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The Self-Sufficiency of God

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The self-sufficiency of God is defined as God is entirely independent of His creation, needing nothing from it, yet graciously giving life and all things to His creation. The self-sufficiency of God, also referred to as His *aseity* (from the Latin *a se*, meaning "from Himself"), is a fundamental attribute of God in the Bible.

LESSON: The truth of God's self-sufficiency should humble us, comfort us, and draw us into deeper worship of the God who invites us to be part of His infinite love and glory.

I. Scriptural Foundations of God's Self-Sufficiency

1. Acts 17:24-25 – God's Independence from Creation
2. Psalm 50:10-12 – God's Ownership of All Creation
3. Isaiah 40:13-14 – God's Infinite Wisdom and Knowledge
4. Job 41:11 – God is Indebted to No One

II. Significance of God's Self-Sufficiency

God's self-sufficiency is intimately tied to His *aseity*, which means that He is the source of His own being.

1. **God's Independence:** Each of these attributes expresses the fullness and perfection of God.
 - a. His wisdom is infinite
 - b. His power is boundless
 - c. His holiness and justice are unchangeable
 - d. He does not require anything from creation to increase or sustain these perfections
2. **God's Self-Sufficiency in Glory:** God's glory is another area where His self-sufficiency is evident. God is intrinsically glorious and does not derive His glory from creation.
3. **God's Eternal Blessedness:** God is perfectly happy and fulfilled in Himself.

Because God is self-sufficient in His blessedness, His acts of creation, providence, and redemption are entirely free and gracious, not done out of any need or deficiency.

III. Sensible Implications for Believers

1. **Humility Before God:**
 - a. **John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
2. **Comfort in God's Self Sufficiency and Immutability:**
 - a. His purposes and promises are unshakable.
 - b. His covenant love is unshakable.
3. **Worship:**
 - a. Worship becomes a response of awe and thanksgiving for who God is, rather than an attempt to meet a need in God.
4. **Dependence in Prayer:**
 - a. Recognizing God's self-sufficiency shapes our prayer life. We do not come to God because He needs our requests but because we need His help.

Conclusion

The self-sufficiency of God is a cornerstone of our Biblical theology, highlighting God's independence, fullness, and immutability. God is complete in Himself, needing nothing from His creation, and yet in His grace, He has chosen to create and redeem for His glory. ■

Ang Kasapatan ng Diyos

Acts 17:24–25 and selected Scriptures

Ang kasapatan ng Diyos ay tinutukoy bilang ang Diyos ay may ganap na kasarinlan mula sa Kanyang nilikha, na hindi nangangailangan ng anumang mula dito, subalit mapagbigay na nagbibigay ng buhay at lahat ng bagay sa Kanyang nilikha. Ang kasapatan ng Diyos, na tinutukoy din bilang Kanyang *ASEITY* (mula sa Latin na *a se*, na nangangahulugang "mula sa Kanya"), ay isang pangunahing katangian ng Diyos sa Bibliya.

I. Mga Saligan sa Kasulatan ng Kasapatan ng Diyos

1. Acts 17:24-25 – Ang kasarinlan ng Diyos mula sa nilalang
2. Psalm 50:10-12 – Ang pagmamay-ari ng Diyos sa lahat ng nilalang
3. Isaiah 40:13-14 – Ang walang hanggang karunungan at kaalaman ng Diyos
4. Job 41:11 – Ang Diyos ay walang utang sa kanino man

II. Kahalagahan ng Kasapatan ng Diyos

Ang kasapatan ng Diyos ay malapit na konektado sa Kanyang *aseity*, na nangangahulugang Siya ang pinagmumulan ng Kanyang sarili.

1. **Ang Kasarinlan ng Diyos:** Lahat ng mga katangiang ito ay nagpapahayag ng kabuuan at kasakdalan ng Diyos.
 - a. Walang hanggan ang Kanyang karunungan
 - b. Walang hangganan ang Kanyang kapangyarihan
 - c. Hindi nagbabago ang Kanyang kabanalan at katarungan
 - d. Hindi Niya kinakailangan ang anumang mula sa nilikha upang madagdagan o mapanatili ang mga kasakdalan na ito
2. **Ang Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos sa Kanyang Kasapatan:** Ang kaluwalhatian ng Diyos ay isa pang aspeto kung saan makikita ang Kanyang kasapatan. Ang Diyos ay likas na maluwalhati at hindi nagmumula ang Kanyang kaluwalhatian sa nilikha.
3. **Walang Hanggang Kasiyahan ng Diyos:** Ang Diyos ay ganap na masaya at nasisiyahan sa Kanyang sarili.

III. Mga Praktikal na Pahiwatig para sa mga Mananampalataya

1. **Kababaang-loob sa Harap ng Diyos**
2. **Kaginhawahan sa Kasapatan at Immutability ng Diyos:**
 - a. Ang Kanyang mga layunin at pangako ay hindi matitinag.
 - b. Ang Kanyang pag-ibig sa tipan ay hindi matitinag.
3. **Pagsamba:**

Ang pagsamba ay nagiging tugon ng pagkamangha at pasasalamat para sa kung sino ang Diyos, sa halip na isang pagsubok na tugunan ang isang pangangailangan sa Diyos.
4. **Pagdepende sa Panalangin:**

Ang pagkilala sa kasapatan ng Diyos ay humuhubog sa ating buhay panalangin. Hindi tayo lumalapit sa Diyos dahil kailangan Niya ang ating mga kahilingan kundi dahil kailangan natin ang Kanyang tulong.

Pangwakas

Ang kasapatan ng Diyos ay isang sandigan ng ating Paniniwala, na nagtatampok ng pagiging may kasarinlan, kasaganaan, at kawalan ng pagbabago ng Diyos. Ang Diyos ay ganap sa Kanyang sarili, na hindi nangangailangan ng anumang mula sa Kanyang nilikha, subalit sa Kanyang biyaya, pinili Niya na lumikha at magligtas para sa Kanyang kaluwalhatian. ■

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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends
and family who need to
know Christ!

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM KidsLIFE Discipleship
For ages 1.5 to 12 • 4th Floor

10:30 AM KidsLIFE Sunday School
For ages 1.5 to 3 • Ground Floor
For ages 4 to 13 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM YouthLIVE Worship
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM YA Fridays
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)
Open to all • GCF Chapel

9:30 AM “Like Jesus” Youth Bible Study
For all youth • Room B124

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family’s Hour of Prayer
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

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.”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

Church Leaders Election 2024

Voting Deadline: Nov 24

VOTING STARTS TODAY!

Seek God's wisdom as you discern which Elder and Deacon candidates to affirm.

Watch their Profile Interviews via gcf.link/2024Candidates

Vote online: gcf.org.ph/Election

Vote on-site: Election Booth,
Main Lobby

Christmas 2024

Savior King:

GCF Christmas Special 2024

Dec 7 • 5:00 PM

Dec 8 • 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas

Christmas Eve Service

Dec 24 • 5:00 PM

Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas

Invite your family and friends to know more about our reason for joy and hope this season!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Art for Good News Sake 2

**Nov 16
to Dec 8**

An Art Show for the benefit of Good News Clinic and Hospital Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
For more info, contact Chester at 0995 917 2037

SHE Year-End Fellowship

**Nov 23
Saturday**

Open to ALL Single Women

6:00 — 8:00 PM

6th floor, Youth Center

Register via gcf.link/SHEfellowship

YA Wetfoot Missions Trip

**Nov 30
Saturday**

Pray for the preparations being done by staff and volunteers who will be going to an urban poor community in Quezon City. Pray for the kids who they will be ministering to.

Men's Christmas Fellowship

**Dec 1
Sunday**

Open to all Men

8:30 — 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas

Register via gcf.link/MensFellowship

Questions about GCF Ortigas?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about GCF ministries? Visit the Info Hub at the Main Lobby

Are you here for the first time?

We would love to connect with you! After every 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

Men's GG Launching

Thanking the Lord for the launching of two new Growth Groups for Men – Mentored in Godliness (MIGs) GG and Proverbs 27:17 GG.

Worship Ministry Retreat

Praise God for His work in the lives of our Worship Ministry servants! The Lord truly transforms us to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Joshua & Caleb Ministry Fellowship

All glory to God for His mighty movement among our uniformed officers in the AFP and PNP. Continue to pray for the Joshua & Caleb Ministry!

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Elder Rommel Yazon
Couples Ministry

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Praise God with us as we recall how He used the Couples Ministry to minister to our church family this year!

The Couples Ministry successfully conducted the popular seminars "A Biblical Portrait of Marriage" (BPOM) 1 and 2. Married couples and some singles discovered God's design for marriage and biblical principles that build the Christian marriage relationship. Mature married couples who attended the interactive seminars found themselves getting equipped as well in guiding and counseling younger couples in the context of the Word of God. Next year, both BPOM 1 and BPOM 2 will be conducted in three consecutive Saturdays to cover six sessions.

A Biblical Portrait of Marriage provides a venue to BUILD UP married couples from Growth Groups in the biblical foundation of marriage and biblically based practical applications of marriage enhancement. It is also a venue for Growth Groups to REACH OUT to their oikos by inviting friends and relatives to the seminars while working TOGETHER with the other ministries of the church.

The one-day seminar "Building Bridges: Fostering Strong Relationship with In-Laws" turned out to be a fun-filled, marriage-building experience for both the speakers and attendees. "Battle-hardened" couples shared how the Word of God has guided them through the various trials and challenges faced in different life seasons of marriage.

The one-day seminar "Before I Say I Do", meant for engaged couples, live-in couples, and "in a relationship" individuals, was held last October. They are now in a better position to get married, having learned about marriage from the Bible's perspective.

Another exciting event to anticipate next year is the Couples Retreat! This will be held out of town for three days and two nights, providing couples with a good opportunity to have spiritual renewal. The Couples Retreat is a venue for married couples from Growth Groups, as well as from the Growth Groups' oikos, to get built up in the biblical foundation of marriage and biblically based practical applications of marriage enhancement. ■

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