

## Last Sunday message cont...

Deep down deep, they know that even with all the achievements, the knowledge, the unlimited creativity that are in the world today, we do not have the answers to our deepest longings and fears. We cannot save ourselves; we don't have the solution for the problems of the world. Looking at all the chaos in the world today, we realise that the world is not so wise after all.

### (2) The Responses, v.23.

- Some stumble at the folly and weakness of the Cross. Jews wanted signs and wonders as proof of God's power, but Jesus came in weakness. If we are ashamed and offended by the weakness and folly of the Cross, we are perishing because we do not see the purpose of the Cross.
- Others laugh at the folly of the Cross. The Greeks sought after knowledge and great understanding, but a man dying on a Cross seemed foolishness. If you laugh at this folly and weakness, you are perishing because you do not understand the Cross.
- But there are those who believe and receive the power and the wisdom of God.

### (3) The Evidence, v.26. Who will prove that God's wisdom is truly wise, and that God's power is really powerful? It is those who believe and receive.

Pauls reminds the believers of the following facts:

- What they were, (not all of them were wise, powerful or of noble birth, v.26.)
- Why they were saved, v.27.
  - \* Saved through the foolishness of the Cross, so that their lives will stand as a testimony that God's "foolishness" is wiser than man's wisdom, and that God's "weakness" is more powerful than men's power.
  - \* This will require us to play the role of the fool sometimes in our witness through our speech and lifestyle.
- What they have, v.30. They have righteousness [of Christ], holiness [of God and the Holy Spirit] and redemption [hope of total restoration].

### (4) How is this wisdom and power displayed in us?

Paul says the wisdom of God is seen in three things (v.30-31):

- Righteousness: living with the character and love of Christ.
- Holiness: right living before God. High ethical standards.
- Redemption: future glory, hope and restoration.

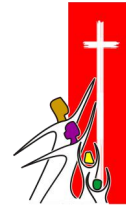
The early disciples turned the world upside-down through the foolishness of the message they preached; the foolishness of the lives and choices they made; and through the foolishness of the hope they had in the Second Coming of Jesus.

*If all we care about is to maintain our pride and reputation, we will never know Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God.*

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie

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CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND  
THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader	: Daniel Thong
Speaker	: Pastor Kedo Peseyie
Ushers	: Tiatiala Pongen & Yashisenla Longkumer
Keyboard	: Vizolenuo Solo
Flower	: Women Department

### Assiting in Lord's Supper

Dr. Lulu Aonak, Aien Bao, Robin Temsü & Maa Imsong

### Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading : Psalm 119: 65-72

### Mass Prayer

Hymn No.10 : Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory & announcement

Special Song : Chenakum Dvung

Message

Closing Hymn 100 : Jesus Paid It All

Benediction

## PRAYER

- Pray for the people affected by flood in Mumbai, Assam, and even in Nagaland where many people are still suffering from the aftermath of the disasters here. Pray that God, in His mercy will protect us from impending dangers.
- Pray for all the youth who attended the recently concluded camp "Dying to Live". The camp re-union is today after the worship service. Pray that they will continue to grow deeper in knowledge, wisdom and experience of our Lord.
- Pray for City Church: for all the members and worshippers who attend-that each person will encounter God and grow in the Lord; for the staff that we may serve the Lord with joy; for God's leading and wisdom upon the Deacon Board meeting today.

## PSALM 119: 65-72

Do good to your servant  
according to your word, LORD.  
Teach me knowledge and good judgment,  
for I trust your commands.  
Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I obey your word.  
You are good, and what you do is good;  
teach me your decrees.  
Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,  
I keep your precepts with all my heart.  
Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,  
but I delight in your law.  
It was good for me to be afflicted  
so that I might learn your decrees.  
The law from your mouth is more precious to me  
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

### ENROUTE

**Spiritual Growth** (Romans 8:28-30): What does God want from us? It is to be like Him, to be Christ-like and for us to grow. Spiritual growth is: **Intentional** – It requires commitment and effort from the individual to grow (Romans 6:13). As Paul puts it in I Tim 4:7, ‘*Train yourself to be godly...*’ a **Process** – spiritual growth is not an instant process, it takes time (Eph 4:13). **Relational**: It is not a personal or private matter but needs one another to grow (Heb 10:24-25). Fellowship is not optional (I John 1:7) and **demonstrated** by the fruit we bear, Matt 7:16, ‘*By the fruit you will recognise them...*’ It should be demonstrated by our – conduct, character, behaviour, deeds, etc.

**Announcement:** Enroute is having its Camp Re-union today at Sakhrie Park right after the morning Service.

### **Sunday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Tithes: ₹ 1,01,380 Mission: ₹ 2,950 Offering: ₹ 9,694 Building Fund: ₹ 1,60,000  
Thanksgiving: ₹ 3,500 Nagamese: ₹ 407 Total: ₹ 2,77,931

### NAGAMESE FELLOWSHIP

**He cares for those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7)**

- Robert

We struggle Sometimes in life, in works, in family with no hope for life. . God preserved our life in times of trouble. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

- He cares for those who trust in Him (**Nahum 1:7**) (**1 Peter 5:7**)
- He protects those who trust in Him (**Ps 46:1**)
- He feeds and cares for those who trust in Him (**Eph 5:29**)

The Lord is good all the time. When we trust and believe in Him, He does all things. **Proverbs (3:5)** says “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.”

### Sunday School “TALENT CELEBRATION” on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

For this great celebration the children will need your help in the following ways:

- Help discover and identify their talents.
- Help in practice if the talent is to do with performance on the stage like (singing, acting, dancing, recitals, writing and reciting poems etc).
- Help buy materials needed for crafts, baking, cooking etc.
- Help by framing their sketching, drawing, painting, photography etc.

*Please pray for the success of the program*

### Information

- Deacon Board meeting today at 2pm.
- Discipleship class on 13th September at 4:30 pm. Open to all.
- Next Thursday Women’s fellowship @ 5pm.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/8794172936.
- Enroute Youth Fellowship today @ 3pm.

### *Last Sunday message...*

## The Cross: the Power of God and the Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

*“The world through its wisdom cannot know God. We are saved through the foolishness of the message that was preached”.*

Where can I find the wisdom and the power for restoration, forgiveness and salvation? Where can I find the power and wisdom to live? Paul points us to the Cross- the foolishness of the Gospel.

Is the Cross really wise? Is God really powerful? Paul looks at the *witnesses*, the *responses*, and the *evidence*.

**(1) The Witnesses**, v.20. Paul summons three witnesses: the wise men, the scribes, and the philosophers. They represent the leaders, the scholars and religious teachers, the thinkers and creative people. Can they save? Is the world better through their leadership? Can they offer forgiveness through their learning and creativity? Is there eternal joy and peace?

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