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Perceive the New

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There are moments or incidents in life that we can never forget. They are deeply etched into our memories. The feelings of elation or hurt experienced during those events seem to have been burned into our very inner being like how we burn contents onto a compact disk. It is not easy at all to forget them. God is calling the Israelites who have experienced the miraculous hand of God guarding them and the disciplining hand of God that has been guiding them. Yahweh entreats them through the Prophet Isaiah in Chapter 43:18-21, 18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. 20 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.”

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God works through the good, the bad and the ugly to create something new because He is a creator. He does the impossible of creating ways in the wilderness, water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland and therefore the animal kingdom honors Him.



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.
Corinthians 4:16

What is He creating? A people who will proclaim His praise. Firstly, He does this by changing our nature from the inside out. Paul writes to the Corinthian believers in 2 Cor 4:16-18, 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." It is through the difficult situations of life we are being made new on the inside. Our character changes to be like Christ to perceive the unseen and the eternal.

Secondly, it is seen on the outside by the way we live, and God is glorified. There will be an outward manifestation as we read in Matthew 5:16, "16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Thirdly, God is always at work in restoring the fallen world. In Revelation 21: 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." As we forget the former things and not dwell on the past, allowing ourselves to be changed to become a people of praise, we will become partakers of the new Kingdom the Lord is creating. What a glorious time that would be!!

Dear TGC family, may we perceive the new work the Lord is doing in our midst!

February Birthdays

Reshma Solomon	February 01
Mythili Maduraiveeran	February 02
Tabitha Emanuela Shalom	February 04
Vijay Karthickeyan	February 06
Becca Geopher	February 10
Suguna Eugene	February 11
Remiel Brigilin	February 12
Adrian Raj Andrew	February 13
Balvin Krishnan	February 14
Alice Swarna Rathnakumar	February 16
Anthony Raj	February 16
Sherryl Paulin Christopher	February 16
Sally Joan Jebastine	February 17
Eugene Jebakumar	February 18
Abel Nikky Joel Nishbert	February 19
PremKumar Poomaniraj	February 20
Nathaniel Jebaraj	February 20
Manasseh Vetri Stephen	February 21
Andriel Ranjith	February 22
Samuel Arauliah Shalom	February 22
Santhi Newton	February 24
David Eugene	February 25
Daniel Eugene	February 25
Deepa Joel	February 28

Sunday Service
Every Sunday @ 5:00 PM

Weekly Prayer
Every Wednesday from
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM

February Anniversaries

Enoch Anbu & Anna Sinduja Anbu
February 02

Santhosh Kumar & Preethi Santhosh
February 04

Nandeesh Mathad & Soumya Nelson Mathad
February 22

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 14th @ 7:30 PM

Lenten Meeting
Feb 17th, Feb 24th, Mar 2nd, Mar 16th & Mar 23rd from
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Mar 9th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Fasting Prayer
Feb 10th @ 11:00 AM