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# GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER



Neither HEIGHT nor DEPTH  
nor ANYTHING ELSE in all creation  
will be able to separate us from  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
that is in CHRIST JESUS our Lord  
- Romans 8:39



# Pastor's Message

By Revd. Sandeep David



One of the most beautiful things about our God is His love endures forever. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love (Psalm 103:8). His mercies endure forever. God had been sending His prophets to reconcile humankind to Himself but when every endeavour failed He resorted to love and sheer love. The difference between humans and God is while humans use laws to define love God uses love to define His laws.

God is slow to anger and abounding in love. Though all His laws are for the benefit of His creation He decided to punish them in case they sin. However, God is abounding in love and slow to anger (Psalm 103:8 & 145:8). If you would read the story of Samson and Delilah God commanded Samson not to tell the secret of his strength to anyone

Samson anyhow defied God's command and revealed the secret to his wife. Sin is nothing but a deliberate rebellion against God through disobedience and has repercussions. God took away the unusual strength He had blessed Samson with. However, when Samson repented with a true heart and sought the strength to advance God's plan God forgave him and returned him the strength. His loves endure forever. In Isaiah 1:18 God says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

We usually picture an all-loving and ever-gracious God. We forget that He is also consuming fire. Israel was punished by God for lack of faith, defying His laws, syncretism, idol worship and moral degradation. Consequently, God sent them into 70 years of Babylonian slavery. However, God relented forgave them and brought them back to their land. God never wants to harm us. His punishment aims at bringing us back on the right track – "Your rod and your staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23).

King David writes in Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." God says in Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." God does not have grandchildren. Even at the age of 97 years and beyond that we are His children, and He takes care of us His love endures forever.

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Throughout the OT God has been saying, "Be holy for I am holy". The original image in which man was created was holy because he was created in the image of God. God does not tolerate sin and so shall His people not. God condemned David's sin with Bathsheba. Though he prayed and fasted still God punished him. Adam sin and punishment followed. Israel sinned and was sent to the Babylonian captivity. Ananias and Sapphira sinned and God punished them (Acts 5:1-11). Even Peter cursed Simon, the Sorcerer when he thought of buying the Holy Spirit with money (Acts 8:18-20).

God has been and is still punishes us when we sin, but the good news is, He forgives all those who repent with a true heart. His love endures forever. However, God's love and mercy must not be taken for granted and excuse to continue living sinful lives for God cannot be fooled by men. However, the good news is for all the repentant sinner is God has forgiven and made them co-heir with Christ of the kingdom to come.

Rev. Sandeep David

# Associate Pastor's Message

By Revd. Augustine Simon

*We need to Empty Ourselves in the Love of Jesus*  
~Phil.2:6-7



Philippians 2:6-7, deals with the self-emptying act of our Lord Jesus. NRSV translates: "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form."

There was a little girl crying outside the Church because there was no space for her to sit in the Sunday school class. One pastor saw her crying and took her inside and found place for her to sit. That night when she went to bed, she was very happy that she could sit in the Sunday school class, but she also thought about those children who do not have a place to worship Lord Jesus. After two years she died due to an illness, but something was found in her purse. In there were 57 cents with a note in childish handwriting; ***This is to build a small Church big enough so that more children may go to Sunday school.***

When this story of unselfish love was spread huge donations came and one wealthy person even offered a piece of land at the cost of same 57 cents. This real story is of Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, with a seating capacity of 3,300 people and Sunday school building where hundreds of children can sit so that no child in the area need to sit outside during Sunday School time.

I would say that the little girl emptied herself in the love of Jesus and only 57 cents exalted her in history as Jesus emptied himself for us and was himself highly exalted. Paul wanted it to be in our Christian life as it was in Jesus', though He was in the form of God, but He emptied himself for the sake of humanity. Though He was blameless, He took all the blame upon him for us. Though He was the most powerful, He became powerless for us. Though He was the master, He became a servant for us. Though He never sinned, he died for us to bring us safely home to God.

My friends, we talk about many things, but I would say everything is secondary or have no meaning if we do not follow the Greatest Commandments. And both these commandments are all about emptying oneself. We cannot love God until we do not empty ourselves in the love of God neither can we love others until we empty ourselves. Christianity is all about emptying everything and filling our hearts with only love. Remember this, world is created out of love, for love and by love. But now the only thing lacking is love. We need to empty ourselves to create a world with more peace and love. We are the instruments of God's Mission on earth and are called for change, but we cannot do anything without the help of our Lord God Almighty. **As Martin Luther King, Jr.** said "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

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Only the heart which is empty in the love of God can make bigger changes. Remember it is in love only that we find the greatest strength and it is in love only that we find the deepest of sorrow. Jesus also found his greatest strength to bear the cross in His love for us, but He also found the deepest of sorrows when we rejected Him. My friends, we need to share the love of Jesus with all without any boundaries just as He loves us. We need to overcome all barriers which act like a stumbling block between God and His people.

Rev Augustine Simon

# God's Love Endures Forever

By Shanti Pratap

God loves each and every person in this world. He guides us every day in our daily routines and helps us in every activity we do. We observe that Israelites sinned so many times, but God is faithful in His love. God sent prophets at every timeline when people sinned. God asked them to repent and turn away from sin but only few times did the Israelites listened and turned back and repented.

Still, God Loved Israelites

God not only loved Israelites, but He loved everyone in this world. His love is not only for certain period, but his love is forever. God is faithful and He asks us to be faithful to Him. God's mighty acts towards His people gives strength to become His disciples with the help of testimonies and witnesses. Everyone will witness about God's in his/her life. Unless, we acknowledge and add to it, we can't be a witness to His great love

To understand and acknowledge God's love  
We have to start recognizing His acts in our life

We must reciprocate with the same love. God's love has flooded our hearts. This experience of God's love is deep and overwhelming. It is the regular ministering of the Holy Spirit to help us feel God's love. Another easy way to understand God's love is by responding with love towards each others as a first step. This is also the second greatest commandment Jesus gave in Matthew 22:39.

By God's immense blessings we were able to perform in all the programs during 2019-2020

**1. EASTER:** All Sunday School children participated in the Easter program. Children from both Hindi and English service presented skits, and captivated the hearts with their enchanting special song on the day.



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**2. MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION:** Memory verse competition was conducted during Sunday service. Mrs Roma Das and Mrs Nilima were the judges for the competition and winners from different age groups were felicitated by special guest Rev. Kamal Mall during the church's anniversary celebration.



**3. NCWA FEST:** NCWA Fest held in Emmanuel Marthoma Church. Our Sunday School children participated and won the prizes in memory verse competition from beginners to senior categories.



**4. SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT:** Sunday School Retreat was conducted by Ashirwad Church and our children participated in the inter-church singing and bible quiz competition. They made us proud by getting rewarded 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> position, respectively.



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**5. INTER CHURCH BIBLE QUIZE:** Our Senior Sunday School from Hindi as well as English congregations participated in Inter-Church Bible Quiz conducted YFC Delhi Trans-Yamuna . Being the youngest team, It was a great exposure, and the enthusiasm of our children was commendable.

**6. SUNDAY SERVICE LEAD BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:** Once again the melodious voices of our little children echoed in our Church Sunday Service as the Sunday School led the service.



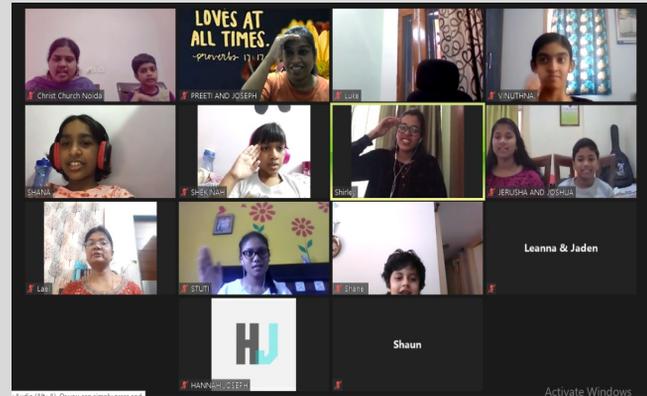
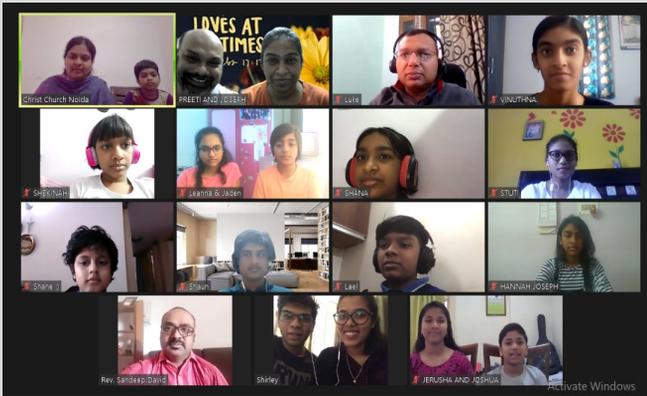
**7. CHRISTMAS:** To celebrate the birth of Christ and to instil the reason for it, a Christmas program was organized for all the children. All Sunday School Children enthusiastically participated for the practice sessions and they presented wonderful skits and songs. Christmas gifts were distributed to all children present for the program giving the message of sharing and Love. The gifts were distributed by Rev. Sunil Gazan.



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**8. SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LOCKDOWN:** By God's grace, we never missed conducting Sunday school during the Lockdown. God has helped us to conduct Sunday school through zoom app, we are continuing the same online Sunday school. We have tried to be as creative as possible by showing slides, videos, play games, connecting them to the teaching and making it interesting for the children. We praise God for all the parents who encouraged their children to join regularly as well as all children who have been joining very faithfully.



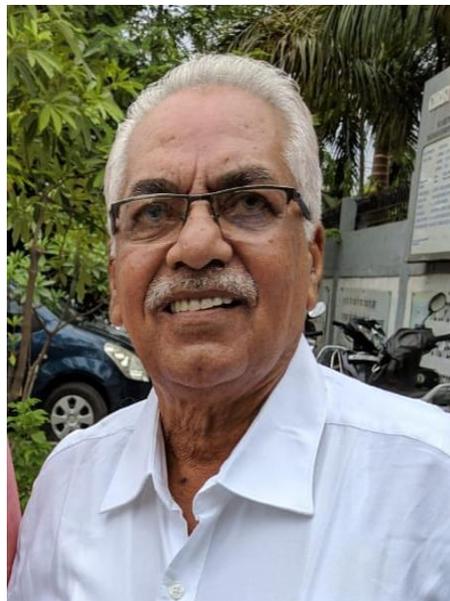
**9. VBS:** During this pandemic, children have participated in virtual VBS which was conducted by YFC Trans-Yamunna. Our children from different age groups participated and won gifts. Christ Church Noida organised VBS via YouTube and link was shared every day. We were successful in sharing God's message to all children this summer without any glitch and we praise God for it.

**10. YFC Bible Quiz:** YFC organised Bible quiz and our senior Sunday school children participated along with Youth.

# Sunday School Children - The Mustard Seeds in Churches

By Anandkumar Peter

Paul wrote about the five-fold ministry of the Church in Ephesians 4:11, "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers." Sunday School is a vital part of the anointing of this office and God's plan for the church. While the pastor is required to preach the Word unto Salvation, the Sunday School teacher is to bring the knowledge of God's Word to the children. It is relatively easy to preach and teach older people, who may have a basic knowledge of the Bible. However, with children, the teacher has a difficult task of inculcating Christian doctrine using methods they would easily understand. Perhaps, this could be one of the reasons why in many Churches Sunday School fail to get the focus it otherwise deserves. As time passes, they need to be brought within the framework of regular service of the church.



When I reflect on churches in India and abroad I have had occasions to worship in, a picture emerges. While some churches are 'Young and vibrant', many are 'Ageing.' You find few elderly believers worshipping in these churches. We often get to read about some churches closing down as no one visits it anymore. The young and the vibrant churches of today could end up as an ageing church, at some point in time, if they do not pay enough attention to any one of the ministers, especially the Sunday School Ministry. Suddenly they will see the younger generation disappearing like leaves from trees in the autumn, leaving just dry trunk.



A beautiful mustard field

The emphasis here is on the foundation; not the foundation of stones of the church buildings but the spiritual foundation of the congregation. The foundation is for the Christian walk towards the Kingdom of Jesus. Hear what Jesus spoke about it. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." - Matthew 13:31-32. He did not stop there, He spoke of to whom the Kingdom belongs.

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We read in Mark 10:13-14, "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." The inference is quite obvious. It is the Sunday School children who should grow up into strong believers and take on the task of building the Body of Christ. Some day they will lead the Youth Fellowships and go on to lead all other fellowships. This precisely is what is said in Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Children who grow up strong in Spirit will build a strong church where, as stated by Paul in Hebrews 8:11, "No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." Pastoral care focus will shift from teaching to leading in fulfilment of Lord's commandment to spread the word to all parts of the world. This may sound idealistic. But only when we reach such a state, we will see the door to the Kingdom of Jesus.

If we have not started yet, let no time be wasted but we should begin to run the race. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12:1-2. And the foundation continues to be as tiny as the mustard seed, our children.

# God's Love Endures Forever

By Sushmita Daffader

Love! What is love? Love is not a feeling but a choice. It's a decision. As we read the Bible, we see how God has shown His love to people through different ways, in the Old Testament we see it through His many miracles in acts of protection, provision, and redemption for His people. And in the New Testament we see His love getting poured out for us through His only son Jesus Christ



So, it's evident that God's love *was, is and will always be there* for us. Now, that calls for questions, how should we respond to His love? What should we do? Should we not love Him back like how He loves us?

God's love is perfect, unchanging, and relentless, but our love is not constant, and we fall short. God wants us to have a relationship with Him, and grow in Him, and His love helps us to grow. Love with time matures and grows deeper leading us to have a loving relationship.

But how? How can we grow?

We can learn this from a tree.



God wants us to be like a tree. A tree who loves everyone and gives fruit, shelter for many and shade to all. A tree does not grow overnight, it takes years to grow. And it also requires the necessary things for growth like soil, strong roots, water, and sunshine.

**SOIL** - Every plant needs a different kind of soil to grow. We cannot plant a rubber plant in a fertile soil but only black soil where it can grow. Similarly, the tree that is us, also need Jesus as soil to grow. Jesus is our perfect soil; the rest is sinking sand.

**ROOTS** – Roots is our relationship with Jesus. If noticed, we see that the roots of any plant are so deeply tangled with the soil. The deeper the roots are inside the soil, better the tree will stand for years. Similarly, an intimate and personal relationship with Jesus makes us strong to withstand any storms in life.

**SUNSHINE** – Plant need light to draw energy and grow. We too need energy and that comes from the word of God. The Bible provides us the necessary nourishment for the soul making us spiritually and emotionally healthy.

**WATER** – No tree would survive without the source of water. Likewise, we need an unending source for vitality and that we get through constant prayer.

God wants us to be just like the person in Psalm 1:3, which says

***That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields in its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers.***

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Thus far we have seen the necessary things for the growth of a tree. God has planted us in his creation as His treasured possession, giving us the ability to become like a tree. Now, what are the things can we give to others? How can we spread God's love to others?

Tree gives us Oxygen i.e. Life, Fruit, rest to others, and a place to live

## 1. **Life(oxygen)** – We can give to others, How?

Who are others here? Your friends, classmates, neighbors, or anyone you can connect with.

We can introduce to them to the everlasting life by sharing them about Jesus. We can tell them who Jesus is, how we have come to know Him? Who He is to us? We can do that by sharing our testimonies with them and telling stories from the Bible.

**2. Fruit** – Bear good fruit like, the fruit of the spirit. People are attracted by the fruit they see in us. When they experience us as loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled, they would long to know us more.

**3. Peace & Shelter**– Just like a tree gives shade to others, we too can bring peace in the life of others by drawing them close to God. Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you *rest*.”

We can bring to rest to the hurting hearts by listening to them, talking to them, making them feel that they matter, giving them comfort from the heat of the world.

Just like the tree shares his place to many. We too must share the love with the people around us.

Remember the verse from 1 Corinthians 13: 1

***"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal"***

May our love be genuine and strong to stand against every storm, understanding the fact that the source of our love is God the father. Keeping God as the center of everything and a strong relationship with Him only can enable us to share our love with others.

# God's Steadfast Love during the Pandemic

By Shirley Josephine



We live in a very anxious and fearful time. A pandemic can be rough on your faith. It is difficult to trust and have faith in God when our minds are anxious. But even during these hard times we need to remind ourselves about the steadfast love of God.

First Steadfast Love is loyal, devoted, and unchanging. That means it will not alter itself based on our conduct. God's steadfast love remains so because of Him, not us. If we see this spiritual reality, our zeal for His glory will become so intense that each and every day will find us more and more committed in attitude and action to His will. We will be transformed in our understanding and living of the Christian life. A second truth about the steadfast love of God is its unfathomable depths. It can never be exhausted. It knows no end. It will be on display and given to us throughout eternity without ever running out.

In Exodus, While God remained faithful, the people of Israel seemed to forget about God sometimes. They disobeyed God and worshiped foreign gods. Even if they abandoned God and became unfaithful to Him, God remained faithful. Even through tough times, like when they were wandering in the desert or facing an enemy, God's love was with them every day.

In 1John4:18 John writes, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." The implication is that God's love completely drives out or throws out fear, so that there is no place inside us anymore for fear to inhabit. His love will quiet the worst of storms raging in our hearts. It calms the winds of tough circumstances seeking to topple us over. It motivates us to holy living, sacrificial service, and self-denying warfare against the world and flesh.



**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

**His love endures forever**

**~Psalms 136:1**



What matters most now is one's faith in God and in His words. Faith makes us feel and enjoy the love of God; it makes us understand the wonderful works within us in the midst of this crisis caused by COVID 19 pandemic.

# God's Love Endures Forever

By Sajeev Yohan

There are many instances in the Bible where we learn that God's love endures forever.

God saved Noah and his family from destruction and promised him that he would fill the Earth through his descendants. From the life of Noah, we learn that God's love endures forever in many ways like

- God is loving and just.
- God responds to evil by setting a time for judgment.
- God justly judges all wickedness but because He loves us, He extends saving grace.
- God is our merciful Judge.
- God can be trusted.
- Because God is trustworthy, we can have faith.
- God proves he is trustworthy by keeping His promises.
- God is a faithful God



God faithfully led Abraham and guided him (Gen 15 - 18). We also learn that God's love endures forever from Abraham's life like

- God calls his people and guides them in a new life.
- God calls imperfect people to be His people.
- God calls His people to receive His gift of new life.
- God calls His people to depend on him.
- God is our guide.
- God's grace equips us for spiritual victory.
- By God's grace, Jesus is our priest and King.
- God is a gracious God.
- Faith and righteousness are gifts from God.
- God gives all we need to follow His word.

# 10 Points to believe in God

By Shawn Robinson

- Pray to God
- Read the Bible
- Don't worship idols
- If you want something to ask God
- If you believe in God, He will solve all your problems
- Go to church every Sunday
- Give glory and thanks to God for all your achievements
- Follow the commandments
- Learn the word of God
- If you believe in God you can achieve in all that you want to do



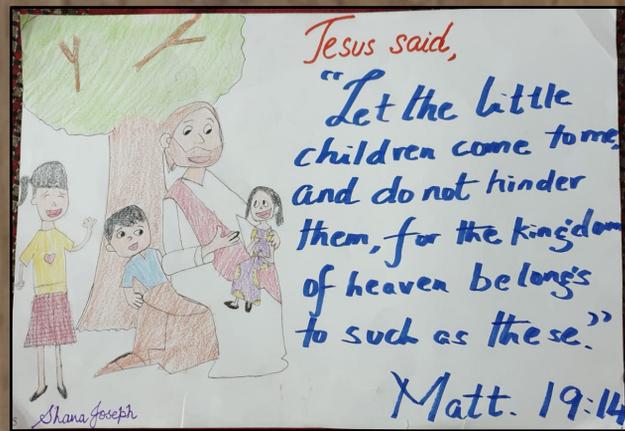
## Faith in God

By Jaden

Faith in God is the key to pleasing God. It is right to have faith because God is reliable. Faith also releases the blessing of God. It brings God onto the scene. Many people fail to get answers to prayer because they don't have the kind of relationship with God that makes them confident that God is going to answer them. This salvation is to be received through repentance and faith. God expects us to change our allegiance. We must now love Him and serve Him – not our old selfish and corrupt desires. He wants to set us free from every oppression. But as well as this change of allegiance or repentance we need to believe God and His promises with a living faith.



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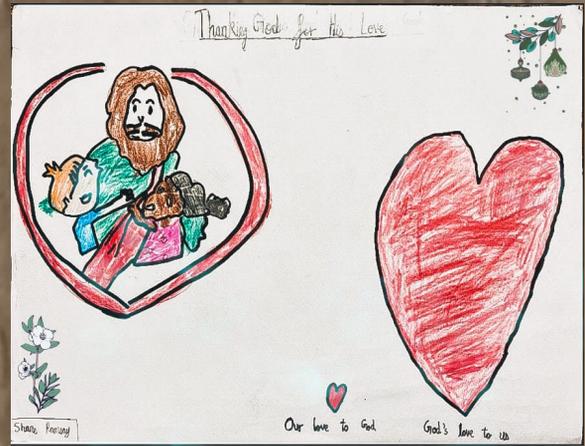
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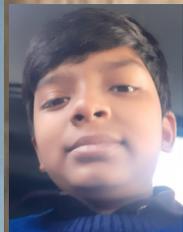
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# Miracles of Jesus

By Hannah Joseph

There are many miracles mentioned in the Bible, miracles comprise those works wherein something is done by God, that nature can never do. We see from the very beginning how God has done acts of wonder.

Three miracles that we studied in our Sunday School are of:

- Jonah - Survived three days in the belly of a huge fish without food and water in the darkness of the belly he realized his mistake and repented. God in his mercy saved him and the fish vomited Jonah near the seashore.
- Daniel - Was thrown in the lion's den, but the Lord shut the mouth of the lions and he came out of the den harmless. This was possible as he trusted the Lord even in danger.
- Crossing Of The Red Sea - Was a miraculous deliverance of the Israelites from the hands of the Egyptian army. The parting of the Red Sea was the assurance that the Lord was with them.

All these three miracles bring out Gods different ways of reaching out to His people and drawing them closer to Him. In all circumstances, God is always in control.

During the pandemic in June this year, I fell ill. I had a high fever for 4 days. My family was in a panic and we consulted a doctor and after a few tests, I was diagnosed with typhoid. My family was very worried but as we trusted the Lord, I could experience His healing touch upon me, and the fever suddenly came down and I was on the road to recovery. I experienced the touch of God as we continued to pray and call unto Him. It took me a few weeks to recover and I praise God for increasing my faith and trust that God who did wonders is still active in our lives and continues to do miracles even today.



# How To Praise And Trust God

By Joshua A Ravada

Once upon a time, there lived a man named Raju, a fruit seller. He lived in a village called Vijaynagar. Raju was a very hardworking fruit seller. Every day he used to go to a village passing a forest, along with his cart from Vijaynagar. Raju's cart was filled with fresh fruits. Unlike other fruit sellers, Raju was committed to his vocation. While on the way to another village, sat a beggar under a banyan tree in the middle of the forest. The beggar was totally out of hope that someone would provide him with food else he would die in a few days. The beggar had lost trust in God and was hopeless. Raju was quite concerned about the beggar and gave him a couple of fruits, This was his daily practice. When Raju started giving the beggar fruits, the beggar used to get so happy and praised God every moment of his life and trusted God. The hardworking fruit seller worked hard but got less money, which was just sufficient to feed himself. One day Raju got upset on the idea of him not getting enough money. So, Raju thought about it through the whole night lying on his bed, unable to sleep. Then something struck his mind regarding the poor beggar. He told himself that he was wasting fruits giving it to the beggar for free. So, by not giving those few fruits to the beggar each day, he thought he could earn a little more extra money.

From the next day onwards, Raju stopped giving fruits to the beggar. A week passed by. The beggar kept on looking for Raju each day, but he did not turn up. But still, the poor beggar kept praying to the Lord and kept his trust in Him.

On the next Sunday, a priest came to Raju's house. He recited a verse, saying: "When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?" (psalms 56:3-4). He was quite taken aback with this verse and realized the mistake he had committed against the helpless beggar. The next day onwards, Raju met the beggar asked about his wellbeing and gave him a bag of fresh fruits.

You see in the above story the beggar did not lose hope or trust in God despite not getting enough food to eat or have his share of fruits given by Raju.

This tells us that even in our hard or difficult times, we should not lose hope or trust in god. We should not forsake him during such circumstances but keep praying & trusting him more.



# Snapshots



# Special Song - We Praise You, Lord

By Shekinah & Shana Joseph

“

*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,  
and I will listen to you.  
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with  
all your heart.*

*Jeremiah 29:13-14*

”

**Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus**

**Thank you for dying on the cross for me,**

**Thank you for shedding your blood for me,**

**Thank You, Lord [2]**

**Thank you for all the love and care you give,**

**We shout and praise your name,**

**Thank You, Lord [2]**

**We love You, Lord,**

**We praise You, Lord,**

**We'll spread Your name,**

**We love You, Lord.**

**Jesus [x4]**



# Darkness to Light

By Vinuthna

What is Darkness?

Darkness refers to the evil or the sin that a human commits without knowledge. It is not essentially evil, yet it is regarding destruction, captivity and spiritual backwardness. The darkness of the world makes the person walk in the wrong path, makes to appreciate the company of the wicked and sinners.

How Darkness dominate over people?

We can see many temptations around us. Being a child, I suffered many temptations. The temptation makes people do that particular thing without giving a chance to think about it. If we refer to Genesis 3, we can see that first, the serpent tempted Eve to have the apple. So she set foot in the darkness. And next Adam went along with Eve into the darkness. Here, we can see four aspects that darkness inundates our understandings, determinations, decisions and feelings.

Who is the LIGHT of the universe and how we live in it?

We know that light is a source of energy which enables us to see. The light helps us in every situation. The light of the universe is our JESUS CHRIST. He makes us realize our sins and He enters our hearts. He guides us to make decisions for the right path. We all will grow more sagacious than before if he blesses our hearts to reflect his.

If we refer to Matthew 18:10-14, we can see that a man owns a hundred sheep and in that one sheep went missing. So the man goes on to search it leaving ninety-nine behind and when he finds it, he rejoices. In the same manner, our God does not want us to go into the darkness. And if it so happened, He searches for us until we come back to Him. He doesn't want us to be like the Lost Sheep. He wants us to be like a lamp through which we can spread our brightness to the world who are in darkness. Therefore, I conclude that each one of us should come out of the darkness and follow the light of Lord Jesus Christ.



# Steadfast Love

By V Steve Daniel

“Steadfast love” is one of the most beautiful words in the entire Bible. It was His steadfast love which led Him to the crucifixion of His Son, which exhibits His sacrifice for the sin of His rebellious people so that they could be free from guilt and could introspect themselves.

But what does ‘steadfast love’ means? And how does it reflect in our lives? The Hebrew word the ESV translates ‘steadfast love’ is *chesed*(*חֶסֶד*) and is also translated as a unique covenant love that only God can give. It is a love, a compassion that we can trust in regardless of what our circumstances may be. It gives us an idea that God not only practices love but God is love. He just wants to love us but is out of an obligation to His promise to do so no matter what happens as it is evident from Isaiah 54:10-“For the mountains may depart and the hills are removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed.”



We continue to rely on his steadfast love every day, make it count.

# God's Love

By Sam

God's love is wonderful.

John ch-3 verse-16 says- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. God's love is as sweet as honey. Even if we commit many sins God's love does not get angry, it keeps forgiving us. Love suffers long and is kind, it does not envy, does not pride in itself, is not puffed up. God's love does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked. God's love thinks no evil. It does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth. God's love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. It never fails. Abide in faith, love and hope; but greatest of all of these things is love. It is so high we can't get over, so deep we can't under it, so wide we can't get around it. One day a lawyer asked Jesus 'Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the law, Jesus said to him love your lord with all your heart, soul and with all your mind. God's love is bigger than we could ever imagine. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us and his love has been perfected in us.



Christmas is the time of the year when people commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a cultural festivity that brings families together in a celebratory mood. Every Christian loves Christmas because it is full of joy, full of gifts, families get together and beautiful Christmas carols are sang all over

So, MERRY CHRISTMAS To ALL IN

ADVANCE

The Christmas means "Fast day of Christ". It is a yearly celebration marking Jesus Christ's birth; it is observed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December as a cultural and religious celebration among a lot of people all over the world.

→ ANGEL MASSEY

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Christmas



# Sunday School Teachers

By Shanti Pratap

We have dedicated Sunday school teachers who work for Sunday School. Teachers work efficiently and prayerfully towards the spiritual growth of children.

Senior Sunday school led by Mr. Luke Chandekar and Mrs. Preeti Joseph

Primary Sunday school led by Mrs. Lucky Chandekar and Mrs. Shanthi Pratap

Junior and Beginners led by Ms. Sushmita Daffarder and Ms. Shirley Josephine

## Senior Sunday School



## Primary Sunday School



## Junior & Beginner Sunday School



We are thankful for special helping hand for Sunday school Mr. Joseph Emmanuel. He's always ready to help children to either practice songs or online praise and worship session ever week



Joseph Emmanuel

We are proud and thankful to every teacher for their dedication and commitment towards this responsibility and working towards growth of Sunday School ministry at Christ Church Noida.

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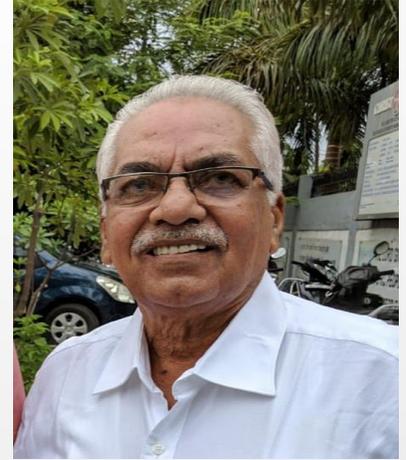
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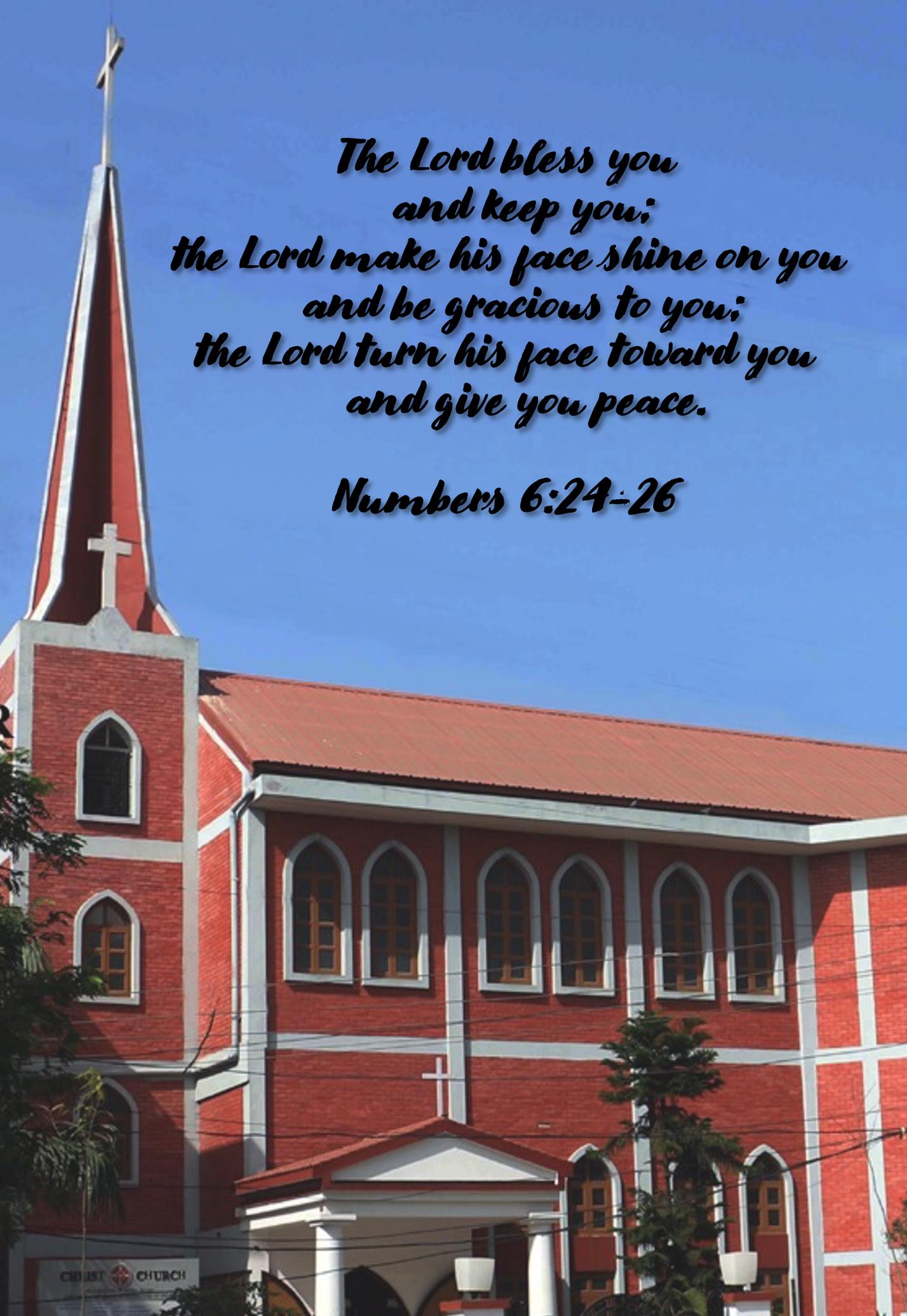
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**Stuti Titus**

A large, two-story red brick church with a prominent steeple on the left side. The steeple is red with a white cross on top and a white cross on the side. The church has a red roof and white trim around the windows and doors. The windows are arched and have wooden frames. The church is set against a clear blue sky.

*The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*