

Last Sunday Message... WE DO NOT LOSE HEART...Continued.

(1) We are being renewed day by day, v.16.

- Paul does not say he is renewing himself, but *being* renewed by God.
- We simply have to place ourselves in a position or a place where God can renew us daily. Some people call this place “The Quiet Time”.
- Illustration: A young boy went to a big football game with his father. He gets lost in the crowd, but immediately remembers that his father told him to wait at the popcorn stall if he gets lost. He was found later by his father because he placed himself in a place where he could be found.
- We often overfeed our outer man and forget the inner man. But the inner man needs daily renewal by the one who made it. This is the only way our faith and resilience can grow.
- Someone said the only way to live the Christian life is “everyday”.

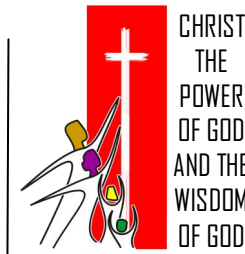
(2) God is our Shield (v.17). We can understand this in the following ways:

- The shield is the one that takes all the blows that were meant for us. Jesus took the wrath of God for us on the Cross.
- God shields us from all the problems and suffering around us.
- The problems and pain that we are presently going through are actually shielding us from something worse that could happen to us. When we go through pain, it is difficult to imagine what could be worse than that. But it could be that God is allowing our outer man to suffer so that our inner man can be preserved for eternity.
- Our present pain and suffering are preparing for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. The Shield is actually like a machine that is turning the arrows of the enemy into something advantageous for us.

(3) Fix your eyes on Jesus (v.18).

- Look Back: Fix your eyes on the Cross. Jesus finished everything for us. We need to learn to live in the promise of the Cross—forgiven, accepted and loved beyond measure.
- Look to the Present: Fix your eyes on the Resurrection of Jesus. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that works in us. This will help us overcome our present sufferings.
- Look Ahead: Fix your eyes on the Second coming of Jesus. Jesus will return to restore all things, renew and reward us, and take us into His eternal Kingdom. The night will not run over into the Day. The Day will conquer all evil. This is our Hope.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



City Church

Today's Service

- Leader : Bokato Hesso
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Pianist : Atuna Shikhu
- Ushers : Usha Ezung & Abano Chüpuo

Praise & Worship
Welcome & Announcement

Affirmation of Faith and Trust in God: Psalm 23

- Mass Prayer (i) Your personal concerns
(ii) Church ministry concerns
- Hymn **No.3** : All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- Offertory
- Message
- Hymn **No.191** : Take Time to be Holy
- Benediction

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PRAYER

- Praise God for bringing us together to worship Him, and have fellowship with one another.
- Pray that we continue to grow in our personal relationship with the Lord through our daily meditation in the word of God and prayer. Thereby, we may be enriched spiritually and grow in his likeness. .
- Pray for ENROUTE (Youth) as their fellowship resumes today and for Nagamese fellowship which has just resumed, remembering Moa Imsong and Robert for God's wisdom, leading and his anointing Grace.
- Sunday School department is in need of three new teachers. They need God's leading for the purpose. Please uphold in prayer.

Affirmation of Faith and Trust in God

Psalm 23

The LORD *is* my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD

Forever.

Sunday, January 15th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 44,260

Offering: ₹ 9,960

Mission: ₹ 2,000

Building Fund: ₹ 1,000

Thanksgiving: ₹ 2,500

Total: ₹ 59,720

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study resumes on 18th January @ 5pm

NOTES:

Last Sunday Message.....

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2 Corinthians 4: 16-18.

Paul suffered a great deal. Shipwrecks, beatings, several jail terms, rejection by people and fatigue from endless preaching tours. He even had a severe physical infirmity. He prayed several times for it to be removed, but God refused to remove it. Yet, in spite of all these he says that he is never discouraged (2 Corinthians 4:1, 16). If this is true (and it is), then I desperately need to know what his secret is. In this section, he gives us a hint:

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