



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

HOLY WEEK

Celebration

Easter **2021**

**That I May Know Him *and*
The Power of His Resurrection**
Phil 3:1-11

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Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

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⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

¹⁰ **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,**

¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Two Ways Contrasted

Two ways of salvation:

Works/confidence in the flesh **versus**

Faith/confidence in Christ (As good Protestants we all understand this)

Two ways of living and doing church and mission:

Dependence on the flesh and on human strength & resources **versus** Dependence on the power of Christ's resurrection, i.e. the Holy Spirit

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. **(1 Cor 1:17)**

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. **(1 Cor 2: 1-5)**

- The modern day church in its life and mission depends too much on the flesh or human strength and methods.
- **“Managerial missiology”** = Ministry and mission by management methods.
- **Illustrations:** The church in China and India, 19th & 20th Century
- We need to recover the proper dependence on what God is able to do through the power of the Holy Spirit as seen in the resurrection of Christ

How can we know Christ and the power of His resurrection?

- * Mind-set change: On what we do we depend? Flesh or the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit?
- * Re-orientate our church's program and life.
- * Be willing to go all the way with Christ, even through suffering and death.