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**(3) The six stone water jar for ceremonial cleansing, v.7.** Continual filling and cleansing of the Holy Spirit. There is cleansing in v.6, then filling in v.7, and then there is a miracle in v.8. It does not happen this way all the time, but when we make a clean break from sin and seek the filling of the Spirit continuously, we will experience breakthroughs in our lives.

**(4) The Sensation of the New Birth and New Life, v.9.** This is real. You can taste it, like the master of the feast *tasted* the new wine and was surprised that it was so good. This was the best wine anyone had ever tasted in the history of the universe. The new birth is a sensation that God brings within us.

**(5) The Best is yet to come, v.10.** If we believe in Jesus, we have to believe that the best is yet to come. The servants in the weddings usually serve the best quality wine first and bring out the low quality ones at the end of the party. But what Jesus brings gets better as the end draws near, and it will get even better.

**(6) Jesus is preparing His Bride, the church, and we are all invited to the greatest wedding feast ever in the history of the universe, v.4.** (Revelation 19:7-9). As Jesus attended the wedding at Cana, could it be that Jesus was thinking of His own wedding with His bride the church, which will be made possible only by His death on the Cross? Could this be the reason why He mentioned “my hour” to His mother? I think so. There is a great wedding coming, and we, the church, are His bride. Don’t miss this greatest event in the history of the universe.

**Conclusion:** there is a wedding about to crash and end in disaster because the young couple did not plan properly to ensure enough supply of wine. “They have no more wine”. Have you been in situations where you have experienced similar frustrations: no more money, no friends, no resources left? God specializes in entering into such situations, turns it around, and brings a miraculous breakthrough. How did that happen?

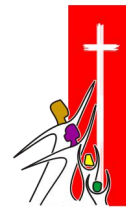
*Firstly*, Jesus was invited to the wedding. Invite God into your life, your family and your circumstances.

*Secondly*, “Do whatever He tells you”. This is what Mary told the servants. Obey God. If he comes into your life like he went into the Temple turning things upside-down, so be it. Let Him have His way. If He comes in a gentle whisper, don’t fail to listen. Just do it.

*Third*, receive the cleansing and forgiveness of the Cross.

*Fourth*, be filled with the Spirit to the brim. Jesus asked the servants to fill the jars to the brim. Likewise be filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a controversial topic today. But everyone agrees that we need the baptism and continual filling of the Spirit. Be filled – that’s the only thing that matters. I don’t care how you get it. Just get it!

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND  
THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

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## Today's Service

Leader	: Ajungla Hesso
Speaker	: Rev. Dr. Chingmak Chang
Pianist	: Vizolenuo Solo
Ushers	: Tsholo Kapfo & Imsu Jamir
Flower	: Eunice Alinger

## Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcement

**Reading: Psalm 34**

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

Hymn **No.323** : Wonderful Words of Life

**Message**

Hymn : I Stand Amazed

Benediction

## PRAYER

- Pray for the Passion Week program, from 12th-Wednesday to 16th-Easter Sunday. Pray that during this time we will renew our commitments and that seekers will find Christ and receive Him as Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for the 7 young people who will be preparing for Baptism on 15th April. Pray that God’s Spirit will work in their lives to bring clarity in faith, belief and commitment.
- Pray for our Church Building project. Pray for our financial needs. Our God is big and there is nothing too small or too big for Him.
- Let us also pray that along with the building, God will revive us and empower us to build His Kingdom in our hearts, our families and our fellowship.

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

## PSALM 34

I will extol the LORD at all times;  
His praise will always be on my lips.  
My soul will boast in the LORD?  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.  
Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt His name together.

I sought the LORD, and He answered me;  
He delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to Him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.  
This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;  
He saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the LORD encamps around those  
who fear Him,  
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.  
Fear the LORD, you His saints,  
for those who fear Him lack nothing.  
The lions may grow weak and hungry,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
Whoever of you loves life  
and desires to see many good days,  
keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking lies.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous  
and His ears are attentive to their cry;  
the face of the LORD is against those who do  
evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

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### Announcements

- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Sunday school choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study from 5pm - 6pm.
- Thursday Women's fellowship at 4:30pm.

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 6,500  
Offering: ₹ 12,233  
Thanksgiving: ₹ 5,000  
Mission: ₹ 3,000  
Building Fund: ₹ 7,000  
Nagamese: ₹ 342  
Total: ₹ 34,075

### Nagamese Fellowship

Last Sunday Mrs. Akhe Wangsu Debbarma spoke from 1 Corinthians 13:11.

### ENROUTE

**God-centred** (Psalm 20:7) – Our walk with God depend on what is at the centre of our life (heart): Confidence in God, denying self, seeking God's perspective, contrary to that is being self centred: proud of self, selfish, depending on self. It is so subtle that it makes a lot of sense that we are not aware of it. To live a God centred life, we need to focus on God's purpose and not our own plans. To be God centred requires a daily death to self and submission to God (John 12:23-25).

- Moa Imsong

## *PSALM 34 cont...*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;  
He delivers them from all their troubles.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles,  
but the LORD delivers him from them all;  
He protects all his bones,  
not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked;  
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.  
The LORD redeems His servants;  
no one will be condemned who takes refuge  
In Him.

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### *Last Sunday message.....*

#### **What Jesus Brings (John 2:1-11)**

The miracle at the wedding at Cana is a sign. All the miracles of Jesus are like signposts pointing to a greater reality and truth about God. We don't stop and admire signposts on the way. We can thank God for them, but we move one to the place to which the signpost is leading. When good things happen, or we experience a miracle, we tend to stay in the "miracle" for too long. If that happens we may miss the greater good that God plans to do in our lives next.

If this miracle is a sign, what is it pointing us to? Consider the following:

**(1) The Cross**, v.4. Jesus says "my hour has not yet come". Whenever John uses "my hour" he is always referring to the Cross.

**(2) The giving of the Holy Spirit**, v.6.

Water is a sign of the Holy Spirit that gives new birth.

Water is also a symbol of the Word that cleanses.

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