



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

CALLED FOR PRAISE AND GLORY

Beloveth, we have every cause to praise God for His goodness and mercy to us. He has seen us through the first quarter in the year 2017. He kept us and protected us. Glory and honor is due to His holy name! Last month we were looking at various types of gifts of the Holy Spirit. In continuation of our studies on fulfilling our destiny, this month we shall be considering the theme "Divine Calls and Ministry Gifts."

The Lord has been gracious to us all throughout the past year and into a new quarter of the new year. Our heavenly father does wonders in our lives, in the lives of our loved ones and in the lives of our church members. The only way to acknowledge the wonders of God in our lives is to give him praise and publicly glorify to His goodness in our lives. We might even win souls or get backslidden believers to retrace their steps and find God once again simply by publicly acknowledging His glory upon us. *"I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee; I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."* (Psm. 138:2). As we worship in his presence this morning and throughout the week, let us remain in the mood of praise; let us acknowledge his wonders in our lives and in the world. Let our communication and attitude throughout the week be one of praise to Him for His glory.

You do not need to look far to find a reason or reasons to praise God. Think about the past, think of where you are right now and imagine where He is taking you tomorrow. As regards tomorrow, the Bible says in *Jeremiah 29: 11: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end*". His plan is that you will reach your expected end. Things might not be where you want them to be; the situation might not yet be what you expect it to be, but our miracle-working Savior knows your name; He knows your destiny, and He alone knows your future. Do not look back to the past; do not look to your past and feel you have missed anything. That nostalgia is a misplaced one. Consider *Ecclesiastes 7:10*: which advises that you *"Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? For thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this"*. It is not good wisdom to miss the past; just focus on the present and commit the future into the hands of your heavenly Father. He knows your name; He knows your situation, and will perfect that that concerns you.

Brethren, when God created us, He had a purpose in mind. When He redeemed us, He had a reason/ reasons in mind. His purpose is for us to glorify Him and to bring Him praise. As we work to fulfill His purpose and to bring Him honour, He will bless us in return. The message today is divided into two parts:

- (a) The Purpose of His Call - Isa. 43:21; 2 Thess. 1:12; Mt 9:8;
- (b) The Nature of His Call - 2Tim 1:9; Heb 3:1; Rom 8:30

As we march triumphantly into the second quarter of the years, our lives will surely show forth His glory in Jesus' name!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

— PSALM 103:2 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org