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# **A New Life**

*2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

**English Services** (*Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.*)

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Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay  
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Banal na Hapunan  
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Today's Message (5/6 August 2017)  
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## LET'S BE CHRISTIANS: “CHRIST- ONES,” **LIKE** **CHRIST**, NOT LIKE OUR OLD LIFE IN THE WORLD.

### SALVATION

Here's the testimony of Timothy Chow, a young 14-year-old boy in our church at his baptism:

*“When I started attending the middle school youth group, I began to read and study the Bible more, which helped me to trust in God more...I learned a lot about my need for a Savior...I believe with my heart that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. So I prayed and asked God to forgive me, and I am working every day to grow in my relationship with Him.”*

After salvation, there is SANCTIFICATION (2 Corinthians 5:17).

#### 1. New Affections

In Colossians 3:1, Paul says, “Since you have been raised to new life in Christ, set your sights (your affections) on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.”

#### 2. New Attitudes

Notice the attitudes we are to have in Colossians 3:12: “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **PUT ON** a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

#### 3. New Actions

Titus 3:8b says, “those who have believed God will be careful to **engage in good deeds**.” Romans 6:13 says on the other hand, “present yourselves to God,” while we read in Romans 6:19, “present your members (your body) as slaves to **righteousness**, resulting in sanctification.”



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New actions express through how we **act**, **talk**, what we **do** for others, and how we **treat** others.

## 4. New Associations

*What* we associate with: 1 Corinthians 7:31 says, “Those who use the things of the world **should not become attached to them**. For this world, as we know it, will soon pass away.”

*Who* we associate with: The book of Proverbs continually warns, that “association with the wicked will corrupt you!” Therefore, “as in Christ” seek to **associate** with men and women whose lives spur you on to good works, encourages you to a life of purity, love, good works and godliness.

## 5. New Appetites

Many of you have perhaps memorized 1 John 2:15-16, which says, “Love not the world, neither the things of the world, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (pleasure), the lust of the eyes (possessions), and the boastful pride of life (pride) is not of the Father, but of the world.”

Our new appetites should be for the glory of God (*1 Corinthians 10:31*).

## 6. New Agenda

In business, we call agenda, “Time Management.” This helps us in focusing on the important things.

In our life in Christ we do the same, we need to focus on what is important! (*1 Corinthians 15:58, Psalm 37:5, 23*)

## 7. New Aims

Before only “I” mattered. Now it is Christ and His glory which

### FINAL THOUGHTS:

Let's be Christians—“Christ-ones,” like Christ—not like our old life in the world.

A historian wrote, “Why did the early church conquer the Roman empire for Christ? They were not politically correct. They lived pure lives. They did not bow to idols and false gods! They were completely other worldly, they were like Christ, willing to endure the scorn of the world for Christ and the Gospel” ■

## DOUG NICHOLS

On short notice, missionary Doug Nichols preached last July 23 for our Missions Month, at the 8 a.m. service. But as I told Doug over coffee that day, he really preached his heart out. It was the message closest to his heart (missions), and he was a man on fire! Today, however, is the day Doug was originally scheduled to preach in, so we will be blessed by him once more at the pulpit.

For some of us who may not know, Doug is one of the founding members of GCF in 1978, the founder of Action International Ministries, and he's now a missions mobilizer for Commission to Every Nation. With these credentials, and years of ministry experience behind him, prepare to be wonderfully blessed by a preacher whose passion energizes his listeners to live for God.

## MISSIONS MONTH DECISIONS

We praise the Lord for those who indicated that they were willing to fully surrender their wills to the Lord last Sunday. For many, this means staying

on wherever God has called them, and becoming God's missionary there—in that workplace, school, business or neighborhood. But for a few, it might mean that they eventually drop everything to be in the ministry, and to focus on no other. Both are genuine calls from God and both are precious in His sight. If there is anything we can do to help you discern the will of God, please approach any of our pastors or elders so we can pray with you and guide you in your journey.

## THE JOY OF RESTORATION

David prayed "restore to me the joy of your salvation." As we have always said, GCF is a church that does not shoot its wounded. The Biblical process of church discipline is probably the least liked duty of every church, especially by its Pastor and elders. But when done properly, it is glorifying to God and redemptive in its outcome for those who go through it. May you share this joy with some of our family who will be restored to membership at our Communion today ■

## WHY AFFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

*by Lloyd P. Estrada, GCF Corporate Secretary*

GCF is a 39-year-old church and God has been faithful to it all these years. By God's grace GCF has birthed daughter churches resulting in membership transfers and relocations.

As we approach our 40<sup>th</sup>, we want to know who the GCF Ortigas flock is through proper documentation. Thus for one year now, we have been asking GCF members to be physically present to affirm their membership. We praise God that more than 1,000 of you have already done so.

To affirm means three things: (1) to update your profile information, (2) to

adhere to the church covenant, and (3) to encourage the church of your support as an active member.

The one-year period set for GCF members to affirm their church membership is about to end. For those who have not yet affirmed their membership, please do so on or before August 31 so that (a) you will be included in the official Membership Roll that we will submit to the SEC, and (b) for you to continue enjoying the rights and privileges of a GCF member. Kindly visit the Ministry Information Booth every Saturday, 5-8 p.m., or Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. to affirm your membership ■

# Ablaze Devotional

**"He must increase, but I must decrease."**

- John 3:30 (HCSB)

## GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**

Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

**Midweek Prayer Service**

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

John the Baptist (or the Immerser, as some call him) began his ministry in a time of social turmoil and political unrest immersing people with message, *"Repent! For the kingdom of heaven is near."*

John had a following. But the focus of John's ministry is to prepare the way of the Lord, to make ready a people for the coming rescue from oppression and life transformation. Although his message is for the Messiah, he himself acknowledged and declared that he is not the Messiah. He knew his ministry and his life pointed to a greater One who is to come—Jesus.

By the time he saw Jesus, he knew his ministry has come to its fulfillment, and he exclaimed, *"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

The call is the same for us who profess that Jesus is Savior and Lord. We are invited to a ministry that call people to return to God. But some times, if not most of it, we focus on our ministry and affiliations than on the One it points to. We need to always look to Christ, and rejoice when people turn to Him, even apart from our ministry. May we like John the Baptist find joy in desiring that Jesus become more important above everything else ■

**POUNDER:** *In what ways can you find joy in magnifying Christ's work in you, through you and around you?*

## Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



### Welcome, NEW MEMBERS!

Novemeight Leonardo  
Joan Sumalinog  
Florentino Sumalinog, Jr.

Deje Cari-an  
Precious Liz Melad  
Elsie Dormiendo



### #PARENTS'TALK

*Parenting seminars this whole month of August*  
August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 7-9:30 p.m.  
at GCF, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Assembly Area  
Call or text **0917 532 7768** to reserve a slot



**SABBATH** (Young Adults Retreat)  
August 19-21, 2017 at Balai Indang, Cavite  
**Last day of registration on Aug. 6 (today).**  
Registration fee is PhP 2,000.00  
Call or text **0917 532 7741** for more details



### NEW TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Effective August 2, traffic in both Topaz Rd. and Ruby Rd. (Garnet Rd. to Opal Rd. **only**) will be **two-way**. Parking Entrance is still on Ruby Rd. side, while Exit is on the Topaz Rd. side.

### Stewardship REPORT (August 2017)

General Fund	<b>5,883,303.09</b>
Missions Fund	<b>3,239,392.27</b>
Designated	<b>1,064,457.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,187,152.36</b>

### Flower Ministry

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His love, mercy and grace by Bordador J, Lance Jeremy Lim, Swee'Pea Valerie Joy Aganon, the Etorma family and the Messiah College. The flowers are also given in loving memory of Josie Rabonza.*

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



## Love God, love others. THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Yayeeh Handog was raised in GCF. Her whole life revolved around being at home, school and church. She's gone to Sunday school, attended DVBS every summer break, and as a teen, was in a Y-group and is now part of a Growth Group.

Being in a Growth Group has helped Yayeeh be who she is right now. As a kid, she used to be shy and preferred to be around her family. But after being involved in different ministries, such as the Youth and Worship ministries, Yayeeh learned that it's good to have brothers and sisters in Christ. She knows that being around like-faith people who journey with her helps in the growth of her faith. To her, they are an extension of God's grace and His family.



Yayeeh encourages everyone to be part of a Growth Group. Having experienced it herself, she knows that a community can be found in one where together they can give glory to the Heavenly Father. ■

*You may also bless others by sharing your own shepherding or discipleship journey in loving God and in loving others. You may e-mail your story to [lifejourney@gcf.org.ph](mailto:lifejourney@gcf.org.ph).*

This week's bulletin cover features a new sprout growing from an old stump of a tree. The picture is a CCO public domain photo available from pixabay.com.

## Join a **GROWTH GROUP**

### OVERCOMERS SUPPORT GROUP

*For those recovering from any form of addiction*

Wednesdays, 5-7pm at GCF  
(Room BM08)

### HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE YG

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am,  
and 4:30-5:30pm  
At GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

### ICU (Intimacy Care Unit) GG

*for Couples aged 30 up*  
Saturdays, 4-6pm at GCF (Rm. A109)

### CHESED 3 GG

*for Single Men and Women aged 20-35*  
Sundays, 8-10am at GCF (Rm. BM04)

### HEBRON GG

*for Single Men and Women aged 30 up*  
Saturdays, 3-5pm at GCF (Rm. BM03)

### B KEEPERS GG

*for Single Men aged 20-35*  
Saturdays, 5-8am at UP Technohub,  
Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City

### Pass by the GGEX

#### **(Growth Group Express)!**

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am, Room B123  
Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one. Come and join us!

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.*



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