

In our culture, we often aren't truly connected with God. We follow cultural practices—like praying in the morning and then going about our chores—but without a dear connection to God.

When we first met our brethren from the UK in January, we were introduced to these teachings. I started practicing what we were taught about drawing closer to God. By reading the scriptures and praying in a much better way—not just for our needs but also for others, for the Church, for our ministries, and for many other things. This has helped me grow so much in spirit.



In the past, I felt like I was talking to someone I couldn't see or even talk to. I did not feel a personal relationship with God. But now, I have a personal relationship with God. I wake up every morning and talk to Him as my Father, just like I talk with anyone else face-to-face.

God is with me and I walk with Him throughout the day.

When I face struggles, I take a moment to find a quiet place and talk to God about what's disturbing me, and I feel so much relief. I've learnt to connect to God.

This revival in Kenya is changing everything—how we thought about the Church, how we conduct ourselves, how we respond to others, and how we evangelize. We believe this revival is what God desires.



MY JOURNEY OF FAITH, Joy Kanana - Nkubu

Growing up, I didn't give much thought to faith or God. Life was all about figuring things out on my own. I would sometimes command God and even be angry with Him because of the things my family underwent. I even doubted God's existence.



But when I was on my holiday, one friend invited me to the Festival Week held by The Churches of God in UK at Nkubu. I heard a message that struck deep within me. It's about prayer and love. I realized I was doing everything wrong, and I made a decision to have connection with God on 23 August, 2024, and I was baptized on 7 September. I am a new creation and an ambassador of Christ. I pray to God. I experience His love. I deleted everything which was not God pleasing in my phone. I talk to my friends so that they can change. Thanks to the team for helping me through this journey of faith.



PLANS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

We thank God for answering prayers for the revival in East Africa. In August, fasting and prayer meetings were held across Africa, the UK, and globally for His work in Africa. If you prayed individually or with a group, we'd love to hear your testimony! Please share a picture of your prayer group or send us a message to encourage one another as we fight this spiritual battle together. Let's continue to pray without ceasing.

2. BIBLICAL CHURCH REVIVAL MOVEMENT BIBLE COLLEGE

Applications for our diploma training course will open in November, with the program starting in early 2025. This course aims to equip God's servants in Africa, focusing on worship, spiritual growth, Bible study and applications, and ministry skills in shepherding and outreach. Contact us for more details.



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REVIVAL UPDATE

During the Festival Week on August 19-23 and the meetings that followed, God poured out His blessings in extraordinary ways. In the Mt. Kenya region and Malindi, over a hundred souls—young and old—repented and accepted Jesus Christ. Around 70 coworkers and representatives from Uganda, Tanzania, and 12 locations across Kenya gathered in Embu for ministry training. Together, we embraced God's commission of the Biblical Church Revival Movement, and were fueled by the testimonies of the miraculous revivals across Kenya. This Festival Week united us as one body, one team, for the revival in East Africa.

The hundreds we reached during the Festival Week remain with us in the September revival meetings in Mt. Kenya area. We are entering a new phase in the revival of East Africa!

Invaluable Gains

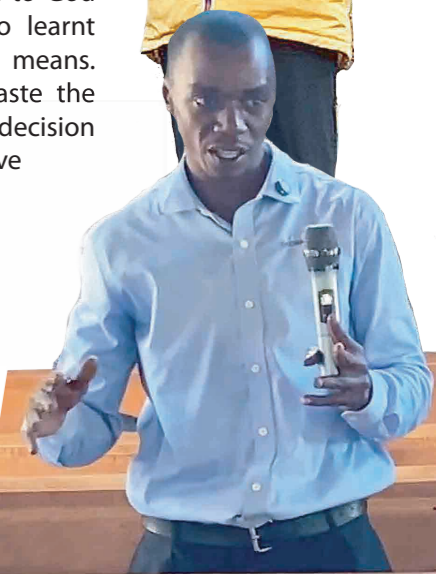
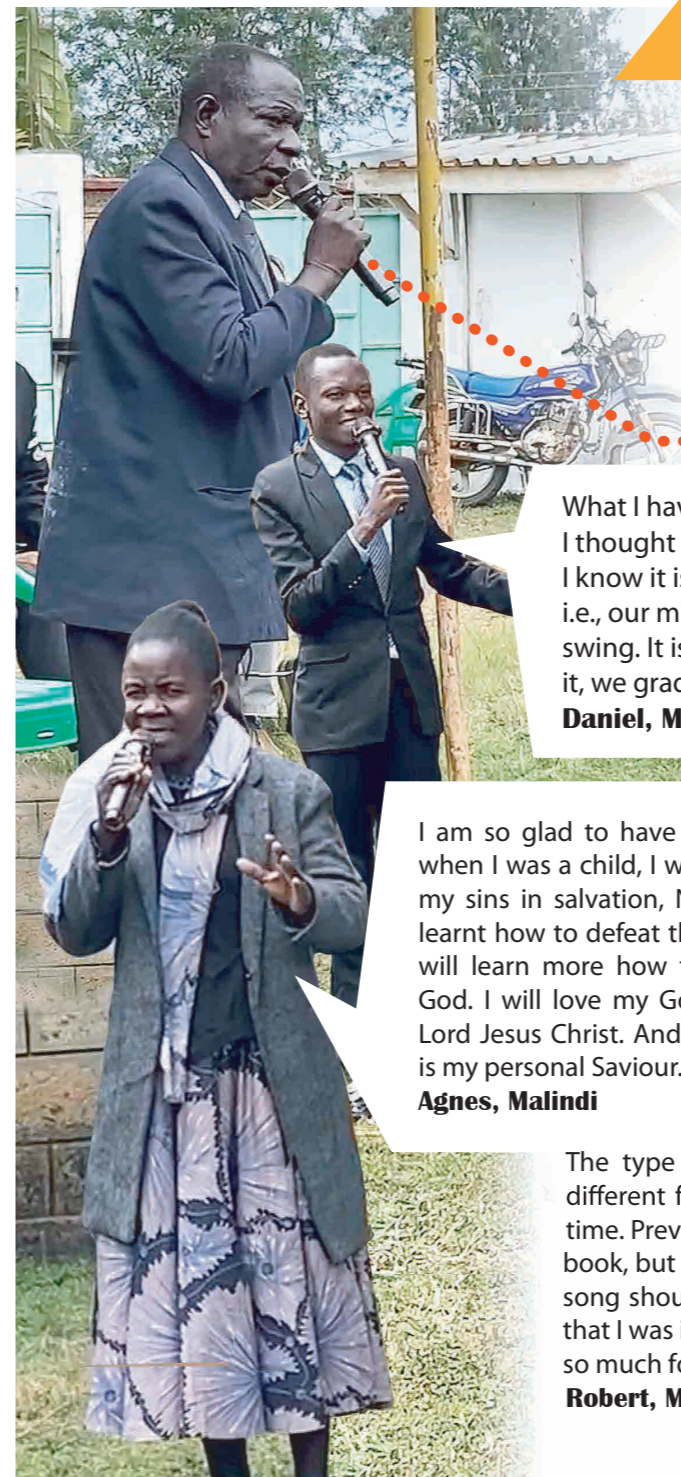
I learnt I must guard my mind so that I can make right decisions. The enemy is really targeting our decision. Sometimes, we have a very good decision but you pick up the thoughts of enemy and fall down. For example, if I thought that I must go to preach the gospel. I must defeat all the wicked thoughts, move and preach the gospel. I must hold on first to the decision of God. If I hear a thought from God and I pray for something, I listen to the words of God, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. I won't listen to the thoughts of enemy. **Naphtali, Malindi**

What I have learnt is about "the truth shall set you free". I thought that "to be free" is just free from sinful life. Now I know it is the freedom of the bondage of our thinking, i.e., our mind. I also learnt how to overcome mood swing. It is by making "shouts for joy". By practicing it, we gradually remove sadness in us. **Daniel, Mwanza Tanzania**

I am so glad to have learnt that when I was a child, I was forgiven my sins in salvation, Now I have learnt how to defeat the enemy. I will learn more how to love my God. I will love my God and the Lord Jesus Christ. And Lord Jesus is my personal Saviour. **Agnes, Malindi**

I have learnt the meaning of "prayer" - to come close to God and don't doubt. I also learnt what the Lord's Supper means. After my first day to taste the Lord's supper, I made a decision to God that I want to serve Him with all my heart. **Calvin, Migori**

The type of worship we practiced before was different from what God has revealed to us this time. Previously, we would just look at a song in a book, but now I have learnt that the words in the song should help me draw near to Him. I realize that I was in darkness before, and I thank the Lord so much for this revelation. **Robert, Mufu**



Assurance of salvation means that a person is without doubt about his being saved, being forgiven, having obtained eternal life and becoming a child of God. This is a matter concerning life and death eternal, and thus never regard it lightly or carelessly.

Concerning salvation, there are mainly four types of people:

1. Not saved, and they themselves know that they are not yet saved

These people do not know what salvation really means or they doubt about the gospel. They need to heed and understand the gospel fully and to receive the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour, or else their ending will be tragic!

2. Not saved, yet they themselves think that they are already saved

These are "nominal" Christians:

They do not fully understand the gospel or what is meant by believing in His name for forgiveness. They have wrong ideas about the faith. For example, they may regard themselves as Christians because their parents are Christians, or because they have been attending church meetings, or because they have been "baptized".

They do understand the full gospel, knowing that the Lord died for their sins on the cross and was resurrected. Yet they are unwilling to abandon their selfish and sinful life and to receive the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. They want to indulge in the pleasures of sin and are unwilling to yield themselves to the Lord.

3. Saved, but they are always doubting

These people never dare to say definitely that they are saved. They lack the assurance of salvation. Sometimes even true Christians who have believed in the Lord for years are accused and disturbed by the devil so that they often wonder whether they are saved or not. Their confidence of dwelling with the Lord in the glorious heaven is shaken. They lose the steadfast hope and joy; they lack faith and strength in their ministry; they doubt whether God is their Heavenly Father. They may come to such a stage that they try to be saved by good works and be justified by observing the law.

4. Saved, and they themselves have the absolute confidence that they are saved

This refers to every Christian who knows that his sins are forgiven and is enjoying the eternal life. His faith is never shaken because he has clearly accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and is determined to follow Him. Because of the Lord and His blood, he has absolute confidence that he will live eternally with God in the glory and he does not have the slightest doubt on being received to heaven.

Our Heavenly Father wants us all to be the fourth type of people, full of faith, hope, joy and boldness to lean on His bosom. He wants us to rejoice and run happily the life journey that leads to heaven!



A true Christian with full assurance of salvation should have both the knowledge of the gospel and the decisive act of receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

(I) You must know the Gospel:

The Lord Jesus is the Son of God. The Lord Jesus is God.

The Lord Jesus descended from heaven to the earth and was nailed on the cross for our sins. He suffered the punishment in our stead and was forsaken by the Heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has risen from the dead. He is a living Saviour who can help and deliver people from all sins.

(II) You must take the decisive act: receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord

- ▶ To ask for the forgiveness of sins, solely relying on the Lord Jesus who bled and died for you to bear your sins.
- ▶ To receive the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour and be saved from the sinful life by His help.

If you fully understand and believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, has died to take your place at the punishment; if you have sincerely confessed your sins to God, asking for His forgiveness; and if you have received the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour, then you should believe with full conviction that:

All your sins have been forgiven by God.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9, NKJV).

You have become a child of God.

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:" (John 1:12, NKJV).

You have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16, NKJV).



You should no longer doubt about your salvation because God is faithful. He will do according to His promises in the Bible. You only have to receive once for all the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour. You do not need repeated conversions, asking for His forgiveness and accepting Him as your personal Saviour again and again. Instead, you should thank Him for having forgiven you and cleansed you from all your unrighteousness. The Lord Jesus is your Saviour forever and God is your Father till eternity – this relationship never changes!

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(an excerpt from *Assurance of Salvation*)

**Know More
about the Bible**

Meaning of the "Church"

by Dadson Lai

The first person mentioning the word "Church" in the Bible is Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16:18, He said to Peter, **"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."**

How did Jesus describe the church? The Greek word He used for "church" is "ekklesia" (Strong's Concordance* #1577), which means "a group of people called together for a purpose" or "an assembly".

"Ekklesia" comes from "ek" (Strong's Concordance #1537) and "kaleo" (Strong's Concordance #2564), meaning "out from and to" and "to call" respectively. In the New Testament, "ekklesia" (church) implies that a group of people who have been called out of the world and to God and gather together. Thus, the church does not refer to a building, but an assembly of believers in Jesus.

Apostle Paul said, **"Likewise greet the church that is in their house."** (Rom. 16:5). He is greeting brothers and sisters in Rome, not a church building.

Jesus announced, **"I will build MY church..."** The church belongs to Jesus, and church is His desire. He would establish His own church which always prevails. He will be responsible for the church to the end.

*Strong's Concordance (<https://strongskoncordance.org/>)