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We are Accountable for Our Choices

Genesis 6:11-8:14

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

Prelude
Announcements
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Baptism (10:30 a.m.)
Worship through Fellowship
Worship through Giving
Worship in Music
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Benediction

Filipino Service
(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Mga Patalastas
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Natatanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Gelo Tuanqui
Pangwakas na Panalangin
at Basbas

See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.



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Today's Message (9/10 September 2017) /
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GOD DESTROYED
ALL LIFE
ON EARTH
BUT SPARED
RIGHTEOUS NOAH
TO DEMONSTRATE
HIS SOVEREIGNTY
OVER EVIL AND
TO ONCE AGAIN
SHOW GRACE TO
MANKIND.

To this day the account of Noah's ark raises as many questions as the account of the six-day Creation. In handling the latter, we tried to show that it is to be regarded no differently from the way we regard miracles in Jesus's time and today—you either believe in God *and* miracles, or you don't. So we must exercise faith again that the story of Noah's ark is a factual historical account that Jesus personally affirmed (*Matthew 24:37-39*).

The account of Noah's ark forces us to confront the most basic things about God: His righteous judgment and His grace. To condense this long narrative, we will boil it down to three questions that enable us to understand the background and the story better, as well as appreciate what it means for us.

1. WHY DID GOD DO IT? THE CONTEXT:

- The Principle: God loves righteousness and hates sin (*6:11-13*).

2. HOW DID NOAH PULL IT OFF? THE NARRATIVE:

- The Purification (*6:14-7:24*): God's righteousness requires an accounting for sin.
- The Preservation (*8:1-14*): God is as gracious as He is just.

Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Doxology

Worship through Fellowship

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Response Hymn

Benediction



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3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US TODAY? THE IMPLICATIONS:

a. The Apologetics Implications:

- The effects on radiocarbon dating

b. The Spiritual Implications:

- *The Consequences of Sin*

1. Mankind is accountable for its choices, whether it chooses to reject God, or to believe and live for Him. Either choice will have its consequences.

God's intention was not to wipe out mankind or blindly exercise vindictive judgment. It was to purify the world and create a new people of God. God's goal today is still to create a new people of God. He does that through Jesus Christ.

2. A Christian is accountable for his/her own choices, whether he or she chooses to lovingly follow God, or to love sin more than God. Again, either choice will have good or bad consequences.

- *The Foreshadowing of Christ*

The ark beautifully foreshadows Christ as the only way of salvation. As God's judgment poured upon earth through a Flood, so the flood of God's judgment poured upon Christ at the cross. Like the ark was battered by the storms and then rested on Mt. Ararat, at Calvary the Lord Jesus bore our sins and declared, "It is finished!" for all eternity. And just like Noah trusted God and was saved through the ark, so those who trust in Christ are saved forever through Christ.

FINAL THOUGHTS

God destroyed all life on earth but spared righteous Noah to demonstrate His sovereignty over evil and to once again show grace to mankind.

May we all appreciate the grace of God more by realizing how much He hates sin. Even as we enjoy eternal forgiveness through Christ, may we all be moved to hate sin in us even more than we hate sin in others ■

How may we
SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____
Age: ____ Landline no.: _____
Mobile no.: _____
Address: _____

E-mail: _____
Year of membership: _____
Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

Today is **9/10 September 2017**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

The Shepherd's Voice

Teacher Angel Santos
Pastor Mark del Rosario

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SUPER LOLOS AND SUPER LOLAS, AMAZING GCF KIDS, AND ICS TEACHERS

It's September, and we would like to celebrate some special people in our church. We are blessed to have them and be with them.

GRANDPARENTS: THE STRONG PILLARS OF THE FAMILY

We thank the Lord for our Lolos and Lolas. They are not only vital in showing love and care for grandchildren, but also in the passing on of the faith to them, like we see with Lois, Timothy's grandmother who was commended by Paul (2 Timothy 1:5).

This reminds me (Teacher Angel) of my grandmother who had faithfully demonstrated and passed on the faith to my own mother and me. Let us take this day to honor our grandparents and appreciate them. Happy Grandparents Day!

CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD. THEY ARE A REWARD FROM HIM.

Children can lighten up our day and bring smile to our faces when they innocently ask, "Is this for real?" Yet, another beautiful thing about a child is his/her faith and openness to the truths of God.

Here are what some of the kids are saying regarding their faith and walk in the Lord:

"God loves us, give us strength, makes us brave, and makes me smile." (6-year old)

"God is perfect, He can forgive and heal. God always takes care of us. He always hears our prayers. He is everywhere. God always does what is best for us. He gives us life. He gives us people to love

us. God also gives us teachers who teach us about Jesus." (7-year old)

"God's Word is powerful; it has changed or transformed my life... It has taught me to respect my mom and dad, to stop fighting with my sister, and to stop lying to my family. God's Word has also helped me to have self-control over the use of cellphone, computers and TV." (9-year old)

"For the past year in our class, I have been learning numerous things, such as understanding the Bible carefully. I also learned how people followed God with all their hearts and souls. I was taught how understanding the Bible and applying it in my life can help me grow more in God." (11-year old)

Let us not forget to pray for our children and nurture them with the love of the Lord and ground them with the Word of God.

GCF-ICS TEACHERS' AND PARENTS' PARTNERSHIP

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We believe parents and teachers are partners in shaping the values and lives of children. So, we would like to honor and welcome the parents and teachers of the students of GCF International Christian School who are worshipping with us today. We thank you for always setting an example to the children God has entrusted to you, as you teach them each day how to love God and love others ■

Ablaze Devotional

When the crowds found out, they followed Him.

He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and cured those who needed healing. - Luke 9:11 (HCSB)

After a long journey of preaching and healing, it was supposed to be a retreat for the disciples. But news about Christ broke, and people found out where they were staying. Jesus did not shoo them away, but rather welcomed them and continued in teaching, healing, and even feeding the people.

The central message of Jesus has always been about the kingdom of God. And this kingdom message focuses on the rule and work of God to redeem and heal this broken world. Jesus partnered His message by welcoming the people, healing them, and still talking about the kingdom of God. This has been His lesson to His disciples.

Our salvation is not just about waiting for our time in heaven. As shown in the life of Jesus, He lived a life that brought the kingdom of heaven here on earth—a kingdom of reconciliation, of justice, of beauty, and of wholeness. And we are called to be citizens of this kingdom.

We pray, “Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Let the answer to this prayer be our own lives. Let our lives carry the gospel of the kingdom wherever we go ■

PONDER: *In what ways can I acknowledge and preach the kingdom of God in becoming a blessing to my neighbor? How do I attract people to Christ in my love for them?*

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.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



PARENTS AS DISCIPLE-MAKERS

Impacting One's Children for Eternity

September 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 p.m.

at GCF, 4th floor Assembly Area

Call or text **0917 532 7768** to reserve a slot



3RS FOR WOMEN

Refresh. Renew. Revive.

An Annual Retreat of GCF Women's Ministry

September 22-24 at Mt. Makiling Rec. Center

Reg.: Php 3,000; registration 'til Sept. 10 (today)

Contact **0917 532 1921** to register/for more info



LUNCH WITH LEGALS

Lunch fellowship for lawyers, paralegals, and others working in the legal discipline

September 23, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. here at GCF

Contact **0932 371 3457** for more information



RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD

Workshop on 2 Timothy for Preachers

and Bible Teachers, November 16-18 at GCF

Reg.: Php 1,000; Php 500 early bird ('til Sept. 30)

Tickets are available at the lobby every Sunday

Contact **0917 532 1921** for more information

Weekly Stewardship REPORT

- Week of September 3, 2017 -

General Fund	1,434,380.75
Missions Fund	100,020.00
Designated	62,700.00
Total	1,597,100.75

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His love, mercy, grace and faithfulness by an anonymous donor, Ms. Valerie Joy Aganon, Mr. & Mrs. Martin, the Basilad family, the Bordador family and the Valera family.

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

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory” (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** “Be holy, for I am holy” (*1 Peter 1:16*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (*Romans 3:23*). **Sin demands a penalty:** “For the wages of sin is death” (*Romans 6:23*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (*Romans 5:8*). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” (*1 Peter 3:18*). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them” (*2 Corinthians 5:18*).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (*Romans 10:9*).

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.



Love God, love others. THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

“By this people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:55

JS Bagasbas remembers the first time he attended ThuGGs, a Young Adults Growth Group. Even though tired from the day he’s just had, JS still wanted to attend a Bible study. He was somewhat disappointed to see that only two people showed up and they had dinner fellowship instead. This was when his understanding of a Growth Group started to change. Growth Groups are not just venues for Bible study but also a time to have conversations about God and praying for one another.



A Growth Group became a place where friends become brothers and sisters—an extended family. It is a support group in one’s transformation to be Christ-like. As he himself now leads a Growth Group, CoDe, in prayer and dependence on God, he hopes for its members would discover this gift in His commandment. Christ’s command was to love one another, and just as He loved His people, the members of His church are to love one another. A Growth Group centered in Christ is an ideal place to begin obeying His command ■

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.

This week’s bulletin cover features a dove in flight. The picture is a CC0 public domain photo uploaded by user [kieutruongphoto](https://www.pexels.com/photo/dove-in-flight-1000000000/) and available for download at [pixabay.com](https://www.pexels.com/).

Join a GROWTH GROUP

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Y-GROUP

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

ICU (Intimacy Care Unit) GG

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

GREEN MEADOWS GG

for Couples aged 40 up
Every other Thursday, 8-10 p.m.
at Green Meadows Subdivision

HEBRON GG

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

YACIES TUESDAY GG

for Single Men and Women aged 30 up
Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. at GCF (Rm. BM07)

SPORTS GGs (THREE GROUPS)

for Boys aged 11 to 18
Saturdays, 12 nn.-3 p.m. at GCF Multi-
purpose Gym (6th flr.)

Pass by the GGEX (Growth Group Express)!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 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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