



Advent Christmas & Year End 2024 Booklet

KNOWING CHRIST



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EXPERIENCING THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST

For unto us a Child is born ...

The Advent season (a time of waiting) acts as a momentum in our spiritual journeys, which increasingly enriches our relationship with Christ through a correct and deeper understanding of Him. Our focus is directed towards Christ, who is the center of Christmas. He is the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy, *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**"* (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah saw that this Child was unique, because He was "born" and He was "given." In other words, this Child is both God and man! As man, He was born and took part in our human nature, though without sin. As God, He – the Father's gift of love to a sinful world – was given.

Through four weeks of Advent reflection, we are invited to explore specifically the core aspects of Christ's identity – the unique and promised figure in Isaiah's prophecy. Of course, this should not be

restricted to a mere increase of cognitive knowledge, but rather, it needs to be a complete life experience which leads us to experience life in the fullness of Christ, marked by a life that glorifies Christ (Christ-centered life) and a transformation to become more like Christ (Christification). Such a life entails a commitment to:

- Remove things that have been interfering with our relationship with Christ (diverting attention and focus from Christ)
- Take new steps in pursuit of building a deeper relationship with Christ
- Offer our lives to Christ, to become His instruments that reflect His image

Use this booklet as a spiritual journey guide through the Advent weeks and end of year with enthusiastic steps to know Christ more deeply.

How to use

- 1 Start with a prayer of thanksgiving.
- 2 Read the Bible text and meditate on it personally.
- 3 Read the Devotional that has been presented.
- 4 Commit to doing something as the practical application instructions.
- 5 Pray to make a commitment.

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TIPS

Wonderful Counselor

John 15:5 (ESV)

'for apart from Me you can do nothing.'

“Ne te quaesiveris extra”— “Do not seek anything outside of yourself.” This Latin phrase popularized by Ralph Waldo Emerson through his essay invites humans to trust themselves (“Trust thyself”) in seeking truth, meaning, and purpose in life.

The concrete application of this principle can be found in the humanistic theory developed by a counselor named Carl Rogers. Rogers believed that humans have various potentials and innate resources to solve their own problems (**Self-directed healing**). Responding to this Rogerian Self-Theory, Dr. James Fowler once said that although humans are created in God's image and likeness, “they are not God.” Therefore, as humans are not God, humans will certainly have shortcomings.

Paul Vitz, in his work *Psychology of Religion*, stated his criticism of Rogers' thinking that such extreme form of humanistic counseling unconsciously transforms psychology into a form of "cult religion", where the object of worship is the self ("The Cult of Self Worship"). Therefore, it would be very fragile for humans to think that they can perfectly heal themselves through their own efforts ('Humanistic Selfism'). Because the reality is, the best man is still man at best – especially since we are all humans who have fallen into sin. So clearly, humans cannot solve problems wholly and perfectly – let alone heal themselves from various things such as wounds and grief. Although, indeed, existing methods including those offered by Rogers can provide good input as well as things that should be appreciated, we must not forget the theological reality that outside of God, humans actually "can do nothing" (John 15:5). The sight of humans trying to heal and restore themselves only through self-effort is well-depicted in a painting by the Dutch painter Pieter Bruegel titled "The Blind Leading the Blind." From Bruegel's painting, we can predict that the end of every effort of blind humans trying to solve their own problems will only bring about various

disappointments, leading to a fall at the edge of the "cliff of life."

And so, what is the solution? What do we need to pay attention to? Thankfully we have good news. Isaiah 9:5 is a prophecy of the Messiah who will visit His people, which has been fulfilled by and in the person of Jesus Christ, the true Messiah. Jesus Christ is our true counselor who will guide us when we experience doubts, problems, and dead ends in life. This is not a system, method, ideology or therapy – but rather, a "person", who does not merely direct us to become a better self, but instead to become perfect (destined self), to become like Jesus Christ, as He has determined from the very beginning. Although indeed the grammatical structure of Isaiah 9:1-7 shows that this event or prophecy seems to have occurred in Isaiah's time (Completed action: future tense verbs), this does not mean that this event has passed and completed in Isaiah's time. As expressed by Alec Motyer, Isaiah as a prophet who had "prophetic consciousness", in which he was able to look far ahead with full confidence, seeing with eyes of faith that this prophecy would surely happen. What is also interesting is how Isaiah pairs up the word "wonderful" (פלאי)

with "counselor" (יועץ).

The pairing of these two words aims to communicate the message that there is a qualitative difference that transcends what humans can reach or offer, as John O. Oswalt, an Old Testament Scholar states, "This counselor is a wonder because his counsel goes beyond the merely human." This transcendence occurs indeed because the Messiah, Jesus Christ the Wonderful Counselor, is God.

The truth of Jesus as the "Wonderful Counselor" reminds us that as much as we seek advice and wisdom from humans in overcoming problems and efforts to heal ourselves from various problems and wounds, it certainly will not perfect. Therefore, we still and indeed need God, the "Wonderful Counselor".

By forging a relationship and opening our hearts and ears to what He wants to say in His Word, the Wonderful Counselor will guide us with things that surpass what humans can think of (divine insight). Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, even encourages us to enter the dimension of faith – believing not in ourselves, but in God who is the source of true comfort, strength, and restoration. In fact, not only will we then be enabled to bridge

the gap between our "real selves" and our "ideal selves", which according to Rogers often becomes the source of human problems, but the Wonderful Counselor will also guide us and bring harmony between "our will" and "Divine Will," between "our selves" and "God's self".

Questions to Reflect

- How can you place greater trust in God to provide you with direction and guidance in your life?
- How can you share your experience about Jesus as the Wonderful Counselor to people around you who needs guidance, encouragement, and support?

Questions to Discuss (in Group)

How has the life of Jesus displayed the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy that He is our Wonderful Counsellor?

Read Isaiah 9:5 according to The Voice version:

*Hope of all hopes, dream of our dreams,
a child is born, sweet-breathed; a son is given to us: a
living gift.*

*And even now, with tiny features and dewy hair, he is
great.*

*The power of leadership, and the weight of authority,
will rest on his shoulders.*

*His name? His name we'll know in many ways
He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Dear Father everlasting, ever-present never-failing,
Master of Wholeness, Prince of Peace. —(Isaiah 9:6
Voice)*

Prayer

*“Lord Jesus, You are the Wonderful Counsellor,
who gives us guidance and providence in our daily
life. Lead us, heal us. Let us learn to constantly
listen to Your voice when we face uncertainty and
challenges in life.”*

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Weekly Bible Reading

John 16:13; Psalm 73:24; James 3:17; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Matthew 6:31-34; Proverbs 11:14

*“Wonderful Counselor” –
what a great news to those
who needs guidance.’*

-Stephen Witmer-

Mighty God

Colossians 1:15-16 (ESV)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."

The world, which has been influenced by sin, always presents challenges for believers in how to live righteously and faithfully as God's people. Every time and place presents itself with its own challenges. The uncertainty in facing life becomes more apparent as we approach the end of the year, be it due to global or national influences. The struggle to face the future becomes increasingly difficult because believers are demanded to live against worldly temptations that often oppose God's Word. In these circumstances, we need to continually be

reminded that God's presence and provision is sufficient for us.

Similar struggles were faced by God's people in the times of prophet Isaiah. There was a widespread political threat from the mighty Assyria, and the Israelites led lives of corrupt morality during King Ahaz's time. Although it seemed like there was little hope for conditions to improve, apparently this was not the case because God intervened to declare His promise of protection over the Israelites. As a sign of God's presence with them, the Lord prophesied that a child would be born and one of the titles bestowed upon this child was Mighty God.

What is the meaning of the title Mighty God? It is meant to declare that God is the Hero in warfare, defending His people. Through this title, His unmatched power is displayed, defeating every enemy, achieving victory and bringing hope for His people. How could this title be possessed by a child? It is true that initially, the prophecy of this child's birth was a sign of God's action to free His people from the Assyrian threat. However, in the long run, this prophecy was perfectly fulfilled by Jesus Christ the Messiah, who came through His birth in Bethlehem to free His people from the

grip of sin. He also became the Sovereign Lord in their lives, and after His resurrection, defeated death to finally be declared as King of all kings. That is why the title Mighty God for a weak small child in Isaiah's time was foreshadowing the Eternal Son of God born hundreds of years later, namely Jesus the Messiah.

Apostle Paul's statement about Christ in Colossians 1:15-16 clearly affirms that Christ is the Creator, and thus is God, who is almighty because He created everything.

To the world, might and power are often associated with violence, oppression, and injustice. However, the title Mighty God for the Messiah is instead linked with other titles in Isaiah 9:5-6: Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. This shows another aspect of Christ, namely His far-reaching involvement in our lives: providing guidance, comfort, and protection like a loving and merciful parent to their children. He understands how great our anxiety is in living life as believers in the world; He provides help and comfort; He gives us power to resist sin, evil influences from the world, and power to overcome those temptations; He knows when we fail how weak we are as humans and He provides forgiveness, encouragement,

and hope so that we can rise again and move forward as His witnesses in this life.

The paradox we witness of the Child, who is supposedly weak, but is also the figure of Mighty God, should bring about amazement with regards to God's plan, love, and power for His children's lives. The path of redemption paved by God overcomes the hardness of human hearts and resistance from the Evil One – and ultimately leads to Christ's incarnation, and all His sacrificial work for us. Despite facing extraordinary obstacles, He continued His mission and declared His power over sin, death, and anything that could destroy His people. His resurrection shows that He truly is the Mighty God who makes Himself available for us all. Therefore, in facing any uncertainty, temptation, and trial in the world, and especially when entering a new year, let us not rely on expert analysis, political promises, our networks, or our abilities and experiences. But rather, let us rely on Christ, the Mighty God, who is both powerful and full of love for us.

Questions to Reflect

- How could our conviction of Christ as the Mighty God help us in facing our struggles, fears, and anxiety in this end of year?
- What areas of your life do you need to surrender and give to Jesus the Mighty God and not lean on your own strength?

Questions to Discuss (in Group)

Give response and discuss this quote from Warren Wiersbe: "It is unfortunate that some of the images that artists have made of Jesus (and none are authentic) do not depict him as a fully human being. Of course, he was gentle, but gentleness is not weakness. Gentleness is controlled strength. He was humble, yet he was able to whip the hypocritical money changers and drive them out of the temple. His arrest and crucifixion seem to be experiences of weakness, and in a way they are, but in a deeper sense they reveal his extraordinary power." (The Names of Jesus, 2020)

**Ponder upon this lyrics of the song 'Mighty God' (by
GMS Live) as your personal reflection:**

Wide is the world You made
The universe You placed
You hold them in Your hands
So is my life in You

Through my darkest night,
You're always by my side
My fear is wiped away
My faith will never sway

If God is fighting on our side
Who dares to rise up against us
My Lord in You my victory resides

God You radiate your glorious light
And Your throne is ever standing strong
Death has been defeated by Your might
Lord You reign over all

Now I lift my voice and sing Your praise
Oh how powerful is your name God
All my soul will shout out loud Your fame
And declare

Jesus You're mighty God

Link to the song:

<https://youtu.be/oTc6TG7KOKk?si=h7HxqrX6wFH09qiG>

Prayer

“Lord Jesus, we are grateful that we have You, the Mighty God. We are grateful that You have conquered our biggest enemy, that is death and sin. We believe that you will always be with us, giving power for us to win from all our life struggles. Help us to lean on You and not rely on our own strength or from this world you created. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.”

Weekly Bible Reading:

*1 Corinthians 1:24; Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 9:18-26;
Luke 8:26-39; Mark 2:3-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-19*

*“Showing power is God’s part;
showing faith is our part”*

— Andrew Bonar —

Everlasting Father

Psalm 103:13-14

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust."

The third title given to the Messiah is "Everlasting Father". This is a title that is very easily misinterpreted as if saying that the Lord Jesus and God the Father are the same person. Verses like these are often exploited by believers of modalism—a heretical view that says that the three persons of the Trinity are merely modes of self-revelation—to support His position. But is this correct?

To understand why the Messiah is called "Everlasting Father", we need to look at the context in which the Messianic prophecy was given. Isaiah 7:1-2 tells a story of how Ahaz, king of Southern Judah, was in a tight spot. Rezin, king of Aram, and Pekah, son of Remaliah, king of

Northern Israel, were waging war against him. Inevitably, Ahaz became very afraid.

So, what did he do? Come to the Lord? No. Instead of relying on the Lord, he went to Tiglath-Pileser, king of Assyria, which at that time was a superpower. In modern times, forming alliances with other nations is normal. However, as the kingdom of the people of the living God, Southern Judah should not have relied on kingdoms that worship idols, as this shows that they trusted foreign idols more than their own God. That is why the Lord sent prophet Isaiah to Ahaz to rebuke him.

What is interesting is how Ahaz asked Tiglath-Pileser for help. Ahaz said, "I am your servant and your son" (2 Kings 16:8)! In other words, Ahaz positioned Tiglath-Pileser as his father. This self-abasement was to emphasize Ahaz's helplessness so that Tiglath-Pileser would take pity on him and help him, like a small child asking his father for help.

Indeed, Tiglath-Pileser helped him (2 Kings 16:9). But the Lord spoke through Isaiah that Tiglath-Pileser would turn against him (Isaiah 8:5-10). This prophecy showed that Tiglath-Pileser was not Ahaz's helper, much less his father who would always be on his side.

So, what then? If not Tiglath-Pileser, to whom should Ahaz turn to? Was he then alone like an orphan, facing foreign kingdoms that wanted to attack him on his own? No! In the next chapter, Isaiah 9, the Lord promised the Messiah as his helper, who would be called "Everlasting Father". Unlike Tiglath-Pileser who turned against him, the Messiah is his Father whose love is everlasting, who is always with him.

Consciously or not, we too are modern-day "Ahaz(s)". We are small, weak, and powerless. Various problems attack us. People want to harm and bring us down, be it in our careers, our relationships, or even, our ministry. In such times, who becomes our "father"? Who do we rely on and beg for help? Maybe we rely on our seniors at work, or our partners for comfort. Maybe we go to community leaders, legal experts, or certain spiritual leaders.

But are they always there with us? Is it true that they are always on our sides? No. Only the Lord Jesus is the one who is always with us and helps us. He is the only one we can always rely on, because He is the "Everlasting Father". Throughout the Gospels, we see the Lord Jesus so often "moved with compassion" (Matt. 9:36, 14:14, 20:34, etc.). He even called some people He

healed "child" (Matt. 9:22; Mark 5:41, etc.), even His own disciples (John 13:33, 21:5). Again, these verses do not teach that the Lord Jesus and God the Father are the same person. The term "child" expresses the Lord Jesus's care for us who are small and weak. Using David's term in Psalm 103:14, "we are dust". But it is precisely because we are just dust – small, weak, and meaningless in others' eyes – that He loves us just as a father loves his children.

Questions to Reflect

- Are you currently facing problems or people that seek to harm you? To whom do you seek help from?
- How is the identity of Jesus as "Everlasting Father" helping you to keep relying on Him when facing your problems?

Questions to Discuss (in Group)

What does Isaiah mean when he depicts Jesus as "Everlasting Father"? What assurance does Jesus promise to His believers?

To help in deeper discussion please read this article

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Everlasting-Father.html>

Prayer

"Lord Jesus, forgive me as I often rely on things other than You. Help me so that I constantly believe and rely on You in every hardship that I face. Amen."

Weekly Bible Reading:

Hebrews 13:5; John 8:58; Deuteronomy 33:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; John 14:19; John 10:27

"To say that Lord Jesus is 'Everlasting Father' means believing that He is the One that we can always be relied on in every hardship we face."

Prince Of Peace

Ephesians 2:14-18

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."

Peace in life is something sought after by everyone, whether rich or poor, educated or not, old or young. Various methods are used to obtain peace in life, such as trying to obtain lots of money, going on vacations (healing), or simply enjoying entertainment from mobile phones. The more challenging life becomes, the more intense our efforts are to stay calm. However, honestly, isn't the peace we get from our efforts contrived

and vulnerable to disappearance when faced with the next life challenge? Peace that does not fade in the face of challenges exists and can only be found in Christ, who is also called the Prince of Peace.

The Meaning of Peace in the Prince of Peace

The hope of Christ's presence who is called the Prince of Peace was first mentioned in the vision of prophet Isaiah. The word "peace" used is shalom, which carries a nuance of wholeness, prosperity, and goodness. A peace different from what the world offers because Christ's peace knows no end (Isaiah 9:6). The peace that Christ brings influences every facet of life; this is Christ-centered peace that would not fade with challenges.

Peace with God

Christ's peace first affects the fundamental part of humans, namely their relationship with God. Humans have lived in sin ever since Adam and Eve fell into sin and cannot live with God (Gen. 3:23-24; Rom. 3:23). This fallen condition in sin guarantees that humans cannot obtain true peace before this fundamental problem in life is resolved. What about people who continue to live

without believing in God, but their lives seem fine, even successful? Truly this is a superficial situation because sinful humans are always under judgment, and at the end of lives, they will find eternal punishment (John 3:18; Ps. 73:12-20). Only in Jesus Christ do we find peace with our Creator God and can call Him Father (Rom. 5:1; John 3:16; 14:6).

Peace with Others

Peace with God through Jesus Christ enables humans to make peace with fellow humans. This is clearly seen in Jesus' ministry which made various people who should have been enemies able to live together as His disciples. For example, Matthew, or Levi, was a tax collector from the Roman Empire, the archenemy of Judas the Zealot, an Israeli freedom fighter (Matt. 10:1-4). Without Christ's peace, it would have been impossible for these two archenemies to live together following Jesus for three and a half years in the world. This peace was also highlighted by the apostle Paul as the basis for Jews to live with non-Jews in unity with God the Father (Eph. 2:14-18).

Peace with Self

Peace with God and others creates inner peace that enables us to live out our identity as Christians. This transforming peace from Jesus can be seen in the woman He met in Samaria. This woman's life was deemed poorly by society because she had many husbands, and even the person she was living with was not her husband (John 4:18). However, the encounter with the Prince of Peace enabled her to live beyond the negative stigma from society and testify about Jesus (v. 39; cf. v.25-26). Many people struggle to accept themselves and their weaknesses because they are not sure that there is true acceptance in this competitive age. However, in Jesus, there is grace to make peace and accept oneself, so we will be enabled to live as His people (John 4:14; 1:12).

Awaiting Christmas by living in Peace (shalom)

Beloved brothers and sisters, everyone seeks peace in life but true peace that does not fade with challenges only exists in the Prince of Peace. Entering the fourth week of Advent, I challenge you to not only be busy preparing Christmas celebrations at church or in our

families, but also to draw near to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, in fellowship with our families. I long for you to wait and enjoy the Advent and Christmas season in peace that begins in our families and selves. And with that, you will bring peace from the Prince of Peace and will be called children of God (Matt. 5:9).

Questions to Reflect

- Are you living in the peace of Christ right now?
- What part of your relationship with God, others, and yourself that have you not found peace?

Questions to Discuss (in Group)

Read and discuss this quote from Warren Wiersbe: *"We tend to want God to change our circumstances, but He wants to change our character. We think that peace comes from the outside in, when in reality it comes from the inside out. Our hearts carry war or peace, depending on who is in control, Christ or ourselves. Jesus Christ brings peace, because He is the source of peace itself. The more we become like Him, the more we experience His peace and can share it with others."* (The Name of Jesus, 2020)

To get a deeper understanding about Jesus as Prince of Peace, please watch this video clip from Bible Project: Shalom – Peace – Bible Project (3:48)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLYORLZOaZE>.

Prayer

“O Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We confess that we often seek peace outside of You, because this world offers many ways to experience it. But honestly that kind of peace is vain and fleeting. We long to experience Your peace that surpasses any hardship, we want to live in peace with God, with others, and ourselves. As we wait for the day we remember You coming into the world, we yearn that You come into our hearts and bring Your peace to rule over our lives. Amen.”

Weekly Bible Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 16:20; Ephesians 4:3; Galatians 5:22,23; John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14

“Human struggles to seek peace in many ways, but the true peace that surpasses any challenges only can be found in the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.”

PITSTOP - END OF YEAR REFLECTION

Rest In Christ

29 Dec 2024

**CONTEMPLATING TO REVIEW
OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST**

John 21:17(ESV)

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

If Jesus asks you the same question "do you love Me?" What would be your answer? Praise God if you truly love Him. However, that love for God is proven through how we live this life, whether we have truly lived for God or not. Is Jesus Christ the only center of our lives or something else?

The relationship that God wants us to build with Him is a relationship of love, because God first loved us through Jesus Christ (1 John 4:10). The challenges and temptations of this world are so great, they can cause us to get swept away by the

currents of the world, searching for love from this world that is never complete, making us never satisfied.

As we commemorate Christmas again, we remember the greatest love, the maximum sacrifice, something irreplaceable, that we have ever received. Remembering that you are loved so greatly by God, may you also live to love God in your life.

Questions to Reflect

- What can cause you to not truly love God?
- What do you want to do as evidence that you truly love God?

Write how your relationship with God has been this year in the special page of your spiritual journal.

Recharged In Christ

30 Dec 2024

**REFILLING OUR SPIRITUAL
BATTERY WITH VARIOUS
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES**

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."

This year, I had one personal retreat by myself, just for half a day. At that time, my struggles were so great, there were many questions, fears, and confusion. Praise God that during this personal retreat, my "heart tank" was as if being refilled by God – there was joy, peace, even though the struggles were not over, but I could see things from God's perspective.

Jesus has said that only in Him can we bear much fruit and enjoy Him. Richard Foster in his book *Celebration of Discipline* says, "Spiritual Disciplines are the way God positions us where He can work within us and transform us. They are means of God's grace." God gives us spiritual disciplines so that we can enjoy Him.

Questions to Reflect

- Why do we need to practise spiritual discipline?
- What beautiful experiences have you gained from practising spiritual disciplines?

Make a plan for spiritual disciplines to be practised, whether quiet time, fasting, retreat, etc. Record it in your spiritual journal and carry it out with full commitment.

Re-Engage To Glorify Christ

31 Des 2024

**COMMITTING TO LIVING A LIFE
THAT GLORIFIES CHRIST
IN THE COMING YEAR**

Romans 11:36

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

Do you still remember what our purpose in life is as believers? Our purpose in life is to glorify God alone. Sometimes with all of one's successes, one forgets about God, feeling that the outcome is due to their own hard work. Conversely, in failures or difficulties, there are also believers who often complain and grumble. How about you?

In this verse (Romans 11:36), Paul shows his understanding of God and himself, leading him to give his entire life solely to glorify God. That is why Paul said 'all things', not just some or most are from Him. God is the source, sustainer, and purpose of our lives. If we acknowledge that our

entire existence and every movement in this world is only because of God, then we too will live to glorify God. This is not a choice, but a necessity. Even for the seemingly simplest of things, they must be done for God.

Our church's theme for next year is ***Dare to Accomplish***, let us start planning for what we want to do – maybe get involved in ministry, perhaps take part in mission trips, or help those who are struggling in their business. Remember Christ has given us a new life, use it to glorify Him.

Questions to Reflect

- What is the life purpose that have you held on to so far?
- In 2024, what life attitudes have you had that glorified God?

Make a commitment to involve yourself in ministry and tell others about Christ. Write in your spiritual journal about what ministry you will do and improve, to whom you will witness Christ. Do it with enthusiasm. Enter the new year with passionate steps and courage to lead a life that glorifies Christ in the most tangible way!



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