

Sermon Summary for 25th November, 2018

"JESUS DIED THAT WE MAY LIVE"

Psalm 49: 5 - 10; Mark 15: 33 - 47

(Rev. J. F. K. Mensah)

7 Reasons to Believe the Bible

1. God cannot lie, Num. 23:19; Tit. 1:2
2. God swore to seal the promises, Gen. 22:15-18; Heb. 6:13-19
3. Jesus believed the Bible, and quoted it to Satan
4. Scripture is written by the Holy Spirit, Mk. 12:36; Acts 1:16
5. God has sealed the promises given in the New Testament with His own blood
6. God resurrected Christ and gave Him all power and authority to enforce the promises, 2 Cor. 1:20
7. Christianity is entirely built upon the Scripture

The Fact of Jesus' Death and Sinlessness

All four Gospels spend a lot of time to talk about the arrest, death, burial and resurrection of Christ. But if it is true that Jesus died, did He die for me? Sin is the cause of death, Gen. 2:15-17; Ezek. 18:4, 20; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:12. But Jesus did not sin and God was pleased with His life (Jn. 8:46, 47; Matt. 3:17; Matt. 17:5; 1 Jn. 3:5; 1 Pet. 2:21, 22). So if Jesus died, then He must have died for me, you, and us, as testified in the Old Testament, by Christ Himself, and by those who knew Him best (Is. 53:4-6; Matt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45; Matt. 26:26-28; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:3).

The Result and Benefit of Jesus' Death

You have already considered how these truths mean that Christ took our sin and our curses. But how does Jesus' death bring us life? If God only forgives sins with the blood, then He has wasted Jesus' life, because the sinful nature remains in us, bearing fruit every day. We are not sinners because we sin, but we sin *because* we are sinners. Many of us stop fighting sin in our lives because we keep coming up against the machine of sin inside of us; we find that by ourselves, we can never seem to break those bad habits (sin); but grace does not mean that we should continue in sin, Rom. 6:1-2.

We died to sin when Jesus died on the cross; He did not only die *for* us, He died *with* us, Rom. 6:3-4. The sin machine and the power of its operator (Eph. 2:1-3) can only be broken when we recognize that we died with Jesus on the cross, Rom. 6:11, 14. This must become engrained in our spirits, and we must confess our death to each sin over and over and over until our attitude changes to the reality of these truths.

How We Get Life from the Death of Jesus

But these verses do more than talk about our death with Christ; they also inform us of our newness of life in Christ. The promises in Scripture are exceedingly great and precious, 2 Pet. 1:3,4. We must confess the verses which affirm our new life in Jesus (Col. 3:3,4; Gal. 2:20; Gal. 3:27; Phil. 2:12,13; Phil. 4:13). The life in Jesus can only be accessed when we claim these truths for ourselves (Gal. 2:20), and Jesus is allowed to live through us. Our life can never change unless the crucified, dead, and resurrected Lord Jesus works within us to energize, empower, and move our life to do what God wants us to do.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Thank God for His protection: For seeing us through 11 months in 2018; for the journey mercies, provision and good health enjoyed this year; also thank Him for the strength He provided in the difficult moments (Ps 34:1-10, Ps 136)

✠ Pray for safety on our roads as the year is coming to an end. Plead the blood of Jesus to be a covering over us and family; to deliver us from all forms of evil and usher us and all connected to us into the new year (Ps 91:1-10; Matt 6:13)

✠ Pray for the church and believers across the world: That they will be Christ-centered and more committed to the things of God in their attitude to worship and service to God and the body of Christ (John 17:20-23, 1 Peter 2:11-12)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Dec. 02: Ms. Adwoa Armah-Tetteh
- Dec. 02: Mr. Mawunyo Badasu
- Dec. 02: Mr. Daniel Baah Ofosu
- Dec. 03: Mrs. Kafui Yeboah
- Dec. 03: Mrs. Annie E. Dzorgbo
- Dec. 03: Ms. Abena Titilola Safo-Duodu
- Dec. 03: Mrs. Alfredtina Jackson
- Dec. 04: Dr. Alexander Aboagye
- Dec. 04: Mr. Jeffrey Larbi-Akor
- Dec. 05: Mr. Christian Mensah Okyne
- Dec. 05: Ms. Irene Osei-Tanoh
- Dec. 05: Ms. Edna B. Yeboah
- Dec. 05: Mr. Isaac A. Boateng Jnr.
- Dec. 06: Ms. Adwoa Konadu Perbi
- Dec. 06: Mr. Barnabas Ayiova Vajeh
- Dec. 06: Ms. Evelyn Sackey
- Dec. 07: Master Samuel Afreh Debrah
- Dec. 07: Mr. Moses Kai-Doz Yebleh
- Dec. 07: Mrs. Naa Dede Hesse-Koney
- Dec. 08: Ms. Monica Aikins
- Dec. 08: Ms. Christina Ayertso Laryea
- Dec. 08: Mrs. Rebecca K. Steele-Dadzie

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 02: Emmanuel & Dora Attoh
- Dec. 03: Kwamina & Sylvia Ekremet
- Dec. 04: Kenneth & Regina Appiah-Opong
- Dec. 04: Michael & Ijeoma Mikado
- Dec. 04: Emmanuel & Patience Opoku
- Dec. 05: Mr. & Mrs. Atikpo
- Dec. 08: Samuel & Twumwa Manteaw

WELCOME



TO

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SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2018



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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: 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 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 Afadzinu

Opening Hymn: *'Sing we the King who is coming to reign'*

Song Ministration: LIC Choir

Closing Hymn: *'Omnipotent Redeemer'*



REFLECTION: Come let us reason together

When we come together, we come in search of the truth. We come to tune into the truth; to encourage one another with the truth; to serve one another in truth; to learn the truth from one another; and to love one another in truth. By yourself, you may stumble on the truth but as a group, we will discover the ever widening and deepening truth. — JNA (Dec-2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2018 (MISSIONS SUNDAY)

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Kofi Osew
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Ibrahim Baidoo

Sermon Topic: **"God has committed to you the message of reconciliation"**

Preacher: **Mr. Jude Hama**

Lectors for 1st Service: Mrs. Isabella Agra and Mr. Clarence Ago
Lectors for 2nd Service: Dr. Mrs. Nana Ama Agyemang and Dr. Mrs. Angelina Armah

Scripture Passages: **2 Kings 7: 1 - 11 and 2 Corinthians 5: 9 - 21**

Notices for 1st Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey
Notices for 2nd Service: Nana Asantewa Afadzinu

ELDERS ON DUTY

SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2018

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

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Reception

NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2018

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
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Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)



Activity for 2nd December, 2018

PRAYER MEETING

Leaders:

Davis Kaufmann, Eyram Homenyi, Patience Anokye

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:

- For the **SECOND TIME**, between Mr. Samuel Oppong of LIC and Ms. Rose Toloo Apronti of The Passion Story Church, Gbawe.
- For the **SECOND TIME**, between Lt. Cdr. Keith Adukwaw Nkrumah of LIC and Ms. Christiana Ometse Doyi of Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Trinity Congregation, Tema Community 4.
- For the **FIRST TIME**, between Mr. Kenneth Kwame Asante of LIC and Ms. Priscilla Ashiokor Nortey of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

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.

LIC INTERNATIONALS' RECEPTION

There will be a special reception for all internationals who worship at LIC NEXT Sunday, 9th December. Immediately after the 2nd Service; on the LIC premises. Internationals who joined us this year are especially invited.

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. Evans Kokroko	Rev. Dr. John Abedu Quashie	Miss. Frances Abedu Quashie
Mr. David Witman Siameh	Mr. Theophilus Jojo Abedu Quashie	Mr. Sena Kofi Adiepena
Mr. William Takyi	Miss. Ethel Abedu Quashie	Mr. Charles Ayarkwa
Ms. Effia Safo-Duodu	Mr. John Abedu Quashie	Ms. Mabel Adei Kotey
Mr. James Abanam	Mrs. Agnes Abedu Quashie	Mr. Kwaku Oguaman Nketiah

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 - Mr. Collins Gadawusu (020 809 1026)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
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)	Mr. K. Asomaning & Prophet E. Afriyie-Jenkins
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)		
Sat. 22-Dec	6:00pm-8:30pm	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION			
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