

Sermon Summary for 11th March, 2018

"JESUS CHRIST IS EVERYTHING"

Colossians 2: 2 - 12 (Rev. Steve Levy)

Jesus wants the church to know the mystery of God. Which is found in Christ. In him and only in him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. No one must deceive us into thinking we need more than Christ.

How do we get to know this?

Firstly, we must be confident that it is possible to have this knowledge.

We are confident because it is God himself who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light (Col. 1: 12, 13). How? We have been rescued and brought to the kingdom of the Son he loves by redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Israel was redeemed in the same way. When the Lord looks at our sin, he sees the lamb who bore the sins of the world. So, all our sins are forgiven. Jesus took them all on the cross.

In the Exodus, how were the Israelites to know that the judgement had passed? By the fact that the firstborn would still be alive and because he lived, they knew they could travel to the Promised Land. Our Firstborn who lives is the image of the invisible God. He created all things and is holding all things together and has been given authority over all things. He is our Firstborn from the dead and because he is ours we should be encouraged in heart.

Secondly, we must be united in love.

Jesus' body is the church. If we are to know the full riches of complete understanding, the mystery of God, we have to be united to others in the church in love. This is what the apostles of Jesus suffered for, following the example of Jesus (Col 1:24). In Col 3:11-15, he tells us exactly how to do this. We have to love, forgive, care, accept one another, or we will never get the wisdom and knowledge we need.

But all wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ.

The Bible has many titles for Jesus. Why does he call him Christ here? Earlier in the letter he is called the Son, the Lord and other names but here he is called the Christ. The Christ refers to his anointing. Our anointing comes from the anointed one. To know the Spirit of wisdom and of knowledge and of life we have to look to the Christ. There is no other anointing outside of him. He gives the Spirit without measure (see John 3:34).

Spurgeon said it better than I ever could: "The Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: he tells us that we are nothing, but that 'Christ is all in all'. Remember, therefore, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee--it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee--it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument--it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by 'looking unto Jesus'. Keep thine eye simply on him; let his death, his sufferings, his merits, his glories, his intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wake in the morning look to him; when thou lie down at night look to him. Oh! let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after him, and he will never fail thee."

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray that the LORD will open heavens and pour down on LIC His grace, righteousness and very presence; that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit will become a daily experience, the same way it was on the early Church (Isaiah 64:1-2; Acts 4:29-30)

✠ Pray about the appointment/ election of a new Presiding Elder in LIC; that the Lord Himself will choose for LIC (Acts 1:23-26; Proverbs 16:33: 19:21)

✠ Pray for God's favour for members seeking one opportunity or the other in the areas of business, employment and dealings with other people (Psalm 5:12)

CONGRATULATIONS!!! BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Mar 18: Mrs. Zchat Okomohwo
- Mar 18: Mr. Isaac Bright Botchway
- Mar 18: Ms. Akotia Yaa Akotia
- Mar 19: Ms. Eunice Appiah
- Mar 20: Kofi Yebuah Dawson
- Mar 20: Mr. William Takyi
- Mar 20: Ms. Agnes Vitasi
- Mar 20: Mrs. Lydia Bedwei
- Mar 21: Ms. Jennifer Boateng
- Mar 21: Ms. Monica Seddoh
- Mar 21: Mr. Solomon Oquaye
- Mar 21: Ms. Dorlina Abena Acquah
- Mar 22: Ms. Dzifa Dede Agbeko
- Mar 22: Mr. Dodzi Korsi Aveh
- Mar 23: Mr. Emmanuel Mantey
- Mar 23: Mr. Emmanuel Johnson
- Mar 23: Mr. Nana Fosu Nyante
- Mar 23: Mr. Mawuko Afadzino
- Mar 23: Ms. Tamara Nyirenda
- Mar 23: Mr. Chawanangwa Kaluwa
- Mar 23: Mr. Jonas Hlormador
- Mar 24: Mr. Richmond Effah-Mensah
- Mar 24: Mrs. Alice Ofoe

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar 18: Julius and Mawuena Coomson
- Mar 19: Reindorf and Akosua Perbi
- Mar 21: Ernest & Esi Amoah
- Mar 21: Charles & Grace Ofori

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TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018



**Influencing Generations
Through Christ-like Discipleship**

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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"



Activity for 18th March, 2018
JOINT AREA FELLOWSHIP
Please plan and be part of this!

DAILY PRAYER SESSIONS AT LIC

The prayer time runs on Weekdays from Monday through to Friday. It's in session from now till end of LENT (Thursday, 29th March). *Scripture passage: 2 Chronicles 7: 14-16*
Prayer sessions:
5.30am - 6.30am; 12.00noon - 1.30pm; 6.00pm - 7.30pm
However, our usual Mid-Week Services will still take place on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018 — SERVICE STARTS @ 9: 15AM

(COMMUNION SERVICE)

Officiant: Mr. Cudjoe Amenyah
Sermon Topic: **"Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce"**
Preacher: **Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah**
Lectors: Ms. Juliana Asante-Dartey and Mr. Arnold Poku Adu
Notices: Dr. Nana Akua Anyidoho



Scripture Passages: **Deuteronomy 24: 1 - 4 and Mark 10: 1 - 12**

Opening Hymn: "I Sing the almighty power of God"
Pre-Communion Hymn: "And can it be that I should gain"
Closing Hymn: "O for a heart to praise my God"

REFLECTION: And the two shall become one.

The last time I gave my 6-year old son a stick to separate into two, he broke it. If you think of divorce as sawing yourself symmetrically into two, and that neither of the sawn parts is of any use anymore, then you will have no problem with staying married.
—JNA (March - 2018)

**NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2018
(PALM SUNDAY— CHILDREN'S DAY)**

Officiant: TBA
Sermon Topic: **"Let the Little Children come to Me"**
Preacher: Mr. Theo Aryee
Lectors: TBA
Scripture Readings: **Exodus 2: 1-10; Luke 18: 15-17; John 12: 12-19**
Notices: TBA



STUDENTS' SERVICE @ 6:30AM
SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018

Sermon Topic: "Faith in Jesus makes the difference - Part II" Preacher: Mr. Moses Mensah
Scripture Passages: Mark 7: 24 - 30 Time: 6:30am

NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2018

Sermon Topic: "He has done all things well" Preacher: Mr. Theo Aryee
Scripture Passages: Isaiah 35: 1 - 7 Mark 7: 31 - 37 Time: 6:30am

Visitors' Reception for MARCH, 2018
Dr. Maureen Iheanacho and Mr. Ebenezer Nortey

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING
All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **TUESDAY**, 20th March and **THURSDAY**, 22nd March.
Please prepare **Lesson 3** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** coming.

HOSANNA MARCH ON PALM SUNDAY

The entire Church will go on the Hosanna March outside the LIC premises next Sunday, 25th March, from 8:00am to 9:00am. Come with your children in comfortable shoes and clothing for the March as we hail our King.
This means there will be NO BIBLE STUDY next Sunday.

SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)
Mr. K. K. Ohene-Adu (0244-631600)

Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson (050 256 8615)
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

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| Ms. Charity Agbedanu | Dr. Thomas Buabeng | Mr. Christian Kofi Gbinu |
| Ms. Ivy Newton | Mrs. Marian Yeboah | Mr. Isaac Fianu |
| Mr. Benjamin Richard Andema | Ms. Alberta Edinam Adegbe | Ms. Rosalind Eugenia Ocran |
| Ms. Sarah Banwa Sam | Mr. Alfred Kwaku Phampong Attafuah | Mr. Michael Apraku |
| Ms. Gladys Annor | Mr. Michael Arko | |

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"
Coordinator - Mrs. Ruth Korkor Opoku (0509547267)

| DATE | TIME | OFFICIANT | ACTIVITY | SERMON TOPIC | PREACHER |
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| Wed. 21-Mar | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Mr. Collins Gadawusu | BETHESDA MOMENT (Ephesians 6: 10-18) | "The Armor of God" (Mr. Kofi Osew) The LIC Choir will minister in song. | |
| Sun. 25-Mar | Palm Sunday (Children's Day): Hosanna March / Children's Ministry Photo Exhibition | | | | |
| Tues. Mar 27 to Maundy Thurs. Mar 29 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | 3-DAY EASTER RENEWAL SERVICE (Communion on Thursday) | | THEME: HIS PAIN: OUR GAIN Preacher: Dr. Yaw Perbi | |
| Fri. 30-Mar | 9:15 am-11:15am | TBA | GOOD FRIDAY | CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED | Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah |

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm