

Context: Apostle Paul warned the believers in the Church of Thessalonica that time of apostasy would come and the man of lawlessness, restrainers would deceive many, turning them to become unbelievers of the true gospel. In the context of the above, Apostle Paul wrote to remind believers to reaffirm the foundation of the gospel and steadfastness to the gospel. The true foundation is Christ Jesus on which the Church is built. (1 Cor 3:11)

In the N.T, Apostles give us reminders again and again e.g. Paul in 2 Thess 2: 15- **to stand firm** and **hold to** teachings passed on to Christians. Hebrew author exhorts saying, "Pay much closer attention to what we have heard; so that we do not drift away" (Heb 2:1). Apostle John also reminded his readers saying, "See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you". (1 John 2: 24)

Main Text: (2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17)

Affirmation of Paul: Apostle Paul alludes in this text, the three persons of the Trinity and in particular makes two parallel affirmations:-

Ch. 2: 13: that God **chose you** to be saved through sanctification by the spirit.

Ch. 2: 14: that God **called you** through the gospel to share in Christ's glory.

God has chosen us to give us salvation. It is unilateral act of God in choosing us (picked us) through the work of the Holy Spirit to sanctify us ultimately (2: 13), Cf 2 Peter 1: 10. Secondly it is God who called us through the gospel to respond to him and to share in Christ's glory at His coming as partakers of divine nature (2: 14), Cf 2 Peter 1: 3-4.

Paul's Exhortation: Having understood the first two references, Paul exhort Christian to **Stand firm** and **hold to** what has been taught.

Paul's Assurance: That God's steadfast purpose for his people is to share the glory of our Lord Jesus. Hence, there is no room for slackness, laziness and complacency.

Paul's Instruction: is to "hold on to" the tradition of apostolic teaching and the truth received must be fully handed on both **by words** or **by letter** as by apostle's example (V-15).

Paul further exhorts in Vv 15-17 addressing brethren (brothers & sisters) to constantly come together as a Church in fellowship, as those needing each other to strengthen and stand together in faith against false teachers, corruption, temptation and persecutions.

- DR. VINITO L. CHISHI



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

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.*

Sunday Service

Leader : M. Odyuo
Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
Ushers : Ganaany Jamir & Neizono
Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
Flower : Women Department

Assisting in Holy Communion

Viketou Chüpuo, Bokato Hesso,
Kaikhu Sumi & Moa Imsong

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 51
Mass Prayer

Announcement
Offertory
Hymn **No. 175** : Draw Me Nearer
Scripture Reading : Thejavino Moa (Daniel 7)
Message
Hymn : There is a Fountain
(Back inside Cover of Hymnal)
Benediction



PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Sunday, July 1st, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 96,120 Offering: ₹ 11,410 Thanksgiving: ₹ 1,25,890 Building Fund: ₹ 2,000

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Ongoing Church Building Work



(Fig 1)

(Fig 2)

1. Basement 2 roof is completed (Fig 1)
2. Work on Basement 3 roof is going on which will be completed by next week (Fig 2)
3. The immediate goal is to complete the Main Church floor within a month. To meet this work schedule, an amount of Rs. 10.00 (Ten) lakhs only is required.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Jonah Ezung & Aren Tzüdír is blessed with a baby girl, Gracie Ezung on 2nd July

INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader** – Mrs. Oponlumi Esaca, **Scripture Reading** – Mrs. Soyimna Aier Koza & **Sharing** – Ms. Apila Sangtam.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Come and be blessed!

PRAYER:

- Praise God for the blessed time of men's fellowship of City Church held last Thursday. Pray that this fellowship would grow, strengthen the church relationally and spiritually.
- Pray for the ongoing work at the Church construction site for God's protection and guidance upon the workers and also for God's providence.