

## **Combined Youth Conference 2015**

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The 11<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference (CYC) was held from 24 to 27 June 2015 in Calvary Pandan BPC. The theme was “I am a child of the ALMIGHTY” based on 2 Corinthians 6:18b (“*and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty*”). Pr Dennis Kabingue (Gethsemane BPC) was the main speaker. Dr Jose Lagapa (FEBC student) was our speaker for the morning devotions at 7.15 am. Rev Joseph Poon, Pastor of Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia (BPCWA), was conducted an impactful workshop. A total of about 60 (full-timers and part-timers) attended the Conference.

The first day (24 June, Wednesday) started with registration, briefing, and icebreakers. Since CYC consists of participants from various churches, it was imperative that we know one another and the icebreakers helped us to interact with one another. We then had our first singspiration and message. The title of the first main message was “My Heavenly Father” based on 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. It was a message about what makes us a child of God. No one can live as a child of God until he is born again and God will take care of His children’s needs. The afternoon workshop with Rev Poon was about prayer: “Do I really pray?” It was based on Matthew 6:5-15. What makes a proper prayer? It depends on the content, the attitude, the motivation and the practice of prayer. There must be a deliberate, determined effort to pray with undivided attention, focus and humility towards God, for His glory alone. Prayer is not giving God a laundry list. We had our second main message at night by Pr Kabingue on “My Relationship with My Heavenly Father.”

The second day (25 June, Thursday) started with morning devotion by Dr Lagapa. It is an expository preaching based on Psalm 1. We had our third main message by Pr Kabingue, “My Personal Obligations to My Heavenly Father” based on 1 John 3:7-10. A child of the Almighty must know who God is and we are obliged to walk closely with Him. Psalm 15:1 challenged us to ask ourselves: “LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?” And verse 2 answers: “He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.” The fourth main message follows right after: “My Mentality as a child of God.” It is based on 2 Peter 1:2-11. What is the mentality of a child of God? Pr Kabingue gave us twelve points: We must have the desire to be perfect, desire to be merciful, desire for the Lord’s return, desire to be transformed in our mind, desire to be followers of God and good man, desire to be a man in godly things and be naïve in world things, desire to abound in the work of the Lord, desire to seek the Lord’s will, desire to be

thankful all the time, desire to be the doers of the word, desire to be sober, and desire to be all in one mind. Our desire must be godly! Following this fourth message, we played games in the afternoon till early evening. That evening we had our fifth main message: “My Identity as a child of God.” The scripture text was Matthew 5:13-14. We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth and we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The third day (26 June, Friday) started with morning devotion by Dr Lagapa who spoke on Psalm 51. Verses 2 and 3 show the confession of king David: “*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*” Following that was our sixth main message on “My Life in the Church as a Child of the Almighty,” based on 1 Timothy 3:15-16. The church is a place of refuge for those who have left the kingdom of darkness. The church is the house of God, the pillar and ground of truth. The seventh main message followed right after: “My Life outside Church as a Child of the Almighty.” Its main scripture text is Ephesians 6:5-9. It taught us what it means to be obedient to our employers and teachers in work and school, not as a man-pleasers, but doing service to the Lord. The afternoon programme was Evangelism. This activity truly forced us to get out of our comfort zone to share the gospel to strangers. We spent our final night by sharing our testimonies. It was gladdening to hear so many willingly sharing about their life and what they have learned from the Conference.

The fourth and final day (27 June 2015, Saturday) started again with morning devotion on Psalm 81. It talks about worship and obedience. We then had our eighth and final main message on “My Entitlements as a Child of the Almighty.” It is based on Romans 8:10-19. We learnt that as the children of God, we are entitled to His inheritance and promises. We ended the day with a Q-&-A Session, followed by packing and cleaning.

2015 CYC is truly a blessed opportune time where we can come together to worship, study the Word of God and have fellowship. Thank God for providing the time, venue, a willing camp committee and speakers. Let us continue to live a consecrated life for Him alone as children of the Almighty! Soli Deo Gloria!



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