

JESUS IS RISEN! HE CHANGES EVERYTHING

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Permacrisis is a word that describes a constant state of instability and insecurity due to a series of catastrophic events, just like what we have witnessed and gone through the past couple of years – the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, tensions between superpowers, and natural disasters. But perhaps more than anything else, it is the crisis in our own lives that makes us feel like our world is falling apart. We ask, “When will these things end?”. Jesus said that in this world, we will have trouble and things will get worse as we approach the end of this age. However, we can find real assurance and comfort in JESUS, our LIVING HOPE (1 Peter 1:3). Let’s look at how Jesus made a difference in the lives of those who first witnessed His resurrection and how He can make changes for us who believe in Him today!

PAIN

Are you currently experiencing pain in your life? Jesus can turn sorrow into joy, just as He did with Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-16). There may be times when we feel like God is nowhere to be found amidst our pain. But Jesus knows our hurts. He knows us and calls us by name. He is a personal and compassionate Savior, who can turn our sorrow into joy.

Jesus can also turn our fear into peace! The disciples were afraid after Jesus died, and they feared that His enemies would come after them. But then Jesus appeared to them and offered them His peace (John 20:19-21). Fear makes us feel like our lives are falling apart, and we don’t know how to put our world back together again. The peace that Jesus gives takes away our fears, even if our challenging circumstances has not changed.

Finally, Christ turns our doubt into faith. Like Thomas, who first doubted and finally believed, our only response to the risen Jesus should be, “My Lord and my God” (John 20:24-29).

PERSPECTIVE

Jesus changes our perspective from earthly to eternal. Even if some people believe that they have the tenacity and ability to overcome crises on their own, we will all face the final crisis of life: will we be with the Lord for eternity or not? Because Jesus has been resurrected, He is the Only One who can give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:16-19, 50-55). Heaven is a real place. God has reserved it for those who believe in the risen Savior (Revelation 21:1-5). Heaven is what it is because of the presence of God with us, His people, face to face with Jesus. The Lord will make all things new in the new heavens and the new earth, and that’s why Jesus is the real change maker! By believing in Jesus, we can receive forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life, and this can radically change our perspective and give us hope for the future.

PURPOSE

The transformation that happened to the Apostle Paul is a testament to the life-changing power of encountering the risen Jesus. Paul was a zealous persecutor of Christians, but after he met the Lord on the road to Damascus, his life was forever changed. He went from being an enemy of the gospel to being one of its greatest champions, dedicating his life to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This shows us that there is no one beyond the reach of God’s transforming love and power. Jesus offers us the promise of new life and a new beginning, no matter what we have done or where we have been, and this is available to anyone who believes in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die” (John 11:25-26). How will you respond to His invitation today?

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 PETER 1:3

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

In what ways has the reality of the resurrection impacted your character — from sorrow to joy, fear to peace, doubt to faith, or other ways?

What difference does having an eternal perspective make in your everyday life?

What would you say is your mission in life based on the truth of the resurrection? How are you fulfilling that mission?

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Want a summer to remember? Know Jesus!

Let's chat and pray at the Welcome Center. See you at the 2/F lobby!

STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

She Did What?: Jael Women Who Made a Difference

April 20, Thursday

10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

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Women Living Free

for women seeking answers on gender identity and God's design

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SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SINGLES

Saturdays, 5:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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 ElevateMainTV

NXTGEN

KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Bible Truths Explained

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

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  ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12
 zoom for ages 7-12

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

GLC Level 2 – Zoom Cycle 1 (Ongoing)

Survey of the Bible, Sessions 3-4:
People and Periods of the Old Testament
April 20, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Join GLC's Training Cycle 2 this May!

GLC Level 1 – Face-to-Face

Session 1 starts May 14, Sunday, 1:00 PM

GLC Level 1 – Zoom Cycle 2

starts May 17, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC Level 3 – Zoom Cycle 2

starts May 11, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Go to bit.ly/GLCTraining2023 to register

JOIN AND PARTICIPATE

Come together with the community to learn and grow, or to retreat and recharge!

True Life: Start Anew

A GLC EVENT, OPEN TO ALL

April 28 to 29, CCF Center

Go to bit.ly/TrueLifeRetreat2023 to register or visit the booth at the G/F lobby

FTW Volleyball Clinic

OPEN TO AGES 12-19

April 16, 22-23, 29-30, and May 6-7

CCF Center, Pasig City

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP3,800

Register at  [forthewinsportsacademy](https://www.facebook.com/forthewinsportsacademy)

Contact (0917) 626 3610 for details

Premarital Counseling Class Online Class

OPEN TO SINGLE AND ENGAGED COUPLES

May 25 to July 25

Enrolment is open until May 22 **only**

Visit go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnlineFAQs

for details

Register at go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnline2023

B1G True Life Retreat: #BestWeekendEver

OPEN TO ALL SINGLES

June 16 to 18

Mt. Makiling Re-Creation Center

RETREAT FEE: PHP4,500

Visit the booth at the G/F lobby to register

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

AT CCF CENTER

10:00 AM (English)

3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE

10:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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