

PASSION WEEK SERMON GIST

Christian fellowship (*John 1:1-4*) (Saturday Family Connect Fellowship_15th April)
- **Dr Ahokhe Shikhu**

“Christian church” and Christian fellowship is heaven on earth.

Christian fellowship is: (1) Grounded on God’s Word and on God “The Trinity” Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In love relationship. (2) It is mutual. The unity of believers in fellowship as Jesus prayed in Jn17:20-23. (3) It is renewed and empowered daily and progressively by God’s Spirit.

It is not compartmental (e.g., spiritual gathering only on Sunday fellowship and disappear and forget each other on other week days). But it involves spiritual and social through a living relationship with Christ Himself.

The Reality of the Resurrection. (*1 Corinthians 15:3-11, 50-58*) (Easter Sunday Morning_16th April) - **Kedo Pesevie**

When we examine all the historical evidences of the resurrection of Jesus, it becomes hard not to believe in it, because there is rock solid evidence. Every page in the New Testament talks about the resurrection. The New Testament was written, distributed, tested and approved while all the witnesses of Jesus’ life and resurrection (and the empty tomb) were still alive. Paul challenges his readers to go and verify for themselves. He offers them more than 500 witnesses, including some respectable and reliable leaders of the day.

Because of the resurrection, (1) Life is worth living, and there is work to do. (2) Prayer is meaningful because we pray “in His living name”. (3) We have a new future that is not a product of our past memories, but it comes straight from God’s eternity. (4) We can handle death with confidence because it only makes us stronger-*what we can swallow makes us stronger*. (5) Evangelism and the Great Commission is more urgent. (6) Out eternity is secure.

The Power of the Resurrection. (*Philippians 3*) (Easter Sunday Evening_16th April)
- **Nini Lasuh**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. It is not a teaching but a reality. It has a threefold purpose. **Justification:** Heaven is for the sinless and the righteous and therefore by no means could man make it to heaven. The word of God says Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and raised from the dead for our justification. Therefore, in Christ we are made sinless and righteous and thus heaven opens its door for us.

Sanctification: Now we are a new creation in Christ, a holy people and He calls us to a holy life. And therefore when we say we know Christ, we cannot help but embrace holiness in our lives. We have a hope so glorious that it causes us to purify ourselves in preparation for its realization. **Glorification:** death has been conquered and so when He comes again the dead will hear his voice from the grave and rise up to meet Him in the air. We will rise like He rose and we will be given a glorious body like His and we will meet our saviour face to face and not only Him but also all our loved ones who had died in Him. And there, nothing shall ever separate us. Immortality is our future in Christ! Let our religion be not only of the head but also the heart. Let our aspiration like Paul be to know Christ and the power of His resurrection!



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND
THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

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Sunday Service

Leader : Ajen Longkumer
Speaker : Kedo Pesevie
Ushers : Vikhorieno & Yanglirola
Flower : Tiala Toshi

Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcement

Reading: Matthew 6:24-25/31-33

Mass Prayer (i) Your personal concerns
(ii) Church ministry concerns

Offertory

Hymn **No. 236** : Rock of Ages

Scripture Reading : Toshi Pongen

Message

Hymn **No. 298** : Close to Thee

Benediction

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

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.*

PRAYER

- Pray for all Christians working in the Government sector, both Central and State. During these difficult days where forces against Christianity are mounting up through political coercion, we pray that God’s wisdom and protection would be in abundance for all Christian Government servants everywhere.
- Pray for all our members/worshippers in private businesses and companies. We pray for prosperity and blessings, for God’s protection and favor upon all their business ventures.
- Pray for all the Sunday School Teachers that they would be led by God in teaching the Children. Pray for all the Sunday School children that they would encounter the Living Christ through this church.

Matthew 6:24-25/31-33

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

ENROUTE

Enroute (Youth) will be having combine fellowship with Kohima Science College EU, Mission Interested Group (MIG) leaders. They will be taking over the whole fellowship. Enroute invites and welcome all the young worshippers to come and be a part of the Fellowship and be blessed.

Announcements

- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Sunday school choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study at 5pm - 6pm.

Sunday, April 16th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 2,46,660 Offering: ₹ 17,350 Mission: ₹ 2,500
Building Fund: ₹ 43,700 Nagamese: ₹ 736 Total: ₹ 3,10,946

Women's Fellowship

Hold on to your Faith in God (Job 23:11,12), even if God doesn't seem to make sense because God makes sense when He does not make sense. And that is possible only with God. We can hold on to our faith if:

- We closely follow His step
- Do not turn aside
- Do not depart from the commands of God
- Treasure and enjoy the Word of God more than our daily food.

-Hekali Shikhu.

Sunday School

The **Parents Teacher Fellowship** scheduled for 30th April has been postponed to 7th May. Parents kindly take note. The meeting will be held right after the Morning worship service.

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“City Church Kohima”.

Contact: 0370-2242687 / 7085120374

Nagamese Fellowship

Christ, raised from the dead: A raising from the death is a return to life.

- The power of Resurrection (**Phil 3:10**)
- Jesus is the Resurrection (**John 11:25**)
- Jesus is the life (**John 14:6**)

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Is Jesus God? (John 10:30-33) (Wednesday_12th April)

-Kedo Peseyie.

Look at the beauty, wonder and vastness of creation, the billions of galaxies and the billions and billions of stars. God created them and calls them out by name (Isaiah 40:25-26). *What if we can know this God personally? What if this great God wants to come into your life?* The New Testament claims that this great God incarnated in Jesus Christ and came seeking the ones that He created in His own image. The New Testament is a historically reliable document and every page of it claims that Jesus is God. Jesus Himself claims to be God and proves it by His miracles and by the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, and finally by His death and resurrection. *Anyone who makes the claims Jesus makes cannot be just a nice-humble-moral-teacher. He is either who He says He is, or He is a mere lunatic. Make your choice.*

Why Did Jesus Die? (Thursday Evening_13th April).

-Moa Imsong

Man disobeyed and sinned against God. The consequence of which is death (Spiritual death-eternal separation from God). But God loves us that He provided the perfect solution- His only Son as a sacrifice of atonement. Jesus had to die on the cross because

- He is the perfect lamb of God and our death is not sufficient to atone for sin of humans (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- His death satisfies the wrath of God. God's just wrath is turned from sinners. Penalty of sin did not have to be paid by the sinners. (2 Cor. 5:21; Romans 3:24,25)
- His death restored relationship between God and human which was broken. Because sin has separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2).

Now, In Christ – Sinners are saved (1 Tim 1:15) and Justified (Romans 3:26)

The Meaning of the Cross. (1 Peter 2:24-25) (Good Friday_14th April)

-Kedo Peseyie.

- (1) Forgiveness is costly suffering. “Sorry” does not wipe away the damage done. If I truly forgive someone, that means I have to bear the cost of the damage done. This is costly. Christ had to pay the damage done by our sin, while declaring us “forgiven, righteous and free”.
- (2) By this, we are free both from the penalty of sin, and the power of sin.
- (3) Jesus took our place: *“The essence of sin is we human beings substituting ourselves for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for us. We put ourselves where only God deserves to be; God puts Himself where we deserve to be”.*