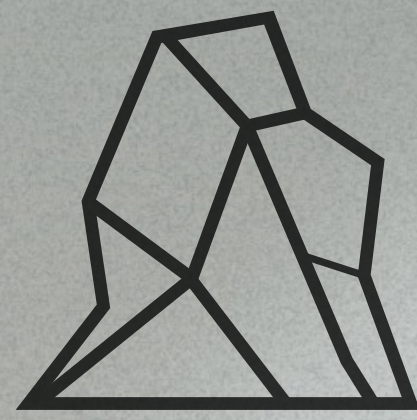




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TODAY'S MESSAGE | OCTOBER 24, 2021

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At first, the description of life without Christ appears too severe. Is everyone as depraved as pictured? Aren't there many good people for whom this description doesn't apply? But Paul is not saying all human beings are worthless. He digs up the past to make us appreciate the present and to be inspired by our future. And so he contrasts the plight of people without Christ (what believers used to be) with the privilege of people in Christ (who you are now, in Christ):

1. THE PLIGHT OF PEOPLE WITHOUT CHRIST:

Dead and Condemned (Ephesians 2:1-3)

a) **We were Dead: Three ruthless rulers ran our lives**

- The World drove us.
- Satan controlled us.
- Our sinful nature enslaved us.

b) **We were Condemned: “children of wrath”!**

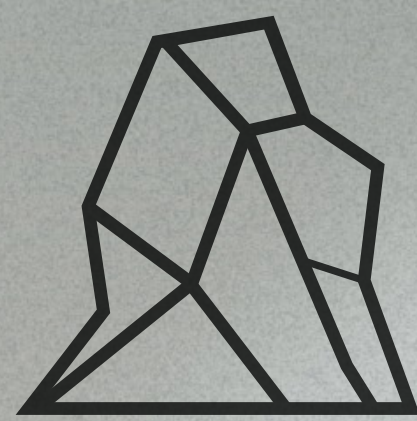
What does this mean for us?

- **This truth is a Call to Worship:** Knowing who you used to be, makes you appreciate what you have become. Above all, it drives us to worship the One who sacrificed everything to get us here.
- **This truth is a Call to Witness:** Those without Christ may be blissfully unaware, but they are very dead; they are blissfully unaware but are condemned already and face God's judgment any moment (John 3:18).

2. THE PRIVILEGE OF PEOPLE IN CHRIST:

We are Loved, Redeemed, and Glorified (Ephesians 2:4-7)

These words should be stamped inside our hearts so that we never forget who we are and who did this all for us: *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”*



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- a) **We are Loved:** We have received mercy, grace, and kindness through Christ.
- b) **We are Redeemed:** We were made alive and resurrected with Christ.
- c) **We are Glorified:** We are seated with Christ in heaven.

From knowing who we are, we know how to live:

- Your worth as a person does not come from your own estimates or the estimates of others. It comes from knowing how God sees and values you.
- Every bit of value you have as a person is only in relation to your union with Christ – being in Christ. Any attempt to live life apart from Christ not only devalues you but throws into question the genuineness of your profession (John 15:4-10).

FINAL THOUGHTS

Why would God do all of these for us? So that for all time, He can show all of Creation how great His love is for us through Christ (Ephesians 2:7).

We are literally trophies of His grace for all eternity to see. What wondrous love is this!

Your blood has washed away my sin,

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied,

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table,

Jesus, thank You!

(“Jesus, Thank You” by Pat Sczebel)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why would not fully understanding Ephesians 2:1-3 keep us from really rejoicing in being saved?
2. What is the Biblical portrait of a believer's future according to Ephesians 2:6-7? How should this impact our daily lives?
3. How could you use Ephesians 2:1-7 to explain the gospel to a non-Christian friend in 5 minutes or less?
4. As you close in prayer, pray for all those you know who are still living apart from Christ, and don't forget to wrap up in a prayer of worship remembering God's present salvation through Christ.

Download the study guide: bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides



The Shepherd's Voice

by Elder Marlon Roldan

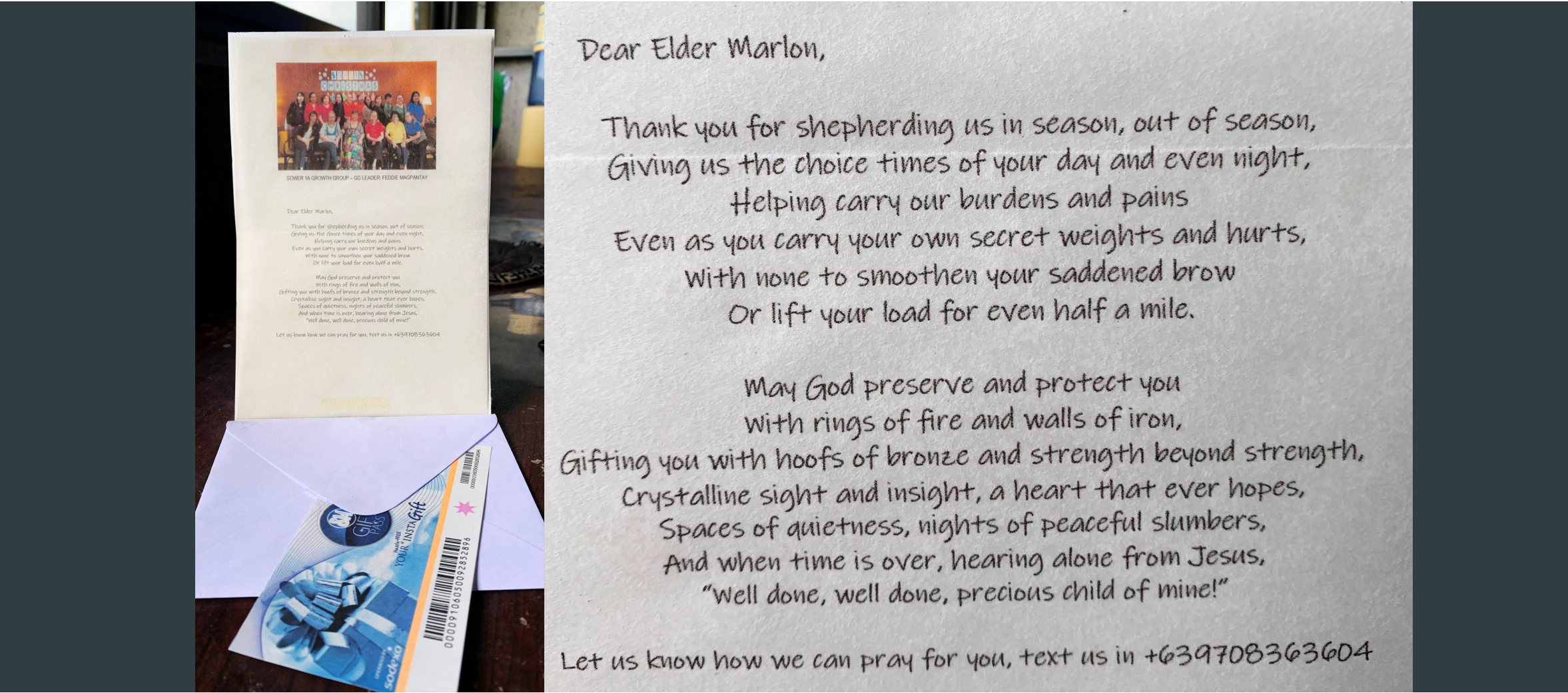


PRICELESS

The lowest point and darkest moment in the new movement that Jesus Christ was starting was the day he died. Almost all his followers were hiding for fear of their lives, only very few stayed until the end, a couple of women. But the darkest time of night breaks forth in glorious dawn. A new world, a new dispensation, a great transformation was beginning where heaven is now about to be experienced in the world and affairs of man.

The first to experience the new arrangement where mercy and grace reigns supreme are those who remained faithful even in the darkest and most difficult ordeal. It was the women who went to the tomb only to find it empty. They were the first to hear the good news. He is not dead, he is alive.

This is what we see now in our church. In the darkest days of this pandemic the women are ever vigilant in worship, study of the word, and practical acts of love and mercy especially unto the least of Christ's brethren. The biggest sector, the greater contribution that carries so many of us through, are spearheaded by the women, and it has been my privilege and am greatly thankful to be a recent recipient of great kindness from the women of GCF.



To all those who carry and contribute to the women's ministry, may God repay your kindness to the tribe of Levi a hundred fold.



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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The GCF Mercy Ministry continues to accept donations, here’s how:

For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For Cash Donations: give via the GCF bank accounts (gcf.org.ph/give).

Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject “*For Bayanihan Food Stall*”. For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

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Just indicate “**For COVID-19 Fund**”when you email your transaction document.



CHURCH UPDATES

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10:00 AM Worship Service

Present your vaccination card as you enter the building.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 5:00 p.m. service only until further notice

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

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Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto | Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx

Passcode: familyGGEx | For Inquiries, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

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We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | Welcome Form: bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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