

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 12/04/2020

Text(s): 2 Corinthians 5:14–17

Title: New Life, New Purpose

Preacher: Ps Jennifer Heng (Safe Place Lakeside Family)

Testimony: Ps Dennis Goh (The New Charis Mission)

(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

2 Corinthians 5:14–17 (NASB95)

14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer.

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. Let's begin with the personal testimony of Ps Dennis Goh. He was once a resident at Singapore Boys' Home, an inmate at Changi Prison, and a resident at a halfway house. We learned from him that even though he was drug free for about 10 years, Christ was not at the center of his life. After a painful divorce, he became addicted to heroin again. But God's mercy and grace reached out to him and led him back to freedom and wholeness. Do you have a testimony of how God set you free from a certain "prison" whether it's the prison of fear or the prison of anger? How about a testimony of how God set you free from certain "addiction", whether it's addiction to money and power or to worldly pleasure?**
- 2. Let's turn our attention now to the sermon. The scripture passage chosen for this message tells us that we who are in Christ are now new creatures, new beings who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. What is your understanding on this, that you are now a new person in Christ, having received Christ's gift of forgiveness and salvation?**



3. **The preacher shared that she “accepted Christ” at the age of 15 and started going to church, but she didn't really have a real knowledge of God or a personal relationship with Christ. In her own words, she only knew “how to do church” well and that helped her to fit in with her church friends. What is the issue here? Isn't it enough to know we have a place in heaven, now that we have “accepted Christ”, and that we are fitting in well with people at church?**

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **The preacher shared how, after going through a process of healing, her direction in life changed to wanting to help and serve others instead of continuing to be a self-seeking person. Instead of living only for herself, she now has a new purpose in life. She now wants to live for Christ. Where are you right now as a person on a spiritual journey? In what way has the direction and focus of your life changed?**
2. **Two things the preacher shared that brought renewal for her are the presence of God and the Word of God. Through worship, she experienced God's presence. Through the preaching of God's Word, she experienced revival in her own heart. In all that, her hope was renewed. If you have experienced personal revival or renewal, what made the difference for you?**
3. **We now have a new purpose and calling; we are called to be ambassadors of Christ. One very important factor in living a strong spiritual life is to live life under God's terms, under Christ's lordship. The preacher referred to Galatians 2:20 which reads, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” What does it mean to live life according to God's terms? How do we ensure we are truly living in Christ?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to experience personal revival and renewal. Ask God to release His presence upon us every time we approach Him in worship. Ask God to transform us by His Word when we read the Bible and when we listen to preaching and teaching of God's Word.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support.
- Remember to pray for our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.