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Unconditional Love in the Family of God



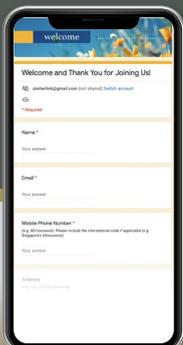
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When I was eleven years old, my family adopted my youngest brother from China. I remember feeling so excited to have a new brother only to experience rejection as he had a difficult time accepting us as his family. Although I was young and could not comprehend the pain he was holding, I was still called to love him. Yet, I did not know how. I felt like he had ruined my family dynamic, and I loathed him for it. Since I struggled to love my brother and the

circumstances in my life felt out of my control at the time, I began to turn away from God and was quite bitter toward Him. I didn't understand how my parents followed the Lord in obedience to adopt my brother only to undergo unimaginable hardships. I didn't understand why my home had suddenly changed from a safe and welcoming place to one of chaos and stress. God felt distant and uninterested with all that was going wrong in my life.



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How To Give?

What I didn't see or even understand at the time was that I was also rejecting love, the unconditional love of my Heavenly Father. I thought I had to earn His love and show that I deserved it. I thought everything in my life needed to be "perfect" to receive God's love for me. This is not how God loves. In my own human ability to try to love my brother, I failed to recognize that God loves us, not because we love Him, but because we belong to Him. God loves us despite the messy circumstances of our lives. I would wrestle with the reality that my brother did not accept us as his family, but that did not excuse me from loving him as my own. Yet, to love unconditionally, I had to receive the unconditional love of the Father.

Learning to receive God's love was a process for me like the journey my brother was on to see himself as a part of our family. I had to see myself as His child, adopted into His family not because of my worthiness or merit, but because of His unconditional love in sending His Son to pay the price for my sin. I had a skewed view of the Gospel. I thought God only loved me because I had accepted Him as Lord and that to love others, they needed to accept my love. God showered me with his unconditional love through others. My parents loved me and both of my brothers through the most challenging transition of our lives. God not only used my parents to show me His unconditional love but also members of my church family who provided a safe space for me to find refuge. As the body of Christ, we radiate His unconditional love to one another. Over time, I began to hear God and see Him working to restore the broken places and relationships of my life. I began to see myself as the adopted orphan who had failed to see herself



worthy to be a child of God. Yet, there my Father God was all along covering me in His grace and drawing me to repentance through His loving kindness. He had adopted me into His family, so I could live free from striving to earn love. But, I also had to recognize that I failed to show my brother the unconditional love of Christ and needed to mend the relationship. While I had forgiven my brother for the pain he caused me, I had not asked him to forgive me for the pain I added to his. Thankfully, my brother knows the unconditional love of Christ, not because of me, but because God has personally shown His love to my brother. He forgave me and by God's grace alone, we maintain a close friendship today.

Whenever I doubt God's love for me or feel the need to earn it, I am encouraged by Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



By Sarah Searle

Sarah leads GG (Gospel Group) Life Group and Campus Discipleship Group



Pulpit Program

June 5, 2022

The Wedding Banquet

(Matthew 22:1-14)



PREACHER

Dr Peter Ng

June 12, 2022

The Greatest Commandment

(Matthew 22:23-46)



PREACHER

Lee Yee Dian

June 19, 2022

Twin Plagues of the Church Hypocrisy and Legalism

(Matthew 23:1-36)



PREACHER

Leong Yew Lum

June 26, 2022

The Christian and Government: Giving to Caesar

(Matthew 22:15-22;
Romans 13:1-7)



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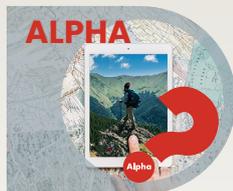
Prayer Spotlight

Alpha

1. God to encourage more people to sign up for Alpha22 especially the seekers and the younger people.
2. The Holy Spirit to give wisdom to Alpha team and guide us how best to plan/organise the next Alpha which is planned to be a hybrid program, so that participants will not be distracted by the program arrangement but will focus on learning about Christianity and establishing a relationship with God.
3. God to encourage the respective helpers to continue serving in the next Alpha in the respective role of their talent. Also help us identifying new helpers especially the younger people and people who are gifted in facilitating discussions.
4. Holy Spirit to open the hearts and minds of the remaining four seekers, address any doubts that they may have, so that they will accept Jesus as their Saviour.



Upcoming Events



Alpha 22
The next Alpha program will start from 14 July 2022
Every Thursday 8:00pm
[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the next Alpha program.



Gamma 19
Guide to Godly Living Despite Being in a Pluralistic Idolatrous Society
Every Wednesday 8.30pm-10.00pm
Starts from 18 May-8 Jun, 2022 (4-week study)
For more information, contact Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Daily Prayer Meeting
Every Monday to Thursday 9:00pm
Zoom ID: 929 735 694
Password: pray

Worship WITH US



MAIN SERVICE

| Physical & Youtube |

Sundays 8:45am



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| ZOOM | Sundays 9:00am



SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Ages 3-12yrs

| Physical | 8:45am

| Zoom | 11:15am

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