

# TGC TIMES

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## *Clones of Christ*

by Pastor Solomon

The first statement out of the mouths of many people in Singapore who had seen me and my father in the church he ministered almost 2 decades ago – 'you look just like your dad', 'you are a carbon copy of your dad'. One young man in his early twenties, who did not see me but has seen my dad and called him 'thatha' said, 'Uncle, I have seen thatha and you not only look like him, but you are a clone'. One elderly grandma said how much she appreciated my dad's ministry, held my two hands and said, 'your hands are exactly the same and feels like your dad's, it feels like he is holding my hands.' If this is how genes are passed on through our humanity and we resemble and replicate our parents – how much more, we should pursue the ultimate goal of our spiritual lives of becoming like Christ our Savior or rather become clones of Christ. While genes are passed down to us automatically and we have no choice or control on how we turn out, in our spiritual lives it is not automatic. How I wish it was? Then, how do we become clones of Christ? Here are three thoughts for our consideration.



**Crucified with Christ** – It starts with dying to our selfish desires and allowing the desires of Christ to rule over our lives. Though we are saved by the work of the Spirit of God, we are called to in Philippians 2:12-13, "...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." We should be able to say and live like Paul says in, Galatians 2:20, <sup>20</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



**Controlled by the Holy Spirit** - Our flesh is always at conflict with the Spirit of God. Paul writing to the Galatians says, <sup>16</sup> "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want." It requires a deliberate and determined effort on our part to yield ourselves to the guidance and work of the Spirit of God to redeem our ungodly nature. We read in Romans 8:12-14, <sup>12</sup> "Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." Being led means controlled by the Spirit of God.

**Conformed to the image of Christ** - All our experiences in life, before and after salvation, are being worked out for our good. What is that 'good'? Paul writes for us in Romans 8:28-29 <sup>28</sup> "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His son. In Christ, our nature is being changed to be more like Him (2 Cor 5:17). We are being made new on the inside as we do not conform to the pattern of this world but be renewed by the Word of God to think and act like Jesus.

Dear TGC family, may the Lord grant us the grace to yield to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit so that people would say, 'You look like Christ Jesus or rather you are a clone of Christ' based on our transformed character.

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Contact Pastor or Elders*



# October Birthdays

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Andrew Yesuraj        | October 06 |
| Rubin Solomon         | October 08 |
| Sarah Jess Jebastine  | October 10 |
| Allen Jayaraj         | October 12 |
| Aden Wins             | October 13 |
| Gracelet Renita David | October 14 |
| Samara Venu           | October 16 |
| Samuel Baskar         | October 19 |
| Samuel Paul Anbu      | October 19 |
| Kamatchi Bilson       | October 30 |



***Ephesians 2:10:** "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

# October Anniversaries

Win Russal & Evelin Win  
October 14

John Dhillip & Gracelet Renita David Solomon  
October 20

# October 2026

## Missions Month

| SUN                                                                                                                                              | MON | TUE                                                                          | WED                                                                                  | THU | FRI                                                                        | SAT                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                                  |     |                                                                              |                                                                                      | 1   | 2<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Groups</li></ul>  | 3<br>7 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Saturday Morning Prayer (Zoom)</li></ul> 9 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men's Fellowship</li></ul> |
| 4<br>5 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Service</li><li>• Sunday School</li><li>• Tamil Class</li></ul>                        | 5   | 6                                                                            | 7<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday Night Prayer</li></ul>  | 8   | 9<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Groups</li></ul>  | 10<br>11 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting Prayer</li></ul>                                                                                              |
| 11<br>5 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Service</li><li>• Sunday School</li><li>• Tamil Class</li></ul>                       | 12  | 13<br>7 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elders Meeting</li></ul> | 14<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday Night Prayer</li></ul> | 15  | 16<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Groups</li></ul> | 17<br>8 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CUP</li></ul>                                                                                                          |
| 18<br>5 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Service</li><li>• Sunday School</li><li>• Tamil Class</li><li>• Youth Group</li></ul> | 19  | 20                                                                           | 21<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday Night Prayer</li></ul> | 22  | 23<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Groups</li></ul> | 24<br>2 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's Fellowship</li></ul>                                                                                           |
| 25<br>5 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteers' Appreciation Sunday</li><li>• Sunday School</li><li>• Tamil Class</li></ul>      | 26  | 27                                                                           | 28<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday Night Prayer</li></ul> | 29  | 30<br>8 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small Groups</li></ul> | 31                                                                                                                                                                         |

