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教會消息

1月4日 - 本年度主題為「代代歸主」約珥書1:3, 並舉行新長執就職禮: 蕭兆忠長老, 王天祝長老, 王善為執事, 傅子全執事, 戴良榮執事, 葉雙傑執事, 傅史苗美執事, 胡黃麗麗執事, 吳韻真執事, 許郭錦鏞執事

1月25日 - 舉行會友大會, 並為下列嬰孩奉獻主前: 孫如金, 王良友, 黃安玲與許秀慧

2月16至25日 - 宣道組幾位委員前往中國訪察

2月26至28日 - 舉行領袖訓練班, 由莊祖鯤牧師主講

3月21日 - 本會第88週年慶典, 並由邵晨光牧師主講

3月22至26日 - 在宿務建基中學舉行兒童夏令營

Jan 4 - Theme for this year is "Generations For Christ" based on Joel 1:3

- induction of newly elected elders, deacons & deaconesses: Eld. Celestino Siao, Eld. Raymond Ong, Dea. Emmanuel Ong, Dea. Nixon Po, Dea. Alex Te, Dea. Philip Yap, Dea. Rose Marie Castro, Dea. Elizabeth Oh, Dea. Jane Jane Ong, Dea. Josephine Yu

Jan 25 - Congregational Sunday and child dedication service for the following: Sophie Marie Ledesma, Franck Ethan Ong, Precious Angeli Suarez and Nicole Kacy Yu Tan

Feb 16-25 - some of the Mission Committee officers and members visited China

Feb 26-28 - CCOWE sponsored Leadership Training Seminar by Rev. Dr. Tsu-Kung Chuang

Mar 21 - CGC 88th church anniversary with Rev. Dr. Joseph Shao as special speaker

Mar 22-36 - Daily Vacation Bible School at Philippine Christian Gospel School with the theme, "Treasures of the Nile"

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代代歸主

黃運福牧師

經文：珥1:3 「你們要將這事傳給子，子傳與孫，孫傳與後代。」

什麼是你珍貴喜愛的禮物？對兒童可能是一件玩具，對青少年或許是新型的手機電話，對少婦、太太會是鑽石飾物的陪襯，或丈夫如能帶妻子去旅遊會使她更開心，對丈夫是寵愛一部新轎車，對老年人是珍視一個甜蜜平靜的睡眠和兒女曉得愛護及關心。

為人父母，你精選什麼禮物給子女？最好是帶領教導兒女認識及愛主。藉著認識主促使全家人響往天國的途路。

I. 父母薪傳給子女及後代

知曉家庭幾時被召認識主會叫兒女認清衡值我們所受的救恩。家人也可以揣摩以往受救恩的記事。

按照猶太人的傳統，父母(長輩)責無旁貸要教化子女有關以色列的歷史，出埃及之經過及神律法的要義。每年逾越節，子女會詢問它的意義，父親必須闡明掌故，並解釋其中的奧秘。

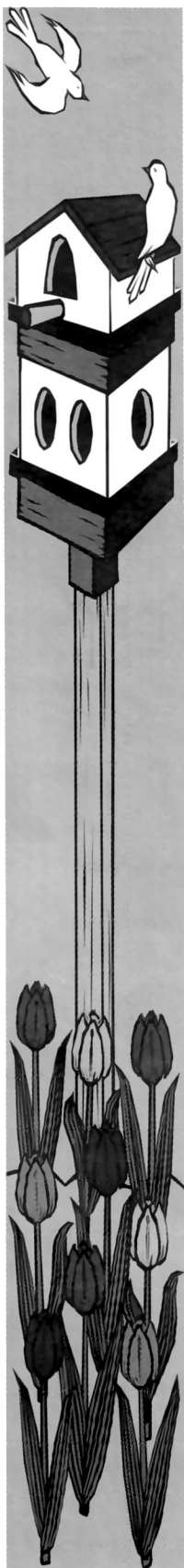
猶太人的信仰及傳統一直保存到今日。下面是父母給子女的傳襲：

- (一) 四歲時，開始受教聖經
- (二) 十歲時，得禮教的因襲
- (三) 十三歲時，受教化神的誡命
- (四) 十五歲時，研讀“他勒目”(猶太人所接受之古代律法及遺傳之法典)
- (五) 十八歲時，受塑造怎樣繼承家長責任
- (六) 二十歲時，開始受職工作
- (七) 三十歲時，初掌權柄
- (八) 四十歲時，不惑之年，懂得領悟及鑑別
- (九) 五十歲時，有智慧輔導別人
- (十) 六十歲時，俱有資格任長老之職

很常做父母因沒有分享怎樣信主的見證，形成子女不會重視其基督化生活。或認為做基督徒的事是無關輕重。我們要教誨過去是怎樣經歷信徒生活和怎樣成為基督徒。不僅於言語上分享我們的見證，還要述說以往蒙神救贖的恩典。對他們宣傳生活的見證。

當亞伯拉罕朝向受應允之地跋涉時，每當抵達一個地方，他必建造一個祭壇來敬拜主。建壇祭神是要顯示給第二代的裔屬，使他們牢記他們是怎樣安然地自一地引往另一地。開啓子子孫孫的眼光，來體會上帝的大愛與良善。讓我們分享實際生活經驗給子女，使他們重視父母對生活的珍惜，加深瞭解和體會其中的意義。如此可望加強各人信念，而使家人關係更加密切融洽。

去年十二月，我們有家庭的歡聚。每個人都分享其生活的見證。看見上帝帶領我們的家庭，使我們家庭有更密切的關係，而且是我們應該竭力支持的。 ... continuation on page 17



A Letter to My Beloved Mother

BY HELEN TIAN

Dearest Mom,

The extremely sad news of your death is something that I can still hardly believe. I was so stunned, because it was too sudden. It is impossible to put into words how I feel, but I will try.

Above all, I want you to know that I am with you in spirit, and only regret that distance (you are now in heaven) makes it impossible for me to be with you in person.

Mom, you will be long remembered by many. You had a rare warm personality that left a lasting impression on all who met you. You have been too good and whatever the outcome - I am, and eternally shall be your loving daughter.

At this moment, I should thank our heavenly Father for his kindness and love that you are with Him now. I can take this as my consolation, that you have no more suffering or any worries. I know too, that your faith and courage will bring you peace, even in the midst of this great sorrow.

Mom, I miss you so much. So much that I can only wonder how long our separation will last. You are gone, but you will always remain in my heart forever.

Your loving daughter,
Helen

Happy Mother's Day

*The sun sets
The raindrops fall
The storm thunders
The bird calls
The earth shakes
The petals wither
The grasses die
The stream rolls*

*For I may not always be there
Neither may I always be by your side
But know that I shall always remember
Your love and your care*

*For as the sun sets, it shall rise again
As the raindrops fall, the sky stays still
As the storm thunders, the sea is not blown away
And as the bird calls, it shall fly again
The earth shakes, but the mountains stand tall
The petals wither, but the flower does not die
The stream rolls and the rivers wave
And as grasses die, the flowers shall grow.*

*I may not always be there, but I am not gone
Worry not and be not lonely
I am still living, still caring, still loving
Wishing you a
Happy Mother's Day*

The Great Gift

*When I look into your eyes,
I knew upon my hand held a prize.
A person abounding in kindness,
Wisdom, patience and gentleness.*

*One day awareness struck me,
Do you know how much I love thee?
How can I express this for you to see?
The love I feel for thee.*

*Thou art the greatest mother
Any child could wish for
Thou art the greatest mother,
How can I ask for more?*

*So in this little poem for thee...
I wish to show love
from deep inside of me...
From deep within my heart,
There and nowhere apart.*

*Wishing you a
Happy Mother's Day*

BY MELODIE MIRTH TING



復興的秘訣

許郭錦繡

一個國家或一個教會要怎樣得到復興？許多時候我們以為靠著懇切的禱告，神就會賜下福份與機緣。但是當我們仔細來考慮神的話時，我們就會曉得上帝早已將復興的條件記載在代下7:14「這稱為我名下的子民，若是自卑禱告，尋求我的面，轉離他們的惡行，我必從天上垂聽，赦免他們的罪，醫治他們的地。」

主的條件是：（若是）

- （一） 自卑 - 關乎品格的修養
- （二） 禱告 - 與神之間的關係
- （三） 尋求 - 對於上帝的認識
- （四） 轉離 - 在世所做的行為

主的應許是：（我必）

- （一） 垂聽 - 主對我們的回應
- （二） 赦免 - 主所施下的慈愛
- （三） 醫治 - 主賞賜人的恩惠

自卑：自卑的反面是驕傲。聖經箴言中多次重覆到神厭惡驕傲的人，而重視謙卑的人。一個謙卑的人看別人比自己強好，他肯順從在主掌管之下，而他也可獲得許多的益處：

（一） 神必然拯救

伯22:29 「人使你降卑，你仍可說必得高升，謙卑的人神必然拯救。」

（二） 靈得甦醒

賽57:15 「…我要使謙卑人的靈甦醒，也使痛悔的心甦醒」

（三） 他在天國裡是最大的

太18:4 「所以凡自己謙卑像這小孩子的，他在天國裡就是最大的」

（四） 必升為高

太23:12 「凡自高的必降為卑，自卑的必升為高」

雅4:10 「務要在主面前自卑，主就必叫

你們升高」

彼前5:6 「所以你們要自卑，服在神大能的手下，到了時候他必叫你們升高」

（五） 得神賜恩

雅4:6 「神阻擋驕傲的人，賜恩給謙卑的人」

彼前5:5 「你們眾人也都要謙卑束腰，彼此順服因為神阻擋驕傲的人，賜恩給謙卑的人」

禱告：耶穌在世時，清早就退到父面前禱告。主也將主禱文教示了門徒。可見禱告是一個基督徒絕對缺不了的功課。要怎樣禱告呢？

（一） 不住禱告

帖前5:17

（二） 互相代求

雅5:16 「所以你們要從此認罪，互相代求，使你們可以得醫治」

（三） 要呼求要禱告

耶29:12 「你們要呼求我禱告我，我就應允你們」

（四） 做醒禱告

太26:41，可14:38 「總要做醒禱告，免得入了迷惑，你們心靈固然願意，肉體卻軟弱了」

尋找神的面：許多時候為了世上種種的事務來忙碌。我們往往就將主忘記了。主要我們尋找的是甚麼呢？

（一） 耶和華：



代上22:19「現在你們應當立定心意尋求耶和華你們的神」

(二) 神的能力

代上16:11; 詩105:4「要尋求耶和華與祂的能力, 時常尋求祂的面」

(三) 神的誠命

代上28:8「你們應當尋求耶和華你們神的一切誠命, 謹守遵行, 如此你們可以承受這美地, 遺留給你們的子孫永遠為業」

(四) 神的道、神的典章

賽58:2「他們天天尋求我, 樂意明白我的道, 好像行義的國民, 不離棄他們神的典章, 向我求問公義的判語, 要喜悅親近神」

(五) 公義謙卑

番2:3「世上遵守耶和華典章的謙卑人哪, 你們都當尋求耶和華, 當尋求公義謙卑」。但是我們要怎樣尋求呢?

(I) 切切

詩63:1「神啊, 你是我的神. 我要切切的尋求你. 在乾旱疲乏無水之地, 我渴想你, 我的心切慕你」

(II) 懇切

箴8:17「愛我的我也愛他. 懇切尋求我的必尋得見」

於何時尋求?

賽55:6「當趁耶和華可尋找的時候尋找他, 相近時候求告他」

這樣有甚麼結果?

(I) 必尋見

代下15:2「你們若尋求他, 他必尋見. 若離棄他, 他必離棄你們」

(II) 好處不缺

詩34:10「少壯的獅還缺食忍餓, 但尋求耶和華的甚麼好處都不缺」

(III) 心甦醒

詩69:32「謙卑的人看見了就喜樂, 尋求神的人願你們的心甦醒」

(IV) 高興歡樂

詩70:4「願一切尋求你的, 因你高興歡喜, 願那些喜愛你救恩的常說當尊神為大」

(V) 必存活

摩5:4「你們要尋求我, 就必存活」

(VI) 無不明白

箴28:5「壞人不明白公義, 惟有尋求耶和華的無不明白」

轉離他們的惡行: 轉離就是悔改.

(一) 應當悔改

太3:2「天國近了, 你們應當悔改」

(二) 也要悔改

啓3:19「凡我所疼愛的, 我就責備管教他. 所以你要發熱心也要悔改」

(三) 並要悔改

啓3:3「所以要回想你是怎樣領受怎樣聽見的, 又要遵守並要悔改」

人們有甚麼惡行?

(I) 偶像和一切可憎的事

結14:6「主耶和華如此說: 回頭罷! 離開你們的偶像, 轉臉莫從你們一切可憎的事」

(II) 所犯一切的罪過

結18:30「你們當回頭離開所犯的一切罪過, 這樣罪孽必不使你們敗亡」

(III) 行淫的人

啓2:22「看哪, 我要叫他病臥在床; 那

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Melody from our Hearts

Melody from our Hearts

BY L. YAP

A pastor stayed overnight at the home of a young couple. The next morning, a soprano voice singing, "Nearer, My God, to Thee", awakened him. At breakfast he mentioned to his hostess how pleased he was to hear that lovely old hymn, but that he had not heard it sung quite that fast before. "Oh," replied the hostess, "I guess that's because I wasn't paying too much attention to the words. You see, it's a song my mother used to sing, and I've found that it's a good one to boil the eggs by. Just repeat the first verse five times rapidly for soft-boiled, and eight times for hard."

How do we fare compared to the lady of the house? How often do we sing during the worship service without stopping to think about the sacred meaning of the hymns? Is that any different from the heathens celebrating Christmas? In Colossians 3:16, the Bible teaches us to admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Have we?

As a choir member, I often commit this same mistake consciously and unconsciously. Most of the time, the melody steals the significant place of the lyrics. But thank God who provides us with a Choir Director, Ms. Elizabeth Oh, who constantly reminds us to sing not only the music but most importantly, to preach the message of the song. For we, the church Choir mem-

bers are not just singers but God's singing ministers!

When we worship God with songs, He hears the message of our hearts as much as He hears our voices. When the Israelites during Amos' time sang hymns of praise without matching them with their lifestyle, God said this to them:

"I hate all your show and pretense - the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies. ... Away with your hymns of praise! They are only noise to my ears. I will not listen to your music, no matter how lovely it is. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, a river of righteous living that will never run dry." (Amos 5:21, 23 & 24)

God will be honored and glorified when we express His praises with deep sincerity and spiritual understanding. Chances are you may not carry a tune but you can sing the song because the Lord is most pleased when we sing from our hearts. Let us ascribe to the Lord all glory and majesty with the Melody From Our Hearts!

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Hong Kong



BY: SIMON CINCO

Equipping YPs for God's Ministry

Matthew 28: 19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations.....

This year, the Young Professionals of Cebu Gospel Church are geared up towards the goal of equipping themselves for God's ministry. The year has been divided into 3 parts with each part consisting of four months. We aim to learn, apply, live and to serve God through different ministries. The 1st third of the year is focused on theories to equip us in these ministries. The next four months, speakers from different committees and ministries will be invited to expose and make YPs aware that these ministries are available in our church. The last third of the year is directed towards practical application to what we have learned. On the job training is how the young professionals call it. Hopefully by this time, each young professional will know what ministry he/she belongs to and that each will be equipped to do the work of God.

As the first 4 months of the year comes to an end, the Young Professionals had several activities that dealt on the theories of being equipped. Speakers were invited to talk about time management, a very impor-



tant aspect of life. Other topics like faith was taken up as well. Bible studies were conducted

as God's word is the ultimate source of knowledge to prepare us to do God's work in the world. The whole month of February, mission offering was collected and proceeds were given to the missionaries of BTC.

To take time out from all the serious inputs, the Young Professionals held a Valentine Special last February 12. A sumptuous buffet was served and tables were decorated with beautiful flowers and romantic candles in celebration of love. Of course, no evening was complete without fun and games. Couples as well as singles were treated to exciting events. The YPs recently held an outdoor cookout contest. Three groups were formed and each team was given half-cooked ingredients to grill. Winner was chosen based on presentation and taste. These fun activities are part of equipping young professionals to do God's ministries since the focus here is teamwork. For indeed, team-up of God's people is essential for the ministry to move forward and thereby bringing greater glory to God's name. Hallelujah !!!

Children for Christ

BY MONA LI

Our church theme for year 2004 is 'Generations for Christ' found in the book of Joel 1:3. Mr. Webster defines "generation" as "a body of living beings constituting a single step in the line of descent from an ancestor." Therefore, our theme can be subdivided into three subtitles, namely: Children for Christ, Youth for Christ and Adult for Christ.

Mr. Webster defines "child" as "a person between infancy and youth." When one speaks of a child, one associates him/her with wonderful qualities such as malleability, purity, honesty and humility. Is it any wonder that we try to instill good values and Christian principles to the young during their formative years? We do this by using the Bible as well as myriads of Christian literatures as our guides. The literature committee of our church conducts a semi-annual book sale to encourage reading, and it amazes me to see so many books on how to rear good Christian children for Christ. For this reason, I thought of doing something different by flipping to the other side of the coin: write on how adults can learn to live for Christ from children.

As a member of the Board of trustees of PCGS, one of my duties is to attend the graduation rites at the end of the school year around last week of March. There are fifteen of us in the board, so we have the luxury of choosing one rite to make our appearance. I always choose to be in the pre-school graduation rite because children warm my heart. Moreover, I find toddlers in togas really cute. Two Saturdays ago, I saw something that made me wish I was a 6-year-old over again. Seated on the stage with our guest speaker and 3 other board members, we saw names of children taped on the wooden floor so that they will know exactly where to stand during their song and dance presentation. Unfortu-

nately, one name got peeled off and landed very near to another name. When the children came up on stage to perform, sure enough, while each child stood an arm's length from each other, two of them were standing shoulder to shoulder because they stood where their names were located. Such perfect obedience is something only a child can have. When the disciples asked Christ: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Christ answered: "Whoever humbles himself as this little

child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:4) The

faith of little children is so complete and perfect that they simply and gladly believe, trust and obey. This, to me, is the greatest virtue we can learn from little children. As I was leafing through the pages of the book "Streams in the Desert," I was struck by the repeated message of standing still and holding our souls in one position when reasons cannot help us, when past experiences shed no light and even when prayers bring no consolation. In times like these, we need to be childlike.

With complete faith and utter obedience, we must firmly keep our confidence in God's covenant promises and His everlasting love for humanity.

Today is Palm Sunday, and it brings to mind the time when Jesus entered Jerusalem and performed healings in the temple. Again, it was the children who were quick to recognize Jesus and shout: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:15), and Jesus replied: "From the mouths of little children and infants, you have perfected praise." (Matthew 21:16). Are you feeling old, tired and jaded? Be a child again for the world shines brightest through its eyes. To God be the glory.



God Answers Prayers

In Psalms 34:8, it says "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." God is indeed good!!! Though I may encounter troubles in this life, He is able to deliver me from them.

Last April, my eyes started to droop slowly. I had a condition which is called blepharospasm. My eyes can still see, but I don't have any control in opening and closing my eyes. It worsened until I had to go to Manila last May. Now, God has healed me and I would like to thank Him:

First, I would like to thank God for His goodness and His promises. Just before I went to Manila, God spoke to me through a verse in Psalms 121:7. It says, "The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over you;" God had given me this verse when I was in a panicky state of mind, extremely frantic and scared. I went from doctor to doctor, and no one knew the



diagnosis. When I finally went to Manila, God had given me another verse to hold on to. Mark 4:35-41 - the story of Jesus when He calmed the storm.

Second, I would like to thank God for giving me

peace of mind and for keeping His promise to watch over me. When I was in Manila, there was a week and a half that my eyes could only open in a millisecond.

I could not read any text properly, and had a difficult time even doing simple things like pulling loothpaste on my loothbrush. My eyes would immediately close the moment I opened it. During this time, God gave me my family and friends and fellow Christians who constantly prayed for me and encouraged me. God gave me friends who daily read the Bible and devotion for me, friends who gave me tapes to listen to when I was yearning for God's word, and who held my hand and led the way for me when I walk. God also gave me a very good doctor to give me the right diagnosis and the right medication. I went to see 4 ophthalmologists, 5 neurologists, 1 TMJ therapist, and 1 Chinese doctor - 11 doctors in all, because each doctor gave a different diagnosis.

Finally, I would like to thank God for opening my eyes again. He has heard my prayers, and the prayers of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Truly, God is a God who hears prayers! The God who calmed the storm 2,000 years ago has calmed the storm in my life. Praise be to our Lord God!!!





不褪色的愛

小星光

一間著名的時裝店有一則廣告：「一生沒有正式穿過結婚的禮服是一件憾事」。當然的，這是商業上的術語，不見得是正確。結婚不可視為幸福生活的保證，也不是戀愛的歸宿。許多單身男女的生活，不見得比已婚的過得不愉快，反而顯得無拘束，自由及不受拖累。結婚只是男女共同生活在一起的承諾。承諾是烙印，由熱戀深愛孵化的結合，才有鞏固的根基。枕與枕的空隙不僅有空氣，而是濃烈的情語，或是對視一笑，或是熱吻，甜到心坎，甜到黎明。

愛情是一種情的表態，愛自然的流露。許多在情網穿梭的年青男女，也許對愛情缺乏真正領會及理解，僅憑一時異性的言行舉動，因有異於自己而好奇，產生探究的興趣，就以爲這感覺是愛，捨不得地多看他（或她）幾眼，也捨不得他（或她）從眼前離開，就標榜這些感受是愛。事實上，可能像兒童跟父母逛百貨商店，喜愛陳列的洋娃娃或玩具，急要滿足眼慾或物慾一樣。愛最崇高的指望就是快樂，不但渴望自己的快樂，也要兼顧所愛的人的快樂。沒有快樂，愛還要尋求甚麼？只求自己的快樂是自私，會使愛蒙羞及污染。這不可能是愛，而是一時好感或欣喜。愛情最高標誌，是兩顆濃烈相愛的心融合，最終是結婚，不然結婚就形成爲戀愛的終止和收場。有許多的情侶戀人因種種壓力阻礙，悲痛地被分開不能結秦晉之好。但天涯海角，還飄香兩人無盡的戀情。下面是一對恩愛熱戀的貧窮情侶，受無情折散遭遇的寫真：

熱帶男女較易早熟，也熱情奔放。一對生長在I市，兩小無猜及青梅竹馬的男女，一晃間長大成爲志趣、感情相投的情侶。男的剛滿二十歲，有討人喜悅的外表，忠實純潔，取名若曦，快將畢業中學。「捉襟見肘」可用來形容他的家境。女的芳名碧蓮，廿一歲，秀外慧中且婷婷玉立，早一年中學畢業，父母健在，是受薪階級。

這對情人互相傾心，感情如膠似漆，形影

不離地經常聚首，切磋學問和研究功課，互相鼓勵勸勉，既體貼又彼此扶持。閒時也互助家務及一切差事，形如一家人一樣。假日也備些小食，相偕騎單車去近郊的海濱戲水兜風，咕咕地傾吐隱私，陪伴去逛公園，陶醉在鳥語花香大自然的懷抱中。百般的溫存和纏綿，使一般的遊客，甚至度蜜月者，都投以羨慕的眼光。這樣崇高溫馨的愛情並非是富家人的專利。

一個風和日麗的夏天，這對年輕情侶攜手去遊動物園，玩得很開心，坐在樹蔭下休息。將近正午時，在炎陽的煎熬下，兩人又飢又渴，若曦探囊將袋子裡僅存的一元五毛錢拿去向小攤販買一塊清涼的西瓜。兩人含情默默地享受這「美食」，妳餵我一口，我回敬一塊，非常適口又甘甜，甜透兩人的心田。此時此境，世上任何的珍饈都會顯得平淡無味。

有一首詩這樣寫：「多情自古空遺恨；好夢由來最易醒」。人生不如意的事十有八九。事與願違，乖戾的命運殘酷撕破他們編織的美夢。碧蓮受命許配給L社一個大地十來歲的富商。無疑給這對耳鬢斯磨的情人晴天霹靂，柔腸寸斷與無限創痛。環境的威迫沒有留下選擇的餘地。當時若曦剛要升讀大專，生活不能自立，前途渺茫，沒有條件可結婚，也意識到不能扮演現代司馬相如和卓文君的角色。因爲愛情和麵包是相等的重要。當時情景是魚和熊掌不可兼得。他不想因一時的衝動拖累了心愛的人，斷送和埋沒她的幸福和將來。假如她的婚事真的是幸福的話，他只好認命，忍痛割愛向命運俯伏。臨別的前夕，這對將折散的哀雁在海灘上的涼棚幽會，通宵哀訴著說不盡，話不了的情愫而抱頭對泣。海風雖不斷迎面吹拂，也吹不乾湧出在腮上的淚珠。黎明是最難熬的時刻，一分一秒地被帶走，緊張拉緊他倆的心弦，像千刀萬針要貫穿五臟六腑。他們深深意會到從此挑離、各自東西，此別不知何月何年才能再重逢，或許永沒有機會再見面。告別時她緊緊

投入他的懷中，第一次用溫灼的嫩唇憐惜地吻著他哭腫的雙眼低聲說：「時候到了，我該走。人生沒有不散的筵席。郎哥，請保重。答應我，無論在任何環境中，你要發奮圖強，就算是爲了我。宇宙間如果真的有神，願祂保佑你，讓我們再有機會重修補被震裂的憧憬」。揮別之後，碧蓮坐在客車上遠望還在灘上的若曦，直到他消失在灰塵中。

此後，若曦化悲痛爲力量，發奮圖強，遠渡M市去尋工作及讀夜學。輾轉到多間商店及工廠找工作，遇到的若不是工作要求苛刻，待遇吝薄，便是沒有留空間可讀夜學。在宿舍裡有信主的全房，介紹他認識耶穌，他也學會讀聖經，常常祈求神保守蓮妹，及給自己開路。雖然碧蓮已是人家的妻子，他照舊祝福她快樂。他認爲真正的愛是不自私的，他要所愛的人幸福及快樂。愛一個人如果不能給予快樂就沒有意義。

正當他找不到一份適當工作失意之餘，看到西報聘請人員啓事，他寫信去應徵，意外受錄取，職位雖是雜役，待遇卻不太差，最重要的是有餘暇可上學。他很賣力工作，常常有超越的表現。一天上司叫他去見總經理，他不安憂慮，揣摩是不是做錯了事，公司要給他解僱？一顆心跳得非常厲害。他強忍住忐忑的情緒，還是硬著頭皮去晉見總經理。老闆是位歐洲人，嚴肅但溫和地說：「你還記得三個月前我駕車撞傷你？我很賞識你拒絕受賠的精神。現在我們的出貨部欠人手，今天要調任你到那裡去做助理司事，你要好好的幹。」

四年後，這間公司發展爲跨洋行業。因若曦是公司惟一懂得華語，工作表現顯著，他被擢升到台灣做助理。那時他剛滿二十四歲。年青有爲，如旭陽當天，光芒四射，地位高，入息豐，人品英俊，使許多美女佳麗傾心顛倒。然而他心平如湖水，掀不起漪漣。在他的心懷中只有碧蓮一人，無別人可取代。一個晚上他收到一封寄自要好的朋友，也是碧蓮全學名叫樂善的快電報叫他速回埠一趟，因碧蓮病危，又是文君新寡，他驚慌不安，憂慮着急。請了假趕程回來，直奔病房撫摸她的面頰，緊握她的手，不停地叫着：「蓮

妹，蓮妹我回來了。」病人似乎有知無知半啓開眼睛，瞬間又再合上。嘴唇微動，喃喃但無聲好像說些甚麼。他獲悉她

住院已三天，僅靠五穀水勉強維持生命，飯水不入喉使醫生束手無策，情況非常堪慮。醫生診斷是虛弱兼過度憂鬱病，如果無法進食，會繼續惡化下去。碧蓮的寡母，本來想女兒如能康復，將她嫁給樂善，因他對愛女一片癡情而愛護有加，但再三考慮，打消這一個念頭，因她主宰第一次婚姻，已嚴重刺傷女兒的心，再不能許配給女兒不愛的人，不能一錯再錯。

房中是一片陰沉，一點生氣也沒有。好像在等候最壞的事發生。若曦記得耶穌的大能，曾經給許多人起死回生。於是拉著樂善的手，一仝跪下祈禱，祈求主救救可憐的蓮妹，不要年紀這麼輕就香消玉殞。賜她一段美好快樂的人生。祈禱非常懇切，熱淚滿眶，聲音嗚咽抽搐。正逢午餐時，廚房端來飯菜。若曦拿一片西瓜到碧蓮的枕邊說：「蓮妹，請嘗一口西瓜，又紅又甜，是我袋子裡僅有一元五毛錢買來的。」他將湯匙送到她的口唇，新鮮冰涼的西瓜汁滲透到她的心。美麗的往事，甜蜜的回憶，浮現在她腦海中，掃除幾年來哀痛不幸的淚跡。奇蹟顯現了，她突然睜開雙眼，並坐起來說：「我口渴得要命，肚子也餓壞了。」一口一口地吃西瓜，又飲一碗稀飯。房中頓時變得光亮和喜樂。至此樂善牽著碧蓮的手搭在若曦的手心說：「祝你們幸福」，轉身就走。

以上悲歡離合的故事會抓緊人心弦，使一般多情善感的人吁嗟，淌下全情悲喜的熱淚，也會體察到上帝的憐憫和奇妙作爲，回應熱切爲苦難的人向祂求告，得以絕境逢生，苦盡甜來，有個令人振奮的結局。

儘管霸道縱橫，世界充滿罪惡和刻薄，人心詭詐和多謔；宇宙間慶幸還有愛的存在。不然，人類千百年來就不能綿延持續。人是照上帝形象受造，有上帝的靈，也有上帝的愛。世上的愛，無窮盡及多彩多姿。有神的愛，骨肉的愛，親情的愛，朋友的愛，戀人的愛。後者的愛有如

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Living a Life of Purpose

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THERE WAS MUCH EXCITEMENT IN SCHOOL IN THE EARLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE SENIOR CLASS STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL SCHOOL ARE GOING ON A 3D2N RETREAT AT THE MANDAUE GOSPEL CENTER. THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S RETREAT, "LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE" WAS INSPIRED BY RICK WARREN'S BESTSELLER, "THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE." THE SPEAKER FOR THE FIRST SESSION WAS PASTOR MACKY SABAYLE OF BRADFORD UCCI. HE CHALLENGED US TO PONDER ON THE QUESTION, "WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?" THE REST OF THE SESSIONS IN THE 3-DAY RETREAT DEALT WITH GOD'S PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES. GOD'S FIRST PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES IS WORSHIP. THIS WAS WELL EXPLAINED BY PASTOR HERMAN DIONSON. HE WAS A VERY FUNNY SPEAKER, BUT TOWARDS THE END OF THE SESSION, HE LED US TO WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S FEET. PASTOR MACKY SABAYLE EXPOUNDED ON THE SECOND PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES – FELLOWSHIP. HE ENCOURAGED US TO BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY AND OF A LOCAL CHURCH. THE THIRD PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES IS DISCIPLESHIP. OUR SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DR. WANDA PO LIAM GOK, SHARED WITH THE STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE STUDENTS WERE TIRED FROM THE LAST EVENING'S SLEEPLESS NIGHT, IT WAS REFRESHING FOR THEM TO HEAR DR. PO SPEAK TO THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MORE PERSONAL WAY.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST STAFF WAS A GREAT HELP TO US IN THIS YEAR'S RETREAT. THEY SERVED AS COUNSELORS DURING THE INTERACTIVE SESSIONS AND AS FACILITATORS DURING THE GROUP DYNAMICS SESSION. THERE WERE LOTS OF SHARING AND FUN DURING THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS. WE GOT TO LEARN A LOT ABOUT OUR VALUES AND OUR WALK WITH THE LORD. WE WERE ENCOURAGED TO GET INTO THE HABIT OF HAVING A DAILY QUIET TIME WITH GOD. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE RETREAT WAS A FILM SHOWING ABOUT THE END-TIME EVENTS. THIS WAS CULMINATED WITH A CHALLENGE IN THE EVENING AROUND A BONFIRE.

FOR MOST OF THE STUDENTS, THE RETREAT HAD NOT ONLY BEEN FUN BUT SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENING AS WELL. MANY WERE BLESSED AND THEIR OWN TESTIMONIES SAY IT....

"SOME OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED DURING THIS RETREAT – QUESTION LIKE, WHY AM I HERE? IT'S HARD TO SAY, BUT, THERE IS THAT FEELING OF FULFILLMENT AND JOY INSIDE ME."

"I LEARNED A LOT OF STUFF. IN THOSE THREE DAYS WITH NO TV, RADIO, AND ALL THOSE DISTRACTIONS OF THE WORLD, IT WAS A NICE FEELING TO HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH THE LORD."

"THE RETREAT HAS HELPED ME A LOT ABOUT WORSHIP. NOW, I'M NOT AFRAID TO WORSHIP GOD OPENLY AND I DETERMINED TO HAVE A DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH HIM."

"I REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST. THE RETREAT HELPED ME SEE THAT MY DOUBTS ABOUT MY SPIRITUAL LIFE ARE SIMILAR WITH OTHERS. SO WE SHOULD HELP ONE ANOTHER IN THIS JOURNEY."

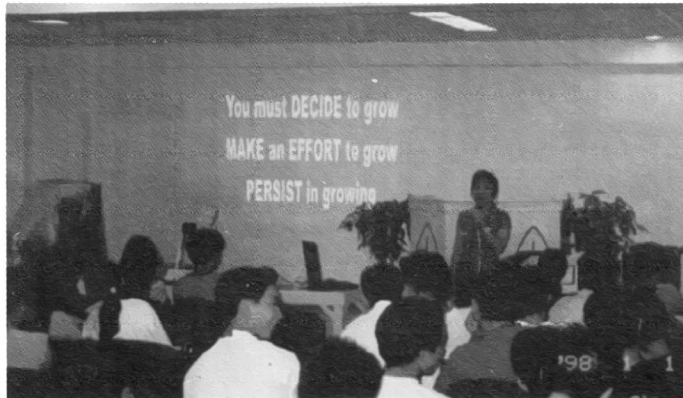
"THE RETREAT OPENED THE DOOR THAT I WAS LOOKING FOR. MY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED. I GAVE MY LIFE TO THE LORD. THE LORD CHANGED ME."

"MY PRAYING HABITS HAVE CHANGED AND MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HAS BECOME CLOSER. I LOVE IT!"

"I NOW BELIEVE THAT GOD IS REALLY GOOD."

"THROUGH THE RETREAT, I CAME TO UNDERSTAND WHY I MUST BE IN THE WORSHIP TEAM ... I SHOULD JOIN OUR CHURCH BAND. I MADE A COMMITMENT TO GOD TO USE MY TALENTS FOR HIM."

"THE RETREAT WAS AN EYE-OPENER FOR ME. LIFE'S PURPOSE CAN NOT BE FOUND IN ANY PHILOSOPHICAL BOOK, IT



COMES FROM GOD. ONLY GOD CAN REVEAL IT TO YOU. I REALIZED THIS FACT. I NEED TO LIVE FOR GOD FOR I WAS CREATED FOR HIS PURPOSE. THIS TRUTH ALLOWS ME TO FUNCTION AS BEST AS A PERSON I CAN BE."

"THROUGH THE RETREAT, I AM MORE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH GOD'S WORD. IT HAS ALSO HELPED ME TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THE LORD WHETHER IN MY DEVOTIONS, PRAYERS, GOING TO CHURCH OR JUST TAKING THE TIME TO TALK TO GOD, ANYWHERE I GO AND WHATEVER I DO. IN SHORT, IT HELPED ME TO GO BACK TO GOD AND LOVE THE LORD ALL THE MORE."

"THE RETREAT REMINDED ME ONCE AGAIN TO COMMIT MY LIFE TO THE LORD. MY PURPOSE IN LIFE IS NOT TO PLEASE MEN OR TO SATISFY SELFISH DESIRES BUT TO WALK ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORDS AND OBEY HIS COMMANDS. THE RETREAT HELPED ME REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A QUIET TIME WITH GOD."

"I FEEL THAT MY FAITH WAS BUILT UP BY THE RETREAT. NOW, I TALK TO GOD IN MY HEART EVERYDAY. HOW THANKFUL I AM TO HAVE HIM IN MY LIFE!"

"I USED TO DOUBT THE LORD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING AND SOMETIMES I EVEN DOUBT HIS EXISTENCE. AFTER THE RETREAT, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM HAS BECOME BETTER AND NOW I ALWAYS HAVE TIME TO TALK TO HIM."

"THE RETREAT HELPED ME MUCH TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH AND REALITY. I ACCEPTED JESUS AS MY PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR LAST FEBRUARY 27, 2004. IT WAS 9:30 P.M. I RE-

ALIZED THEN THAT I HAVE A PURPOSE FOR LIVING."

"I LEARNED THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS WITH A PURPOSE. SOMETIMES, IT'S HARD FOR US TO FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE OF OUR SINFUL NATURE. I REALIZED THAT THE ONLY THING THAT SEPARATES ME FROM GOD IS SIN. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I DON'T SIN ANYMORE BUT I AM NOW TRYING TO HAVE A SENSITIVE HEART. LASTLY, I WAS AWAKENED TO THE TRUTH THAT THERE REALLY IS A GOD, WHO CREATED THE SUN AND EVERYTHING. WE MUST NOT BLAME HIM FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE FACE BECAUSE ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN WILL WORK OUT FOR OUR GOOD."

"THE RETREAT OPENED MY EYES TO THE TRUTH THAT WE ARE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE AND THAT WE DON'T OWN OUR LIVES. GOD OWNS IT AND WE WERE CREATED TO WORSHIP AND SERVE HIM. THE RETREAT TOOK AWAY ALL MY DOUBTS ABOUT GOD. I REALIZED THAT I AM SPECIAL TO GOD AND THAT I SHOULD FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME ON EARTH."

"I LEARNED MORE ABOUT GOD ESPECIALLY ABOUT FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS. I THOUGHT I NEEDED TO ASK FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS REPEATEDLY. GOD HAD INDEED ALREADY FORGIVEN MY SINS WHENEVER I CONFESSED MY SINS TO HIM. THAT'S HOW MERCIFUL GOD IS."

"THE TOPICS SHARED DURING THE RETREAT ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS IN LIFE, SUCH AS, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY LIFE; WHY WAS I BORN; WHAT IS MY PURPOSE? IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO ME, GOOD OR BAD, HAS A PURPOSE AND ALL THESE CAN HELP ME GROW SPIRITUALLY."



基督徒屬靈爭戰的生活

楊壽峰

基督徒在這異端邪說惑行的時代，不可過安逸的生活；而應過著一個屬靈爭戰的生活。要過著一個得勝屬靈的生活，應注意下列四點：

一. 內在的交戰

使徒保羅在羅7:22-25說：「因為按著我裡面的意思，我是喜歡上帝的律，但我覺的我肢體中有另一個律，和我心中的律交戰。把我擄去叫我附從那肢體中犯罪的律。我真是苦阿！誰能救我脫離這取死的身體呢？感謝上帝，靠著我們的主耶穌基督就能脫離了。」

按我們重生得救的新生命來說，他樂予上帝的律法，也知道上帝的律法是聖潔的，而且表明上帝的旨意。新生命喜愛遵行上帝的旨意。在廿四節保羅說出他內心的苦悶。他體會到自己沒有辦法勝過他身內取死的舊生命。這樣他需要從外面得到幫助。保羅感謝上帝，因為靠著主耶穌基督他得著釋放了。不再被舊生命所束縛了。從前面的經文我們看到基督徒要作屬靈的戰爭應先靠著主耶穌基督克服內在的敵人，就是那肢體中犯罪的律。

二. 看不見的敵人

弗6:12說：「因我們並不是與屬血氣的爭戰，乃是與那些執政的掌權的，管轄這幽暗世界的，以及天空屬靈氣的惡魔爭戰。屬靈的爭戰並不是與無神論者或異教者，否認基督的異端等等屬血氣的人交戰，乃是與天空屬靈氣的惡魔，成群之墜落的天使邪靈等等看不見的敵人爭戰。牠們都具有大的能力，我們應當儆醒注意。但我們重生得救被主耶穌基督寶血遮蓋的信徒卻不必怕牠們，有時惡者用欺騙詭詐，權勢迫逼，財利惡毒，污穢淫亂，

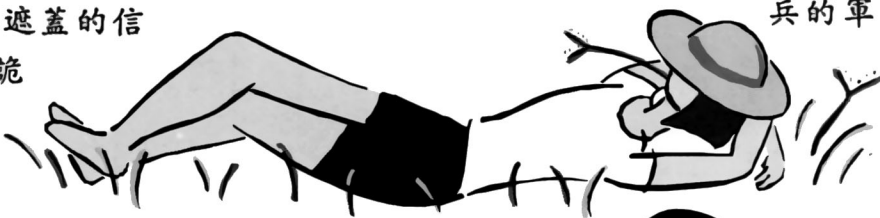
偶像等來壓迫我們和威脅我們。一個基督徒穿戴上帝所賜的全副軍裝是足夠對付牠們的攻擊。墜落的天使可分為三個階級：1)執政掌權的2)管轄這幽暗世界的和3)天空屬靈氣的惡魔。雖然我們沒有足夠的智識可以分清牠們的階級，但顯然那些鬼魔具有不同程度的權力，好像我們人有總統、省長、市長等的分別。

彼前5:8說：『務要謹守儆醒，因為你們的仇敵魔鬼，如同吼叫的獅子遍地遊行，尋找可吞喫的人。』雖然我們不必煩惱，可是使徒彼得卻勸勉我們要謹守和儆醒。因為我們的仇敵魔鬼是有能力的。意思是說對牠應有現實的看法，要注意、要有智慧知道牠的詭計。不但要謹守而且要做醒，時時準備對付那惡者的攻擊。彼得形容魔鬼如吼叫的獅子。牠也有不同的道具。有時牠裝作蛇引誘夏娃吃禁果犯罪墜落。有時卻裝作光明的天使，在屬靈方面來欺騙人。知己知彼百戰百勝是孫子兵法的教導。在屬靈的爭戰我們也要知己知彼。我們是要靠聖靈的能力來過得勝的生活。

三. 應穿戴屬靈的軍裝 (弗6:11, 14-17a)

基督徒在這幽暗的世界，一定會遇到各種的阻力，且與撒但和牠的鬼魔屬靈的抵抗是不能避免的。因此作基督的精兵應不斷地靠主剛強，要穿戴上帝所賜的全副軍裝才能抵擋魔鬼的詭計。

使徒保羅用羅馬兵的軍裝來形容基督精兵的軍



裝。

1. 真理的帶子給精兵有信心對付假道的攻擊。
2. 公義的護心鏡使他們在面對那敏銳不義的試探時得到保護。
3. 平安的福音鞋使他們在面對強敵站立得穩不會動搖；因為知道自己在基督裡稱義的地位。惡者是無能為力阻擋他們為主奔跑傳福音搶救靈魂的工作。
4. 信德的藤牌是對撒但好像火箭攻擊的好防禦。火箭雖是攻城的好武器，但是靠主得以保全。
5. 救恩的頭盔是在保護精兵的頭免受傷。因為頭是一切心思意念的器官。使信徒的屬靈的知覺和心思意念不被滲透侵蝕。

四. 屬靈的武器(弗6:17b)

弗6:17b記載了精兵唯一攻擊的武器就是聖靈的寶劍。聖靈的寶劍就是上帝的道。作基督的精兵在屬靈爭戰中應熟讀上帝的話語，知道真道的意義，就能使用聖靈的寶劍進攻或防守。

太4:1-11記載主耶穌在曠野受魔鬼試探時，就是用聖靈的寶劍，上帝的道來抵擋魔鬼。因為上帝的道是活潑，是有功效的。比一切兩刃的劍更快；甚至魂與靈，骨節與骨髓都能刺入剖開的。連心中的思念和主意都能辨明。希4:12主耶穌三次引用上帝的話語來對付魔鬼。不是隨便引用而是使用適當的經節。

林後10:4使徒保羅說：『我們爭戰的兵器，本不是屬血氣的，乃是在上帝面前有能力，可以攻破堅固的營壘』。

記得在屬靈爭戰上，我們不用屬血氣的

兵器：好像飛彈，飛機，坦克車，大炮等等。乃是用屬靈的武器，例如：我們傳福音不是靠錢財，虛榮，名利，勢力，圓滑手段，而是靠上帝的權能。用上帝的話語，祂的話語是靈是生命帶有無限的能力。



下面是一個屬靈爭戰的故事：

尼羅皇統治羅馬帝國的時候，有少壯的人在他面前來摔角競賽。每天的苦練和每一次比賽前，他們都要齊聲歌頌著：『尼羅皇阿！我們單單為你來摔角，為你來得冠冕！』這些大能的運動員中有一位叫VESPASIBLO。他是一位能幹的領袖，他有傑出的力量和忠心。

一個冬天，尼羅皇接到報告說，他四十個摔角者作了基督徒了。尼羅就召VESPASIBLO來，叫他去告訴這四十位基督徒不要認主。不然就要將他們處死，可是他們持守信仰，尼羅就叫他們到一個極凍的湖去，將衣服脫光，一個一個站在凝冰的湖中，使他們慢慢地凍死。

一隊的羅馬兵安營在岸邊看守著，VESPASIBLO和軍隊一起在營火邊取暖。整個嚴冬之夜，那四十位的摔角者齊聲喊著：『我們四十個單單為禰來摔角，基督阿！我們為禰得冠冕！』在深夜天氣最寒冷的時，他們的聲音愈來愈弱了，但仍同聲說：『基督阿！我們四十個人單單為禰來摔角，為禰來得冠冕。』天快亮的時候，一個摔角者失去了勇氣，忍不住爬到軍隊的營火邊。在結冰的湖邊仍能聽到他們微弱的聲音說：『基督阿！我們卅九個人單單為禰來摔角，為禰來得冠冕。』

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聖經中數字的巧合

雋永

恭喜你！如果對以下幾個問題，你能應答如流，你對聖經的

讀是有相當的造詣。現在順將這些問題列下：

- (一) 聖經中最短的是哪一章？
- (二) 相反的，最長是哪一章？
- (三) 哪一章是位於全本聖經的中部？（即將聖經分作兩等半）
- (四) 新舊約合共有幾章？

請校對你的答案是否與下列的相同？

「一」聖經最短的一章，是詩篇第一一七篇只有兩節）

「二」最長的一章是詩篇一一九篇（計有一百七十六節）

「三」位於全本聖經的中部是夾縫在最長的詩篇一一九篇及最短的詩篇一一七篇中的詩篇一一

八篇。它將全本聖經分為兩等半，前後有五百九十四章。兩等半合共為…。

「四」一一八八章。而詩篇一一八篇第八節是全本聖經的正中心點。

聖經有許多部份隱藏、涵蓋、暗示諸多奇妙啓迪。只是我們有限、渺小的智能不會透視理解，洞察它的奧秘。

就以一一九數字倒轉過來寫成九一一，敏感的人會聯想到去年九月十一日發生在美國紐約市兩座世貿大廈被炸燬的慘劇。如將詩篇一一八：八數字解釋為日子，及時辰，將變為十一日上午八時四十分。湊巧這是發生轟動全球的九一一事件的準確時間。這簡直是不可思議的。誰能猜測幾千年聖經早有記載這不幸事故會發生的準確日期及時間？是玄奧或是巧合？見智見仁一樣是耐人尋味。歸根到底是傳奇的稗史。

...from page 2 (代代歸主)

II. 父母的教導傳到太(曾)孫

父母不但在生活交談中遞傳他們過去生活中的經驗給子女，同時要囑咐子女傳給他們的子孫。父母歸主更新身份的史跡要傳達到第三四代，叫他們像我們一樣也認識主。做長輩如有機會應該分享他們的信仰給子女，及子子孫孫。

以色列人的家庭持有日記簿，記錄所

經歷重要事項，而使他們的子女曉得，並以繪畫收集為證件，使子女有較深刻的確信。同樣，我們也可記錄我們的見證，使子女能明白及牢記救恩的歷史。

每年我們有家庭大團圓或家人的團聚，我們可將所享受的祝福互相暢談；也可分享見證神是何等良善。讓我們加強續嗣的信念，對基督的信靠得以持續和保全。

... from page 6 (復興的秘訣)

些與他行淫的人，若不悔改所行的，我也要叫他們同受大患難」

悔改的益處：

(I) 得赦免

使8:22「你當懊悔你這罪惡。祈求主，或者你心裡的意念可得赦免」

(II) 禁止降下災禍

耶26:3「或者他們肯聽從，各人回頭離開惡道，使我後悔不將我因他們所行的惡想要施行的災禍降與他們」

不悔改的結局：

(I) 滅亡

路13:3「你若不悔改都要如此滅亡」

(II) 把燈臺從原處擲去

啓2:5「所以應當回想你是從那裡墮落的，並要悔改行起初所行的事。你若不悔改，我就臨到你那裡，把你的燈臺從原處擲去」

(III) 用劍攻擊他們

啓2:16「所以你當悔改。若不悔改，我就

快臨到你那裡，用我口中的劍攻擊他們」

(IV) 同受大患難

啓2:22「若不悔改所行的，我也要叫他們同受大患難」

今天，我們的教會和國家都需要復興。上帝所給我們的條件並非難以做到的。只要我們肯立定心志，開始由自己做起。要自卑禱告尋求主的面並轉離惡行。然後主就要垂聽赦免我們的罪並醫治我們的地。

本教會立會已有八十八年的歷史。教會的異象是要引華人歸主。直到如今有多少華人接受福音呢？讓我們每一位信徒自我省察，使我們深深的了解自己的責務與使命。願我們同心合意燃燒著復興的火把，一同來興旺福音。

我們寄居在菲律賓國家，五月間又要舉行總統的選舉。我們更需要將這復興的信息傳開，使信主的國民能自卑禱告，尋求主的面並轉離惡行。以前神怎樣聽了以色列人的呼聲，同樣的，上帝也會垂聽我們的呼求。使菲律賓國家復興起來。使我們能夠安居樂業過著平安的日子。

... from page 12 (不褪色的愛)

萬花筒的多幻和美麗悅目。有些人愛得很幸運，很投合；有的被愛所困擾，有的被愛所傷害，有的深陷在愛中不能自拔，也有濫用「盲戀」作戀愛。人類彼此間的愛是有局限。很容易受金錢、名譽、權勢、美色左右而產生變故。只有上帝的愛才是無限、無盡、持久和永恆。

保羅在哥林多前書十三章四至八節這樣說：「愛是恆久忍耐又有恩慈。愛是不嫉妒。愛是不自誇。不張狂。不作害羞的事。不求自己的益處。不輕易發怒。不計算別人的惡。不喜歡不義只喜歡真理。凡事包容。凡事相信。凡事盼望。凡事忍耐。愛是永不止息。」

世上萬物時時在改變，惟有神的愛是永不會改變，不會消滅，不會潮退。不隨天荒不跟地老，萬古長青，永恆存留。不失光澤，永不褪色！

... from page 16 (基督徒屬靈爭戰的生活)

這時VESPASIBLO聽到他們的聲音就自己將衣服脫光走到湖中。日出的時候，那些士兵聽到VESPASIBLO雄偉的聲音混在其他的摔角者的聲音中說：『基督阿！我們四十個人單單為禰來摔角，為禰來得冠冕。』他們至死忠心，真正配得授予得勝者的冠冕。

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