

MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE...

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Easter is Christendom's greatest feast. Today we proclaim, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad," (Psalm 118:24). Let us all be filled with joy, Easter people, for the Lord has ransomed us from our sins and we have seen our salvation.



Yes, brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus paid dearly for our salvation when he said while hanging on the cross "It is finished." The new testament was written in Greek for it was the official language in the Holy Land during Jesus' time and it was customary in Greek business dealings to write "It is finished" in the official receipt after a debt has been paid. Jesus used the same words to show us how much God loves us, by giving his son to pay for our sins.

But the story of our salvation did not end at the cross, it is not finished at the death of Jesus. He triumphed over death when he was risen on Easter Sunday. Our Lord Jesus chose the death on the cross and the triumph of his resurrection to glorify God and to draw us to himself. Jesus said to his disciples "The hour has come for the son of man to be glorified..." (- John 12:22), "When I am lifted up from the Earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32). In another passage, the Jews asked Jesus, "Who are you?". He said to

them "When you lift up the son of man, then you will realize that I am.." (John 8:28). We come to know Jesus, as the early Christians come to believe, who he really is, by the mystery of the empty tomb. Brothers and sisters, the greatest story ever told, however is not finished with the empty tomb. The story is still

unfolding up to the present time. The church is still challenging us to be truly an Easter people, firmly believing that God has raised Jesus and he is in our midst.

In times like ours, when we are bothered are by troubles and problems, we are once more called upon, to share to those who are unable to see the promise of life, the love which Jesus showed us on the cross. When Jesus said "You will realize that I am,..It was stated in a present tense, reminding us of our role in the story of salvation now and in the days to come...It has never ended at the cross and the empty tomb.

The story was made for us and it will go on forever. Let us remember the events in the bible that led to the coming of Jesus' hour, when he said to the Father "I am

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A Cup of Passion

*Bro. Jess Cagara
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“Your life in Christ makes you strong, and His love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit and you have kindness and compassion for one another. I urge you, then, to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind.”
(Philippians 2:2-3)

It seemed to me that stress has been following me for quite a time already, may it be in my work and community service. Even my prayer time has been affected by stress. One day, as I asked myself why is this so, I was guided to the following words in the Bible: “... sit down first and decide...”. Reflecting on these words, I found myself trying to calm down and to set aside all my concerns and worries. I even tried to promise myself that I should do something good during the Lenten Season. True enough, three good things had happened during this season.

The first good thing that happened to me and my family during this Lenten Season is the fact that we were not able to have a family retreat this time. We usually go on a family retreat inside a retreat house starting on Holy Thursday and getting out on Easter Sunday. But God has other plans for us this year. The second good thing that happened was the fact that for the very first time, my wife and I were able to join the Way of the Cross which our chapter usually have during Holy Thursday at Tabor Hills, Talamban. So God has planned this for us so that

we will be able to join our community in prayer during the Holy Week – even for just a couple of hours. The third good thing that happened was that my family was able to spend some quality time together up in the hills of Dalaguete, Cebu last Black Saturday up to Easter Sunday. We have to do a twenty eight (28) minute trek (depending on your pace) up the mountains of a remote place in Dalaguete, Cebu before reaching our point of destination. Upon reaching our destination, we were greeted with the spectacular view of a chapel above the mountain with the sea and



clear blue skies as its background. In the evening of Black Saturday, we were able to witness from a distance that the ceremony of the blessing of the candle and water was being performed. Then early in the morning of Easter Sunday, we could hear the mass from afar.

What strikes me much is the fact that in this remote place of Dalaguete, there are people whose faith in the Lord is beyond reproach, so pure and simple. They are willing to sacrifice climbing up the steep sides of the mountain just

to come to this place of worship to be in communion with their God.

These people found the grace of “comfort” that comes from Christ’s love. They were willing to set aside their discomfort in climbing up the steps, for up in the mountain, they will come in fellowship with God’s Spirit. They know that when the Holy Spirit will work in their lives, they will receive the grace of “compassion and tenderness”, for as Christians we are to be tender-hearted towards one another, entertaining feelings of brotherly affection as opposed

to ill will. Here up in the mountains, I saw people living happy and simple lives.

As I reflect on the kind of life that I have witnessed upon the people up in the mountains of Dalaguete vis-à-vis my faith in God,

I am ashamed of the fact that my faith pales in comparison to theirs. I failed to apply the graces that Christ has bestowed upon us.

Maybe, the events which transpired during this Lenten Season is God’s way of telling me on how to fight out stress. He wants me to have a stronger relationship with Him, for His love will comfort me. He wants me to have fellowship with the Spirit and to be kind and compassionate for others. He

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Prayer Power

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God is in control of everything

By: Sis. Kathy Oyson

There are things or events in our life wherein we have no control of - illness, behavior of people, financial crisis , death , or any uncomfortable situation that happens in our life. In times like this, I embrace whatever is happening and I surrender it to the Lord. I know that God is in control of the everything. I would ask His help and pray to Him in this manner: "Lord, whatever is happening right now, please don't leave me. Be with me all the way. Please guide and enlighten me so that this problem can be solved."

Harold J. Sala in his book, "Just For Today," writes, " In the dark hours of the night, it's easy to begin to lose faith, to wonder if God really cares about you. Doubt creeps in. But remember what 1 John 5:15 says, " And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him."

Rick Warren in his " Daily Hope Website," advises, " Let go of your concerns. As Psalm 46:10 says, " Let go of your concerns. Then you will know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth."

Warren said, " Every day, you have to decide what's going to be in control of your life - you or God. That choice is a battle. There are things in your life you want to control. You want to make your own rules. But , there's nothing like trusting in the Lord and letting Him control of everything.. You can start saying, " God, I'm giving up control because You can control the things that are out of control in my life." Let go and know that God is in control, This is the first step to serenity in your life."

Sala exclaims, " Nothing makes us more helpless than being in the position of having played out all our options. During this time, there is nothing more we can do except trust God. Psalm 46:10 encourages, " Be still, and know that I am God." The translation of " be still" means, " relax, let go, stop pushing. Understand that God is God Who give meaning to what would otherwise be a hopeless situation."

In our day-to-day journey in life, we need spiritual food -for-

thought that can calm us down and bring serenity in our inner being. Sala shares the following that are worth pondering:

*Just for today, Lord, help me live as though it were the last day of my life. Help me see the blue of the sky and the green of the grass, the beauty of Your world as You paint the sky a thousand colors and shades.

*Just for today, Lord, help me put into practice what I believe - that You are there when I need You, that You know me as I am, yet love me even when I mess up.

*Just for today, Lord, give me the perspective of eternity, understanding that so much of what consumes my energy now will not count five minutes after I die.

*Just for today, Lord, help me to get outside myself and my small world - my difficulties, my problems - please help me .

*This sounds like a pretty tall order, Lord, but this what I need. And one more thing, Lord, please forgive of all my sins and failures and shortcomings. Just as those who sin against me. That's it, Lord, just for today. 

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wants me to serve him without any selfish ambition or conceit or self-centeredness. He wants me not to be concerned only of my own interests, but also about the interests of others. God does not want me to be self-absorbed with my own

life, my own problems, my own ambitions, but rather God wants me to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. He wants me to remember that the second great commandment is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39).

My brothers and sisters, it is my continuous prayer that you too will have a heart full of compassion and kindness.

To God be the glory.



**LENTEN RECOLLECTION MARCH 21, 2015
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WAY OF THE CROSS APRIL 2, 2015 @ TABOR HILLS





Pebbles

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Area Managing Director

Living as a christian

In book God First by: Ken Wilson, it says and I quote "In human terms, it is not easy to decide to follow Jesus Christ and to live our lives as Christians. Jesus requires that we surrender ourselves to him, relinquish our aspirations for our lives, and submit our will to God. Men and women have never been able to do this easily; if we could, we wouldn't need a savior".

As I reflects on these words and try to equate it with my commitment to Christ in our community, I learned that I have still a long way to go to be a good living Christian.

Yes, I have my daily prayers, I have my service in the brotherhood, but still I question the Lord every time I met some new set of obstacles and problems in my life. I find it hard to really understand what God wants in my life and understand what it really means practically to obey the first com-

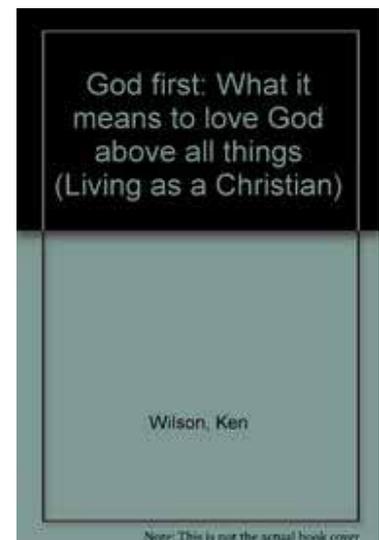
mandment of God – to Love God with our whole mind, heart and strength.

I came to realized that it is really hard living as a Christian in line with what God really wants from us. To be able to live successfully as a Christian we need more faith, grace and wisdom which are freely available from the Lord for those who seek it from him. W I must understand the Lord's message in my daily scripture ready and apply it to my relationship with one another and in my service with the community.

In my few months as an AMD, I have learned that the Lord have made me accept this assignment of service since he wants me to apply his teaching not only to my life but likewise to the lives of those who are under me in service. I have to understand that as a leader I have to helped many people grow as faithful servants of

the Lord and to make his teaching available to everyone.

Again, Living as a Christian is not an easy task, but we or I have to attain basic maturity in my Christian life for my leaders and members to follow. To grow in living the Christian Life, I must learn to increase my faith, my love for God and neighbor in order to grow more spiritually for the Lord. To God Be the Glory...



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troubled now... Father glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and Jesus said, "The voice did not come for my sake but for yours." (John 12:27-30).

We have a great part in that story as the Lord challenges us through the words of St. Paul in Philipians 2:2 – "Make my joy

complete." St. Paul is urging us to share with others the same love of Christ, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory, I rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves" (Philipians 2:3).

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this joyful season of Easter, how can we make the joy of the



You can forward your **comments, suggestions and contributions (pictures/articles)** to:
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Treasurer's Report

Bro. Carlito Cabellon
Chapter Treasurer

BCBP - CEBU SOUTH CHAPTER
CASHFLOW STATEMENT For the Month of March 2015

CASH, BEGINNING BALANCE	P		659,524.91
A. CASH RECEIPTS			
Tithes/Pledges (50 units out of 106 or 47%)	P	123,600.00	
Pre-valentines collections		14,000.00	
Lenten recollection collections		11,700.00	
Advance liquidation		9,700.00	
Love offering		9,424.00	
Snacks collection		6,320.00	
NAC35 collections		5,000.00	
Interest income		383.34	180,127.34
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE			839,652.25
B. CASH DISBURSEMENTS			
NOF February	P	25,602.50	
Less: Chargeable expenses		(13,562.50)	
NET NOF		12,040.00	
ADMIN			
AMD expenses		13,245.43	*
BCBP office electricity		4,065.82	
Governance meeting		3,600.00	
Maintenance (Feb Mar)		3,000.00	
Funeral stand		2,000.00	
TOTAL ADMIN		25,911.25	
MISSION			
Outreach expenses		10,000.00	
TOTAL MISSION		10,000.00	
FORMATION			
1st Fri mass and teaching		7,700.00	
Lenten recollection		7,500.00	
Assembly		7,200.00	
Priest stipend		1,500.00	
Intercessory subsidy		1,250.00	
TOTAL FORMATION		25,150.00	
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES			
Pre-valentines expenses		1,710.00	
TOTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES		1,710.00	
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS			74,811.25
CASH, ENDING BALANCE	P		764,841.00
* chargeable to NOF			



**WAY OF THE CROSS
@ TABOR HILLS**

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Treasurer

Noted By: Jess Cagara
Chapter Head



Song of the Month

*Bro. Eric Sendrejas
Music Ministry Head*



72. CROWN HIM LORD OF LORDS



D A Bm – Bm/A
1. All glory and praise to the Lamb,
G D Asus – A7
All glory and praise to the Lamb,
D A F# Bm – Bm/A
For He that was slain is risen again,
G Asus A7 D G A
All glory and praise to the Lamb.

D G
Praise Him, Praise Him,
A Bm Bm/A G G/F#
Glorify His name and
E A A7
Crown Him Lord!
(repeat 1 & Refrain)
Ending:
E A A7 D G D
Crown Him Lord of Lords.

(Repeat verse 1)

Refrain:

D G
Praise Him, Praise Him,
A Bm Bm/A G G/F#
Magnify His Name and



Birthdays, Anniversaries & Schedule Of Activities

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Holy Thursday A - Carding & Susing Enriquez	3 Good Friday	4 Black Saturday B - Cora Po
5 Resurrection Sunday B - Danny Aguas	6	7 B - Narra Diaz	8 A - Julius & Makou Toledo	9	10 B - Rommel Duterte	11 Men's Breakfast: A - Eli & Sonia Trinidad B - El Tupaz
12 A - Fred & Cora Gio,	13	14 Chapter Assembly B - Lucy Sendrejas	15	16 A - Babes Hansen	17	18 Simul Breakfast A - Ben & Yolly Young B - Rudy Balbuena - Vivia Candor
19	20 B - Doreen Barba - Rose Borromeo - Laila Reyes	21	22 B - Harvey Chi - Mylene Chi	23	24 B - Carol Ecarma	25 Men's Breakfast:
26	27	28	29	30 A - Chu chu B. Inday Noel		

“Come, Have Breakfast.”- John 21:12

*Bro. Meddie Lapus
Breakfast Head*



Your Breakfast Head while attending Greater Toronto (Canada) Chapter Feb. 14/15 breakfast meeting with him is Bro. Jay So their Chapter Breakfast Head.



Meddie Lapus invited by Sis Nelia Javellana-Angel (wife of Bro Meljud Angel) during Feb. 14/15 breakfast meeting of Greater Toronto (Canada) Chapter.

MARCH BREAKFAST SHARERS

MARCH 7
Joint Breakfast
**ANECITO &
EUGENE RETUYA**
BCBP CEBU - MACTAN

MARCH 14
Men's Breakfast
JUN PARAS of Toledo
BCBP CEBU - BALAMBAN

MARCH 21
Simul Breakfast
MEDDIE LAPUS
BCBP CEBU - SOUTH

MARCH 28
Men's Breakfast
JUN JABATAN
BCBP CEBU - EAST

Announcement!
All Unit Leaders and/or Hosts for the month's calendar breakfast are requested to inform the Governance & Breakfast Head (Cell#0917-577-2773) of the line-up (Emcee/OP/sharer/s & SCR/CP) not later than Tuesday.



The BCBP Logo

The cross in the BCBP Logo signifies that Jesus Christ is central to the BCBP. The outstretched arms of Christ symbolize the mission of the BCBP to evangelize business people and professionals and Jesus' desire to embrace all people and care and concern for mankind. The two figures who bow to Christ in adoration symbolize the Business people and professionals. And the circle that surrounds the cross and the two figures symbolize the unity of the BCBP community in its dedication to Christ, way of life, and mission.

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Lord complete?....

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