

Sermon Summary for 17th February, 2019

“THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES LOVE”

1 John 4: 7 - 12; Galatians 5: 22 - 26

Dr. Frederick L. Phillips

The apostle John challenges believers to love one another with the same kind of love that God showed to us through Christ Jesus (1 John 4:7 - 12). God's love for us - while we were still sinners, and alienated from him - cost him the life of his only begotten Son! When we believe that Jesus Christ is the one who saves us from our sins, and accept the offer of salvation God extends to us in Christ, we are given the ability to become children of God who are “born of God” (John 1:11-13). This supernatural birth places in us, the very nature of God so we can love as God does. “God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us” (Rom 5:5b). This kind of loving does not spring from feelings, but is a sacrificial act on the part of the one who loves, for the benefit of the one loved, whether it is reciprocated or not. (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; John 15:13). It needs God's input if it is to be exhibited. And so John can say: “Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God.”

Jesus Christ declared: “Love one another just as I have loved you. By this (not by powerful miracles!) all men will know you are my disciples.” (John 13:35). Similarly, Paul begins his exposition of love with the warning that miraculous gifts and wonders are worthless in themselves without love (1 Corinth. 13:1-3). Gifts are not being pitted against love here - both are required, but the former must be undergirded with love to be effective. Note that the facets of love that Paul goes on to enumerate have positives - what love is - and negatives - what love is not. If we do not learn to balance these two aspects, we stand in danger of going astray. God's love is not soft! It disciplines, where necessary.

Let us learn to respect fellow believers who disagree with us on an issue, and not immediately consider them candidates for deliverance! They may have prayed as long, if not longer, than we have. “Love is not proud; it does not insist on its own way”. We are all human, and we can, *and we do* make mistakes! Let us be teachable.

Regarding new converts who have been ostracized by their families, and who could even be in danger of being killed to remove the “disgrace” from the family: sometimes those offering shelter to such converts may themselves become targets of physical and spiritual attack. Are we prepared to lay down our lives for such? 1 John 3:16 says explicitly that we should!

What about our spouses? Are you doing for your partner, what you would want them to do for you? 1 John 4:20 says: “anyone who does not love his brother whom he has seen, *cannot* love God whom he has not seen.”

So then, let us love not in words, but indeed, for God is love, and anyone who does not love in His sacrificial way, does not know God!

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' MEETING — THIS WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY**, 27th and **THURSDAY**, 28th February. Please prepare

Lesson 17 (Chapter 19 of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

PLASTIC WASTE COLLECTION IS NEXT SUNDAY

The collection van comes **every 1st Sunday of the month** to pick up your plastic waste. Please drop-off as you drive-in!

ANTI-CORRUPTION PRAYER MEETING

Be part of the prayer teams that will petition the Lord for the future of this country. At the Good Governance and Anti-Corruption prayer meeting, Mrs. Linda Ofori Kwafa, the Executive Secretary of The Ghana Integrity Initiative and Mr. James Ebow Whyte, will give brief talks to usher us into prayer for Ghana. Don't miss it!

Saturday, 2nd March, 2019 || 9:00am — 12noon || LIC Sanctuary

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray for a true understanding of God: that debates and arguments will not cause us to lose sight of what is important in our walk with God but rather have faith and believe in Him (Rom 4:20-21; Heb 11:6)

✠ Pray against accidents and premature death in LIC; cover every member in the blood of the Lamb. Pray that every member of the church will fulfill their God-ordained years on earth to the glory of God (Psalm 118:17; John 10:10)

✠ Pray for the youth of LIC, that they will not fall prey to false teachings and peer pressure; that God's Word will be real and powerful to them and they will grow in their faith (1 John 2:12-14; 1 John 5:21)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Feb 24: Mrs. Gifty Ewurama Enchili
 - Feb 24: Mr. Jed Lartey Odjeawo
 - Feb 24: Ms. Mabel Owusua Attigah
 - Feb 25: Mrs. Bernice Offei
 - Feb 25: Mr. Charles MacCarthy
 - Feb 26: Ms. Awushie Dovo
 - Feb 26: Mrs. Ruby Kankam-Boadu
 - Feb 26: Mr. Nicholas Nii Narku Osuteye
 - Feb 26: Mr. Yaw Tsen Yeboah
 - Feb 27: Mr. Kwame Asiedu Attrams
 - Feb 27: Ms. Kathleen Zenabu Sakara
 - Feb 28: Ms. Cheryl Angela Williams
 - Feb 28: Mr. Solomon Gyamfi Akowah
 - Feb 28: Master Kwesi Ablordey
 - Feb 28: Mrs. Esther Adokailey Mingle Awotwi
 - Feb 28: Mr. Kennedy Fosu
 - Feb 28: Ms. Abigail Nyirenda
 - Mar 01: Mrs. Dorothy Twimasia
 - Mar 01: Mr. Mr. Ndawazhile Kaluwa
 - Mar 02: Mrs. Mawuena Ivanna Coomson
 - Mar 02: Ms. Ewurabena Awuah
- #### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
- Feb 24: Peter & Akua Ofori-Asumadu
 - Feb 26: Joseph and Evita Asare
 - Feb 28: Maxwell & Agatha Aryee
 - Mar 01: Victor & Sedinam Tweneboah
 - Mar 02: Nana Fredua & Yaa Owusua Ofori-Atta

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

(University of Ghana, Legon)

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

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 2019

YEAR'S THEME: “EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE”

Half-Year Theme: “The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer”

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

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

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

Pastors:	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah	Tel: 024 464 6205
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TODAY: SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Officiant: 1st & 2nd Services - Mr. Kofi Asomaning || Mr. Romeo Bugyei

Sermon Topic: **“THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES JOY AND PEACE”**
 Preacher: **Mr. Daniel Agamah**

Lectors: 1st Service - Mr. Kwabena Boateng and Mrs. Florence Washington-Nortey
 2nd Service - Mr. Caleb Sackey and Mrs. Juliana Asante-Dartey

Notices: 1st & 2nd Services - Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey || Mrs. Genevieve Parker-Twum



Scripture Passages: **Galatians 5: 22 - 26 and 1 Thessalonians 1: 4 - 10**

Opening Hymn: *“Spirit divine, attend our prayers”*
 Pre-Sermon Hymn: *“Gracious Spirit, dwell with me!”* || *“Come down, O Love Divine”*
 Closing Hymn: *“Come down, O Love Divine”* || *“Love divine, all loves excelling”*

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2019

Officiant: 1st & 2nd Services - Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga || Mr. Theo Aryee

Sermon Topic: **“THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES PATIENCE, KINDNESS AND GOODNESS”**
 Preacher: **Dr. Yaw Perbi**

Lectors: 1st Service - Mr. Edward Addotey and Mrs. Yaa Darpaah Odoi
 2nd Service - Mrs. Dinah Andrews Agbeko and Ms. Asibi Ofori

Scripture Passages: **Galatians 5: 16 - 25 and Colossians 3: 12 - 17**

Notices: 1st & 2nd Services - Dr. Esi Ansah || Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

KNOW YOUR AREA FELLOWSHIP CONVENORS

Adenta / Dodowa Road	Mr. Yaw Addo Kyei	020.683.7581
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Agbogba – North Legon Extension	Mrs. Florence Baah-Yeboah	024.484.9143
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West Legon	Mr. Paul Agyenim-Boateng	024.433.0933



Activity for 24th February, 19

“WHO IS HOLY THE SPIRIT?”

Leaders:

Kweku Afful; Debbie Boamah; Ethel Abedu Quashie, Maasia Antwi Manu

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

Visitors' Reception for FEBRUARY, 2019

1st: Ms. Cecilia Adjei; Mrs. F. Washington-Nortey
2nd: Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu

REFLECTION: Joy without world peace

Joy and peace from the Holy Spirit is not always the absence of grief and confusion. When you still find joy in the midst of grief, then you are really at peace.

— JNA (Feb-2019)

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) Seminar

In collaboration with LIC and the University of Ghana's Chaplaincy Board, RZIM is organizing a 5-Day apologetics seminar dubbed **'RECONSIDER'**. Date: **Monday 4th to Friday, 8th March, 2019;** 6:30pm - 9pm @ LIC. *Difficult questions meet thoughtful answers!*

Are you a student or national service person seeking to deepen your relationship with God? ...then sign up for **ONE** of the Week-days LIC Discipleship sessions. Any day from Monday to Friday: 3-4pm (Level 100); 4-5pm (Continuing Students); 6:30-8pm on Thursdays (Medical Students and National Service persons).

You don't need to be an LIC member to join. Call 0241487506 for more details.

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.

Mrs. Dinah Andrews-Agbeko	Ms. Sefakor Agbesi	Ms. Akpene A. Agbodaze
Mr. Dodzi Kwesi Tettey Agbeko	Mr. John Agbeti	Ms. Ama Aggor
Ms. Dzifa Dede Aba Agbeko	Mr. Charles Agbetsoamedo	Mr. Biase Aggor
Mr. Oswald Kwaku Agbeko	Mrs. Adjoa Agbo	Mr. Elorm Aggor
Mr. Patrick Agbemenya	Ms. Mawunyo Ami Agbodaze	Mr. Kodzo Mensa Aggor

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12noon on Wednesday: Mr. David Avor - 0207628947 and Mr. Otabil Arthur—0269654873. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**

ELDERS ON DUTY

SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2019

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

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

Reception

NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2019

Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841)
 Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

Counseling

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522)
 Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Fri. 1-Mar	10:00pm - 4:00am	Mr. Daniel T. Liadey	All-Night Prayer Meeting	“LORD SHOW US THE POWER OF PRAYER” (Exodus 17: 8-16)	Rev. Julius Coomson & Prophet Afriyie-Jenkins
Sat 9 & 16 Mar	9:00am-1:00pm	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING for both old and new members. Topics: Teaching children Consecration; Victory through Christ; how to share their faith & How to organize a Party Club			
24-26 May	2019 COUPLES RETREAT at Volta Serene Hotel, Ho. Cost is GHC1, 500 per couple.. Registration ends on Thursday, 28th February. Please call 026 462-9735 or 024 420-3061 to register.				

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 8:45am - 9:15am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm- 8pm; Monday: In the Meeting Room 1 @ 6:30pm - 8pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which is from 6:30pm - 8:30pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7am - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10pm - 4am

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday:** 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8am - 9am (for Joint Services);

Monday: 6:45pm - 8:00pm

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