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EDITORIAL PAGE

FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We appreciate all the contributors to this edition. Our ability to be prompt and consistent in the production of this newsletter depends on our sacrifices to give us your contributions on time. You have been fantastic in this regard. We, however, need more push and we need more contributors. We also use this opportunity to remind readers to send us articles and responses to what is published here, no matter where your location is. We are one single-family in Christ Jesus. We would be glad to give you your space. Please send your materials to publications@rccgregina.ca



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FROM THE PASTORATE

WALKING IN DOMINION

I congratulate you for being alive to have the March 2022 edition of **The Ark** in your hand. You have been blessed with the gift of life, and nothing will stop your upward and forward movement in life in Jesus' name.



Pastor Paul Omoyefa

As you read this edition, I want to encourage you with the theme God gave unto us in RCCG Mount Zion Regina SK for March 2022.

As we begin the last month in the first quarter of this year of standing on God's promises, the almighty God has declared March as the month of "WALKING IN DOMINION". The Bible confirms this thus: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28). The first act of God to man after creation was declaring blessings upon mankind. Also, the first commandment God gave to man was to walk in dominion.

So, God's original intention for creating human beings is to have dominion. In other words, if man does not walk in dominion he is living in disobedience to the commandment of God.

To walk in dominion, God gave us four important things we must do: to be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, and subdue it. Before God gave us these four commands, he had embedded in us the potentiality to actualize them. Also, all of them have to be combined before man could be said to be complete in his obedience to God's commandment. To be fruitful simply means to be productive by means of bringing into existence what was not there previously. This is also multi-dimensional in meaning in the sense that the totality of your being must be fruitful. Your thoughts must produce fruit, so also is your hands. So, to be fruitful goes beyond the fruit of the womb.

Not that alone, your spirit must also produce fruit as enunciated in Galatians 5:22-23. These fruits must also be brought in due season, as mentioned in Psalm 1:3. For the fig tree attracted a curse from Jesus Christ because of its failure to bring forth fruits in due season. The lesson here is that we have to be complete both in timing and activities in our fruitfulness so that we can be called a fruitful bough by a well like Joseph (Genesis 49:22). After being productive, God also commanded us to multiply the fruits we have produced. To multiply means to increase, expand, and to exceed in number, size and depth. Genesis 26:12-14 vividly illustrates the principle of sowing and multiplication. In fact, Genesis 26:13 states clearly that the man was great, and went forward (multiply), and grew until he became very great. After multiplication God commanded us to replenish (fill the earth). This means to occupy the available space and to overwhelm the earth with your presence. The last of the commandment is for us to subdue the earth and this means to exercise control on what you have and sustain them. By extension it means to conquer exceptional barriers. Meanwhile, it is important to note that all these pre-requisites for walking in dominion usually come with opposition from the forces of darkness hence the need to have the word of God dwell richly in you (Colossians 3:16).

To this end, I decree that henceforth you will begin to operate and walk in the power of dominion in Jesus' name. Finally, I encourage all of us to build on and consolidate the spiritual gains (both on individual and corporate levels) achieved thus far this year. This is just the beginning of great, mighty and new things that God has prepared us to do in our lives this year and beyond. You are walking in dominion, and you are a blessing in Jesus' name.

VICTORY THROUGH THE BLOOD

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Gen 1:26 NKJV). This scripture reveals God's original plan for mankind, which is to have dominion. God was intentional about it. HE planned dominion before creating man and pronounced dominion on him right after the creation. Gen 1: 26-28.

However, due to disobedience and the sin of mankind, God pronounced a curse on the earth, "... Cursed is the ground for your sake" Gen 3:17. After this, man lost his initial dominion and was subjected to a life full of toil and struggles. To restore dominion to man, God needed the cursed ground to be cleansed with blood before HE could descend on it. (Leviticus 16:14-15)

As we have read in the Bible, there were situations where blood was used to appease God so He could withdraw His anger toward man. In Exodus 12:12-13, God said he would pass through the land of Egypt in anger to destroy their firstborn, but any household marked with blood will escape the wrath. Hence, blood was needed to appease God and cleanse the ground from the pronounced curse. The blood of animals could only serve a one-time purpose. There was, therefore, a need for supernatural blood without any trace of sin.

To this end, the Messiah came with a unique gene (Romans 3:25). While on earth, he proved that he has power and dominion as initially pronounced.

- Dominion over fish. Luke 5:4, Matthew 17:27
- Dominion over water and nature. Matthew 14:25
- Dominion over land. John 9:6

Through the shedding of his blood. Matthew 27:45, 51-52

- Curse on earth was erased
- Yokes were broken
- Dominion was restored

God restored initial dominion to man through the blood of the lamb. (Rev. 12:11). However, to be part of this new covenant of dominion, you must confess him as your personal Lord and Saviour. This is only when you can truly walk in this dominion.

Pastor Peter Ajayi

SERMON OF THE MONTH

GOD OF ALL GRACE

1 PETER 5:4-10

In the King James Version of the Bible, the word grace appears about 170 times. This number highlights the importance of grace in the life of all human beings. What is the appropriate meaning of grace? There are various conceptions, but here, I will give two broad and all-encompassing definitions of grace. First, grace is what gives you what you did not deserve.

On the other hand, grace is what makes God not to give you what you do really desire. Second, grace is God's divine life, power, and ability flowing through us to function and operate properly in life. The various dimensions of grace could be properly understood through the various types of grace

Types of Grace

- 1. SUSTAINING GRACE (2 CORINTHIANS 12:9):** This is the grace that helps in times of need.
- 2. AMAZING GRACE (ACTS 6:8):** This is a type of grace bestowed upon Stephen in the Bible.
- 3. FINISHING GRACE.** This grace gives you the courage not to quit when Satan thinks you are quitting. Remember that Satan cares less about your starting point or starting a project but will come in full swing when you are making progress towards the finishing line.
- 4. GREAT GRACE (ACTS 4:33):** This is the type of grace upon the apostles in the Bible. This grace takes you beyond the reach of power, holding you back.
- 5. EXCEEDING GRACE (2 CORINTHIANS 9:14, EPHESIANS 2:7):** This is the grace that exceeds what we need.
- 6. MANIFOLD GRACE (1 PETER 4:10):** This is overwhelming as it comes in various folds
- 7. ENABLING GRACE (1 CORINTHIANS 15:10):** This is what Apostle Paul refers to in the Bible. This is the grace that speaks into your life and enables you to achieve in life what natural patterns could not do for you.

One important thing to note about these various types of grace is that God can make all of them abound unto you. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" 2 Corinthians 9:8)

SERMON OF THE MONTH

The next consideration is what do all these types of grace accomplish in our lives?

1. Grace can override the generational curse as it did for Ruth. It can also set aside anything written against you or your generation. For example, Ruth was a Moabite with a generational curse in Deuteronomy 23:3, but the grace of God overrides it.
2. Grace overlooks error as it did for Sarah, who laughed at God's pronouncement in Genesis 18:12. It is the same grace that redeems the life of Apostle Paul from destruction.
3. Grace also empowers the fulfilment of destiny.
4. Grace takes away unnecessary labour and struggles.
5. Grace empowers you to complete every assignment given to you; hence it saves you from the power of failure and uncompleted projects. For example, Apostle Paul found himself in this situation when he was imprisoned so as not to be able to fulfil his ministry. Still, he adopted the method of letter writing to the Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon.
6. Grace makes you and your work acceptable.
7. Grace places you in a conducive environment to flourish.
8. Grace takes you from where we are to where we suppose to be.
9. Grace removes invisible barriers in your life.
10. Grace redeems messed up life like that of Rahab, the harlot.

Kindly beware of the caveat despite the great things that grace can do in our lives.

1. Grace can be received in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Please endeavour not to receive the grace of God in vain
2. Grace can be frustrated (Galatians 2:21). Please do not frustrate the grace of God upon your life and the life of others
3. One can fall from grace (Galatians 5:4). I pray for you that you will not have this experience in Jesus' name
4. Grace can be turned into lasciviousness (Jude 1:4)

Pastor Paul Omoyeta

SENIOR PASTOR

BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING!

Can this be possible? We have all dealt with or suffered from worry, stress, doubt, confusion, anxiety, and even depression at some point in our lives.

We may wonder how possible not to be anxious about anything in today's world with all its stresses, demands and uncertainties. Philippians 4:6, the Bible tells us not to be anxious!

Phil 4:6-7 (NIV) - 6.) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7.) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Do not be anxious about anything: In his word, God tells us not to be anxious! That's a command from the Lord, so we're actually demonstrating uncertainty towards God's word every time we are anxious about life. How do you think this sounds to you, doubting God, the world's creator? I have also been guilty of doing this all too often.

IN EVERY SITUATION, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD. THROUGH PRAYER WITH THANKSGIVING - So, how do we shed our anxiousness? Well, God tells us (in that verse) that we should pray to Him with thanksgiving and make our request known to Him. This means that when you are afraid, pray. When you are confused, pray. When you are worried, pray. When you are stressed out, pray. When you feel anxious, pray. When you are depressed, pray. When we focus on our problem and take off our focus from God, our problem looks big. God is our burden bearer, our helper, our provider, our rock, our strength, our shelter and our all-in-all. Nothing catches him unaware.

Remember, he did not promise us that we would not have trouble. He only assured us that he had conquered the world for us in advance (John 16:33 (NIV) - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.").

AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS. Lastly, his word went further to say that once you have prayed and have asked God for His help, you should let go of it and leave it in God's hands. The end of the verse explains that the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace I experience once I have given my problem or concern to God is like no other because I am no longer dwelling on the issue. When I let it go, I give it to Him completely. My focus is no longer on the problem but Jesus. The feeling of peace that follows, knowing and believing that God is in control and will work it out all for His glory, is priceless.

So when life's trials hit you, and you feel anxiety, doubt, worry, or stress creep up on you, just breathe and relax. Try to remember all the times in the past when God saw you through a dark time, pray and tell God what has you worried about, ask Him to take over the situation, and finally let go. Give him all your concerns, and no longer worry about the issue!

I pray for you today that as you hand over your problems to God, the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Amen).

Toyin Majekodunmi



News

NEWS FLASH

The church is delighted to have some amazing and exciting programs/events in the coming days, weeks and months. Watch out for the following events:

1. *One of our amiable brothers-PRINCEWILL IKPONWEN, is tied the knot with his beauteous bride on April 2, 2022. This event took place in Nigeria. Send them some congratulatory messages.*
2. *The Prayer Department invites everyone to a special prayer retreat tagged: Victory at the Cross (Col.2:14-15). Date & Time: Saturday April 16, 2022 @9am-12noon*
3. *Our upcoming workers-in-training session begins in the first week of April 2022. We are all encouraged to register with the Administration Department of the church*
4. *The church will have a baptismal class in the summer of 2022. Watch out for the dates of the actual baptism. Interested members are encouraged to register with the church administration department.*
5. *The annual Divine Empowerment program in the church is from May 27th-29th, 2022. The program is tagged: In God, we trust (Psalm 125:1). Ministering are Pastors Gary and Kim Carter from Edmonton, Alberta. Watch out for other details.*
6. *The Choir Department is organizing a mega concert in August 2022. Members are encouraged to register their interest and willingness to join the mass choir. Watch out for more detail.*
7. *We also have some expansions in the TEENAGERS' AND CHILDREN'S CHURCHES. Pray along for more increases to the glory of God.*

WATCH OUT FOR MORE EVENTS!

MILESTONES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01	Henry Nwazubelu	19	Olaoluwa Oreniyi
01	Toluwase Majekodunmi	20	Eliza Folarin
03	Adrian Melwa	21	Gbenga Majekodunmi
07	Ifeoluwa Omotayo	21	Femi Odunayo
08	Joshua Mann	23	Mary Benedict Ogbeche
08	Praise Ajayi	24	Adesuwa Igbeta
08	Theophilus Adetoye	24	Adesola Awe
09	Chris Asia	26	Damilare Ogundiwin
10	Jennifer Ogirisen	26	Delight Baadi
13	Ifeyinwa Alajuronye	27	Queen Iedua-Senego
14	Rhoda Alli	30	Aderonke Awe
15	Temitope Omoyefa		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10** DEJI AND BOLA FOWORA
- 22** AYO AND QUEEN BISAH
- 28** ISAAC AND ANTHONIA JINADU

MILESTONES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Nkisu Mwelwa	07 Lael Ajala	17 Abimifoluwa Raji
02 Naomi Ezeli	07 Special Bello	19 Bright Osah
03 Funsho Abraham	08 Temiloluwa Ajayi	20 Isaac Jinadu
03 Toluwani Ola-Ajayi	10 Ebele Amobi	23 Ayoola John Morakinyo
04 Adebusola Alabi	10 Simisola Bello	23 Titilade Aderoju
04 Tochi Ejike	13 Mayowa Alabi	25 Divine Oluwatumise Terry
04 Wunmi Fowora Akinbami	15 Kamsochukwu Alajuronye	27 Anita Momodu
05 Tayo Micho	15 Olumide Ajala	27 Arnold Solomon
07 Dominion Entonyeaku	16 Clifford Agbansuremi	28 Michael Opadotun
07 Ibukunoluwa Oniyide	16 Darams Zorzor	28 Christian Ugochukwu
	30 Christian Ugochukwu	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 01** SAMUEL AND GLORIA SOLOMON
- 04** BENSON AND WUNMI AKINBAM
- 05** GBENGA AND YINKA PELUOLA



YOUTHFUL ENCOUNTER

WHAT IS YOUR TRUE WORTH?

A couple of years ago, I read with amusement the story of a group of delinquents who broke into a grocery store at night and switched the price tags on different items on display. The cheap items were given the costly price tags, and the expensive items got the cheap tags. Unaware of this, the grocery store owners opened for business the next day. Sales went on for a couple of hours before a curious cashier noticed the trend of purchases and raised the alarm. Alas, the damage had been done.

I often reflect on this story and think about our times. We seem to spend a lifetime focusing on trivial issues that have no long-term impact. It is amazing that the worth of an object can be altered permanently by a switch of price tags. It is equally puzzling to think about how so many people go around with a wrong value tag on their lives and place false value on things around them. People feel worthless because they have come to accept the value placed on them by family, friends, society, or even their estimation. They do not realize their own true worth as written in Genesis 1:31 (New Living Translation) says - ***"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"***.

We live in dangerous times, times of conformity, when people would instead define themselves by the values of others and fail to live out their true worth. This provokes a vicious cycle of inferiority complex and struggling to attain the value defined by other people. This goal is mostly unachievable because the people who placed this warped value on others are ignorant of their own true worth. With a warped value system in their minds, most people have sentenced themselves to suboptimal lives instead of a life of limitless possibilities.

The time has come to end the struggle by acknowledging your true worth. See yourself as God has valued you - ***"inestimable"***. David was one person that understood this as written in Psalm 139:14 (New Living Translation) - ***"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it."*** This is the reason David lived as he did.

Free yourself from the values that family, society, and setbacks in your life have placed on you. You are worth much more - irrespective of the events in your life presently. Do not let the moment define you. Get your worth right and stand shoulders high.

THE RELIBLE FRIEND

Do you feel condemned by people around you because of what you have done in the past or recent times? Certain confidants may forsake you, but The Reliable Friend, Jesus Christ, will not judge and forsake you if you call on Him for help!

You can count on Jesus Christ always! In **Luke 19:1-10**, Zacchaeus, a tax collector known and condemned as a cheat in tax collection (his job), heard of Jesus Christ and made an effort to see Him by climbing a tree because the tall crowd obstructed him. Jesus Christ saw Zacchaeus on the tree, spoke kindly to him, and became his guest - his bad past notwithstanding. Zacchaeus acknowledged his sin and repented for his bad past when he met Jesus Christ and restituted.

According to **Psalms 51:17**, the LORD will not reject a broken and repentant heart. Jesus Christ said in **Luke 5:32**, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." In **Matthew 11:28**, Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." It doesn't matter what you may have done. Jesus Christ asks you to come to Him today for help and salvation!

Just like Zacchaeus, if you heed His call for friendship today, He will forgive all your sins (1 John 1:9) and give you a fresh start of righteousness and greatness in life. Please say this prayer genuinely from your heart in response to His call: **"Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your Love for me by dying to save my soul from eternal destruction. I accept You today into my heart as my Lord and Saviour. Please forgive my sins, wash me in Your Blood, restore me to righteousness. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can shine Your light and affect my world positively from this time forward in Jesus' Name, Amen!"**

Congratulations, Jesus Christ, is now your Reliable Friend; you can trust Him and call on Him whenever you need Him! Please attend a Bible-believing and Holy Spirit-filled Church near you to learn more of Jesus Christ and be deeply rooted in His Word. Feel free to connect with us by filling out the contact form below. God Bless you!

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