

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

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Dear Friend,

The more we know God, the more we realise that God wants us to enjoy Him every day of our lives. As Christians, His fullness of joy and amazing grace are our daily portion! Now that you've taken a first step by inviting Jesus into your heart, you can start your journey towards knowing Him personally.

In this salvation pack, you will find an introduction to who Jesus is and the abundant life you can have in Him. We have also prepared a special video greeting for you that you can access through the QR code below.

We are so glad that you've joined us here at City Harvest and we warmly welcome you to be a part of our church family! We hope that you will build meaningful friendships here and find God's call and purpose for your life. We are fully committed to seeing you through your exciting new journey with Christ.

See you in church real soon!

In Christ's Love,

Kong Hee and Sun Ho

Founders

City Harvest Church, Singapore



Scan the QR code to watch a special video greeting from us.

WHY AM I HERE?

There is more to life than just getting an education, carving out a career, finding a partner in marriage, setting up a family, earning enough money for retirement, and then dying at a ripe old age. Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing the answer to the question: Why am I here?

They live through year after year with no idea why they exist. Everybody wants to be happy. And in the pursuit of that happiness, we try all ways and means to find it.

The key to **TRUE HAPPINESS** lies in the understanding of your **purpose in life.**

Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions. However, as you probably know from your own observations, some of the richest people around are also some of the saddest. Money cannot buy genuine, long-lasting happiness. Some look for happiness by seeking pleasure. If that is possible, then late night partying and indulgence in worldly vices would surely be the answer. But alas, they often leave behind a hollow and empty aftertaste in every pleasure-seeker. Well, there are still others who look for happiness by gaining prestige and power. If that is the key, then some of the most famous international statesmen and Hollywood movie stars ought to be the happiest people around.

However, no one can hold on to prestige and power forever. They are not eternal; you cannot find genuine, long-lasting happiness in them.

So, why are you here? Can you really find true joy and happiness in life? The

answer is YES! And the key to true happiness lies in the understanding of your purpose in life.

The Bible says that there is a God who loves you very much.

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; ...

- Jeremiah 31:3 -

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ...

- Ephesians 2:4 -

This God, who is a good God, created you to have a relationship with Him and to enjoy His blessings.

[Jesus says] I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

- John 10:10 (AMP) -

However, there is a problem.

WHAT
IS THE
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for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ...

- Romans 3:23 (NIV) -

Man chose to rebel and ignore God's principles for living:

- "Well, if it feels good, I will do it... I don't care what God has said!"
- "This is my life and I will do what I like!"
- "I don't need God, I only believe in myself!"

The Bible calls this attitude sin. The fact is that all of us have sinned against God in our attitudes, words and deeds.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

- 1 John 1:8 (NLT) -

We have all told lies, lost our tempers, acted proudly, hurt others with our words, and entertained unloving and immoral thoughts in our minds. All of us

have indeed sinned against God and the tragedy is that sin breaks our relationship with Him. Sin causes us to fear God and live our lives outside of His will.

When our relationship with God is not right, it causes problems in every area of our lives: marriage, career, relationships, finances, health, et cetera. But worst of all, sin has an eternal consequence...

For the wages of sin is death, ...

- Romans 6:23 (NIV) -

The eternal consequence of sin is death. By this, God is not merely talking about the passing away of a person when he dies physically. For the sinner, there is a death worse than physical death; it is called eternal death. That means, forever and ever, the sinner is cut off from God and His goodness. He is banished from the presence of God for all eternity!



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WHAT IS THE SOLU- TION?

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

- John 10:10 (NLT) -

God loves us and wants us to know Him.

However, what is sadder is that even when we know that only God can fulfill our deepest needs, we still try the wrong ways in getting to know Him:

- "Well, my mother is a Christian, so I guess that means I am okay!"
- "It doesn't matter what you believe... as long as you are sincere."
- "If I don't drink, smoke, gamble or womanize, I guess God will overlook my sins."
- "If I work really hard, get a good education and secure a good career, I will earn my salvation."
- "If I become very religious, go to churches and temples, and give donations to charity, I will get to heaven when I die."

Man has tried to bridge that gap through good works, charity, religion and philosophy. But none of these methods can save us or rid us of our sins and reconcile us back to God. The Bible says that there is only one way...

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- John 14:6 -

Because the one who commits sin must be punished and condemned, there is only one way out for the sinner. Somebody must be judged in your place. So, two thousand years ago, God emptied Himself of His glory and came in the form of a human being, Jesus Christ. He personally became that substitute for you and me.

This is the good news for every sinner: Jesus has already taken care of your sin problem!

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:23 -

And the reason God did this was because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8 -

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

YOU NEED TO TAKE THE **"A-B-C"** STEPS TO SALVATION BY PRAYER:

- Admit that you are a sinner and need to turn from your sins (Repentance).
- Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died to pay for your sins and He is alive today.
- Confess Jesus Christ as Lord (or Master) and invite Him to come into your life.

You may pray a simple prayer like this:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I admit I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I believe that you died for my sins on the cross. I now open the door of my life and invite you in to be my Saviour and Lord. Thank you for

forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life from now on. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. I pray this in Your name, Amen."

Remember:

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- Romans 10:9 -

But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn! - not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan - but from the will of God.

- John 1:12-13 (TLB) -

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But to all who **received him**, he gave the right to become **children of God**.

- John 1:12 (TLB) -

ONCE
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what is the purpose for living?

Once you are saved, you become a child of God, a believer of Jesus Christ. The Bible calls you a "Christian". Your new relationship with God will bring a real, genuine happiness into your life.

Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

- Psalm 144:15 -

The Christian life is never static or boring. It is a very exciting and supernatural journey!

There are five basic goals in every Christian's life. As you pursue after these goals, you will find a great fulfillment in your life. You will also find yourself growing more and more spiritual as a believer.

1. **Worship** - To know God and to love Him.
2. **Discipleship** - To have your character changed to be more like Jesus.

3. **Fellowship** - To build meaningful relationships with other Christians.

4. **Ministry** - To use your talents to serve others.

5. **Evangelism** - To share this good news with others who have yet to know Christ.

The five goals of worship, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and evangelism can only be properly carried out in the spiritual environment of a local church. So, go and get a Bible today and start reading the Word of God. Then find a Spirit-filled, Bible-believing church where you are comfortable in and start attending it regularly as soon as you can.

Welcome to your new life in Christ, my friend. Put on your "seat-belt" and get ready for the great adventure that God has in store for you!

**I AM THE
BREAD
THAT
GIVES
LIFE!**

- John 6:48 (CEV) -

HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

So you will be saved, if you honestly say, “Jesus is Lord,” and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.

- Romans 10:9 (CEV) -

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THE CITY HARVEST STORY

The story of City Harvest Church began in 1989 when Kong Hee, then an itinerant minister whose heart was set on missions, was called by the Lord to “raise up a generation of young people who would take Asia by storm” for Him. Brother Kong, as he was then called, was just 24, a youth cell group leader of a bunch of young people at an Anglican church. Choosing to obey God’s call, he started a new ministry with just two of his cell group members. This group soon grew to 20 and held its first independent meeting at Peace Centre.

In the 1990s and 2000s, we found our congregation expanding at a rapid rate. True to its call, City Harvest Church became a church strong in its youth work and it remains so today. Over the years, our church has grown to serve various communities in Singapore. Beyond the main THE CITY HARVEST STORY congregation at our weekly English services, we also cater to Mandarin and Dialect speakers, Indonesians, Filipinos, Japanese, the intellectually disabled, children and

infants. Our community services arm CHCSA was founded in 1996 and continues to serve the elderly, youth and families in need.

In 2003, Pastor Kong heard again from God, this time to evangelise the nations through engaging the marketplace. This was what we came to know as the “Cultural Mandate”, the chief initiative of which was the Crossover Project. Pastor Kong’s wife, Sun, then our church’s worship leader was sent out by the church to engage the pop music industry, first in Asia, then in the US, in the sincere belief we would eventually bring the gospel to the world’s unsaved.

2010 marked the darkest period of our existence as a church. Pastor Kong and a number of our church leaders were investigated by the authorities and subsequently sentenced in Court. When the six appealed the verdict and sentences, the Appeal Court found them to have committed a basic breach—the Court noted that the six had a sincere love for the church and

that our church ultimately suffered no monetary loss and reduced their sentences.

It seemed for a time that we would not emerge from this terrible ordeal. But we serve a faithful God, and the call upon City Harvest Church has not changed. Day by day, week by week, service by service, we picked ourselves up and moved forward, one foot in front of the other. God's relentless love and mercy has sustained us—He has taken our mourning and given us gladness.

City Harvest Church remains steadfast to our God-given mandate. God's divine purpose has shone through our toughest moments, giving us a renewed perspective on what it means to be His church. In a God-inspired moment, Sun, our co-founder, refined

our mission statement into four core values: Here in CHC, we desire that everyone Encounter God, Cultivate Purpose, Experience Family and Make A Difference.

The testing of our faith has produced not only patience, but wisdom, humility, long-suffering, courage, peace and joy. Through this whole process, we have drawn closer to God by loving Him wholeheartedly and serving each other and our community fervently. By the grace of God, our love for missions continues to grow as we become more involved in building up churches all around the world. Our desire is that more people will experience the reality of Heaven here on earth as promised in Matthew 6:10. Our firm belief is that the world is at its best when the church is at its best!



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on earth as it is in heaven. - Matthew 6:10 (NIV) -

NOW YOU ARE SAVED, WHAT'S NEXT?

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You have just invited Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour, and this is the beginning of a wonderful adventure between you and Him.

God loves you just the way you are; but He also loves you too much to leave you the same. He has a wonderful plan and a great destiny for your life. Whether are you a brand new Christian or a believer who has just rededicated your life to Christ, the Bible says you are a "babe in Christ." That means you must now grow spiritually mature, day by day.

This is going to take time and the formation of healthy and godly habits. There are five simple good habits that every Christian should form:

1. **Read the Bible every day.**

The Bible is not just a collection of ideas and philosophies. It is God's very own words. Every time you read the Bible and hear it preached, you are feeding your soul and building strength in your spirit. Through God's Word, you will gain wisdom to know what to do when you are faced with a problem or in a difficult circumstance.

Pray, before you begin reading your Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you a truth that God wants to reveal to you, then go ahead and read a few chapters. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you, through God's Word, concerning the areas in your life that God wants to touch and bring about a change.

2. **Learn how to pray.**

Prayer is simply talking to God, with the knowing that He is listening to your prayer. God loves to hear you talk to Him on any subject that is bothering you.

Part of praying is also singing praises and worshipping God in songs. You don't need to have a beautiful voice because God loves to hear you sing to Him.

The more you praise and worship God, the more your faith toward God will grow in you.

3. **Look for a good church to attend and be committed to.**

Fellowship with other believers is very important. Every Christian is like a piece of charcoal will lose its fire very quickly. However, when placed next to other pieces of charcoal in a hot barbecue pit, the fire will burn on and on and on. The

more we spend time with other Bible-believing Christians, the more our love, fire and passion for Jesus Christ will burn on and on and on.

Join a good church that teaches the Word of God. Submit to the pastors and elders there. Remember, they may not be perfect people, but they will help you grow in God.

4. **Serve God in your church.**

God has given talents and gifts to each one of us, that we may all play a part in building the kingdom of God. The church is a body of believers, where every member is a minister, and "every joint supplies".

Sign up for ministries such as ushering, children's church, cell group and other wonderful activities. The more you serve, the more you discover the talents and spiritual gifts that God has put into your life.

5. **Show the love of God by being the salt and light of Christ to those around you.**

As believers, we have the responsibility to help others find salvation in Jesus Christ. We do this by demonstrating the reality of God as we live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. When others see in us the joy of the Lord—coupled with a genuine love and concern for people—they too, will want to experience the goodness of God for themselves. As you continue to grow in the Lord, your family and friends will see a positive change in your life; and then God will be mightily glorified through you.


May you fulfill the purpose and destiny that God has for you, as you embark on this exciting journey with Jesus!

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