



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

A HEART OF THANKSGIVING: THE ANTIDOTE FOR MARCHING FORWARD

Beloved, with joy and gladness, we welcome you to the month of March 2017! This third month of the year stands for the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I pray that the power of the Trinity will give you the grace to march forward. This month also represents the beginning of a new season; you will have the grace to SPRING forward; no more barriers to your forward movement in Jesus' name!

Our service today is in two parts: special thanksgiving for the month, and especially for the 75th birthday of our Daddy in the Lord, Pastor E. A. Adeboye and the anniversary of the Holy Ghost Services. Our God is great and greatly to be praised in all situations (**Psm48:1-2**). We are a generation that is blessed with such a Daddy GO and the anointing and presence of God in all Holy Ghost services both in Nigeria and in all gathering for the Holy Ghost all over the world. We praise our God for the wonders of such a crowd and the mighty wonders at our time. We thank God, we bless His holy name, and we appreciate Him from the bottom of our hearts for counting us worthy of monthly fellowship. May this grace not depart from us in Jesus' name!

In **Matt. 15: 8** Jesus said that the Pharisees worship with their mouths while their hearts are far from God. This kind of service is known as "vain worship" and only teaches the commandment of men. How then do we offer acceptable services to God? We need the following pre-requisites:

1. **With our heart:** Beloved, we are serving the Lord that searches our heart and knows the motive of everything we do even before we kneel down to worship Him. In **Ps 103:1** the psalmist commanded his soul to bless the Lord and all that is within to bless His holy name.
2. **With our substance:** in **2 Sam 24:24** David said, "***I will not offer unto the Lord anything that costs me nothing.***" Abel's sacrifice was acceptable because it was the best and his first fruit. Let us be mindful that our sacrifice must cost us something.

A second part of the sermon of today relates to the opening of the theme for the month: "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit". The clear distinction of Christianity from other religions is the presence of the "Comforter" that is with us. Jesus Christ said at his departure that He must go so that the Holy Spirit may come. This was fulfilled in **Acts 2: 1-4** when the Holy Ghost descended on the disciples of Jesus. The Holy Spirit did not come alone, but brought 9 special gifts as follows:

- A) Revelation Gifts (i.e. spiritual gifts that reveal something)
 1. Gift of the word of wisdom (and how it is different from wisdom) vs 8
 2. Gift of word of knowledge (as different from knowledge) vs 8
 3. Gift of discerning of spirits (as different from discernment) vs 10
- B) Power Gifts (i.e. spiritual gifts that do something)
 4. Gift of faith (as different from other types/levels of faith) vs 9
 5. Gift of healing (versus receiving by faith) vs 9
 6. Gift of working of miracles vs 10
- C) Utterance or Inspiration Gifts (i.e. spiritual gifts that say something)
 7. Gift of prophecy vs 10
 8. Gift of divers kinds of tongues vs 10
 9. Gift of interpretation of tongues vs 10

As we covet these gifts this month, the gifts shall not depart from us in Jesus name!

CHARACTER BUILDER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

- 2 PETER 1:5-7 KJV

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