



Worship Bulletin

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The Greatest Gift: Salvation by Faith Alone, in Christ Alone

ROMANS 4:1-5; 4:16-5:2

DEC 16-17, 2023

**Traditional Worship
Saturday • 5:30 PM**

ENGLISH SERVICES

SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Call to Worship
Worship Through Praise
Community Prayer
Worship Through Fellowship
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Response Song
Worship Through Giving
Benediction

FILIPINO SERVICE

SUNDAY • 3:00 PM

Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit
Panalanging Pangkapulungan
Pakikipag-ugnayan
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Tugon na Awit
Paghahandog
Basbas



The Greatest Gift: Salvation by Faith Alone, in Christ Alone

ROMANS 4:1–5; 4:16–5:2

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is said to originate from the gifts the Three Wise Men gave Jesus. But many don't realize God Himself gave the greatest gift of all time: *"God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Why is it so crucial for us to know and believe that when it comes to salvation, we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone?

1. THE EXAMPLE OF SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE: ABRAHAM (Romans 4:2-5; 16–22)

- Paul used Abraham to teach the doctrine of justification by faith alone, apart from works. What is justification? Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God where:
 1. He **counts** our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us.
 2. He **declares** us righteous in His sight.(Adapted from *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem).
- What is faith? It is to be (v. 21) *"fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised."* Faith is the *means* through which salvation is given, not an act that earns us favor with God. We are justified solely because of the merits of Christ's work (Romans 5:17–19).

2. THE EFFECTOR OF SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE: JESUS CHRIST (Romans 4:23–5:2)

- Saving faith involves the following:
 1. Believing what God says in His Word about Jesus Christ (the Gospel).
 2. Acknowledging my sins that made me need Christ's death on the Cross on my behalf.
 3. I must decide to trust Jesus to save me personally.
- Scripture puts repentance and faith together as different aspects of the one act of coming to Christ for salvation (Acts 20:21). When we turn to Christ for salvation, we are simultaneously turning away from the sins that we are asking Christ to save us from.

3. THE EFFECT OF SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE: WE ARE JUSTIFIED (Romans 5:1–2)

- Paul enumerates some of the blessings of being justified by faith:
 1. Peace with God (assurance).
 2. Access into grace by which we stand (perseverance).
 3. Rejoicing in hope (endurance, 5:3–5).

Galatians 2:16 sums it up well: *"We know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified."*

No one is saved by works. No one is saved even by faith *plus* works. We are saved purely by faith alone, in Christ alone, and, therefore, by grace alone. That is the greatest gift you can ever receive. Have you received this from God? ■



Ang Pinakadakilang Regalo: Kaligtasan sa Pamamagitan ng Pananampalataya Lamang, Kay Kristo Lamang

ROMANS 4:1-5; 4:16-5:2

Ang kaugalian ng pagbibigayan ng regalo ay nagmula raw sa mga tatlong hari na nagregalo kay Hesus. Ang hindi alam ng karamihan ay ito — ang ating Diyos ang nagbigay ng pinakadakilang regalo sa lahat: *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16). Bakit ba napakahalaga na paniwalaan natin, na pagdating sa kaligtasan, tayo ay maliligtas lamang sa pamamagitan ng grasya ng Diyos, sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya kay Kristo lamang?

1. ANG HALIMBAWA NG KALIGTASAN SA PANANAMPALATAYA LAMANG: ABRAHAM (Romans 4:2-5; 16-22)

- Si Abraham ang halimbawa ng pagiging justified sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya lamang, na hiwalay sa gawa. Ito ay isang aksyon ng Diyos kung saan:
 1. Pinapatawad Niya ang ating mga kasalanan dahil sa ganap na pagbabayad-sala ni Hesus sa Krus.
 2. Dinideklara Niya tayong matuwid dahil sa walang sala na buhay ni Hesus. (Adapted from *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem).
- Ano ba ang pananampalataya? Ito ay pagiging — (v. 21) *“fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.”* Ang pananampalataya ay ang paraan ng kaligtasan, hindi isang gawain para makamit ang pabor ng Diyos. Ang lahat ay magiging matuwid lamang dahil sa kumpletong gawa ni Hesus (Romans 5:17-19).

2. ANG MAY-LIKHA NG KALIGTASAN SA PAMAMAGITAN NG PANANAMPALATAYA LAMANG: SI HESU KRISTO (Romans 4:23-5:2)

- Ang nakaliligtas na pananampalataya ay:
 1. Paniniwala sa sinasabi ng Biblia tungkol kay Hesus.
 2. Pagtanggap ng ating pagiging makasalanan na kinailangan ng Tagapagligtas.
 3. Pagpasya na tanggapin ang kaligtasan ng Diyos para sa ating sarili.
- Ang pagtalikod sa kasalanan at pananampalataya kay Hesus ay dalawang aspeto ng nag-iisang akto ng paglapit kay Hesus (Acts 20:21).

3. ANG EPEKTO NG KALIGTASAN SA PAMAMAGITAN NG PANANAMPALATAYA LAMANG: ANG PAGIGING JUSTIFIED (Romans 5:1-2)

- Ang mga biyaya ng pagiging justified:
 1. Kapayapaan sa mata ng Diyos (assurance).
 2. Pagpasok sa Kanyang kagandahang-loob (perseverance).
 3. Pagiging galak dahil sa buhay na pag-asa (endurance, 5:3-5).

Ang Galatians 2:16 ay malinaw: *“We know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”*

Walang maliligtas sa gawa. Wala ring maliligtas ng pananampalataya at gawa. Tayo ay maliligtas sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya lamang, kay Kristo lamang, na dahil sa grasya ng Diyos lamang. Yan ang pinakadakilang regalo. Natanggap niyo na ba ito? ■



The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Mike King Li, Disciple-Making Support Ministry Head

Build Up and Reach Out Together

We praise God for building us up as a local body of faith so that we are able to reach out to those outside the church community, share with them the good news of salvation, and invite them into the church community. We have been doing this as a church since its inception, and we are reminded of this in our motto, *"Know Christ (Build Up) and Make Him Known (Reach Out)."*

As we look forward to 2024, we will be fine-tuning our 2023 theme to emphasize our unity as one church family. Thus, we will be building up and reaching out, **together**. We build up together across different ministries with the intention of having the older generation mentor the younger generation. This is a challenge to us, adults, to mentor the youth and young adults of the church. We reach out together across different ministries with the intention of bringing people together to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a challenge to our Growth Groups to participate in various initiatives for the gospel, like the Ortigas Community Worship, by sharing the gospel with those in our immediate neighborhood.

Let us be united in our efforts to **Build Up and Reach Out Together**, just as the three persons of the Godhead unite us into one body – the body of Christ.

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." – Ephesians 4:4–6 (ESV) ■



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English*
3:00 PM – Filipino
5:30 PM – English

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship
5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas

*KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 AM

PRAYER GATHERING

THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763
Passcode: 984990

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible School
Series: Basic Doctrines
Live at GCF Chapel

ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAYS

7:30 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fridays
Open to 20–40 year olds
Fellowship Hall

GROWTH GROUPS

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,
throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT gcf.org.ph/growth-groups

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“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.”

Church **UPDATES** AND **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2023

Invite your family and friends!

CAROLS OF LIGHT:

A Christmas Eve Hymn Sing

- Dec 23 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 24 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

LIGHT OF A NEW DAWN:

A New Year's Eve Service

- Dec 30 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 31 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

*No 3:00 PM Services on all these weekends.

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PRAISE FACTORY AUDITIONS

One day only!

9:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Room BM06, GCF Ortigas
For kids aged 6 to 11

Prepare a song and come early
with your accompaniment
track!

**DEC
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YEAR-END FAMILY CONFERENCE

Right after the 10:00 AM Service
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas (No Zoom)
For affirmed GCF members only.
Attendance is highly encouraged!

REGULAR GATHERINGS SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible School (SBS)

- Last Session: December 17
- Resumes: January 7

Ortigas Community Worship (OCW)

- Last Session: December 20
- Resumes: January 10

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer (FHoP)

- Last Session: December 21
- Resumes: January 11

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some
issues, we are here to help.

GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online
Open to high school and college aged youth

All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except Special Sundays)
Sundays • 10:00 AM
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**
Pre-register at gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**
Pre-register at gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you
after every Worship Service. Our pastors
and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor
or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group?
Looking to apply for church membership?
Curious about the various ministries?

Visit the new **INFO HUB** at the Lobby