us will also grow spiritually. Pray that God will work mightily in our church.
- Thank God for all the mothers who had safe deliveries in the past months. Pray for the new born babies and their parents in our church for God's protection and providence.

# HAPPY DAYS

## PSALM 37:1-9

Do not fret because of evil men  
or be envious of those who do wrong;

for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD?  
trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;  
do not fret when men succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For evil men will be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

### Information

- Thursday Women fellowship every Thursday @ 5pm.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children's choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 5pm - 6pm.
- The church office request those who are to submit the gist of sharing/ message to the office may do so through Mr. Toshi by *e-mail* or in person latest by Friday.

### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 90,850  
Offering: ₹ 18,470  
Thanksgiving: ₹ 500  
Mission: ₹ 3,500  
Building Fund: ₹ 1,28,000  
Nagamese: ₹ 332  
Total: ₹ 2,41,652

### Nagamese Fellowship

#### **Build our faith a strong foundation (2 Tim 2:19-21)**

In any great house there are not only gold and silver vessels. There are also vessels of wood and earthenware. Some are put to a noble use and some to an ignoble use. If anyone purifies himself from these things, he will be a vessel fit for noble use.

- There are things of precious metal and things of base metal.
- There are things which have a dishonourable use.
  1. It must be so in the church. So long as it is an earthly institution it must be a mixture men and woman from different backgrounds.
  2. Just as it takes all kinds of people to make a world, so it takes all kinds of people to make the church.
- Build the foundations of Christians faith.
- Build the foundations of strong relationship.

- Robert

### ENROUTE

**1 Timothy 6:1-21:** Paul's advice to Timothy in verses 11 and 12, where he says, "But you, man of God, flee...pursue...fight..." **1. To Flee:** There are certain things from which we, as Christians, must run. What things? - Conceit, Impurity (v5), a discontented spirit (v<sup>s</sup> 6-8), Foolish and harmful desire and love of money. **2. To Pursue** (v11):- Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Endurance and Gentleness. Finally, **To Fight:** For the advancement of the Gospel, for the reward (**eternal life**) and to bring honour to the Saviour. Paul's advice to a man of God, which is not only good advice, it is also good news, for what we are strongly urged to do here is made possible through Christ (Phil. 4:13).

- Moa Imsong

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CAMP

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### Announcement

#### **Christian TV serial for Kids coming to City Church**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday), at 12 noon, a team from the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) will be visiting our church. They will show one episode of the popular children television series called "Superkids" which is based on the Bible, and have a time of interaction with the Sunday School Children. All the Sunday Children are requested to stay back after church on 25<sup>th</sup> June for this special event. The event will be held at the main church hall. All the parents are also welcome to join. **Time: 12 noon—1:15pm.**

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