

Sure enough, God's grace is abundant. Three years went by very quickly. My parents no longer persecuted my faith. They saw something within me that I couldn't even explain in words—the love of God. I wanted God to transform me when I began my new faith even though the persecution was taking place. And He did! He transformed me to someone who has a lot more patience, a lot more love and a lot more obedience. And the strange thing is that my parents saw me in a new light—a Christian, a child of God. I truly praise God for helping me and enabling me to show God's love to my parents. May all glory be unto His name!

Note: The writer's parents received the amazing grace of God through water baptism nine years after. They are in the fold and are enjoying God's grace and blessings every day!

1. Even though this sister was severely persecuted, how was she able to maintain her faith?
2. What kind of a transformation did you see in this sister's life?

REFLECTION & PRAYER



We know how much God loves us when we remember how He sent His Son to die for us on the cross. God has commanded all of us to love, not only God, but also the people around us. The single greatest way to really share this love is to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Let us demonstrate our love through a transformed life, showing others kindness, patience, gentleness and self-control in all that we do. May God give us the wisdom and strength to carry out His will.

Lesson 13

Review

Lesson Aim

That the students may have a review of how God, His salvation and the church play a role in their lives

REVIEW

1. **Provide two points to support how God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent (see Lesson 4 for possible answers).**
2. **Describe how Jesus Christ is the Savior of this world. Use two illustrations to support your answer (see Lesson 5 for possible answers).**
3. **Write about 3 prophecies in the Old Testament that concern God's promise of salvation.**
 - a. When the serpent tempted Adam and Eve to sin, God told the serpent, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed" (Gen 3:14-15). This was to prophesy that the descendant of woman, or the virgin, would bear the Lord Jesus to destroy the power of Satan (Mt 1:20-21; Heb 2:14-15).
 - b. When Abraham obeyed God and sacrificed His beloved son Isaac, God told him, "...blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed..." (Gen 22:16-18). Later, Jesus Christ was born as the son of David, a descendant of Abraham.
 - c. Before Jacob passed away, he told his sons what would happen in the future. He said, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver

from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people" (Gen 49:1,10). Isaiah also prophesied, "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom..." (Isa 9:6-7).

- d. The Saints of old prophesied in Psalms, "Also I will make Him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth...His seed also I will make to endure forever, and His throne as the days of heaven" (Ps 89:27, 29). Jesus Christ is this king of kings. His people believed, were baptized, and were saved. They will enter the heavenly kingdom to enjoy everlasting life for eternity.
- e. God said, "Behold, the days are coming...that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called" (Jer 23:5-6). This prophecy tells us that God will pick the Savior from a descendant of David, to execute righteousness, rule God's kingdom and save His people.
- f. The Prophet Micah prophesied, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler of Israel, who's going forth are from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). This tells us that the little town, Bethlehem, will see the birth of the Savior who will rule God's kingdom.
- g. "The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa 52:10). The prophet Isaiah's words showed that God's salvation was to be for all people. All who have flesh will see God's salvation.

4. Describe how salvation was fulfilled on the cross.

The Lord Jesus prophesied to His disciples on numerous occasions regarding His death and resurrection, thus fulfilling God's plan of salvation (Mt 17:22-23, 16:21, 20:18-19; Lk 9:29-31). Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:3) He was crucified on the cross to give His life as a ransom for many (Mt 27:35, 20:28). He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might live for righteousness (1 Pet 2:24). Just before the Lord Jesus bowed His head on the cross and gave up His spirit, He said, "It is finished," implying that He has fulfilled God's plan of salvation (Jn 19:30). Since Christ Jesus died for us, we should no longer live for ourselves but for Him (2 Cor 5:14-15).

5. How do we know that salvation is for everyone? Provide three points to support your answer.

- a. God's salvation is for all creation regardless of gender, age or race, whether in poverty or in prosperity.
- b. Salvation is a gift from God. We receive this gift in faith. We do not choose God, but God chooses us.
- c. Salvation was freely given to us. It is not by our deeds or wisdom, but by the grace of God. Therefore, we have no reason to boast.
- d. In faith and accompanied with action, we receive this salvation from God.
- e. Steps toward salvation are as follows: believe in the Lord Jesus, repent, be baptized into Jesus Christ and seek after the promised Holy Spirit.
- f. True believers should have holy love and pray for all people to receive salvation.
- g. Those of us who have received grace from our Lord should seize every opportunity to spread the good news.

6. What kind of an attitude should we have as we wait for the Lord's second coming? Elaborate on 3 things you should be doing.

- a. work and/or study responsibly
- b. be alert (Mk 13:32-37; Lk 12:37-40)
- c. be self-controlled
- d. lead a quiet life
- e. perform deeds of love (Mt 25:31-46; 1 Pet 4:7-8)
- f. be a faithful steward (Mt 25:14-30; Lk 12:42-44)

7. What is the definition of the church?

The English word for "church" is originated from the Greek word "kyriakon doma", which means "house belonging to the Lord." This seems to suggest that the church is just simply a place of worship. The actual Greek word used in the New Testament is "Ekklesia," which refers to the Christian believers themselves. This shows that the original meaning of the term "church" was the Christians, as opposed to merely a place of worship. This is also supported by many biblical references, that the church is the spiritual body of those who are redeemed through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus (Mt 16:18; Acts 20:28).

8. What are the 3 important qualifications of the true church?

- a. A spiritual church must be built on the foundation of the truth (Mt 16:18; Eph 2:19-20; 1 Cor 3:11; 1 Tim 3:15). The Lord Jesus once said that when the spirit of truth comes, He will guide us into all the truth.



Some examples of building on the truth are:

- b. A spiritual church must have the abidance of the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13; Gal 4:6; Rom 8:9,16).
- c. A spiritual church is accompanied by many signs and wonders.

9. Why is our church called the True Jesus Church?

The word true refers to the true God, for God is true (Jer 10:10; Rom 3:4). This shows that the church belongs to the true God. Because the believers are branches of the true vine and they make up the church, the body of Christ, the church is also the true church. If the church belongs to the true God, it is the true church. The true church should also bear the name of Jesus, the name of God, for many reasons. Firstly, Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the church is His body (Eph 5:23; 1:22-23; Col 1:18, 24). The church is also purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ and it belongs to Him (Acts 20:28; Mt 16:18). In addition, the place of worship must be a place for God’s name (Deut 12:5, 11; Ex 20:24). Today, the church is an assembly for worship and should uphold the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the name “True Jesus Church” has a profound meaning and is by no means insignificant. Of course, we are not here to condemn or put down other churches. We only hold on to the fact the we belong to the true church.

10. List the four great missions of the true church and then elaborate on one of the them (see Lesson 10 for additional information).

- a. to correct wrong beliefs
- b. to revive the apostolic church
- c. to warn unbelievers
- d. to sanctify the true church

R E F L E C T I O N & P R A Y E R



During this quarter, we studied about God and His salvation. We have learned that this precious salvation is given to all who come to believe in Him. Therefore, we can not be content with just coming to church and building up our own faith. We must also strive to share this good news with people around us so that they may also experience the joy of knowing and receiving His saving grace.

*“Whatever your task,
work heartily as
serving the Lord and
not men.”*

(Col 3:23)

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“Be an example...of good deeds of every kind. Let everything you do reflect your love of the truth.”

(Titus 2:7)