Holy Ghost Congress Ends

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Over 1000 participants in last week’s Holy Ghost Congress of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, give their lives to Christ

Enoch Adeboye, pastor and general overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, has given a recipe that would help Christians live a fulfilled life in the New Year and beyond. He said at the 10th edition of the Holy Ghost Congress organised by his church which ended last Saturday at Kilometre-48 Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, that Christians must observe three things in order to experience God’s plans for them to live a joyful and successful life. He reminded them of the theme of the Congress which is “Joy Unspeakable” and noted that one of the things they must observe to enjoy peace is acquiring a new name spiritually through redemption from the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He said finding a new location with God, as well as believers subjecting themselves to the authority of the Almighty are the other factors that could make them enjoy God’s plans for them. Adeboye explained that the name a person bears has a lot to do with his destiny, and disclosed that this was why God changed the names of His people like Abraham from Abram; Jacob to Israel, among others. He said Moses, which means water lived up to his name as he was always dealing with related issues like striking rock to bring out water, and leading the Israelites to cross the Red Sea, among other water related issues. He therefore enjoined Christians to enter into a new relationship with God so that they can have a change of name spiritually and then enjoy the fullness of joy. Myles Munroe, a renowned evangelist from the Bahamas, commended the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Nigeria for the remarkable progress it has made in spreading the gospel. “Those of us in the Caribbean region of the world are proud of what A.O.Adeboye and his men are doing to win more souls for God.” He said he was particularly happy to be in Nigeria at last after series of invitations in the past five years to visit the country. Munroe called on Christians in Nigeria to dedicate themselves to God more than ever, saying “they need the presence of God for in His presence there is fullness of joy.” Lanre Olawoye, pastor of the Redeemed Church in Washington D.C, US, urged Christians to cultivate the habit of investing in God’s economy instead of putting their resources in the volatile markets of the world. “With people losing millions of Dollars in the stock market as a result of the present economic meltdown, there is no money that is safe in this world. We should, therefore, invest in God’s economy to save our future; to save our family and above all when we do that, God will meet us at the point of our needs,” Olawoye said. J.T. Kalejaiye, a pastor of the church in Nigeria, urged Christians to work towards living a joyful life and stressed, “When a man is intoxicated with joy, and is happy, God too will be happy with him, and He will bless such a person accordingly.” More than 1,000 people gave their lives to Christ on the first day of the Congress. The Holy Ghost Congress, since its inception in 1998, has remained one of the most important events in the Christian calendar in Nigeria. “Divine Visitation” was the theme of the first edition of the congress, while that of 1999 had the theme “Victory at Last.” “Open Heavens” was the theme for the year 2000; “Winds of Change” for 2001; “Showers of Blessing” was for 2002; “New Song” was the theme for 2003; “The Master Key” was for 2004; and” Ultimate Breakthrough” was the title for 2005 edition of the Congress. The 2006 theme was “Heaven on Earth,” while that of last year was “The Next Level.”