



The Supremacy of Christ & Christianity

Communion Series
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Where Grace Has Brought Us: The Case for Joyful Christianity

HEBREWS 12:18-24

English Worship Service

10:00 AM and 5:00 PM • Live In-Person and Online

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Dr. Larry Pabiona

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SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE | APRIL 3, 2022

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 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, 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, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.

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Based on how they turn off people to Christ, joyless Christians can be as bad a testimony as those who claim to be Christians yet live immorally. The grace that saved us is made to look weak and ineffectual when professing believers are as cranky or sour-faced as the rest of the world. Why should the world accept our message?

But when Christians show that whether their circumstances are good or bad, they never lose their hope and inner joy, it makes our faith credible. Above all, it makes our Christian walk what God meant it to be – believers grateful for past grace and hopeful in future grace. This gives them strength for the present! This is where God's grace has brought us and what our passage is telling us:

1. WHO YOU ARE APART FROM CHRIST: IN MOUNT SINAI AND THE TERROR OF THE LAW.

- Our insufficiency to meet the demands of the Law is illustrated in the terror it should rightly evoke in us.
- Without a right fear of God and recognition of sin, we would never see the need to seek refuge in the love and forgiveness of God.

2. WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST: IN MOUNT ZION (HEAVEN), A RECIPIENT OF JOYFUL GRACE.

- Have you ever asked yourself, what is there in heaven? How are people doing up there? Here is a small sample, only seven(!), of an infinite number of joys that are in heaven:
 1. The heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
 2. Millions of angels in joyful assembly.
 3. The church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.
 4. God, the judge of all people.
 5. The spirits of the righteous made perfect (the Old Testament believers).
 6. Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant.
 7. The Sacrifice that speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Download the study guide:



bit.ly/GCFStudyGuides

FINAL THOUGHTS

Someone not amazed by grace may have never received it. Or is just really ungrateful. As we partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper today, reflect again on the cost it took for you to be a citizen of Mount Zion. A salvation acquired so expensively should drive us, in love, to live appropriately and joyfully! ■



The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, GCF Ortigas Senior Pastor



We Honor Pastor Sam Rendal

We pray with thanksgiving today for our Pastor in-charge of Pastoral Care, Pastor Sam Rendal. “P. Sam,” as he is fondly called, has served 19 years with GCF and, after reaching his 6th decade of life last April 1, 2022, is now retiring from his full-time Staff status in GCF. He will take a short break and then return as a Consultant to set-up a Pastoral Care system, involving both the pastors and church ministry servants (formerly called “volunteers”). If you see P. Sam anywhere today, do breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for him and all his selfless years of service to the Lord to whom he has dedicated the best years of his life.

Shower of Blessings for Subic Bay Community of Faith

As the Lord leads you, please pray and support this appeal from the pulpit by our sister church, that our late Pastor Luis Pantoja helped to start with Philip Chuachiacco. This Shower of Blessings that our Board of Elders approved will go a long way to help them set-up their very own place of worship. May the Lord bless you richly as you give.

Crucial Prayer Meetings Ahead

As a church that aspires to advance on its knees, I want to reiterate these portions of our announcements today. First up: this April 7, at 7:00 PM, we will have our weekly GCF Family's Hour of Prayer, both on-site and online. This will be its permanent schedule (7:00 PM every Thursday). So you can come here this Thursday, or you can join us online.

On April 9, GCF Ortigas will host “Pray for HOPE,” a monthly prayer gathering inviting all evangelical churches to pray for the upcoming 2022 elections. This is organized by VoteNet, a non-partisan network of partners praying for our country to have Honest, Orderly, Peaceful and Principled Elections. This prayer meeting that GCF will host will be the last one held before the May 9 Elections. After we have voted, there will be a final prayer gathering on May 9, so this penultimate meeting hosted by GCF is crucial. Please don't miss it, and invite all the Christian friends you know to join this purely online prayer gathering. We desperately need it! I will give a short devotion, but most of the time will be spent praying for the nation. See you all there! ■



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



Send a copy of your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.



Covid-19 Emergency Response Efforts

You may also give to support the church family’s COVID relief efforts. Just indicate **“For COVID-19 Fund”** when you email your transaction document.



Missions Support

By God’s grace, GCF continues to support missionaries and missionary organizations. If you are being led by the Holy Spirit to designate your giving to our Missions Support Fund, please indicate **“FOR MISSIONS”** when you email your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph**

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

Account Name: Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Inc.

BDO
BDO Corporate Center
Savings Account: 000661590216

METROBANK
Ortigas Sapphire
Savings Account: 629-3-62919733-9

CHINA BANK
Ortigas ADB
Savings Account: 1112-02006218

BPI
Ortigas Emerald
Peso Savings Account: 9823 0217 01

UNIONBANK
UB Plaza
Checking Account: 0005-9001-0426

ROBINSONS BANK
Main Office
Savings Account: 1000-3010-0017-355

PAYPAL
Please visit gcf.org.ph/give



 LIST OF SBCF’S NEEDS
GCF.LINK/SBCFGIVE



Shower of Blessings for SBCF

Let us help meet the needs of Subic Bay Community Fellowship (SBCF) as an expression of worship that results in thanksgiving to God! (2 Corinthians 9:12)

To “shower” SBCF with “blessings”, you may give through the official GCF accounts. Email your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** and indicate **“For SBCF Shower of Blessings”**. For inquiries, email **churchadmin@gcf.org.ph**

CHURCH UPDATES



WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 a.m. (ENGLISH) • 3:00 p.m. (FILIPINO)
5:00 p.m. (ENGLISH)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Vaccination card required at entrance.
- If you (or household) have symptoms, stay home and worship online.
- Good-fitting masks required.
Face shields are optional.

KidsLIFE WORSHIP

For kids aged 7-12

Only for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Pre-Registration required at

gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Venue: Youth Center, 6th Floor
- Kids aged 6 below should join their parents in the Worship Service

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays • 8:00 p.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube
and Facebook

KidsLIFE Online

Saturdays

- Ages 2-6 — 10:00 a.m.
- Ages 7-12 — 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube
and Facebook

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 p.m

Livestream on GCF YouTube
and Facebook

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For medical appointments or
questions, contact:

- gcfocstef@gmail.com
(9:00 a.m. — 12:00 nn)
- gcfocluan@gmail.com
(1:00 — 4:00 p.m.)

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

New Timeslot and New Venue

Starting April 7 (Thursday)

7:00 p.m. at GCF Ortigas and via Zoom

Pray for H.O.P.E.

Prayer Gathering for the 2022 Elections

April 9, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. • via Zoom

Link: gcf.link/PrayForHOPE

ID: 813 9523 1890

Passcode: Pray4HOPE

CRUCIFIED, DEAD, BURIED

A Good Friday Service on
the Last Seven Words

April 15, 5:00 p.m.

Live at on-site and online

ALIVE!

A Worship Celebration of the Risen Christ

April 17, 10:00 a.m.

Live at on-site and online

EASTER PRAYER CONCERT

GCF Ortigas Family Fellowship

April 17, 3:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom

STAY CONNECTED

On-demand viewing of our
Worship Services will be available
every Monday.

DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to,
we are here to listen.
Contact us at **GCF ERCC Hotline:**
0917 532 7794

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:
Facebook:

Greenhills Christian Fellowship

E-mail:

pray@gcf.org.ph

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Is it your first time today?

We want to personally welcome you
via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and
3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room:

gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF

Welcome Form:

gcf.link/GCFWelcome



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