

## Sermon Summary for 18th November, 2018

### "JESUS BECAME A CURSE FOR US"

**Deuteronomy 21: 22,23; Mark 15: 16-32 (Rev. Yaw Boamah)**

A curse is "a prayer for injury, harm, or misfortune to befall someone." Noah, for instance, pronounced a curse on one of his sons, Canaan in Genesis 9:25.

It is a phenomenon that is still widely practiced in our land. For some people, it is the only recourse to justice available to them. Its purpose is mainly to inflict **shame** and **pain** on the offender but there has to be wrongdoing for a curse to take effect. A curse is usually a parallel with blessing (Jeremiah 17:5&7). In order to reverse a curse, it must be 'transferred' to an innocent victim: a fowl, a ram, a goat, etc. to set the victim free.

The first occurrence of a curse (Genesis 3:14-19) - a pronouncement of judgment - can be grouped under three headings: (1) enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman, (2) difficulty in childbearing and male-female relations, and (3) problems with the land."

Thus when Jesus traded places with sinful humanity, He took this curse on Himself for our freedom. (2 Corinthians 5:21) The shame and pain He endured in the gospel account underscore His condition as a cursed person.

**The Mockery (shame):** All the four categories of people mentioned in the gospel reading made fun of Him. The Roman soldiers (a whole battalion- 600) V. 16-18, 20; the passers-by "And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" (Mark 15:29-30 ESV); the chief priests and the scribes (v. 31-32a); and even the criminals "Those who were crucified with him also reviled him." (v.32b)

**The Pain:** The blows, the flogging ... "Suffered under Pontius Pilate..." (The Apostles creed). No wonder He could not carry His cross all the way to the crucifixion site. Simon (not Simon Peter) but Simon from Cyrene in North Africa had to help Him. Then the crucifixion itself: painful, prolonged, permanent. The victim died through suffocation.

**The purpose of Jesus becoming a curse for humanity** was in order that we could be set free from the punishment of a just God; more than that, for us to enjoy the blessing God had provided to Abraham and through him to all humanity as a counter to the curse. (Galatians 3:13-14 ESV)

**How then shall we live?** The inscription nailed above the Saviour's head on the cross was in three languages: Aramaic, Greek and Latin so that no one would miss it. But how we have missed this truth today! He is not only our Saviour, He is our King! If our King then we are His subjects and He commands our allegiance. Every moment of our lives must be lived for His pleasure.

**Do you pledge allegiance to the Lamb?**

### BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING THIS WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY**, 28th and Thursday, 29th November. Please prepare **Lesson 14** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

### This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ *Pray for Pastors and Church Leaders: That God will give His Church Shepherds and Leaders according to His own heart, who shall feed the sheep with knowledge and understanding; that He will protect them and give them the strength, energy and soundness of mind that they need to take care of His flock (Jer. 3:15, 2 Tim 1:7, Isa 40:31)*

✠ *Pray for Children: That God will protect and teach them His ways so they get to know God for themselves (Isa 54:13, Matt 18:10)*

✠ *Pray for victims of disasters and accidents: Ask that God consoles them and grants them healing and relief from their pain and loss (Ps 34:18, Ps 23:4, Matt 5:4)*



### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Nov. 25: Mr. Basil Baka
- Nov. 26: Ms. Anabel Ofori
- Nov. 26: Mr. Kofi Obeng Yeboah
- Nov. 26: Ms. Vicentia Vitasi
- Nov. 26: Miss Faustina Naa Ayele Aryeetey
- Nov. 26: Mr. Kwabena Darko Boateng
- Nov. 27: Ms. Patience Ampomah
- Nov. 27: Mr. John Kwaku Mortey
- Nov. 27: Mr. Isaac Asibey-Berko
- Nov. 27: Ms. Florence Danso
- Nov. 28: Ms. Portia Dede Opare
- Nov. 28: Ms. Debbie Birago Boamah
- Nov. 28: Believe Quarcoo Dedzo
- Nov. 29: Mr. Seyram Kwasi Ahiekpior
- Nov. 29: Dr. Emmanuel Sinayobye
- Nov. 29: Mr. Kwamina Van-Ess
- Nov. 29: Master Ronny Panford
- Nov. 29: Master Drew Kristoff Adogla
- Nov. 30: Ms. Ama Serwah Boateng
- Nov. 30: Master Yaw Saka Twenebo
- Dec. 01: Mrs. Josephine Aba Folsom
- Dec. 01: Dr. Mrs. Therese Ackatia-Armah
- Dec. 01: Mr. Horlali Yaw Haligah

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 25: Samuel & Louisa Gyandoh
- Nov 25: Ebo & Mira Phillips
- Nov 26: Nii Bosumtwi & Joselyn Tackie
- Nov 27: Seth & Naa Aku Shika Darkwa
- Nov 28: Kwesi & Christiana Anderson
- Nov 30: Peter & Naiki Attram
- Nov 30: Kwabena & Katherine Akyeampong-Aye
- Dec 01: Andy & Naa Abeka Mills-Graves

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TO

## LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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"**

**FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM**

**BIBLE STUDY (NOT OPTIONAL): 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS**

**SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM**

**SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2018**

Officiant for 1st Service: Dr. Shola Safo-Duodu  
 Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Bernice Offei  
 Sermon Topic: **"Jesus died that we may live"**  
 Preacher: **Rev. J. F. K. Mensah**  
 Lectors for 1st Service: Mrs. Emelia Nartey and Mrs. Irene Agyemang  
 Lectors for 2nd Service: Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah and Mr. Fred Buame  
 Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga  
 Notices for 2nd Service: Mrs. Genevieve Parker-Twum

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Scripture Passages: **Psalm 49: 5 - 10 and Mark 15: 33 - 47**

Opening Hymn: 'O For a thousand tongues to sing' || 'Sing praise to God'  
 Song Ministration: Joyful Way Inc.  
 Pre-Sermon Hymn: 'Ancient Words' || 'My faith has found a resting place'  
 Closing Hymn: 'Take my life, and let it be' || 'We're marching to Zion'

**REFLECTION: True substitution**  
 On the cross, God's love and justice were finally at peace. He forgave sin and punished sin. Jesus gave up His place to take your place to have you in His place with Him. He did it once, although for all, yet for each one. He didn't die for the world, that the world may live; He died for **you**, that **you** should live. — JNA (Nov-2018)

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE LIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
 Sign-up if you are an LIC member and have *love for children*. You will be trained in the skills required. Kindly pick up a Form from the Church Office for this purpose.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH THE SENIOR CORRECTIONAL CENTER (SCC) EVANGELISM TEAM**  
 Sign-up at the Church Office to join the Evangelism Team to SCC if you are an LIC member and have *passion for souls*. You will be trained in the skills required.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2018 (INTERACTIVE SERVICE)**

Officiant for 1st Service: Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson  
 Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful  
 Activity: **<Questions and Answers>**  
 Speakers: Various  
 Notices for 1st Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey  
 Notices for 2nd Service: Nana Asantewa Afadzina

**Youth Fellowship Corner**  
**Activity for 25th November, 2018**  
**MEET THE PROFESSIONALS**  
 Leaders:  
 Tsatsu Adogla-Bessa; Nke Opoku; Gracia Ago  
 Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

**Visitors' Reception for DECEMBER, 2018:**  
 1st Mr. Ebenezer Nortey | 2nd Mr. John Kudadjie

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
 We publish the banns for the following persons:  
 1. For the **FIRST TIME**, between Mr. Samuel Oppong of LIC and Ms. Rose Toloo Apronti of The Passion Story Church, Gbawe.  
 2. For the **FIRST TIME**, between Lt. Cdr. Keith Adukwaw Nkrumah of LIC and Ms. Christiana Ometse Doyi of Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Trinity Congregation, Tema Community 4.  
 Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2018	ELDERS ON DUTY	NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2018
Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)	<b>Reception</b>	Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522) Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)
Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841) Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)	<b>Counseling</b>	Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133) Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

**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.

Mr. Samuel Quarm	Mrs. Sally Ama Nkansah Boateng	Mrs. Faustina Afranie
Mr. George Nimo	Nana Adwoa Agyei Boateng	Mr. Matthew Ofori
Mr. Delali Adzah	Mrs. Naa Dede Hesse-Koney	Mr. Emmanuel Kwesi Osei
Mr. Kwaku Afreh-Nuamah	Mrs. Julia Jay-Duah	Ms. Florence Baah
Mr. Paul Agyenim Boateng	Mrs. Kwabena Adjei-Amoateng	Mrs. Esther Kokroko

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**  
**MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES**  
**YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"**  
 Coordinator - Mr. Collins Gadawusu (020 809 1026)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Fri. 30-Nov	6:30pm-8:00pm	<b>LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES ... Titled: "Unbroken: Path to Redemption"</b>			
Fri. 7-Dec	10:00pm - 4:00am	Mr. Daniel Turner Liadey	All-Night Prayer Meeting	"FINISHING STRONG" (2 Timothy 4: 6-8; Habakkuk 2: 2-3)	Rev. Sakyi-Appiah
Wed. 12-Dec	6:30pm-8:00pm	Mrs. Anastasia Aikins	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: The Priestly Blessing" (Numbers 6: 22-27)	Rev. Yaw Boamah
Wed. 19-Dec	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. David Avor	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Osew. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Sat. 22-Dec	6:00pm-8:30pm	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION</b>			
Tues. 25-Dec	9:15am-11:15am	TBA	JOINT SERVICE	CHRISTMAS DAY	Rev. Julius Coomson
Sun. 30-Dec	7:00am & 10:30am	TBA	INVITATION SUNDAY	"Believe, then go and tell" (Isaiah 52: 7-12; Mark 16:14-20)	TBA
Mon. 31-Dec	8:30pm-12:30am	Dr. S. Safo-Duodu Mr. R. Bugyei	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	TBA	Rev. Yaw Boamah

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**  
 Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 8:45am - 9:15am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30pm; 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 - 4:00am in the Sanctuary.

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Sunday: 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8:00 - 9:00am (for Joint Services); Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm

◇ **REHEARSALS:** LIC BAND: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:00pm