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## FELICITATION

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,
Greetings to you in the most glorious name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am delighted that Church of God, Sharjah has faithfully served the Lord for 30 years in diaspora. It is always gratifying to see God's faithfulness and renewed mercies at work wherever we are.

Church of God, Kerala State, takes the delight in extending our warmest greetings on this gleeful occasion. It is assured in the Lord that His plans are to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a bright future. Rejoice as God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.
May this milestone renew your passion to pass on to the posterity what you gained from the predecessors.

We once again congratulate you on this exuberant moment and assure our continued prayers for the labour you endeavour for the extension of His glorious kingdom. "May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge" and "I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ".
Your generousness and prayers are always gratefully remembered. Assuring our continued prayers.

Yours in HIS service,
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It gives me great pleasure to know that this year, Church of God Sharjah is completing 30 years of its worship and service and that a Souvenir is being brought out in February 2023, commemorating this auspicious occasion. It is noteworthy that from a humble beginning, the Church of God - Sharjah has grown to be a vibrant young Church. The selfless services by the servants of God who labored there from time to time and the wholehearted cooperation of the beloved believers have undoubtedly played a vital role for the unprecedented growth.

This Church has been extending its helping hand to different States and Regions in India, supporting various mission fields as well as becoming a part of Charitable activities. We fondly remember that our Region is also greatly privileged to receive the precious support and the sincere love of this Church on a regular basis. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruifful bough by a well; his branches run over the wall." (Gen 49:22)

Every moment is a time to recall the goodness and the mercies of God. While thanking God along with all the dear ones in this Church for the faithfulness of God in past, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless and help the Church to grow from strength to strength in every aspect till the second coming of Jesus Christ.

We express our felicitations and also thank God while we remember the support Church of God - Sharjah has been providing to India's mission and to Missions in Karnataka State.

With best wishes to the present Pastor - Pr. Sabu P. Chandy, Secretary - Bro. Binu N. Joy, Treasurer - Bro. Sajeev John, the Committee members, the office bearers of the different departments and all brothers and sisters in the Church.

## Pr. M. Kunjappy

State Overseer
COG Karnataka State

## FELICITATION <br> 

It gives me immense joy to offer my greetings and congratulations, as you celebrate 30 years of faithfulness and favour of God upon the Church of God, Sharjah.
'Pearl' celebration not only speaks of God's faithfulness and blessings, but it also calls for a renewal of our commitments and service to the fulfilment of His purposes.

I am very excited to share with you my joy and remember the devotion and hard work of the pioneers of this renowned church in equipping men and women for fruifful ministry over the past years.

May this prayer of the Apostle Paul be always fulfilled in the ongoing ministry of the Church of God, Sharjah, that out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith ...that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen (Ephesians.3:16-21).
May God the Holy Spirit enable you to take Jesus, the light to the darkest places across the Middle East - with anointing, excellence, courage and confidence.

With Blessings,

## Rev. Dr. V.T. Abraham

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## FELICITATION

I am so delighted to learn that the Church of God, Sharjah is celebrating 30 years of its existence and ministry. It is praiseworthy that God has been so gracious to the congregation during these three decades, prospering the Church in every area of its service to the Lord. The Church has been an instrument in bringing many people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, a spiritual home for thousands of expatriate believers to enjoy the warmth of Christian fellowship, and an arena for transacting talents through faithful stewardship. The Church holds a clear vision for missions and uses the resources to reach the unreached.
GK Chesterton said; "We do not want a church that will move with the world. We want a Church that moves the world". The mission of the Church on this earth is to influence and impact the world for God and His purpose, keeping its true identity and sanctity.

On this joyous occasion, on behalf of the Church of God in India, Central West Region, I congratulate the Pastor, council and all the members for their commitment and service to the body of Christ. Wish and pray that the Lord continue to prosper the Church and take it to new heights of service to the Lord and His Kingdom.

## Pr. Benison Mathai

## Regional Overseer

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4. Br. Philip Chacko \& Family
5. Br. Thomas T Easow \& Family
6. Br. Thomas Cherian \& Family
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8. Br. Georgekutty
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11. Br. Thampi Samuel
12. Br. Babu Joseph
13. Br. James George
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Fulfilling God's purpose

It is a matter of great joy to know that the Church of God, Sharjah is completing 30 years of its worship and service and that a Souvenir is being brought out to commemorate the occasion. As far as the situation in Gulf countries is concerned, completing 30 years of worship is tremendous and a considerable period. The Lord has sustained the Church for the past long years amid all challenges and hardships. "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ". (Phil. 1:4).
Every moment is a milestone to recollect and thank God for His marvellous ways and His tender mercies. I still remember the sweet fellowship which I had with the Church of God, Shariah, years ago. We are indebted to all our dear ones in the Church for their continuous prayer and support extended towards our Region. The sincere labour of the servants of God who ministered there from time
 to time and the selfless cooperation of the believers are praiseworthy. We heartily appreciate Pastor Sabu P. Chandy who is presently labouring in the Church of God Shariah, the Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Members and all Brothers and Sisters in the Church for their deep concern and commitment. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one and keep them well and safe for His glory! "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27). With congratulations and prayers.

## Rev. Raju Thomas

Regional Overseer
Church of God in India, Northern Region.

Glory to the Almighty Lord who has graciously and successfully uplifted the Church of God Sharjah for the past three decades. In the UAE, several souls have been touched and brought to salvation through this Pentecostal church by our blessed pastors. I wish for all the pastors, committee members, and each and every member who has been constantly helping with various activities of the Church of God ministry in India, especially in the Kerala state, that the Almighty will strengthen
 and bless them abundantly.

Pr. Y.Reji
Administrative Assistant COG Kerala state.

## OUR FORMER \& PRESENT PASTORS



Pr. Jose George
(1993 May - Dec.1997)


Pr. K.M.Geevarghese (2006 Feb. - Mar. 2009)


Pr. Benz Abraham
(2015 April - Mar. 2018)


Pr. Ebenezer Daniel
(1998 Mar. - Mar. 2003)


Pr. E.P. Samkutty
(2009 April - Mar. 2012)


Pr. Mathew T.Samuel
(2018 April - Mar. 2021)


Pr. Vinoth Jacob (2003 April - Jan. 2006)


Pr. V.P. Thomas (2012 April - Mar. 2015)


Pr. Sabu P.Chandy
2021 April onwards


PR. SABU P. CHANDY \& FAMILY


I am delighted and praise God to know that the Church of God, Shariah is bringing out a souvenir on the occasion of the completion of 30 years since the beginning of the Church. My joy knows no bounds as I see the great growth, both in number and in the mission work, that the Church has involved in.

David Hesselgrave said "If you want to plant something that lasts a season, plant a flower. If you want something that lasts a lifetime, plant a tree. If you want something that will last for eternity, plant a Church."
When we see the various crises of today - ecological, political, social, and economic - we can conclude that time is running out. Someone said children born today may be the last generation of the humans to inhabit the planet earth. The
 world has yet to see what the Spirit of the Lord can do through the Church to establish God's kingdom on the earth. For that, our structure and the strategies need to be transformed and revived. You and I cannot sit comfortably. Let us not seek to be maintainers of our churches or denominations. These are the days of extreme watchfulness. The Church has the greatest responsibility in facing the shortest period. Remember, the Spirit of the Lord is seeking pioneers to establish and to manifest God's purpose on this earth.

I had the privilege of pastoring Church of God Shariah during 1998 to 2003. When I look back and think about the history of the church, my heart is full of joy and gratitude to our gracious Lord for His surpassing faithfulness in sustaining the church. I would like to congratulate all the pastors, both past and present, and the pastoral committee ministering in various capacities.
May God richly bless you as you celebrate the faithfulness of God and commit yourselves to the great task that He has called you to do - to finish the great commission.

With Blessings and Prayers
Rev. Ebenezer Daniel
Pastor (President \& General Overseer)
Agape Christian Assembly,
New Delhi.

The Lord has blessed and cared for the people of the Church of God, Sharjah for thirty years. Thirty years of prayer... thirty years of preaching... thirty years of singing God's praises... thirty years of evangelism, discipleship, and missions... thirty years of baptisms... and thirty years of God's protection in the Sharjah Church of God family. From a small group which gathered in a small living room to a large congregation. May the Lord bless you.

Pr. Vinoth Jacob


UPG Director
COG, Kerala State


PR. EBENEZAR DANIEL \& FAMILY



PR. K.M.GEEVARGHESE \& FAMILY


PR. E.P. SAMKUTTY \& FAMILY


PR. V.P. THOMAS \& FAMILY


PR. BENZ ABRAHAM \& FAMILY

I am so delighted to congratulate the Church of God -Shariah on this occasion of the thanksgiving service of its existence for the last 30 years.

Marvellously and wonderfully God has been leading and guiding the church through these years of its existence and ministry. In His grace and faithfulness, God has preserved the congregation and prospered the church in every aspect. The ministries of the church have been a blessing for many people to know the Lord and grow in Him. As Paul said in 1Corinthians 3:7 "It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What is important is that God makes the seed grow. I gratefully recollect the dedicated services of the servants of the Lord and the faithful believers who laboured for the church so far. God also gave me the opportunity to serve this church from 2009-2012, and indeed God blessed
 us abundantly in all aspects.

Wish and pray that the Lord continues to bless and prosper the church, Pr. Sabu P Chandy and all believers to move together with more vision and commitment to reach more heights in the history of the church.
Offering all glory to our Lord Almighty!
In His service,
Pr. E P Samkutty
Evangelism Director
COG- Central West Region
















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PR. MATHEW T. SAMUEL \& FAMILY


BR. C.P. VARGHESE \& FAMILY

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#### Abstract

            Pr. Benz Abraham State Council Member, Church of God (Full Gospel), Kerala State




Greetings in the sweet and unique name of our Lord Jesus Christ!
I'm pleased to know that COG Shariah is publishing a souvenir to commemorate 30 years of their faithful mission. I fondly think back to the time my family and I ministered at this church from 2018 to 2021. I praise God for enabling the church to flourish over the years and stay strong in its outreach through thick and thin. To thwart the spread of God's word, Satan has been persistently attacking God's people and their works. Despite his desperate efforts to corrupt and confuse the world and lead them astray, we rest assured, knowing that the victory is for Christ alone. However, we ought to also remember that we are constantly wrestling against the principalities, powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world. My hope and prayer for COG Shariah is that they may be "more than conquerors" in this spiritual warfare. As the church completes three
 decades of its ministry, I encourage the church to re-dedicate herself to God, minister to the unreached masses of society, and edify the body of Christ. May this anniversary be a sign of the church's continued good work and blessed ministry. Equipped with the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit, I pray that COG Shariah continues to diligently spread the gospel and grow God's flock until the return of Christ.

With best wishes and sincere prayers,

## Pr. Mathew T.Samuel

(Former Pastor, Church of God - Shariah)
Bhopal, India.

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Rev. Dr. K.J. Mathew
Secretary S.I.A.G

Dear Pastor and believers of the Church of God - Sharjah,
I am delighted that the Church of God - Sharjah is celebrating 30th anniversary. I rejoice with you and praise God for His faithfulness throughout these years. I thank God for His grace upon the church which brought you thus far.
I pray that God will give you a new and greater vision to be faithful in your calling and work diligently for the expansion of His Kingdom. May God expand your territories adding many souls in the coming years and use you for the blessing and comfort of many around the world. May God anoint everyone to carry out the plan of God in and around Sharjah and across the world.


May God make the Church of God - Sharjah a beacon and an oasis of hope to the world around you.
My wife Feba and daughter Sarah join me in congratulating you and we pray that God will continue to use you for His Glory.
In His service,

Rev. Dr. Sabu Varghese
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Pr. Gladson John, COG-Dubai



















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## CHURCH OF GOD - SHARJAH



It is indeed a great joy to learn that the Church of God, Sharjah is celebrating the 30th anniversary !! The three decades of its existence in Sharjah has witnessed hundreds of souls being saved, transformed and nurtured for spiritual growth. It is indeed a time of jubilee for the church to reflect the glorious spiritual legacy that has impacted many lives!! The best way to celebrate the occasion by every member of the congregation is to rededicate themselves to love and serve the Lord with all their heart and strength!! I praise God to learn that this church is strongly committed for the Mission right from the beginning and all Pastors who served the church invariably did their best to sustain that mission orientation over the past three decades. I am grateful to the church as well as to God that the ICPF has been one of the beneficiary mission oraganisation of the CoG, Sharjah. I appreciate the generous support extended by the church to the ICPF ministry in India!. I also extend my gratefulness to Bro. Binu N. Joy for hand holding the ministry of ICPF in UAE even while shouldering key responsibilities in the church. May the good Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless the Pastor, the committee and the church members as a whole!! May the Lord lead and guide the church to rich harvests in the days to come!!

Dr. James George<br>General Secretary, ICPF



# THE WORD IN THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE 

Dr. C.T Luiskutty (I.C.P.F Governing Council Member)

We all celebrate different milestones - birthdays, anniversaries, etc., in our personal lives, in the history of an organization we are part of, or of our nation. For a believer, it is a time to look back with a thankful heart and look forward with expectation and hope. It is a time to inaugurate a new generation and pass on responsibilities, a time to make amends for the mistakes of the past and infuse new vigour and enthusiasm into individuals or society, a time to examine the vision and redefine the mission.

We are living in a changing world. Technology has increased the conveniences in our everyday lives, even in rural areas. The availability of quick audio-visual communication at low cost has made the idea of a global village a reality. This is not only a time of exponentially increasing convenience, but also a period of rapidly changing moral and religious values. Just today, I read that according to 2021 census, the Christian community (that is, those who profess to be Christians) has become a minority in England and Wales. This is a country we used to call a Christian country, a people that sent missionaries abroad with the Gospel. When we think that all our problems can be solved with science and technology, and feel self-sufficient, the need for supernatural involvement is neglected and the number of people who have no faith is increasing. As followers of Jesus Christ, we must bear in mind that it is in this context that we live and operate as individual Christians and churches.

If someone comes with an invention, one way to check the validity of the claim is to examine whether it violates any of the established natural laws, e.g., the law of conservation of energy. Similarly, when new doctrines, practices and claims are brought to the churches, they should be validated against the unchanging Word of God. We do not alter the fundamental laws of physics to accommodate somebody's claim, even if they may arouse lot of public attention and look incredibly attractive and profitable. In the same way, we should not forsake, alter or dilute the logos as proclaimed by Jesus Christ Himself. His mission was to bring us to a realization that God is our Father and make us fit for the Kingdom of God.

We need to realize what is important in the view of Jesus Christ. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus repeatedly tells the disciples about the principles they have heard from their society and religion, and fervently adhere to. Following each of those statements, He adds, "But I tell you..." What Jesus has to tell His followers is not just an improved version of what they, as religious people and good citizens, already knew, but much different from, even diametrically opposite, to what they have heard from the society and religion. This is true today also. Among all the voices we hear from various sources including religion and church, we must be able to distinguish the voice of Christ.

Toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus emphasized that much more important than calling Him "Lord" repeatedly (in prayer, song, etc.), is doing the will of the Father. Also, more important than claiming to have performed great miracles in His name, is doing what they have heard from Him. James wrote, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22). The living word of God will keep you alive in Christ, throw light upon your path, and direct you in the right way. Be not just hearers of the Word, but doers.



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Fulfilling God's purpose

It gives me much pleasure to know that the Church of God, Shariah has completed its glorious existence of 30 years. On this happy occasion we, the Central Eastern Region, Church of God (Full Gospel) in India, Kolkata, are sending sincere greetings to the church. It was a small beginning, but the Lord has helped it to grow throughout these years like a fruifful tree, planted by the side of the river.

I am so glad that it has been blowing the silver trumpet of the gospel since its beginning, which attracted many to join the church during the bygone years. Let the tempo continue until the advent of the Master, whom we serve sincerely. The church's vision and mission, based on the Holy Scriptures, depicting the love of God in bringing many souls on the path of spiritual life, are really commendable.

Church of God - Sharjah has been a partner in Christ in evangelization with the Central Eastern Region for many years. Its Pastor(s), officials and the members (past and present), deserve great appreciation for all the good work they have done. May the Almighty grant them much reward and blessings from Zion. We extend all good wishes and sincere prayers to you all.

Rev. Benny John<br>Regional Overseer<br>Church of God-North Eastern Region














Pr. Nebu Thomas<br>Zion Church of God - Shariah















## Br. Tom M George

Chairman, Union Church, Sharjah
"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Abiding in the grace of God, let me take this precious moment; on behalf of the Union Church Sharjah to congratulate the Church of God - Sharjah assembly for celebrating 30 years. Though the journey might not have been a piece of cake; especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, our good Lord enabled all of us to see this big day. I sincerely pray that this milestone helps you all to continue His work with enthusiasm and fervent delight. Let God's strong hand keep this ministry going and may many more souls keep trailing our fellowship. May the love of God continue to bind us; to be faithful labourers in His vineyard.
May God Bless Us All!

Forever In Christ,


Br. Samkutty Mathew

Secretary, Union Church, Shariah

I congratulate you on the 30th anniversary of the Church of God - Shariah (Constituent member of Union Church). At this time, I praise the Lord for the sweet fellowship together in Union Church for the last many years.
I pray that God may shower manifold blessings on your congregation.

Br. P.S Babykutty
Licensee, Union Church, Sharjah


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Pr. Wilson Joseph<br>President, I.P.C. Worship Centre

Greetings in Jesus' name.
I am filled with excitement and overflowing with the joy of the Holy Spirit today as we celebrate this special occasion.
God has built His church to magnify His glory; we are the fruit of His labour.
I got the privilege to associate with the church and minister to the youths on several occasions. Additionally, I am praising God for the church and how God has used it to bless the ICPF ministries over the years. We are grateful to the church for its support of the ICPF ministries.
May the Lord continue to use the church to fulfil His mission and accomplish great things.

D.L. Moody said, "If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!" So, let's prayerfully attempt great things for God and expect great things from the Lord in the future. Happy 30th anniversary to the Church of God - Sharjah.

Br. Nelson Mathew<br>Student Counsellor - ICPF UAE

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# "FINISHING WELL" <br> Completion is not an option 

## Pr. Joe Thomas


S.A.B.C, Bangalore

In an exhaustive search of the Bible, Dr J. Robert Clinton, (Professor of Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary) who spent the past 15 years researching the lifelong development of Christian leaders, identified approximately 1000 leaders. From Old Testament patriarchs, priests, and military leaders to New Testament Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors, sufficient information was available on only 49 prominent leaders to analyze how they finished. The shocking results portray that only $30 \%$ of leaders in the Bible finished well. This means that $70 \%$ fell short of God's plan for their lives. This fact should jolt any present-day leader who desires to be counted for God.

Completion is not an option. The old English proverb says, 'Well begun is half done'. However, in Christian life, Finishing well is equally or more important and difficult than beginning well. A good start doesn't always guarantee a good end.

If we were to ask Paul, the Apostle and the servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, who fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith, what was the key to it all, he would answer us through the imperatives that he gave Timothy, his young protégé.
Paul encourages, in fact commands and urges Timothy to -

- 'Keep' what he heard (2 Tim 1:13)
- 'Guard' it with all his might and strength (2 Tim 1:14)
- 'Be continuously strengthened' by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 2:1)
- 'Entrust' the word of God to others (2 Tim 2:2)
- 'Share' in sufferings (2 Tim 2:3)
- $\quad$ 'Think over/Reflect on' what Paul was saying (2 Tim 2:7)
- 'Remember Jesus' (2 Tim 2:8)

As much important as the rest are, I would like to focus on what it is to remember Jesus, in order to finish well.
Paul as he sat chained in a Roman prison, anticipating an imminent execution, writes to Timothy "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I'm suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal (2 Timothy: 2:8)". The gospel that Paul preached and that for which he endured all the sufferings could be summarized in one sentence- 'Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David'. Paul encourages Timothy to remember this. The verb 'remember' in the present tense means continuous action. It is the fixing of one's attention. Paul in the above verse is careful to not mention any of the mighty acts of God. It is not to say God is not capable of those mighty acts now, but he wants to encourage Timothy by reminding Jesus Christ alone. To finish well, remembering Jesus is not an option - it is a command, an imperative.

The 3 R's of Finishing Well - What did Paul command Timothy to remember?

## I. Remember the Incarnation

Remember Jesus Christ - The title 'Jesus Christ' in 2 Tim 2:8 is worth noting. It is one of the few places in the Pauline Epistles ( 1 Tim. $6: 3,14$; Tit. $1: 1 ; 2: 13 ; 3: 6$ ) and the only place in 2 Timothy where Paul uses the title 'Jesus Christ'. He intended to emphasize Jesus' humanity by placing first the name given at Jesus' birth since it would be meaningful to Timothy in this context.

J I Packer writes "The almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation". Timothy is to remember the Incarnation of Jesus.

## II. Remember the Kingship of Jesus

Remember He descended from David - The title 'Descendant of David' indicates Jesus' physical lineage (Rom. 1:3) and connects Him to the promise that David's descendant would reign forever (2 Sam 7:12). Jesus is a descendant of David. This draws attention to His role as the Messiah (Mt. 1:1, Mk 10:47-48, Rom. $1: 3$ ) and the fulfilment in Jesus, the promise to David that his kingdom will have no end (2 Sam. 7:12-16, Lk. $1: 32-33)$. His kingdom is eternal.

Timothy is to remember the Kingship of Jesus.

## III. Remember the Gospel

Remember Jesus rose from the dead - The reference to the resurrection reminds us that Jesus died, and part of the gospel is that Jesus died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3). However, the resurrection is important in its own right, for without Jesus' resurrection there is no gospel. Resurrection completes the Gospel. Without His resurrection, there is no victory over death or eternal life.

Jesus' suffering placed him among the dead, but the resurrection brought him out from them ("all the dead").
Timothy is to remember that Jesus is raised from death itself, and that triumph is to encourage him when he contemplates suffering hardship for Christ.

To finish well we ought to 'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David'. We can finish well only by fixing Jesus at the centre of everything we are and everything we do because He is "the author and the perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)".








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Through the mercies of God, I join the rest of the believers who are wishing Church of God - Sharjah all the best, as you celebrate the 30th anniversary of His warm kindness in the wilderness. I am filled with excitement and overflowing with the joy on this special occasion. God has built His church to magnify His glory and we are the fruits of His labor. May He continue to use COG Sharjah to fulfill His glory. Happy anniversary to the Church of God. "Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving".


Br. Lal Mathew
I.P.C - Sharjah

Joint Treasurer - Union Church


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## My Saviour <br> Jane Eapen

When your heart is in pain And your tears fall down like rain When you walk the lonely lane Do you ever complain?


It was for you and me that He was slain
Don't let His death be in vain
He gave every drop of blood in his vein
To remove our sin's stain
Now He's in our hearts to reign
His message is quite plain
And can be understood by the sane
He can break every chain
When you feel your life's going down the drain
Only the Saviour's love can sustain
People like you and Jane
Let our hearts joy maintain
And rejoice in the Lord again!














## Santhosh Eapen

Co-ordinator, ICPF UAE

## True Worship.... <br> Blesson Oommen George

 COG Shariah ChoirIt gives me immense joy to write an article for COG Sharjah's Souvenir and by God's grace, I have had the privilege of being a part of this blessed Church for the past 18 years, and serving in the worship ministry.

Reflecting on true worship, Paul describes it perfectly in Romans 12:1-2: "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect."


True worship is a God-centered worship, instead of getting caught up in the expression of worship, music, or the type of songs or set-ups. Jesus tells us that true worshippers will worship God in spirit and in truth, John 4:24. True worship opens the supernatural realm.

From a personal experience, worship has led me into God's presence, and has brought about supernatural miracles, opening doors that were previously impossible in my life. I have seen miracles happen in my family and friends when we worship Him in spirit and truth.

A clear picture of worship can be seen in Luke 7: 36-48. This passage elaborates on the sinful woman coming at the feet of Jesus. From this, we can understand the following aspects of worship:

- She washed His feet with her tears, representing emotional worship.
- She wiped His feet with the hair of her head, representing, intelligent and thoughtful worship.
- $\quad$ She kissed His feet, representing physical worship.
- She anointed them with ointment/oil, representing spiritual worship.

In the above passage, we do not observe any musical instruments or a priest or pastor leading worship, yet it still constitutes true worship. Praising and singing at Church is not the only form of true worship, but rather it is acknowledging God for who He is and bringing Him glory in all that we do. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to Him and His Word. Only He is worthy to be worshipped. True worship originates from within and is then expressed through our actions. I truly believe and pray that everyone may enter into true worship and experience God in a deeper way.


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# COG SCRIPTURE SCHOOL 

Dr. Godwin Francis<br>SS Headmaster

As the Headmaster of our Scripture School, it is my great pleasure to offer congratulations and felicitations on the 30th anniversary of our Church of God, Shariah.
These past 2 years have been challenging for all of us, as we had to navigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these difficulties, our church has remained a shining example of faith, hope, and love in our community. The publication of this souvenir serves as a reminder of the many ways in which God has blessed us and guided us through the years, as it says in Isaiah $43: 2$ "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

I am particularly proud of the way our Scripture School adapted to the unique challenges posed by the pandemic, by quickly shifting to an online education model. Our teachers have worked hard to
 ensure our students received a high-quality education, despite the limitations of remote learning. Even our students rose to the occasion, demonstrating remarkable resilience and adaptability, as it says in Philippians $4: 13$ "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

As we look back over the past 30 years through the pages of this book, we are reminded of the many individuals and families who have been a part of our church's story. We are grateful for the faithful leadership of our pastors, the dedicated service of our elders, and the sacrificial giving of our congregants. We also give thanks for the tireless efforts of our Scripture School teachers for the last three decades, who have imparted not only knowledge but also wisdom, and the love of God to their students.

As we look forward to the future, we know that there will be challenges ahead that can be faced with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the support of the fellowship. The Bible reminds us in Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." On this 30th anniversary of our church, let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness, and let us rededicate ourselves to serving Him with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength.


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We are fortunate to be living in an era of vast developments in technology and communication. During the last 50 years, we have seen changes like never before. In ancient times, if a person had to communicate with a faraway person, they used to send out messengers, pigeons, and doves with little chits. Then came telegrams and letters, where we had to write letters to communicate with one another. During my childhood days, telephones
 were not that common. We had to book a trunk call and speak at the top of our voices for the person on the other end to hear. A few decades ago, pagers, mobile phones, computers, and the internet came into existence. Mail is being taken over by emails. Fast and instant replies. Today, we have various means to connect with our loved ones. We are living in a time when humans want to communicate with the outside world!

However, when phones became smartphones, life changed. Social life has been hijacked by social media. Friends talk less and text more. Covid 19, along with the virus, also familiarized us with the use of zoom meetings, which are preferred over physical meetings. Working from home is convenient and preferred, as the commute time is saved. Even at church, we have the option to choose to attend remotely, rather than having fellowship at the church. When Ezra opened the Word of God, all the people stood up to give reverence to the reading of the Word of God. Today, with the Bible easily accessible on our mobile devices, we may not give the same level of reverence to the Word of God as we used to.

The school authorities made smart phones and I-pads mandatory for children. Right from a young age, our children get access to all that is available on the internet. During our college days, we had to go to the cinema if we wanted to watch a movie. Today, it is easily accessible at the tip of our finger from a very young age. Our children are influenced by strangers on social media, and they follow whom they do not know. Previously, we used to stretch our hands to the word of God first thing in the morning. Today, we wake up and stretch our hands to our phones to check the time and end up checking messages on social media, rather than the message from God. Mobiles and social media have become basic needs for us. A day without a mobile is unimaginable.

During fasting prayers, we give more importance to avoiding food. Can we also avoid social media for the next fasting prayers? Twenty-one days, without social media? I am reminded of a Bible verse, where Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me, more than these?" When communication is so essential to humans, how much more would our Heavenly Father want to have constant touch with us? He is constantly speaking, even now as you read this article. Let's keep our hearts tuned to His voice.
Don't get me wrong, social media is very useful at times, but life existed before social media. We can all admit that social media takes a vital portion of our time, and we compromise the time in prayers and in the presence of God. Anything that keeps us away from God, is from the devil. The Bible reminds us that we should not be ignorant of Satan's schemes. Let us utilize our time so that we will reap 'everlasting life' rather than 'corruption', as Galatians 6:8 says, 'For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.'

I take this opportunity in thanking the Almighty Lord for His faithfulness to the Church of GodSharjah in completing 30 years. May God's immeasurable love, rain down upon you for spreading the gospel so diligently.

Blessings,
Mathews George
Newzealand

## Together Towards Growth in CHRIST

Dear friends,
The young age you are going through at present is the most significant time of your growth. Bible speaks about the holistic growth of a child in the gospel according to Luke chapter two verses fifty-two, specifically referencing the growth of baby Jesus. The verse states that, "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man". We need to make sure that our growth is similar to that of Jesus, who grew in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man.

## 1. Mental Growth

Growing in wisdom is the top priority for many of you, leading you to choose the best schools and syllabus for your studies. Through your systematic studies, you must strive to reach the position which God intends for you. As students, each one of you needs to depend upon the Lord to discover your talents and God-given abilities and enrich them by trusting in the grace of God. However, you must grow mentally strong in order that you may be able to handle challenges. Unless you have the mental stability and boldness, you will never be able to withstand the pressures of life's circumstances.

## 2. Physical Growth

You must make sure that you have natural physical growth corresponding to your age. You must eat healthy food and cultivate the habit of daily exercise for your physical growth. Lack of nutritious food, lack of immunity power, and being overweight are some of the issues the present generation struggle with.

## 3. Social Growth

We must grow with adequate awareness of the social life settings around us. Let us learn to be tolerant in the context of intolerance in contemporary society. While we hold on to socio-religious, and political thoughts and faith values, we must learn to respect others and have an open attitude towards the people of other faiths. We must have a discerning spirit from God to evaluate right and wrong and formulate a value system in the situation of the present post-modern world. We can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world only when we can know and realize the needs of our fellow beings. We must have the nature of dissolving and providing taste to others' lives.

## 4. Spiritual Growth

In the present context of spiritual decay, we must be a generation like young Samuel who heard the voice of God and obeyed him. The discipline, encouragement, and correction we have received from our families and Sunday school, molded us to have real spiritual growth in our lives. We must realize the fact that whatever success we gain without a relationship with God, is nothing and void.

Let us have holistic growth in our lives by nurturing Christian values and being transformed into His image.

## Pr. Salu Varghese

Secretary,
CGI Kerala State Sunday School Dept.

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 Know Robert Raikes and Sunday School Movement

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Robert Raikes was the pioneer of Sunday School Movement. Robert Raikes was born in 1736 in Gloucester, England. It was a period of increased industrialization and therefore urbanization in England. Industrialization created rich people and poor people. Cruel and inhumane laws ensued. Many were left without a home, food, clothing and sanitation. Many had to work 12 -hour days six days a week in dangerous and unhealthy conditions. Sunday, a day off, was spent by youths and children in gambling, stealing, drug use, licentious living and crime. In the unsanitary streets, they wandered. However, Robert believed that "Vice is preventable, idleness is the parent of vice, and ignorance is the cause of idleness". Robert Raikes understood that the knowledge of Jesus Christ could remove the ignorance and he decided to fight against this vice with good works. . In partnership with Rev. Thomas Stock (Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish), Raikes began the first Sunday school in July 1780 at Mrs. Meredith's tenement in Sooty Allen on a Sunday. The Sunday school movement spread to other parts of England despite many setbacks and now has a presence in many countries across the world. Robert Raikes had a concern for the lost (including the future generation) and humbly approached them with a sense of responsibility, firm godliness, self-consecration, prayer compassion and deep understanding of God's word. Robert Raikes spent his entire life working for the betterment of children and left this world in 1811. The lamp of love that was lit by that great man continues to guide many children towards the light, serving as an unextinguishable beacon even today, inspiring them to walk in righteousness.
" I consider the Sunday school to be one of the most important institutions in the country. "
"I have the most unbounded confidence in the Sunday school as an instrument of good. "
" The Sunday school is an institution that has done more good than any other. "
"I have always believed that the Sunday school is the best institution for promoting the welfare of the poor. "

When I gaze over the never-ending tides, As I have set out on a difficult sail; In this journey called my life, People often say sure, I will fail!

When trials never tend to stop And life gets utterly sour; I will cry out to my Lord, Far above the thunderous roar!

When darkness frightens me to the core And I am unable to sleep;


Jerry Jose I gather strength and get on the floor, To bend my knees and weep!

When the oceans rise and burst
And I shudder in the storm; I will cling on to my Lord, Until things get to the norm!

When I see no help far beyond And I am not sure what's in store; I will still hold on to Him, Who has promised me a shore!

Even when the wind looms to engulf me And the rough waves roar; Clinging on to the anchor of my life, Like an eagle, I will soar!


# Christ Cross? 



Johnsu Thomas

We have a reason to explain our successes and failures in life, and that's just because everyone around us is either keen to repeat the success or learn from the elements that can hold them back. It's one of those inborn instincts in humans which has often led them to compete and conquer. All throughout our life, whichever stage of life you are in, competition or conquering has never ceased. But how do we see it when we experience failure? Well, let us see how we can define our success and failure. Who defines the terms of success and failure? And how do we know of this? What does our holy scripture teach us on this?

When the world saw that cross on the mountain of Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, they cried out and mocked shaking their heads (Matthew 27:39-43). They despised a failed Jesus, because they looked at the cross as a place where sinners were mercilessly punished. They thought that the cross had marked the end of an era which belonged to a self-proclaimed Jewish King; they thought His death was the end of all what He had preached and taught throughout His life. As Jesus took His last breath at the cross, the world gazed at His final moments and deemed it a failure, which is how the world defines failure. But when the centurion took a moment to look at Jesus rather than the cross, he saw the dawn of a new definition of victory. He understood that what he was witnessing on the cross was just the beginning of a new horizon. His acknowledgement of a righteous man dying on the cross showed that he knew the cross couldn't contain Him and death couldn't pin Him down. Until then, what the world defined as failure was definitely not right. Our Lord Jesus Christ redefined failure. Today, generation after generation, the victory of Jesus is being celebrated throughout the ages, which was once considered a failure by a small group of people. For a Christian, the cross has got its place on his shoulders and not in his eyes, because the word clearly says that his eyes should be fixed only on whom he is following (Mark 8:34). Jesus had the cross on His shoulders, and through it all, He never lost hope in His heavenly Father who raised him from the sealed Roman tomb. The choice is yours to see the cross or the Christ on the cross when you are being tested and tempted in this world. Let's open our hearts and stay focused on our Redeemer. A cross will always exist in your life on earth, but are you ready to see the Christ on it? From now on, let's learn to measure our successes and failures with the life of Christ Himself, where we get our absolute results.

We worship, praise, celebrate, sing, exalt and find joy in a Christ, who has emerged victorious from death and not the cross on which He was crucified. His life and victory over death flow to everyone who believes and calls upon His name, yesterday, today and for eternity, forevermore, Amen!


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# DISCOVERING AND DEFENDING THE Tidlili- WITH SCIENCE 

Sharon Benson

Science is a gift from the Almighty, who is the source of all good things (James 1:17). The fact that we can use our intellect to explore the physical aspect of the world and make discoveries to upgrade our lifestyles is not only wonderful but also biblical. God has always encouraged science from the beginning, but mankind has always been unconvinced and dubious, altering and subjecting the creation of God as per their convenience.

My profession as a Science Educator compelled me to search for answers for my fellow intellects and students during discussions. In the pursuit of finding various answers, one day I came across the biography of world-renowned astrophysicist Dr. Hugh Ross. He works with a group of scholars to direct people to the gospel by using scientific advances and evidence from the living Word of God to identify the character of God, His existence, and the reliability of the Bible. His writings, including journals and articles, served as a great asset for Science practitioners around the world, including me, to unravel different aspects of the living God.
How do I defend and discover my Creator over the World?
The answer lies in the very easy practice of using our intellect to learn the Bible, untie the complexity of various discoveries already stated in the Bible and to be aware/proclaim it to the world.
What does the Bible say about science (Evidence)
Some of my favourite findings lie in the timeline of discoveries of various phenomena in science, I am exemplifying here very basic ones which my fifth graders would also be aware of- The Water Cycle. We all know the source of water that keeps pouring into the water bodies, where it comes from and why it never dries up. But these were never answered until the 17th century when French Scientists Pierre Perrault and Edme Mariotte coined the term Hydrologic Water Cycle, outlining the pathway of water from rivers flowing into oceans, followed by evaporation of it into clouds, returning of water from clouds in form of rain and finally, water drains back from land into rivers.

But to the surprise, the Bible implied this water cycle thousands of years before the French Scientists figured it out. The biblical authors credited it all to the Creator Almighty God.
The book of Job (written between the 7th and 4th centuries BCE.) says,
"For He draws up the drops of water, they distill rain from the mist, which the clouds pour down, they drip upon man abundantly". (Job 36: 27-28)

Job was a wealthy man with lots of livestock. Maybe he had profound knowledge about animals and their lifestyle. Those days, he neither had any high-speed internet connectivity to google or any schooling or scientific knowledge to look up into the night sky and understand the nature of the earth. However, Job being a man of God, He revealed the process of rain to him.
The book of Amos (written BC 790-739) says: "He who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth, The Lord is His name". (Amos 9:6)
Solomon (Written around 935 BC ) says; "All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again" (Ecclesiastes 1:7)

As with all other books of the Bible, Job was also written not by his thoughts but through the revelation from the Creator. The difference in timelines and studies clearly shows that it was all explicitly written in the Word of God with His wisdom even before the high intellect of the world could discover it. There is much scientific evidence like gravity, the earth's core, ocean currents, undersea mountains, cosmology, the creation and many more, well-outlined in different verses by various God's anointed authors consistently showcasing strong evidence of divine authorship and the truth of the Bible.

What should we tell people who say the Bible and Science are incompatible?
Every discussion of this nature should be dealt with patience, love and wisdom. Never be hesitant to ask why they believe so, to avoid making assumptions about a person's belief. Don't try to find faults with the Darwinian Theory of Evolution or the Big Bang theory but rather take a genuine effort to listen patiently and direct them to the problem of how two different competing worldviews are trying to interpret the same ANSWER!
What's the difference between these two worldviews?
One considers the Authoritative Word of the Creator who is the beginning and the end and cannot lie (Genesis 1:1, Hebrew 6:18), while others heed the word of naive imperfect human beings.
The aim should be always to remove the intellectual barrier which hinders a person's belief in the gospel (2 Corinthians 10:5). We should remember we are not living to win mere arguments, but rather we are seeking to win souls to Jesus Christ!
"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

## Church of God Sharjah LADIES MINISTRY



It brings immense pleasure to note the wonderful ways God is leading the Ladies Ministry in the constitution of the Church of God, Sharjah.
In Romans 16, Paul greets many sisters who worked as evangelists and missionaries in the Lord's ministry. Notwithstanding the various persecutions around them, they did not lose hope but carried out the ministry of the Lord fervently.


We must have heard of missionaries like Sis. Amy Beatrice Carmichael and Sis. Catherine Mumford, who, despite their poor health conditions, did not stop their passion for sharing the love of Christ. Their selfless labor led many women to Christ. No matter which field God has put us, let us draw people to Jesus Christ our Lord, through our exemplary lives in Christ.
Dated February 6th, 2007, onwards, COG Sharjah Ladies Ministry has been led under the governance of the Pastors therein. The Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretary and two Committee members are appointed each year to support the ministry. The team collectively takes steps to run the ministry smoothly. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the efforts of our past and present COG senior sisters, these meetings have been successfully led for the last 30 years.
Due to COVID, for the past 2 years, physical meetings have been on hold, but with the help of Zoom platform, we have been able to conduct meetings every first Thursday of the month. We also have 24 -hour chain prayer on every second Saturday of the month, interceding for the church and our country. Special meetings utilizing resourceful lady speakers and love feast involving sisters bringing their own dishes, makes the fellowship a much blessing for everyone.
2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 says, But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
In light of this verse, we have made home coin box facility available to all our church members, so that the contribution received by the end of the year can be used to support widows in India. We also look forward for donation of used, good-condition clothes to the needy in the remote areas of India. The support and prayers of our church family has led
 us so far and we look forward to their continued support.
Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3: 8-9

All Glory to God.<br>Shiny Sam<br>LM. Secretary

# VISIBLE Vs INVISIBLE THERE REMAINS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HOLINESS 



Dr. Nithya Anna Kurien

Our Lord examines the desires and intentions of the inner mind. There lies no easier task for all of us than pretending to lead a spiritually worthy life in front of the world. In the era of social media, we find pride in showcasing the pictures of our God-given talents, posting candid shots of marital bliss and serious images of ourselves leading certain ministries and camps. Our ultimate consideration should be whether we are leading a perfect life in His eyes and if there is any unholiness creeping in our minds.

King David was handsome and ruddy with fine features and was a gifted musician. His virtues and talents were literally matchless compared to his contemporaries and future rulers. We do not see our heavenly Father speaking so much in adoration of any other king or individual. He was always victorious in his battles. Can we equate anybody else in our testaments who had acquired all these skills and proficiency both as a warrior and an ardent worshipper of our Lord? From a humble shepherd boy, he rose to flock God's own people, and that too in his early years. David accomplished everything he cherished, some were benevolently bestowed upon him by God, some were acquired with his might and shrewd technical skills. David was thoroughly knowledgeable regarding holiness, the Levitical priesthood, tabernacle etc. He shuddered in fear when the Lord struck Uzzah in anger.

Where did King David slip out of his holiness? Polygamy was not uncommon in those days and probably thought as king of Israel he had the right and freedom to choose anybody found attractive. His beautiful eyes turned out to be the source of his sin. David's ruthlessness, selfish desire and lust murdered Uriah the Hittite. But once the revelation was made by the Prophet Nathan, King David's conscience could not bear it anymore. As we all read, he prostrated himself before the Lord and begged for mercy. The performance of a sin that seemed trivial in his eyes, had made him condemnable and abominable in the eyes of our Lord. From Absalom
to Adonijah, this act of sin tormented the lives of his four budding young sons.
We have to do an introspection on whether we are allowing Jesus Christ to reign in us or are we still leading our lives in the ways of the world. The Lord clearly states in Isaiah 29:13 that "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."
Body, mind and soul...which among these are we prioritizing?

Body:- Eternally glowing, radiant skin, a perfectly sculpted body and a youthful countenance is one thing some personally envy and strive for. Dermatology has been making giant leaps. A deep surgical scar, a tiny pimple, wrinkle marks can be totally transformed by Botox injections, under eye wrinkle free therapies, laser treatments, all these appear tantalizing. At times we tend to forget this body is destined for decomposition. Are we intending to spend more time and money on merely immortalizing this mortal body? Are we wasting endless hours in health clubs and spas in a frantic effort to look even more younger to fellow comrades? Does our conscience ever heed us to take less time for all of this?

Mind:-This is submerged deep within, nobody in this world is aware of our emotions and inner desires. It is an arena where our enemy can maximally devour us. If we see condemnable, detestable scenes on Netflix or YouTube channels for the sake of relaxation aren't we crucifying our Savior once more to the hidden desires of our minds?

Our Lord has testified about Job as blameless, upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. Elizabeth and Zechariah were considered righteous, observing all the commands and decrees blamelessly. Can we stand as a living testament as holy in both mind and deed? In Mark 7:21, we read that evil things from a person's heart is what defile them.

Galatians 5:19 clearly enumerates them, we are all subject in one or the other way to one of these sins. Let us fill ourselves with the fruits of the Spirit as described in Galatians: 5:22.

Soul: Our final destination. When we worship our Lord in the spirit, the spiritual energy revitalizes our mind and energizes our mortal body. A sort of kinetic energy. Let us worship Him in body, mind and spirit. Anointed by the Holy Spirit nothing is hidden from us. 1 Thessalonians 5:10-He died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep that we may live together with him. I Thessalonians 5:23-May God himself, the God of peace sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lord has provided himself as a model to us before his ascension. Let us follow Him in that path. Let our vital five sense organs be kept holy and blameless in His sight. Only the Old Testament veteran Job had spoken with sincerity and steadfastness that I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman. That straightness, sincerity and not being hypocritical was what made him sound different among the Old Testament warriors.
Can we vigorously apply the external maneuvers done for the body for the internal revitalization of our souls. Shall we nourish our famished spirits so that none among us fall short to be glorified. Regarding holiness of the spirit, anything which hinders it, be it a favorite Nefflix series, friendships which contributes nothing to spirituality or social media addiction, let us drop it all and run fervently the race ahead for us.


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It is with great joy we bring forth congratulatory wishes from CHILD FOCUS INDIA, Bangalore and the Assemblies of God in India on the 30th year of celebrations of Church of God - Shariah, UAE.

It's a blessing to have been part of the diasporic Indian children from the Church of God, Sharjah, growing up with them for the last 6 consecution years during the annual ICPF camps at UAE.


On behalf of the leadership here in India, I extend my heartfelt good wishes and blessings on the historic celebrations. May the Lord Jesus Christ, continue to bestow His grace to the church to fulfill His purpose, in the years to come.

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# COMFORTED TO GOMFORT 

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Second Corinthians was written in Macedonia, a few years after the first letter in AD 55. Paul talks about his weakness, affliction and sufferings in which he received power and comfort to endure those suffering in 2 Corinthians. The uniqueness of the Christian life is not the absence of problems, pain or sorrow, but the presence of the one who solves the problem. In 2 Cor 1:3, Paul opens with thanksgiving to God for the comfort he received from Him. Paul explains the affliction in Asia that made him renounce all hope of survival and that the intervention of God and the comfort in affliction rescued him from death. Affliction (used 3 times), suffering (four times) and comfort (ten times); comfort has become the catchword in this passage.
Paul's pattern o thought is significant in this passage.
v. 4 God's comfort in Paul's suffering, he comfort others who are suffering
v. 5 Paul's experience of Christ's suffering is abundant as the sufferings of Christ is abundant
v. 6 Paul's suffering ultimately leads to the comfort of the Corinthians as they patiently endure sufferings
v. 7 As the Corinthians experience suffering, they will also experience God's comfort through Paul God: Source of all Comfort (1:3)
Paul says with much delight about the special strength given by God of amid trials that overwhelmed him. The very important term is comfort of every kind. It has the idea of strengthening, of helping, of making strong. From the beginning of his Christian life, Paul understood his calling to suffer for the name of Christ (Acts 9:15-16. There are three reasons for Paul to praise God.

1. Who is God for us? He is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.
2. What God does for us? He comforts us in our affliction.
3. What God does do in and through us? He comforts others through us so that we may be able to console those in any affliction.

## Purpose of Affliction as Enabling

In v. 4 Paul explains how God encourages/ comforts/ consoles us in all affliction and as a result, we can encourage those in any trial by the same encouragement with which we receive from God. It is the 'consolatory strengthening' in the face of adversity that affords spiritual refreshment. The purpose of God is to enable the one who receives comfort in suffering so that he/she will comfort others. God's comfort in Paul's affliction and distress enabled him to channel the comfort to those who are facing the same situation. The spiritual principle he is enunciating is that Christian's experience of God's consolation, amid life's afflictions empowers them to communicate the divine "comfort" to others. Paul here acts as a mediator to pass on comfort to the Corinthians.

## Abundant Comfort through Christ (v.5)

In v. 5 for just as Christ's suffering overflow to us, so also does the encouragement overflow to us. There are two parallelisms in this verse. It was God the Father, not Christ who was the source of comfort (v.3) and the very comfort he received from God flowed into the Corinthians' lives. It is not something his creation but the comfort he received from God.
Paul views his sufferings as the suffering of Christ and those sufferings equipped him to impart God's comfort to others. What does the suffering of Christ refer? It may not be the atoning sacrifice as it is once for all and a completed event (Rom 6:10; Rom 5:8-10). This may be in a sense of Col. 1:24, where Paul affirms that in his person he is filling up what is lacking concerning the affliction of Christ. A person 'in Christ' and 'for Christ' is sharing the sufferings of Christ.

## Patient Enduring (v. 6)

There is a divine purpose behind Paul's suffering. Paul knew that in affliction divine encouragement through Christ has been received. Paul suffers and the Corinthians are benefiting out of his affliction. The consequence and the result of Paul's sufferings is the comfort of the Corinthians.

## Example of Paul's Suffering and Deliverance (v.8-11)

The affliction made him to rely completely on God and refrain from self-dependence and his resources. He passed the stage of putting confidence in himself and his powers, rather to trust and hope only in God. V. 11 shows how Corinthians supported Paul in his affliction through prayers. Here Paul's appreciation and request for prayers of the Corinthians shows interdependence or mutual care and concern to the members of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:25-26). He requests Corinthian's continuous prayer support for the deliverance from future affliction. Mutual relations are very much expressed in this passage in the context of affliction.

## Affliction as an Opportunity

Here Paul views affliction as an opportunity.

1. An opportunity to receive comfort from God
2. An opportunity to look at others and understand others' situations, mirroring life on others
3. An opportunity to pass on the same comfort to others as the comfort he received has not ended in himself but it flows out to others
4. An opportunity to identify with the sufferings of Christ. Christ mirroring in him
5. An opportunity to understand the will of God
6. An opportunity to avoid self-reliance and put complete reliance on God

When adversity visits our life, we have two choices- to be a victim, to be a victor. It is not what happens to you but what happens in and through you that counts. We receive blessings in brokenness. Brokenness is to make our blessing for others. We have a vision of ourselves, of others and Christ/ God. This is a mediating role-mediating the comfort received in affliction.

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## The <br> Power of Prayer \& Fasting:

Conquering Life's Challenges

## Sis. Reema Rijo



Every human in this world deserves respect, whether they are a child or elderly person, rich or poor. There was a time in my life where I was denied respect, but as we read in Zephaniah 3:19 "God will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame." During my college days, I had to face a tough time. I joined my classes with great expectations and enthusiasm but unfortunately my college Principal was very prejudiced towards me from the start. He was a Christian who converted to another religion and apparently held a strong hatred towards Christians the most.
My Principal had an unpleasant attitude towards me when I was chosen to host the Food Fest program in our college. During the final day of rehearsal, he was not satisfied with the way I pronounced his name. So, he came on stage and publicly insulted me before all faculty and seniors and ordered me to leave. That was such an embarrassing moment of my life. My seniors frightened me, asking how I would survive in this college for 6 years after having disappointed the Principal.
I felt so bad and ran to my classroom with tears rolling down my cheeks. I was alone with no one to comfort me. Suddenly I remembered my mom, with whom I shared everything. I called and apprised her. She comforted me and advised me to pray for the Principal and trust God, (Psalms 118:8)
I started praying as per mom's advice. The more I prayed for him, the more he affronted me. Finding no change in his attitude, my heart grew weak. My intensity of prayer went down and gradually, I stopped praying for him.
Each day, I was literally scared to go to college. One morning, when I called my mom, she asked me whether I was praying for the Principal or not. I replied that I didn't find any change in his attitude, so I stopped praying. My mom asked me to read Mark 9:29 (But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.) Then I started fasting and praying for him from the month of December 2013. By God's mercy, my secret prayers were answered after 3 months. I was called to the Principal's cabin on 28th March 2014 and he apologized me for his actions. I was shocked for a moment as we all know it is very rare for a Principal to apologize to a normal student. In that moment, I understood that God's delays are never his denials.
God changed his attitude towards me through the influence of his wife, who also happened to be my lecturer. By God's grace, I had excelled academically and made a positive impression on my lecturers. Through his wife, God was able to change the Principal's perception of me. This incident helped me to understand the power of fasting and praying. Our prayers can move the mountains of our life if we submit to God and wait patiently for His time.

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4. Name the tree that Zacc-haeus climbed

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## Always remember what the Bible says and the perfect way to please God:

* Honor GOD in everything. (Revelation 4:11)
* Obey Your parents. (Exodus 20:12)
* Always speak the truth. (Ephesians 4:25)
* Be Grateful. (Ephesians 5:20)
* Put others before yourself. (Romans 13:9)
* Take care of your possessions. (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

Prayer: Gracious Father, we thank you for today and for all the things you have provided us. We thank you for your good health and wisdom. For those reading this, we ask you, Father, to change the heart and make it the way you want. To honour you, respect you, and glorify you should be the duty of our life. Help us and mould us in your purpose. Bless us with your grace and abundance. Help us to be grateful and to trust you in all aspects of our life. Make us holy as You are holy. We ask this prayer in Jesus' mighty name. AMEN!!

## THE HOLY BIBLE

- The Bible has 66 Books.
- The Bible has 1,189 Chapters.
- The Bible has 31,102 verses.
- The Old Testament has 929 chapters.
- The Old Testament has 23,145 verses.
- The New Testament has 260 chapters.
- The New Testament has 7,957 verses.
- Chapters were added to the Bible in $\mathbf{1 2 3 8}$ by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro.
- Verse divisions were added in the year 1551 by Robertus Stephanus.

- The Longest book is Psalms ( 150 chapters)
- The Longest chapter is Psalm 119 (176 verses)
- The Longest verse is Esther 8:9 (78 words)
- The Shortest book is (by number of words): 3 John.
- The Shortest chapter is (by number of words): Psalms 117
- The Shortest verse is John 11:35 (2 words: "Jesus wept")
- The Bible was written over a 1500 -year span (from circa 1400 B.C to A.D. 100)
- over 40 generations
- over 40 authors from many walks of life
- in different places
- at different times
- on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe)
- in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic [Chaldee], and Greek)

C.O.G. OUTSTATION WORK



# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 

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#### Abstract

As God has quen us a new year, 2023, let us pray that we are filled with His Holy Spirit and lead that life that he has planned for us; as Romans 8:9 says, "You, however, are controlled not by sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God fives in you and if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."


By this, we can understand that if any of us do not have fellowship with God we do not belong to Gad.
In Acts 10: 44, we can see that everyone gathered in the house of Cornelius was filled with the Holy Spirit.

In all these, we see that the Holy Spirit desires to guide and fill us but at times we are not ready. We sometimes get too absorbed in these worldly pleasures that are momentary.

We need to be purified by the cleansing blood of Jesus; only then will we be able to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

The power to speak in tongues helps us to communicate with our Father. It is a language that even the powers of the evil one can't understand. Jt is a heavenly language.

The Holy Spirit not only enables us to speak in tongues, but He alsa guides us in our daily life. He tells us what is right and wrong. He quides us in each step we take.

So, since God has qiven us one more year in our life, let's all pray and desire with all our hearts for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and grow a little closer to our beloved Father. AMEN









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# A HEALING SUSURRATION (POEM) 

In the qualms of now, In the wariness of how, I heard voices that echoed, From deep within, From the depths of my heart, Yet to be known, Voices of guilt, Of broken trusts, And dropped expectations, Of disappointed hearts, And destroyed dreams, Voices of shame, Binding a wound, With ill-founded labels, Of pride, of arrogance, Of 'just-not-rrying-hard-enough'.

Yet in the midst, Of a raging tempest, I heard a still, small voice, Gentle like the dew on the grass, Deafening like the thunder before the storm, Comforting like a mother's lullaby,
A voice that taught me, To walk on water, To soar above the storm, To rejoice in the uncertainty,

A voice that calls out, For the lost sheep in the wild, For the lost child in the crowd, For the sinking heart, In the depths of sorrow, A voice that welcomes, A prodigal son, With everlasting mercy, An adulterous wife, With unfailing love, A sinful nation, With abounding grace.

I heard my Father's voice, A gentle whisper, That silenced all my fears, And every other cry, Of guilt, of shame, of despair, In my agony, I heard a still, small voice say, "I am the Lord that healeth thee".

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## God's

purpose in the worst days

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Romans 8:28- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

It was a rainy night and I still remember the night vividly. After finishing the final ward rounds and checking on all the patients, I went to the doctor's resting room. The tube light was flashing and I saw a tiny mouse running across the floor to a small hole in the corner of the room. I was very tired after a busy day in the OP and ward and wanted to sleep for a while before getting a call from the emergency room (ER). I prayed to God earnestly for a good sleep, with no emergency calls at night. As I lay down on the bed, a spider was busy knitting its sticky web on the ceiling. I rechecked my phone and made sure it was on full volume and not on silent mode. The light from the corridor was seeping into my room through the edges of the door. I took one last look at the corner of the room, hoping that my little friend would have a good sleep and not come out of the hole while I was asleep. Soon I dozed off into a deep sleep but was startled as my phone rang. I opened my eyes and checked the time; it was only 11.30 pm . I attended the call, and on the other side, the ER doctor asked me to come to the trauma center immediately. The trauma center was in another block, a few meters from the main block. Being half asleep, I hurried to the trauma center. Outside of the ER Triage room, I saw a woman crying and yelling at a man near her, who I assumed was her husband. I entered the triage room and enquired about my case. They pointed to a bed at the corner that had a few doctors and nurses around it, busy doing primary care. I took the file and, while glancing through, reached the bed. What I saw then with my own eyes was something I would never want to see again in my life. A three-year-old male child with a stab injury to the neck was fully covered in blood and fighting for his life. We stopped the bleeding temporarily, secured the airway and resuscitated the child. After the primary resuscitation, I examined the wound and found out that the injury was too deep, and it had cut his windpipe. By God's grace, no major vessels were injured. As his oxygen saturation was lowering, we arranged to shift the child to the operation theatre for neck exploration and repair. The child was victim of a political rivalry between the two political parties. Instead of the father, the innocent child became the scapegoat that night. By God's grace, we were able to save that child, but he had to go through a lot of pain with a breathing tube in the neck (tracheostomy tube) and a lifelong scar on his neck. I was deeply disturbed by the incident that night; it was one of my 'worst days ever' in my career. In anguish, I asked God, why Lord? Why did the child have to suffer because of others' fault or sin?

Quite often, when we struggle or face difficulties in our life, we tend to ask the same questions to God. We live in a strife-filled world, but when we fix our thoughts on God and His Word, we can experience perfect peace in our hearts even in turmoil. When I think about the "worst days ever", I think of Job in the Bible. A man who loved God very much, but he lost everything in a moment. Job asked God, 'what have I done to you?' (Job 7: 20). But God didn't give any reasons to Job why He allowed Job to suffer; instead, God asked some marvelous questions back to Job (Job 41). Those questions helped Job to know God better and understand God's purposes over everything, including his sufferings (Job 42-1-6). And then he trusted God wholeheartedly, knowing that God was, is and will be always good. As the Psalmist sang "you are good and what you do is good; teach me your decrees" (Psalms 119:68) and "it was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees" (Psalms 119:71). The Lord may not give us reasons for the trials in our lives many times, but thankfully, even in our "worst days ever", we can know for sure that we are loved by Him (Romans 8: 28). Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends and our Jesus Christ died on the cross for us and our sins even before we were born. And there is no greater love than this on earth. The fact of the matter is that nothing happens without God's knowledge, who knows all things including the minor details. The struggles we face can emanate from so many sources and God might have allowed them to pass our way. But He has a purpose for it: to build us and make us better and stronger. So, let us say as Paul said in Romans $8: 38$ \& 39, "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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magine that you have been to your friend's home and you saw them serving your favorite coffee in a glass which is cleaned only outside. Will you drink what is being served, even if it is your favorite? Why? I know none of us would want to drink from a cup that is only washed on the outside and is unclean on the inside.

Luke 11:39- Then the Lord said to him, "You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy-full of greed and wickedness!

These words were told by Jesus to Pharisees when they complained to him about not washing their hands. For Pharisees, what happened outside or what was visible mattered and they would follow every commandment and not fail to portray themselves as righteous in front of others. Apart from this passage, we can see many other instances where Pharisees judge Jesus and his disciples. Did the Pharisees ever think about how Jesus would look at them or how clean they would appear to Jesus? They did everything perfectly, yet, they never impressed Jesus. As mentioned in 1 Samuel 16:7- For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. Are we believers like Pharisees, who only have their outside clean and filth inside? We might have many claims to prove ourselves righteous. We might fast, pray three times a day, obey God's commandments, and be regular to church, etc. All of this can make us look like ideal Christians in front of the world, but what matters the most to Jesus is how we are inside. In Luke 11: 40, Jesus makes it clear to the Pharisees that having a heart free of greed and filled with true compassion makes one clean within. Our deeds are a reflection of what is stored inside our heart. In Luke 6:45 it says, "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks". As believers, we need to seek help from the Holy Spirit to examine ourselves and ensure that our hearts treasure good things. The scripture also mentions that we ought to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Just like how we would never drink from a cup that is not washed inside. Similarly, God will not want to dwell in our hearts if it is not cleaned. As Paul exhorts to the Church in Corinth, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. Let our cleansing be both internal and external, to present ourselves as holy in the sight of God.

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| Saturday | $05: 30$ P.m. To 07:30 P.m. Hall No. 6 |

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