



## The Blessedness of Repentance

*Psalm 32*

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

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Worship through Fellowship  
Testimony  
Community Prayer  
Anthem  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Worship through Giving  
Response Song  
Benediction

**Filipino Service**  
(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda  
Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan  
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita  
Patotoo  
Panalangin ng Komunidad  
Tanging Bilang  
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos  
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor Dags Miguel*  
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay  
Tugon na Awit  
Bendisyon



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In this life, the true believer may not become sinless. But as he grows spiritually, he will sin less and less. And any sin that remains, he will hate more and more (*1 Timothy 1:15*).

That's why it's important for us to learn the blessedness of repentance. This psalm, which most likely follows after Psalm 51 in David's life, is instructive about repentance from beginning to end:

## 1. THE B\_\_\_\_\_ FROM REPENTANCE (vv. 1-2)

- There are three blessings for a believer who is totally honest with God ("in whose spirit there is no deceit"):
  1. God forgives the transgression.
  2. God covers the sin.
  3. God no longer counts the iniquity.

Each of these aspects of sin are covered by a corresponding aspect of God's grace. It is also a beautiful picture of God's forgiveness offered to a person without Christ in his heart.

## 2. THE B\_\_\_\_\_ OF UNREPENTANCE (vv. 3-5)

### a. The Wretchedness of Unrepentance (vv. 3-4)

- The pain of a guilty conscience.
- The pain of God's discipline.

### b. The Relief of Repentance (v. 5)

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Four components of genuine repentance:

1. **Remember:** mental aspect (the mind,

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(November 23, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

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Testimony

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Community Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

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*Revelation 3:5, Romans 2:4*). For the maturing believer, this goes beyond recalling and realizing the sin, but recalling the love and graciousness of God, which causes conviction. Instead of just "I broke God's law", he mourns that "I broke God's heart."

2. **Regret:** emotional aspect (the heart, *2 Corinthians 7:9-11*). A broken heart: this is where Judas unfortunately stopped (*Matthew 27:3-5*).
3. **Return** (in prayer): spiritual aspect (*1 John 1:9, Revelation 3:5*). The Greek word 'metanoia' means to turn your back to sin and to return to God.

The first three constitute confession, and the last one completes true repentance.

4. **Renounce:** volitional (the will). True repentance shows the fruit of repentance:
  - Removing, Acts 19:19, and/or
  - Restoring, Luke 19:8, Revelation 3:5

## 3. THE B\_\_\_\_\_ OF REPENTANCE (vv. 6-11)

- a. Answered Prayer
- b. God's Protection
- c. God's Instruction
- d. God's Love
- e. God's Joy

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

If you think you can get away with covering up sin, you will lose your joy as a believer (*Psalm 51:12*). If you think you are helping another person by covering up their sin, you are hurting them, not helping them. Don't deprive yourself (or others) of the blessedness of repentance.

The most joyful people are the forgiven people. Make sure you are one of them ■

# The Shepherd's Voice

by Teacher Angel Santos

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## #KIDS L.I.F.E.

They say that change is the only constant thing in this life. With much closer attention, however, there are situations which still remain similar such as the marginalization and misunderstanding of children in society. At present, kids still face various issues but mainly questions on their identity and self-worth. One of the many changes though is that life as we knew it back then is on a whole new plane especially for kids now. Emerging with this shift are earlier onset and stronger cases of stress, anxiety, and depression in kids. Just recently, I heard one preschooler remark "I am stressed" one Sunday.

With all these changes, kids are in greater need of a support system from their own family, school, and most especially, their church. This is why it is critical that children are nurtured holistically starting at their own homes, and continuing in institutions like the church and school. Bringing all three, you have a three-legged stool wherein the removal of one leg would cause its fall. Sadly, we are often quick to downplay or disregard what the present generation is going through without even hearing them through just because we faced things differently. The only way by which we will be able to reach down to their level is for us to step down from ours and ask for the eyes and heart of Jesus. In Matthew 19:14 (ESV), Christ reminds us that we are to "Let the little children come" to

Him and "not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Children play a vital part in our lives as they are conduits of God's love and blessings. Wearing the hat of an educator, mentor, discipler, parent, and leader, I take Christ's calling at GCF Children's Ministry very seriously, making sure that we provide equipping and mentoring talks for our parents. I also make sure to journey and pray with my team of faithful ministry servants who teach and nurture the kids every single Sunday.

Together with my team, we make sure that they become kids who Love God, Imitate Christ, are Faithful to the Word, and Engage with others in missions and discipleship (KIDSL.I.F.E.).

Praise God for our kids who have been learning and applying God's Word, just like the testimony of our 13-year-old Blythe and many more kids. Twelve have expressed their desire to become missionaries someday. Yesterday, we witnessed the baptism of 12 kids from ages 9-13 at our Children's Day Celebration. Aside from these, we just launched two exciting avenues for kids to serve and be a part of: ACTS, the missions and encouraging arm of the Children's Ministry, and AMPLIFY, the avenue for kids who want to serve the Lord through different talents. Through all of this God, is to be honored and praised for children are a delight and are welcome ■

# Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



## SI HESUS, STAR NG PASKO KO

*Naomi Women celebrates Paskong Pinoy*  
November 30 (Sat), 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Vivian Lacanilao  
For more details contact **0917 532 1921**.



## BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

*2019 Christmas Musicales*  
December 7 (Saturday), 5:00 p.m.  
December 8 (Sunday), 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
(two services only on Sunday)  
Don't forget to invite everyone in your *oikos*!



## FAMILY CONFERENCE

*All official and regular members included in the church roster are invited to attend.*  
December 8 (Sunday), 12 noon  
Agenda: Approval of church budget for the year 2020



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY SERVICES

*Christmas Eve service:*  
December 24 (Tuesday), 5:00 p.m.  
*New Year's Eve service:*  
December 31 (Tuesday), 5:00 p.m.  
*Note: There are no Christmas Day and New Year's Day services.*



## JOB OPPORTUNITY AT GCF

We are looking for **one (1) building engineer** to join our full-time staff here at Greenhills Christian Fellowship. For other application information and complete job description, please email [gcfhr@gcf.org.ph](mailto:gcfhr@gcf.org.ph).

## Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

**Sunflowers Growth Group**  
*Group for women*  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Rm. B506

**Burning Hearts Chronicles GG**  
*Group for couples*  
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Rm. B123

**Jars of Clay GG**  
*Group for women*  
Sundays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Rm. B512

**Best Together in Christ**  
*Group for couples*  
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Rm. B508

**Sowers 2**  
*Mixed group*  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 nn.  
Rm. B514

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at **0917 779 1549**.*

## CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION 2019

*Let us continue to pray for wisdom as we choose our next church leaders.*

Pre-qualification Period: **November 2-16**

Publication of List of Candidates:

**November 30-December 8**

Election Day: **December 14-15**

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Bingle Bravo Gutierrez, the Basilad family and the Messiah College. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT / November 2019

NOVEMBER	Projected	Rcvd., Nov. 1-20	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Nov 20
General Funds	7,799,214	5,728,648	General Funds	84,548,022	86,303,354
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	767,195	Mission Support Fund	14,494,673	13,191,763
Others (Designated, etc.)	607,760	736,552	Others (Designated, etc.)	16,212,020	13,280,409
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,724,672</b>	<b>7,232,394</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,254,719</b>	<b>112,775,527</b>

*These are the twelve he appointed: Simon, James son of Zebedee and his brother John...Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

—Mark 3:16-19 (NIV 2011)

Following Mark's account of an itinerant preacher and miracle worker, we see that Jesus ministry breaks down stereotypes of what it means to be a true follower of God. The rabbis of his day busy themselves in domestic affairs and maintaining the status quo. Jesus ministry on the other hand, disturbs the social norm, and restructures the foundation of discipleship.

As the teachers of the law try to maintain their faithfulness to tradition and temple-centered religiosity, we see that it created a wider divide between the weak and the powerful, between the poor and the rich. Access to God seemingly became an entitlement for those who can afford to offer the right sacrifices. As we will see in the following narrative, Jesus confronts this framework that started to make a business out of temple worship. This kind of domestication tactic created more rifts in the social fabric then.

Unlike other rabbis, Jesus chose His disciples, instead of letting them choose Him. Such is the impact of

Jesus' person and ministry that it only took a few words for his disciples to leave their usual lives in order to follow Him. Another worth noting in Jesus choosing of the twelve is the disciples' diverse and seemingly ordinary, even opposing, backgrounds: a handful of fisherman cousins, a Zealot opposing Roman rule, and a former tax-collector who worked for the empire. Eleven are all from the province of Galilee, with Judas being the only one hailing from Judea.

This choosing of the Twelve serves as an allusion to the twelve tribes from which the Jewish nation began. In the Exodus narrative, God rescued the people from their slavery and the tyranny of Pharaoh. So when Jesus called the Twelve to be His apostles, nobody who heard of it would miss what He is doing. Jesus is bringing in and commissioning a new Exodus that would unsettle the powers that be, and set free, not just the nation of Israel, but all of God's creation.

Once we lived with fragmented lives, walled up from each other, the call of Jesus heals our souls as He also breaks down our barriers. Our discipleship with Jesus reconciled us to the Redeeming God of the Exodus. As we become more aware of His presence, He reveals to us His passion for all people and all creation. He calls us to follow Jesus' way, announcing God's reign, that He is redeeming all things back to Himself ■

**PRAYER**  
at the Chapel

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**  
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

**Midweek Prayer Service**  
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Weeknight Prayer Gatherings**  
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

**ON THE COVER:** *You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble.*—Psalm 32:7 (photo by Ian Chen, [unsplash.com](https://unsplash.com)).



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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 for the first time 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Landline no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: **23/24 November 2019**

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

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Consent to use your information:

*By affixing your signature below, you give permission to Greenhills Christian Fellowship, its ministries and its staff, to store and use the information you provided above for the sole purpose of contacting you and updating you about any inquiry you have made.*

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Your signature

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

# 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.