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MATTHEW 28:19

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Senior Pastor's Message

With my warm greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the previous issue, I shared with us the three 'looks' to embrace a fresh vision of the church to help us move from being sceptics, spectators, consumers to become advocates, participants, and givers, and help the church to become the church God intended. In this issue and in the last issue of the year in December 2022, I want to talk to us about what is church all about and why should we be involved in the church.

In Matthew 16:13-16, Jesus began by asking the disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" The disciples responded to Jesus' question by reporting four opinions they knew people had of Jesus.

- #1 Some people thought that Jesus was John the Baptist. Herod had ordered the execution of John the Baptist. Later he suspected that Jesus was John the Baptist who had come back from the dead (Matthew 14:1–2).
- #2 A second opinion was that Jesus was the prophet Elijah. An OT prophecy declared that Elijah would return before "the day of the Lord" (Malachi 4:5). Jesus stated that John the Baptist fulfilled this promise (Matthew 17:10–13).
- #3 Others felt that Jesus was actually the prophet Jeremiah because of the similarities between Jesus' ministry and the "weeping prophet" in revealing some very important things about God and religion to men.
- #4 Some said Jesus was one of the prophets who had been sent for their day and time.

These opinions show that Christ was highly esteemed and greatly respected. But such opinions were not only untrue but they were dangerous in that they contained only half truths. The result will be tragic: people will be deceived and misled. Likewise, we must know what others say about Jesus. What people think of Jesus determines their destiny, how they will react to us as we witness to them and how we are to reach out to them.

Jesus then asked the disciples who they said He was. He did not want to hear what other people said of Him but the disciples'. He asked: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter confessed, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

- The "Christ" (is a Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah): "Anointed" or "the anointed One of God."
- The Son of God: of the same being, the same substance; One with the Father.
- The Son of the Living God: the source and being of life; possessing the source, energy and power of life within Himself.

How about us? Who do you say Jesus is? The answer to this question is critical for it determines a person's eternal destiny. Each person must come to his or her own

conclusion about who Jesus is. I want you to know that the revelation of the identity of Jesus is the beginning of our Christian walk.

Do we realize the missional heart of God? That God is determined to love us. Apart from that we never would have become His children. When we place our faith in Christ, God becomes our Father, we become His children and other believers become our brothers and sisters, and the church becomes our spiritual family.

God created every human being, but not everyone is a child of God. The only way to get into God's family is by being born again into it. We become part of the human family by our first birth, but we become a member of God's family by our second (spiritual) birth. The invitation to be part of God's family is universal, but there is one condition: faith in Jesus. Galatians 3:26 in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

We were formed for God's family. The entire bible is the story of God building a family who will love Him, honor Him, serve Him and reign with Him forever. "God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose" (Ephesians 1:5, GNT).

The revelation of Jesus is the beginning of our Christian walk. The foundation of our building, that is our lives, is the union relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit. Faith in Christ, Peter's confession, is the only way into the church.

But what kind of life are we called to live out as disciples of Christ and as a Church? Let us look at Matthew 16:17-19 for the answer.

Peter's confession is the foundation of the church. Jesus said, "You are Peter (*Petros*) and on this rock (*petra*), upon the great truth of your confession that the Christ is the Son of the living God will I build My church."

Peter (*Petros*) means "pebble, individual rock" and "rock" (*Petra*) means "large rock formation." Jesus will build the church on the revelation of who He is.

There are three truths about the church for us:

Truth 1: "My church."

The church is Christ's, not man's. The church belongs to Jesus – "My church." Those in Christ's church belong to Him because He bought them with His own sacrifice on the cross. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Truth 2: "I will build."

Christ builds the church. Jesus is the builder of the church. The church is His creation and He promised to do the work necessary for the gathering of His people into His church.

Truth 3: "The gates of hell shall not prevail." Christ Himself protects the church. The church shall stand secure in Christ.

Peter's confession assigned great responsibility to us, the church. Jesus says to Peter in verse 19, 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' The keys are not the keys to the church but to the Kingdom of Heaven. Now, the steward of the house is given the keys or the responsibility for the house. The steward has the responsibility to close (bind) and to open (loose) the house. The key is the gospel, the message of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It is the business of the steward to proclaim and teach the gospel. By proclaiming and teaching, he opens the door; by not proclaiming and not teaching he shuts the door.

The church meets together for two purposes – edification and evangelism or worship and mission. God is the object of worship and His mission becomes the objective of the church. Therefore, God's church, the local assembly, gathers together to worship and to carry out the mission of God Himself.

In summary, Jesus did not establish a building, a congregation or a denomination. He established a spiritual entity – the church. The word "church" occurs three times in Matthew's Gospel – here and twice in 18:17. The Greek word translated "church" in the New Testament is *ekklesia*. A literal translation of *ekklesia* would be "a called-out assembly" – an assembly of people called out, purchased by Jesus' own blood.

How did Peter come to this understanding of Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah? The answer is found in Jesus' response to Peter's confession. Jesus made a very significant statement. He declared: "This was not revealed to you by man, but by My Father in heaven." In essence Jesus was saying, "Peter, you could never have known and confessed that I am the Christ unless My Father had been at work in you. He caused you to know who I am. You are responding to the Father's activity in your life." Jesus did not praise Peter for his right answer but about the way Peter received the answer birthed in his spirit by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that Peter was responding to God's initiative in his life. Are you allowing Him to build in you? God is not interested in our works but He is interested about us. True success is not what I have accomplished but what God has worked in me and how much I have allowed Him to achieve in me as a person. The greater work is the work that God is doing in your life and not the work you are doing for Him. There is a big difference between what you can do for Him and what He can do through you.

With the foundation that the church is built on faith in Christ and empowered by God, we will look at Jesus' blueprint in the construction of His church in the December 2022's issue. May the Lord's grace abound in each of us in increasing measure. Amen.

CBC PREACHING SCHEDULE : NOVEMBER 2022
CBC Theme 2022: Go And Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

Key Verse: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Remark	Sermon Title	Scripture Passage	SEA Park 9am	Kota Damansara 9am	Puchong 10am	Subang 10am	Kota Kemuning 10am	Kinrara 11am	Online Service 10am
Preaching sub-theme: The Disciples of Christ-Let's Build Strength										
6	Holy Communion	Experiencing the Healing Power of God	Ezekiel 47:1-12	Deacon Danny Lee	Elder Sr. Dr. Ong See Lian	Pastor Malcolm Lloyd Atkinson	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Senior Pastor Reynold Lim	Pastor Ivan Mohan	Elder Sr. Dr. Ong See Lian
Preaching sub-theme: Preparing for Crossover into 2023										
13		Press into our Next Measure	Zechariah 2-4	Pastor Gordon Shum Shi Wen	Pastor Yong Zhen Kheng	Dr Eddie Phun	Family Camp	Pastor Malcolm Lloyd Atkinson	Pastor Ivan Mohan	Pastor Malcolm Lloyd Atkinson
20		Walk in Step with the Spirit of God	Romans 8:27-28; Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20; John 14:16	Rev Isaac Yim	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Elder Chan Chew Meng	Deacon Marcus Tan	Sister Patricia Toh	Pastor Ivan Mohan	Elder Tan Beng Teong
27		Maintaining a Heavenly Focus	Colossians 2:20a; 3:1-10, 12-14, 17	Pastor Leon Lim	Deacon Christopher Ho	Senior Pastor Reynold Lim	Brother Soo Mun Keong	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Pastor Ivan Mohan	Senior Pastor Reynold Lim



牧邻浸信教会 COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a Cell Church which is / 我们是细胞小组教会，以下述为重

- Bible - based
- Christ - centered
- Spirit - filled
- Family - focused
- Mission - involved
- 圣经为根基
- 基督为中心
- 被圣灵充满
- 家庭为焦点
- 投身于宣教

Our Vision / 教会异象

A passionate community of Christ's disciples committed to the Greatest Commandment fulfilling the Great Commission.

建立一个热切委身於大诫命以完成大使命的基督门徒群体。

Our Core Values / 我们的核心价值观

- Loving God wholeheartedly
- Loving people practically
- Living a Spirit - empowered life
- 全心爱神
- 实际爱人
- 活出大有圣灵能力的生命

English Celebrations

SEA Park	9.00am (Sunday)
Subang	10.00am (Sunday)
Puchong	10.00am (Sunday)
Kota Damansara	9.00am (Sunday)
Kota Kemuning	10.00am (Sunday)
Sibu	7.00pm (Saturday)

英文堂会

东南亚花园	早上 9时	(星期日)
首邦	早上10时	(星期日)
蒲种	早上10时	(星期日)
哥打白沙罗	早上 9时	(星期日)
甘文宁镇	早上10时	(星期日)
诗巫	下午 7时	(星期六)

Tamil Celebrations

Kinrara	11.00am (Sunday)
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淡米尔堂会

金銮镇	早上11时 (星期日)
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Chinese Celebrations

SEA Park, Mandarin	11.30am (Sunday)
SEA Park, Cantonese	9.00am (Sunday)
Puchong, Mandarin	10.00am (Sunday)
Kota Damansara, Mandarin	11.30am (Sunday)
Jenjarom, Mandarin	10.00am (Sunday)
Jenjarom, Hokkien	11.30am (Sunday)

中文堂会

东南亚花园	华语堂	早上 11时30分	(星期日)
东南亚花园	粤语堂	早上 9时	(星期日)
蒲种	华语堂	早上 10时	(星期日)
哥打白沙罗	华语堂	早上 11时30分	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	华语堂	早上 10时	(星期日)
仁嘉隆	福建堂	早上 11时30分	(星期日)

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Subang (English) / 首邦 (英)
1 & 3 Jalan USJ 3C/3, 47600 Subang Jaya.

Puchong (English) / 蒲种 (英)
20 Jalan PPU 3A, Pusat Teknologi Sinar Puchong,
47150 Puchong.

Puchong (Mandarin) / 蒲种 (中)
4F-04 IOI Business Park, No. 1, Persiaran Puchong Jaya
Selatan, Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47100 Puchong.

Kota Damansara (English, Mandarin) / 哥打白沙罗 (英, 中)
26 & 28 Jalan PJU 5/16, Dataran Sunway, 47810
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Kota Kemuning (English) / 甘文宁镇 (英)
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