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THE REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

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During Christmas, a lady received three Christmas presents from her friends. The first friend brought a bouquet of flowers, as she is a florist. The second friend brought her a box of chocolates as she owns a chocolate shop. The third friend owned a wine shop and brought her a big box. As the lady received the box, she noticed that it was leaking a bit with a yellowish liquid. She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she asked. The friend shook her head. "Champagne?" She shook her head again, before saying, "It's a puppy!"

Christmas is the season for giving. But like the lady, we don't know what the REAL gift of Christmas is. In Romans 6:23, the bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God's gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus is the Christ of Christmas, the reason for the season.

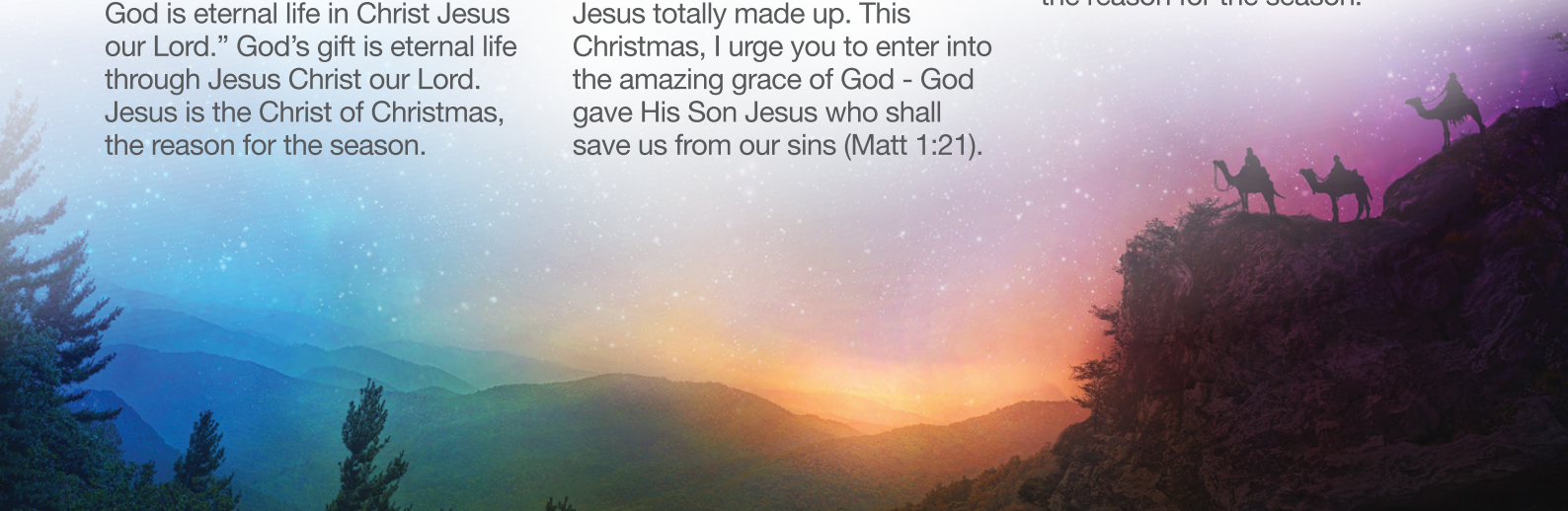
What then is this gift of life through Jesus Christ? The Greeks use three different words to describe life on three planes. They speak of "Bios" which is physical life. They speak of "Psyche" which is about intellectual life. And they speak of "Zoe" which is spiritual life. A man is truly alive when he has all "Bios", "Psyche" and "Zoe". As Augustine, an early Christian theologian said we are made for God, and our hearts are restless till we find our rest in Him. What God is giving through Jesus is this spiritual life, "Zoe." He is giving you REAL life.

Man lost "Zoe" when Adam and Eve rebelled against God in their sin. The wages of sin is death. Humanity is then plunged into guilt, shame, separation from God and soon, eternal damnation. Friends, we messed up, but Jesus totally made up. This Christmas, I urge you to enter into the amazing grace of God - God gave His Son Jesus who shall save us from our sins (Matt 1:21).

He died on the cross and paid for the sins we cannot pay for. He attained victory over sin, death, hell, and rose on the third day. His resurrection signified that in Him, we can have life, real "Zoe" life. Christmas is therefore about what God did for us that we can never do for ourselves. It's a divine gift!

You can have God, "Zoe", joy, forgiveness and everlasting life this Christmas. Would you receive God's gift today? Would you repent from your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has accomplished for you through His death and resurrection?

If you are already a believer, would you go and tell those whom God has placed around you? May God use you to share the good news that Jesus is truly the reason for the season!



FORGING PARTNERSHIPS TO FULFIL OUR PURPOSE

As a Christian organisation, we aspire to provide holistic care for our elders and enrich lives in the community.

This is made possible with the strong spiritual, manpower and even financial support from our partner churches. We are humbled and thankful to God for the ministry of our church partners. We wish to register sincere thanks to the following churches who have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) for us to collaborate through our senior care centres.

- Gospel Light Christian Church | **SLEC Rivervale Centre and SLEC Sumang Centre**
- Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Church | **SLEC Ayer Rajah Centre**
- Tung Ling Community Services | **SLEC Marine Parade Centre**

We continue to engage with our church partners and churches for collaboration of ministry work for the Kingdom of God.



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

The Lord has richly blessed St Luke's ElderCare and opened doors of opportunity

to share our work with church members of Church of Singapore Marine Parade, Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church and Yio Chu Kang Chapel. Thank you for partnering us to impact our communities for the Kingdom of God.



Staff from SLEC Serangoon Centre sharing about eldercare information with church member at Yio Chu Kang Chapel.



We thank Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church and their volunteers for their faithfulness in engaging our elders at SLEC Telok Blangah Centre.



Ms Tan Bee Ker, Principal Chaplain of St Luke's Hospital sharing the work of St Luke's Hospital and St Luke's ElderCare to the congregation of Church of Singapore Marine Parade during the bilingual service. Thank you volunteers for your labour of love towards our elders at SLEC Marine Parade centre.

IMPACTING OUR STAFF

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20

Alpha is a 7-week course for staff to encounter and learn more about the Lord. The 3rd round of the Alpha Course that commenced on 24 August 2018 was successfully completed on 12 October 2018.

We thank God for:

- divine provision of resources
- smooth running of the whole course with a total of 29 participants which included helpers
- good team spirit as the core team and helpers laboured with love and in unity
- salvation of two precious souls
- rededication of many lives, as well as the healing/deliverance of many
- transformation of lives as well as restoration of relationships
- drawing staff from different centres closer and the opportunity to bond together as a family

Above all, we thank God for giving all helpers a new heart to love and serve. Through His loving ways, God has stretched us and brought us to another level of faith and obedience!



GOD HEALS

Hear from Mr Francis Lai, who served as a group facilitator for Alpha Course 2018 on how God has healed him from his kneecap pain.

We gathered for a healing session after the “Does God Heal Today?” video during the Alpha Programme.. To me the answer is “Yes!”

The Alpha leader invited those who have specific physical illnesses (including kneecap pain) and emotional pain to come forward to receive healing.

I responded to the altar call as I was experiencing kneecap pain for the past few weeks. It has affected my daily activities and work. Moreover, I was going for a planned mission trip nine days later.

During worship, I felt the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit. And as I surrendered, I felt a strong force pushing me backward, and His Spirit gently touching me.

That night, I had uninterrupted sleep and my kneecap and back pain went away. Hallelujah! Glory to God!