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**Brother  
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Writes**

At the peak of our Fund Raising drive for the Church Rebuilding, I considered seriously whether it was right to buy TOTO so that we can contribute significantly to the shortfall of funds. I am sure that thought might have passed through some of your minds. Maybe some even did it in desperation to raise funds. Rev Anthony also mentioned it in one of his sermons. Yet I can confidently say that if I had sought your advice whether that was the right thing to do, most if not all of us would say that it was the wrong means to raise funds for church because it goes against the principle of “In God we Trust”. God will provide. Indeed He did, praise the Lord.

Non-Christians cannot understand why we think it is wrong to play TOTO or 4D. After all it is only a mere \$1 to win \$2 million or more. We probably drop a \$1 coin and never bother to pick it up. They cannot understand the principle that it is not the amount that counts but the lack of trust in

God. Recently, my boss told me that she is going to quit betting on 4D. That is after more than 15 years that I had known her. I can only guess how much she has donated to the pools.

Palm Sunday, Egypt, bombs went off in two churches killing 44 people. World leaders, including the Pope and President Trump, condemned the attacks but the perpetrators probably felt that they had done the right thing and were deserving of eternal rewards. What do you think? Do you defend their actions or do you keep silence? Does silence mean consent? In fact, everybody may be bothered by it; they're just being silent. You can't be sure that their silence truly means they are consenting to it.

On the other side of the coin, if you are being silent about an issue, be aware that others may very well be interpreting that as consent.

When things go wrong, are Christians to take the defensive mode and say that it was the right thing to do? We do not condemn but should we defend? Do we have a position to take? Can we take the “no comment” route and leave the world thinking that we cannot differentiate right from wrong, that silence means consent?

*Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent. Proverbs 17:28*

The world has changed much. As Samuel Tan mentioned, we now live in an "i" world. It is all about me. There is no absolute rights or wrongs and those who are for the right dare not speak up and those who are for the wrongs are very vocal.

Oct. 29, 80 thousand people had taken part in a "gay pride" in Taipei to seek the approval of the law for same sex marriages.

Apr. 5, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte faced criticism for defending adultery saying, "This is a world of hypocrisy. Who among you here does not have a mistress? But really there are so many women and you (have) so short a time in this world. My God!" that drew laughter from the crowd.

My guess is that if men were to marry men, then there would be many women left behind for President Duterte.

We do not condemn because we ourselves are sinners, ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3:23.

Excerpt From Martin Luther's Bible Commentary on Romans 2:

*We are unable to keep the law for to fulfill the law means to do its work eagerly, lovingly and freely, without the constraint of the law; it means to live well and in a manner pleasing to God, as though there were no law or punishment. It is the Holy Spirit, however, who puts such eagerness of unconstrained love into the heart and the Spirit is given only in, with, and through faith in Jesus Christ.*

*That is why faith alone makes someone just and fulfills the law; faith it is that brings the Holy Spirit through the merits of Christ. The Spirit, in turn, renders the heart glad and free, as the law demands.*

*Sin in the Scriptures means not only external works of the body but also all those movements within us which bestir themselves and move us to do the external works, namely, the depth of the heart with all its powers. No external work of sin happens, after all, unless a person commit himself to it completely, body and soul. In particular, the Scriptures see into the heart, to the root and main source of all sin: unbelief in the depth of the heart. Thus, even as faith alone makes just and brings the Spirit and the desire to do good external works, so it is only unbelief which sins and exalts the flesh and brings desire to do evil external works.*

*That is why only unbelief is called sin by Christ, as he says in John, chapter 16, "The Spirit will punish the world because of sin, because it does not believe in me."*

*Because our flesh has not been killed, we are still sinners, but because we believe in Christ and have the beginnings of the Spirit, God shows us his favor and mercy, that he neither notices nor judges such sins. Rather he deals with us according to our belief in Christ until sin is killed.*

*Faith is a living, unshakeable confidence in God's grace. This kind of trust in and knowledge of God's grace makes a person joyful, confident, and happy with regard to God and all creatures. This is what the Holy Spirit does by faith. Through faith, a person will do good to everyone without coercion, willingly and happily; he will serve everyone, suffer everything for the love and praise of God, who has shown him such grace. It is as impossible to separate works from faith. Therefore be on guard against your own false ideas and against the chatterers who think they are clever enough to make judgements about faith and good works but who are in reality the biggest fools. Ask God to work faith in you; otherwise you will remain eternally without faith, no matter what you try to do or fabricate.*

Extract from an Internet site:

When a Christian says, for example, that homosexual behavior is a sin and that same-sex marriage is wrong, he or she is often met with objections like the "Who do you think you are, telling someone who they can and cannot love? You're a sinner, too!" Some people will even quote Matthew 7:1, where Christ said during the Sermon on the Mount, "Judge not, that you be not judged." When we consider the concept of judging, especially as it relates to the Sermon on the Mount, Christ tells us to be discerning, not condemning.

There are significant logical problems with the claim that believers should not make judgments. The first becomes evident when we read the context of Matthew 7:1-5. Here, Christ is warning believers against making judgments in a hypocritical or condemning manner. That type of judging is a characteristic often associated with the Pharisees during the ministry of Jesus. Matthew 7:5, "Then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." The point Jesus emphasizes here is to judge yourself first before you make judgments about others. Jesus is telling believers to be discerning when it comes to false teaching and false prophets because they "look" Christian, but their goal is to lead the flock astray.

What Christ teaches His believers is that if we ourselves are not personally repenting of our sins, we are in no place to tell others how sinful they are acting.

Perhaps we do not condemn because we are all hypocrites, constrained by the law and society. If the law breaks down and what is sinful is socially acceptable, we would probably join in the fun. That's what hypocrites are, not super good but superficially good.

*Martin Cheah*

## THE EASTER STORY – FACT OR FICTION?

Fake stories abound. They cause a lot of confusion. There are people taken in by fake stories, and there are those who become guarded to the point that they reject truths as unworthy of their belief. Once bitten twice shy. If you have been deceived once by a crook knocking at your door, you become wary of anybody who knocks on your door, even of someone who sincerely brings you good news.

Not all stories that seem incredible are false. Not all stories that seem credible are true. **It is in our interest not to accept or reject stories outright based on prejudice.** It is bad if something true with great implications is rejected outright as much as it is bad if something false is accepted as true.

Suppose a child comes to you excitedly, exclaiming: My teacher says, “Christmas is coming. A jolly senior citizen living in the Arctic is coming with his reindeer flying over the world ...”

How would you react? Maybe you just smile at the sweet child, followed up with an “opportune” add-on advice: “Yes dear, you better watch out, better not cry, ... Santa is coming to town! He is making a list ...”

Some falsehoods last for a limited period in innocent minds; for e.g., a child may outgrow his belief in the Santa story. However, there are people who spread untruths with long-term repercussions. Some untruths may take root and obstruct us from seeking the truths. If we care to reflect on our own experiences in our years of growing up with exposure to childhood stories adults told us, product information that advertisers used to cultivate our loyalty, fear-mongering in social media, propagandas by entities with vested interests, etc., we know that sublimely we have not been immune to negative influences with the propensity to keep a stranglehold on our minds. Some of these influences were jettisoned from our system when we gained wisdom whereas some stay with us stubbornly.

I believe in one’s free will to accept or reject anything – with a caveat:

- If we accept or reject with support by evidence and wise deliberations, **we taste the fruits of our right decisions for a long time to come.**
- On the other hand, if we accept or reject out of hand (without taking time to think) by intransigence, **the outcomes of our**

wrong decision may turn out to be chilling for a long time to come.

- In short, **there is personal responsibility for every decision.**

It is Easter Sunday on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Here is an Easter story:



*Easter time is a great Bunny Time – a balmy time for the Easter Hares, cuddly and tame, who come out of their rabbit holes to play, bringing colourful Easter eggs and candies for obedient children.*

Here is another Easter story (from the Bible) that deserves our thought:

- Jesus rode on a donkey to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. He was welcomed by people who covered his path with garments and palm leaves. (Palm Sunday) They shouted “Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Mt 21:9). However, the Pharisees were resentful.
- Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples. **He knew that it would be his Last Supper with them** as he would be betrayed by one of his disciples, arrested and sacrificed on the Cross for the sins of all mankind. The actions and words of our Lord in offering his disciples the bread and wine served to institute the Sacrament of Holy Communion that Christians celebrate to this day.
- Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Over there, he was arrested, being betrayed by Judas. **What Jesus earlier predicted came true** – that before the cock crows, Peter would have disowned him three times.

- The Jewish leaders could not find anything wrong with Jesus, even though they paid for people to wrongly accuse him. Pontius Pilate, under pressure, reluctantly pronounced him guilty and finally sentenced him to be crucified on the Cross.
- At the moment Jesus died, the earth quaked. “When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, **"Surely he was the Son of God!"** (Matt. 27:54)
- The body of Jesus was laid in a tomb, sealed with a large and heavy stone. Two days later, Mary Magdalene discovered that the huge stone had been moved and the body was gone, and only the burial cloth was found left behind.
- **Jesus is Alive!** He appeared to Mary. He also appeared to his disciples several times.



- Jesus was crucified. He was buried. "On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures." (Nicene Creed)

Both the rabbit story and the Jesus' story of Easter sound incredible, do I hear you say?

Once upon a time when people first heard the story that the Earth is round and floats in space, it might have been considered that the storyteller was good for a lunatic asylum. However, we are now wise to the fact that a perceived “incredibility” does not in itself provide sufficient grounds for us to determine the truth – to accept or reject (with personal responsibility as our companion for a long time to come). **Our determination of the truth should not be based on pre-conceived prejudice but with diligent investigation.**

Some pertinent devices to help sift out the truth about the Easter story from the fake stories are: (1) Credentials of historical evidence, (2) whether the story is buttressed by not a single source but a multitude of respectable sources,

(3) authorities cited, (4) endurance over a long time of being challenged, (5) test of faith, etc.

The devices we use to reveal the truth can be as many as we can muster. We use them not singly but work them together to our benefits. Even if the Bible story of Easter is incredible, it would be much more astonishing if we simply palm it off (out of hand, out of mind) without investigation, with the least bit of concern that **it is a story closely related to our lives**. After all, the brightest, strongest, most powerful and most capable among us cannot defeat death; we all will die one day, without exception, and **we should have confidence in where we will go – NOT wait and see**.

### **Evidence from outside Scripture**

#### **Witness: Tacitus**

If you don't like the Bible, there is still an abundance of historical non-Scripture sources. The real life of Jesus and his public death were a matter of certainty that has changed the course of history.

**"The Roman historian and senator Tacitus referred to Christ, his execution by Pontius Pilate, and the existence of early Christians in Rome in one page of his final work, Annals (written ca. AD 116), book 15, chapter 44. The context of the passage is the six-day Great Fire of Rome that burned much of the city in AD 64 during the reign of Roman Emperor Nero. The passage is one of the earliest non-Christian references to the origins of Christianity, the execution of Christ described in the canonical gospels, and the presence and persecution of Christians in 1st-century Rome."**

[HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/TACITUS\\_ON\\_CHRIST](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tacitus_on_Christ)

It is highly noteworthy that Tacitus confirmed that Jesus is a historical figure who was executed by Pontius Pilate. Also, until 65 A.D. (during Nero's reign), Christianity spread from Judea across the Mediterranean to Rome. The large number of believers in Christ frightened Nero so much that he felt the need to persecute the Christians. Obviously, Tacitus was an anti-Christian witness to tell his story. He didn't have any favourable opinion of Christians, thinking that



Christianity was an “evil superstition”. **Is there any logic to disbelieve what Tacitus recorded in his Annals?**

Witness: Josephus

The historian, Josephus, was a former Jewish commander of Galilee who fought against the Romans. He eventually became a Roman citizen and wrote many books on Jewish history. The following is an extract from his writings, covering the time and occupation of Jesus:

**Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; (64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross,<sup>b</sup> those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day,<sup>c</sup> as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.**

**FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS; WILLIAM WHISTON**

Secular literatures from the Roman era (with modern translations) are plentiful, **bearing independent testimony of the events surrounding Jesus Christ – supporting rather than undermining the Bible records that tell the story of Easter, a story that is closely related to our lives.**

### **Proving the Incredible**

In the morning of Easter, the grave of Christ was empty. This is “incredible”!

“Incredible” but true – Jesus was resurrected! If Jesus was not resurrected, then it must be incredible that the Roman and Jewish leaders were not able to

simply produce the body to prove it to the hilt that the believers were lying. Doubly incredible was that the authorities with all their investigative power supported by the zealous enemies of Jesus across the land were not able to find a single shred of evidence of tomb-breaking against the high security present (huge heavy stone sealing the tomb, the presence of Roman soldiers, etc.) or of the whereabouts of the missing body.

A lot more can be said about the incredibility of unbelievers' claims; yet, the unbelievers could only focus on the "incredibility" of the resurrection of the Lord on Easter morning but not on the incredibility of their propositions that the believers were lying or had reason to lie.

**The importance of the resurrection of Christ was at the centre of the apostles' preaching.** This message Apostle Paul, the least of the apostles (as he claimed to be), received and passed on:

*"For what I received I passed on to you **as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."* – 1 Cor. 15:3-8

If it were not so, and the disciples were simply deceiving the world, why would they have given their lives to preaching the message, rising astoundingly from timidity to exemplars of great courage in the face of persecutions? Yet, the opponents who handed out persecutions liberally were not able to prove anything against the believers.

**If people are consumed by the "incredibility" of the Easter story from the Bible and secular literatures, they must be fair to apply the "incredibility angle" to their posits that the empty tomb could support a different explanation. If they can't do that, they may want to give themselves extra time to investigate the**

story further through both the Christian and non-Christian resources – the story that is closely related to our lives!

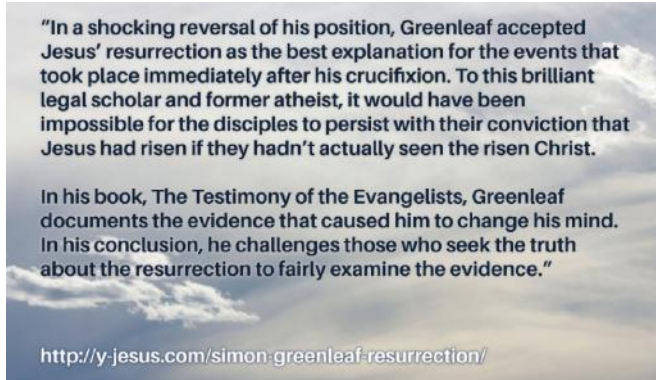
Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853) was a Harvard Law Professor, a world-renowned expert on the law of evidence. Accepting his students' challenge, he set out to prove his claim that the resurrection of Jesus was a legend. Instead, the evidence bowled him over.

The tremendous courage of the apostles and the silence of the enemies prove that the “incredible”

story of Easter is indeed credible while the wild hypotheses of the unbelievers are themselves even more incredible.

The Easter story is a story that is closely related to our lives, and each person bears personal free-will responsibility to accept or reject it.

To those who are in doubt about the truth of the story, I recommend that they don't just dismiss it out of hand but do a research on it with biblical and secular sources of information AND proceed to disprove the story like what Simon Greenleaf first tried and later challenged unbelievers to do the same.



*John Lee*

## OUR UNLIKELY CARE GROUP

Our care group is an unlikely cell. We are made up of people from different life stages, at different age groups and of all walks of life - a couple with teenage children, families of young children, singles of different age groups, an aunt with her niece, couples without children and newlyweds to be. A visitor to our cell once commented on our unique make-up. Usually care groups prefer to be grouped according to their life stages so that they can share their common struggles and be understood.

Lately, as I reflected on this unique make up of my care group, I began to appreciate the uniqueness of it and the beauty that comes with it. If your care group is varied like mine, let us celebrate! We are simply brought together by God to celebrate our uniqueness and our oneness in Christ! We get to share the different struggles that each one of us face and yet are brought together when we pray for one another guided by His Spirit. Our different life stages and the lessons that we have learnt from God are further enriched by the variety of experiences that we have as a group.



It is a reminder that when we finally see Him face to face in heaven, we will be joined together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from all walks of life regardless of our race, language, age, culture, status or denomination. When God looks at us he does not see what status we hold in society, how we look or how much we have. God sees Christ in us and us as His children. Our care groups, which makes up the church, is an imperfect and yet a beautiful foreshadow of heaven on earth.

**Saw Peh Ern**

## AN INTERVIEW WITH DEACON PETER

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I must admit I know very little of Deacon Peter other than him being the head of the Dialect Ministry. Hence I was thankful that out of his busy schedule, he managed to spare some time for The Vine!

**Alicia:** A little background of you please!

**Deacon Peter:** My siblings and I attended Sunday school at the Bukit Panjang Methodist church after much persuasion from the owner of the little kampong house our family rented. It was at a Christmas celebration that I first came to know about little baby Jesus and His birth in a manger.



In 1980, I prayed to receive Christ at the Luis Palau Gospel Rally held at the Singapore National Stadium and was subsequently baptised in Jurong Christian Church. I have been worshipping and serving in this church since then. I am happily married to Jessie, my beloved wife for 40 years and still enjoying our family life. Just last year in Sept 2016, on our pilgrimage to Jerusalem, we renewed our wedding vow at the Church in Cana (aka Cana of the Galilee) - the historical village site where Jesus miraculously transformed water into wine at the Wedding Feast. We have 3 children – 2 sons(aged 38 and 30) and a

daughter(aged 29).

I enjoy talking to elderly people from diverse dialect and cultural backgrounds, especially folks who are fluent in their own mother tongues like Hokkien, Teochew, Cantonese, Hainanese, Hakka and Malay. I have a keen interest in improving and deepening my knowledge and conversational skill in dialects. I would consider myself a warm and friendly person who is still young at heart. Though aged 67 now, I often hear people saying I don't look my age. Maybe it is my family gene plus perks enjoyed in my ministry work - being 'pampered' and treated like children by our motherly/fatherly folks in the dialect congregation. I thank God for His manifold blessings.



**Alicia:** What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**Deacon Peter:** I love cooking and trying out food recipes whenever I could find the time to do so. I feel good when I see my family members enjoying the dishes I had joyfully cooked for them. My children are my best critics and sometimes 'guinea pigs' for some of my weird recipes combination.

When the opportunity permits, I will search and sniff out good food outlets in shopping malls and coffee shops or hawker centres to compare and gauge my culinary skill against those 'recommended' dishes. Church members do notice that I have a habit of inspecting and scrutinising canned and bottled food products at supermarkets. It is like treasure hunting, trying to discover and discern the types of ingredients used in certain popular items, and to seek inspiration for new recipes. Most JCCians may not know that I once operated a food catering business too. You can say cooking, Peranakan style, is in my blood.

**Alicia:** What drew you into serving in this ministry?

**Deacon Peter:** Having witnessed my own elderly parents receiving Christ during their old age and seeing the challenges and difficulties they encountered when attending church, I felt the urgency and burden to help the old folks in the last phase of their life journey, to win them for Christ's kingdom. Looking back at my 15 years of service in the ministry, I could only say it was my calling from God. By God's grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit, today JCC dialect congregation is maturing and gradually expanding in strength. We have come a long way, since starting this ministry work from scratch with only little Hokkien knowledge and limited, untrained manpower resources. I count it all my joy and privilege to be able to serve alongside our dedicated team of co-labourers, even as we continue to facilitate in the sowing and harvesting work in God's earthly kingdom.



I see dialect ministry as a very important work in God's harvest field. I must say there are many life lessons and good values we can learn from the elderly folks. I had discovered and learnt a lot more about aging problems and issues most frail and aging elderly folks faced in their twilight years. I got to understand and see life from their perspective - through the lens of their weary eyes. I feel a great sense of joy and excitement whenever a window of opportunity is opened for the gospel of Christ to be shared. I rejoiced with a sense of victory and jubilation each time a soul is saved, regardless of the person's dialect, age and health condition.



Dialect ministry is a Cradle to Grave ministry. Majority of elderly worshippers had come to know Christ during the final lap of their life journey and like new born little children, they would need guidance and spiritual food to help them mature from liquid to solid food as they walk the path of eternal life promised by Lord Jesus. Over the years, we have developed close bonding and family ties with many of them and their family members. It can be sad and painful to see some depart suddenly or for some, a gradual decline in their health but all were nevertheless very courageous and ready to be called home by the Lord when the time came. Though tears were shed and goodbye bade, we knew in our heart that they had run and finished the good race and will be rewarded and well rested in the everlasting arm of our Father in heaven.

**Alicia:** What difficulties do you face in your ministry? How do you overcome them?

**Deacon Peter:** In our area of ministry work, we do not really get to enjoy the benefits of modern technology like Facebook, WhatsApp, email or even sms since most elderly folks have very little education. Thus, they are not as technology savvy as the younger generation. We try to be sensitive to the needs of these elderly folks by focusing much on relationship building, like face to face communication and bonding in practical ways, showing them respect and patience, covering them with loving tender care. Hospital visits are fairly routine as sickness and falls are common among



the elderly. I have to remind myself to constantly turn to God for strength, patience and good health in order to serve His people. Thank the Lord for a strong and dedicated leadership team and passionate helpers to enable me to fulfil His calling in JCC.

**Alicia:** We all have certain prayers that we submit to God over different periods of time. What is the prayer that is weighing on you right now?

**Deacon Peter:** It is my heart desire to see more people come to know the gospel truth and receive salvation in Christ. Pray the Lord will raise up more labourers in JCC and open up more doors for the sharing of the gospel in and around Taman Jurong area using creative and meaningful ways for the lost to be saved, making use of the new and bigger church facilities that God has so graciously provided for His harvest work.

**Alicia:** What would you like to see in JCC in 5 years' time?

**Deacon Peter:** A growing, vibrant and people oriented church that is committed to be “fisher of men” - being more outward than inward looking in church ministries and programs. Our church used to be more of a family church; many worshippers are related or connected in one way or another. We have two-generational and even three-generational families worshipping together on Sundays. It will be good if more concerted effort and attention is given for the outreach to elderly parents/relatives of our existing congregation members. I would like to see us encouraging and helping our youths and young adults to share the gospel with their loved ones and facilitate in their participation at church evangelistic and outreach events through a partnership program - deliberate and strategic effort between their children and pastoral/leadership team to connect with these pre-believers – fishes at the fringe waiting to be caught. The Lord wants to enlarge our tent and expand His kingdom boundary to bring in the sheaves. I believe the Lord wants His church to be ready for the harvest and to grow in wisdom, strength and stature too. Considering the urgency of Christ's return, 5 years is not much of a time.





# Amazing Love

## *Good Morning Jesus*

Every morning, I would receive whatsapp messages and pictures from the Abundance Cell Group, ex-schoolmates, ex-colleagues or close friends regarding Christianity, up-coming events, songs, prayers, thanks-giving, encouragements, etc. Sometimes, it does seem like we are just receiving too many of such messages. Really, what was I thinking?



All these messages are a blessing in disguise where there are people who remember Jesus and they are reminding me to do the same!

There are moments when all these messages seem to come at the right time when you need that whisper of encouragement and the strength of Jesus' presence. It is a nice reminder to remember to lean on God's strength and not our own. Jesus did die for us and our sins, right?

### ***How amazing is His Love!***

In our busyness, what can we get most out of Jesus? Yet, we can meet someone who continues to share God's word in His own way in that busy schedule of ours. I think I met this taxi driver again who shared with me about Jesus a while ago. It was not my intention to take a cab to work that day, but I did!

*I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again*

*Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me*

*Amazing love  
I know it's true  
It's my joy to honour You  
In all I do I honour You*

*You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus you are my King*

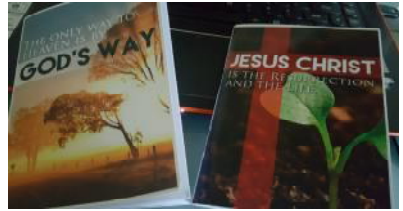
As we spoke, these are the materials that he wrote and gave me. See picture below. I thought it could be a cult practice in the name of Jesus? He said he does preach in Mandarin and as a taxi driver, it is really taking this opportunity to share God's Word. He finds money to print these materials through the support from many others. This is a man who is working as a taxi driver and sharing his love for God in his job!

## ***You are My King!***

Next, I received this song from the Cell Group. We just marvel at the wonders of technology nowadays.

Think about Jesus. He does not need to die for us, but He did.

Think about ourselves, how did this love so amazing save us?



What would you have done if you were in Jesus shoes? How can it be? It is not possible! But it is! This love is so powerful!

*God, we pray that you will be with us and strengthen us with this love so real and true. It is because we are forgiven and accepted that you gave us this opportunity to live again.*

*We go through life in our busyness crying for help and suppressing the knowledge that you are the source of our efforts and success in line with your plan for our lives.*

*We struggle against situations, but only to realise that You are the One to run to even though it hurts as we remember the cruelties of what life has brought upon us.*

*We forget that we can also bring praises to you in the things that we do not have or never received. It could be a blessing when we do not have these things.*

*We forget that we should come to You when we have the things that we do not deserve, but received it anyway. It is also a blessing for us.*

***And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all things, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinth 9:8)***

Joyce Tan





Apr 8 – Richard Lee’s mother celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and was also baptized. Her whole clan was there to celebrate. Two days later Richard became a grandfather to Lydia Lee, daughter of son, Marcus and wife, Stef. We congratulate Richard Lee for the double blessings he received.



Apr 15 - Those who signed up for the Flower

Arrangement lesson during the Open House had their first lesson today. It is no surprise that it was all ladies who attended.

Apr 9 – During the last few Sundays, the CGs had a table outside the Sanctuary to recruit new members. Today they provided peanuts to attract the people to join the CGs. I am not sure if peanuts can attract.



Apr 14 – Good Friday at new JCC. We had the traditional hammering a nail onto a wooden cross. What thoughts were on our minds at the time? “My sins nailed You (Jesus) to the cross” or “My sins I nail to the cross”?

# BB Enrolment 2017

No more parades in the hot noonday sun as we now have a covered carpark to march in. The first BB Enrolment service at new JCC was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

