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3. The Recognition of God (v.10) God is revealed, He is relevant, but do we recognize Him? Imagine the only physician who can save you from your disease visits you and you fail to recognize him. Tragically, this was the case with the religious. God was gracious to send a witness so that they would recognize him and believe in Him. (Vv. 6-8) Yet they missed Him! Remember how Christ lamented as he told the Samaritan lady, if only you recognized who I am. God pleasing faith recognizes Christ for all that he is – for all that he offers and demands as the Lord and Savior.

4. The Right Reception for God (v.11, 12a) Does the love of God, the wonder of His grace, glory, holiness and power, get our attention and the fitting reception He deserves from us? Verse 11 tells us that the right reception is to ‘receive him’. **How do we receive him?** Beginning of verse 12 shows us that to receive him is to believe Him. The only fitting response to the revelation of God, to the relevance of God in you, in recognizing Him right, is to believe him - him with all that you are, in all that you go through... in all times, holding on His word, entrusting your life to Him. That is the Right Reception!

5. A Relationship with God. Why is there a need for God to reveal, that he is relevant, that we recognize him and receive him with the right reception? A relationship with God our maker is at stake (**Vv.12, 13**). As a piece of art need its maker to explain its meaning and beauty, the creation needs a relationship with its creator. We are made to be in relationship with God. And when we have that relationship in place, life is beautiful and meaningful. In midst of pain and sorrows, trails and tribulations, sin and evil in this world, to have a relationship with God our maker, the light of Life, is so great a salvation.

6. The Recreation work of God The phrase ‘*In the beginning*’ clearly echoes the Genesis creation narrative. But more than a recall of the old, I believe John is heralding the beginning of a new creation story in Christ - the recreation of the old as the mission. No wonder, when a sinner comes into a relationship with Christ, he or she is a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come. Faith in Christ gets you a new beginning – newness of heart, spirit, mind, desires and identity. God also calls us (through John’s book of Revelation) to put our hope in His Recreation Work, not just in our hearts but also for a new life, a new living, for our families, society, for a new world, a new eternal home - the new heaven and earth.

May the revelation and relevance of God, a right recognition and reception of him, the joy of a relationship with Him and the glorious work of his Recreation story stir faith in us and keep it excited, strong and faithful.
- **Zajamo Odyuo**



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

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City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Viketou Chupuo
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Pesevie
- Ushers : Nukla Jamir & Eילו Shitri
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Rose Mary Jamir

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 138: 1-8

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Scripture Reading: Naro Waten
- Offertory
- Hymn No.12 : Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Message
- Hymn No.131 : Standing on the Promises
- Benediction



PRAYER:

- Pray for peaceful atmosphere during the Lok Sabha by-election tomorrow and also God’s protection upon all the officials and public who are involved in it.
- Pray for the sick people who are undergoing treatment for God’s healing grace.

Psalm 138: 1-8

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.
May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.
May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.
Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.
The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 54,440 Offering: ₹ 11,380 Thanksgiving: ₹ 6,000
Building Fund: ₹ 1,00,000 Mission: ₹ 4,000 Nagamese: ₹ 320 Total: ₹ 1,76,140

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INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader**– Neelu Medikhru, **Scripture Reading**– Yanglirola Noel & **Bible Study**– Thingpio Khamniungan.
- Enroute today at 3pm.
- End of the month prayer on 31st May (Thursday) at 6-7am.
- Wednesday Evening service at 5pm.
- Executive meeting on 3rd June after the devotion service in EGF Hall.

City Church **Jumble Sales Day** has been postponed (Date to be announced). **Collection of items is going on. Worshippers may either submit the items for sale to the women department or the church office.**

For more details kindly contact the Women Department. or the church office.

Last Sunday Message.....

JOHN 1

In life we can be lost/lonely even in the midst of celebration, laughter, joy and beauty. This can be true even in our spiritual journey in midst of all the religious rituals we engage in. Because of this, various questions for/of faith may arise: Why believe in Christ? Why believe faithfully & fervently? John writes the gospel for one purpose: that you and I may believe and (for some of us) keep on believing in Christ (John 20:31). Even from the first few verses of John 1, we can gather good reasons and basis for faith.

1: The Revelation of God (John 1:1-3) Why does John call God, ‘The Word’? Yes, it could have helped the Greeks understand God as the source of all, as well as the Jewish minds recall the powerful God of Old testament. In addition, I also feel that John could be trying to say that we can know God because our God is a communicating, revealing God. A ‘word’ reveals. Jesus is the Word of God - the revelation of God. He is the Creator who in pursuit of His creation sends her the Word that we may know Him and see His Glory (v. 14). There is no other way we can know God (v.18). Behold the revelation of GOD in Christ! True faith sees what is revealed.

2. The Relevance of God (v.4,5) Many think God is distant and disconnected from us that Faith is irrelevant. But as man desperately tries to guard that brief mortal life he has and fights to prolong it, God comes in to say, ‘in Him was Life’. And as man also desire to discover the beauty and glory of life as King Solomon did, God comes in to say, that Christ ‘is the light of all mankind’. Just as the light of the sun enables us to see the glory of the moon, we will only be able to see the glory of our lives, marriage, work, everything about our lives, when the light of our creator falls on them. The Relevance of God for everything in life is why faith in Him matters.

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