

DEVELOPING THE WORD

John 16:12-15

When we say “developing the Word” what do we understand? We all know how the roll films were developed before the digital camera came into being. In those days, everything was captured in the roll films but they were not visible till the roll film was developed. Developing a roll film requires a lot of human labour and time. You also need some chemicals and liquids. After going through the processing only, you can see clearly the pictures.

Exactly in the same way, though everything is recorded in the Bible, unless it is developed, you cannot understand or see what had been recorded. But if it is not developed you cannot understand the meaning.

In the original language “the Word” carries different meanings. One is a group of alphabets to produce the sound. It is the spoken word but the meaning changes according to the way it is expressed. It also means “power” In Genesis chapter 1 we read “God said” that means “God spoke.” Everything came into being when He spoke. Everything came into being by the power of the “word”. It also means an “action” or a “thing done”, an “event”.

God was doing mighty acts in the history of men. People were watching, observing and witnessing all these that took place. Some of them wrote them down in their thought form, the way they thought in their cultural setting for the future generation. Some, in poetic form and some figuratively. They wrote with ink on dried leaves, dried bark of a tree (papyrus), from which the word Bible is derived. They called them ‘scrolls.’ And they preserved them carefully. Later, some of them collected them and compiled them into a book for which we called ‘the Bible’.

All these mighty acts of God took place in a place and country which we have not visited. We do not know what type of people lived there. We do not know their language, their culture and how they expressed the words. The Bible speaks to us in a language with which we are not familiar. The way the Bible thinks is not often the way we think. We can understand the Bible only if we can get inside its world, and learn the language. We must make ourselves get accustomed to seek God as the writers of the Bible saw Him as the centre of everything. Beginning from Genesis to Revelation there is one great movement of developing events. The Old Testament stories appear all disconnected with each other. But they are all connected, moving towards to its completion. It took thousands of years for its preparation. God is never in a hurry. He does everything at precise right time always. In Galatians Paul tells that “when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son”. Jesus came as man of flesh and blood, born in an out-house in Bethlehem, nurtured in Nazareth, brought up in an ordinary peasant home, lived and mixed with the ordinary people, confronted the religious leaders of the day, the Kings and rulers of the occupation forces, suffered and died on the cross, according to a Roman law, buried according to Jewish cultural practices but rose up on the third day. He gave His life so that we may live. All these deeds of God made up the pattern of God speaking to men and all these words makes the meaning of God’s purpose.

God does not speak in some extra-ordinary way in audible voice. What He spoke long ago becomes here and now, just where we are now. He does not speak to us in general terms. He speaks in one way to one and in another way to the other. When we read the story of Jesus and the rich young ruler, in Mark 10:21, all that we understand is, we should not put wealth as our priority. When C.T.Studd read this portion, he understood it as God speaking to him. He gave up all he had and went to China as a missionary.

As we read the Bible, let it become God speaking to us individually. As we pray, read, study, meditate and digest them, we can see the image of Christ developing slowly and see Him clearly. The word becomes God Himself developed and processed. **- Dr. L.M. Murry**



**CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD**

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : M. Odyuo
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Imsu Jamir & Esaca Assumi
- Keyboard : Shin-Jung Mijito
- Flower : Among Sani

Assisting in Lord’s Supper
M. Odyuo, Dr. Sendimeren Aanak,
Myingthungo Ngullie & Kaikhu Sumi

**Call to Worship
Praise & Worship**

Reading : I John 4:7-12
Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn No.71 : Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- Scripture Reading : Kevin Zehol
- Message
- Lord’s Supper
- Hymn No.17 : Praise Him! Praise Him!
- Benediction



Information

- Enroute Youth fellowship will resume next Sunday i.e. 11th February at 3pm.
- Wednesday prayer fellowship cum Bible Study resumes on 7th February at 5pm.
- Deacon Board meeting today after the 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.*

I JOHN 4:7-12
God's Love and Ours

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

PRAYER

Pray for the General Election:

- Pray for the Clean Election Campaign, for NBCC and other church organisation, that God will work through these efforts to bring peace and justice to the people.
- Pray for all the Election Candidates that they may do what is good and right before God and men. And pray for all officials who will be on election duty, for wisdom and protection as they prepare to carry out their duties.
- Pray for the people of Nagaland so that good sense and righteousness may prevail over selfishness and temporary gain as we face another general election.

Sunday, January 28th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 19,500 Offering: ₹ 9,960 Thanksgiving: ₹ 300 Nagamese: ₹ 240
Building Fund: ₹ 1,000 Total: ₹ 31,000

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