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Instead of searching from principles, it is better to focus on what God has given us. What has God given us?

**(1) His Son.** When we ask God to give us some truths to help us overcome suffering, God gives us a person to walk with us in suffering. When we ask God for power or truth to help develop our character God gives us a person (Jesus) to love us completely, because love is the greatest incentive to character development. He gives us a person to walk with us all through life-through joys and frustrations, pain and successes, our waking hours and sleeping hours. Jesus is God's greatest gift. Karl Barth said Jesus is God's great "YES" to humanity. When we ask for principles to make us wiser and stronger, God gives us the "logos" – in Greek means "the ultimate life principle".

**(2) His Spirit.** (John chapter 7, 14) God has given us His Spirit to teach, guide, correct and remind us to walk in His ways. When we believe and accept Jesus as our personal savior, God gives us the Holy Spirit. We all have the Spirit. But we need a deeper level of encounter with the Holy Spirit if we are to understand the deep teaching of God in the Bible. "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned," Paul said. We need to hunger for a deeper level of encounter with the Holy Spirit. Only the Spirit can lead us to a deeper level of understanding of Scripture. The Spirit wrote the Bible. You need His help in understanding.

**(3) His Word.** (John 15) Lest we get carried away with the mysterious wind of the Spirit and be tempted to describe our spiritual experience always with vague expressions like, "I feel... I sense... I saw a dream or a vision..." etc., God gave us His Word, so that we can say with certainty "I know this to be true".

This Word is food for us. It is also a life principle for us. God wants to give us His Spirit and a prosperous and abundant life. The key to receiving this is the Word. Read—understand—apply. And see the spirit and life flowing into you (John 6:63).

**(4) His Church.** Someone called the church "God's peculiar people". This is not a perfect community, but a saved and progressive community on the way to perfection and glory. No other institution, government or ministry is as complete as the church. It is so complex because it is so complete. CS Lewis said the church is like a zoo he has grown to like because he is very much like the rest of the animals there. This is God special people. We need to be faithful to the church.

**(5) His World.** And lest we think that we (the church) are so special and become proud, God placed the church in the world—the world he loved enough to die for, the world that is bigger than the church. We like to think that the church is better, wiser and more powerful than the world or the government and politics of the world, that the church is more important and can control the world. But Jesus never made such claims and neither should we.

Jesus said that the church is in the world but not of it. How can this be? He said that the church is the salt and light of the world. How? The key way to understand this is to be "born again". We are "born again" into a new family and into a new life. And we live this life out in the world. Then and only then, we can be salt and light. The "salt and light" is not the external programs of the church, but the internal life of God flowing out from within us. This is the life that God puts within us when he causes us to be born again in the Spirit.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND  
THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

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## Today's Service

Leader : Maa Imsong  
Speaker : M. Odyuo  
Pianist : Vizolenuo Solo  
Ushers : Megokiekho Yale & Shanchithung Murry  
Flower : Among Sani

Praise & Worship  
Welcome & Announcement

Reading: Ephesians 1: 1-11

Mass Prayer (i) Your personal concerns  
(ii) Church ministry concerns  
Hymn **No.88** : When I Survey the Wandrous Cross  
Offertory  
Message  
Hymn **No.185** : Living For Jesus  
Benediction

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

## PRAYER

- Pray for those seeking admission in different institutions both in Nagaland and outside.
- Pray for God's protection and guidance upon all the people working at our Church building project and for wisdom upon Megokiekho Yale as he supervise the work.
- Pray for worshippers studying and working in different places for good health and blessing.

## BAPTISM on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Worshippers at City Church who are desiring to take baptism are requested to submit your names, addresses with contact numbers to the Associate Pastor M. Odyuo by 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Please contact M. Odyuo for further information 9402489844

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## Ephesians 1: 1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.  
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be Holy and  
blameless in his sight. In love  
He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in  
accordance with his pleasure and will  
to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the  
One he loves.  
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in  
accordance with the riches of God's grace  
that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.  
And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good  
pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,  
to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—  
to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even  
Christ.  
In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the  
plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of  
His will.

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Tithes: ₹ 1,38,600    Offering: ₹ 10,281    Mission: ₹ 1,000    Thanksgiving: ₹ 10,000  
Total: ₹ 1,59,881

### Information/Announcements

- Church Adult Choir practise today after the church service.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study from 5pm - 6pm.
- Thursday Women's fellowship at 4:30pm.

**Last Sunday Nagamese Outing to Botanical Garden**



*Last Sunday Message.....*

### **The Ultimate Life Principle**

*John 6:28-29*

The search for a single spiritual principle that will govern our spiritual life is often futile, because there is no single principle that will work. Spiritual principles are good, but they often last only for a season. No one rule or single principle, however good, will work independent of other principles.

There is also no “one size fits all” principle. Jesus never talked to two persons in the same way. What God offers us is not a rule or a principle. But it is a person - *the Logos, the ultimate life principle*. In v. 28, the people asked Jesus to teach them the “works” of God. But Jesus replies that the “work” they need to do is to believe and receive a person-Jesus the Son of God. Principles and instructions are simple, but relationships are complex and take a life time to master. But anyone who commits to follow Jesus needs to give a lifetime commitment to follow and grow in and through relationships.

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