

# GETHSEMANE

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*'Not my will, but Thine, be done' (Luke 22:42)*



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Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy  
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## WELCOME

to all worshippers

*O come, let us worship  
and bow down:*

*Let us kneel before  
the LORD our maker.*

*Psalm 95:6*

### Scripture Memorization

1 John 4:9

<sup>9</sup>In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

### Pastoral Exhortation

## Is Gethsemane An Inspiration for Others?

Pr Dennis Kabingue

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). It is the will of God that the lips of many would give praise unto Him because of the testimony of His body, the Church. Is Gethsemane B-P Church an inspiration for others to give thanks to God? If our church were to become the cause for others to praise God, each of us must be such as those who bring praise to God.

The Philippian Church earned this distinction. She fulfilled her duty because the Christians in her fold worked out their salvation with fear and trembling. Therefore, it is good for us to study Philippians 1:3-6 that we may learn from their good example. To begin, we must consider the opening phrase in Philippians 1:3a, "I thank my God". This is the main phrase that holds everything together. The Apostle disclosed himself as one who has been praising God. Though the Apostle had plenty of reasons to give thanks to God, he particularly mentioned two things about the Philippian church members.

The first one was his memories of them, so he wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy" (Philippians 1:3-4). He had fond memories of them every time he was with God in prayer. Flashes of past experiences with the Philippians played out in his mind. These were a great motivation to the Apostle Paul to praise and glorify the Lord. Because of their testimony, his prayer life was abounding even more with praise.

This must cause us to wonder what would have been the reason for Paul's joy and thanksgiving concerning the Philippians. Well, they were always in the forefront of the Gospel missions, being ready to support and to serve in the mission fields. We know

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this because God honoured them in His Word as the only one who helped the Apostle Paul in his personal and ministerial needs when he pioneered mission outreaches outside Macedonia. “Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only” (Philippians 4:15). In another situation, as the first church in Macedonia and a church well known for loving the brethren, they must have been an example for other churches in Macedonia to give lovingly unto the Lord for the care of the poor brethren in Jerusalem. “Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality” (2 Corinthians 8:1-2).

How about us in Gethsemane B-P Church? Have we earned such a good reputation in the Lord? Are there people elsewhere who are motivated to give thanks to God because they have fond memories of us? May we abound in the work of the Lord that a memorial in heaven be raised through the testimony of our church. How pleasant are the praises of thanksgiving from the lips of many who are inspired by you and me!

The second thing was the attitude of the Philippians towards biblical fellowship. He wrote, “I thank God... for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:3, 5-6). The phrase, “for your fellowship in the gospel”, is connected with the main phrase. So it reads like this, “I thank God for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now...” Like the phrase, “upon every remembrance of you”, it explains the second reason for him to give thanks to God.

Let us examine this phrase, “fellowship in the gospel”. When we speak of fellowship we mean partnership. As you can see there are many fellowships or

partnerships around. But, Christians and their churches have no problem working together with pastors and teachers who teach falsehood. We are living in a time when almost everybody advocates ecumenism and hates Biblical fundamentalism. In such a time as this, we must always be single-minded for that which is called “fellowship in the gospel”. To understand this phrase, it is important that we take note that the word “fellowship” here is restricted within the bounds of the Gospel. This tells us that the Gospel is the determining factor to our choice of fellowship. In fact, the Gospel determines what fellowship is. In other words, the boundary for fellowship or partnership is the Gospel. Once we understand this, it will be easy for us to take note that this phrase, “fellowship in the gospel”, has two main thoughts.

Firstly, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our restriction in having fellowship. In other words, a Christian cannot have fellowship or partnership with something or someone that is outside the perimeter of the Gospel. When the Gospel prohibits a partnership, we must separate ourselves from it, even if it is in the name of Christian fellowship.

Secondly, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our motivation in having fellowship. In other words, a Christian must always be willing to commit himself to anything that is sanctioned by the Gospel. We should be a people who are always looking for opportunities to promote the truth of the Gospel either in word or deed. We should always be ready to contribute our time, talents and money for that which God wants us to do.

Now we know why the Apostle Paul was greatly motivated to glorify God for the light that He has shone in the hearts of the Philippians. Gethsemaneans can also be a great inspiration for others to thank God, if we keep following the good example of believers at Philippi. God help us!



## THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

by Pr Kelvin Lim

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. John 1:14-15

The divinity of Jesus can be seen from the attributes of grace and truth which He possessed. The word "divinity" means the quality of being divine. In other words, Jesus is God. The word "attribute" means a distinguished character or reputation. Grace and truth are attributes of God.

No man can ever claim these attributes of grace and truth as their character because there is none righteous, no not one! But this is not the same with Jesus. Though He is a man, at the same time He is God. Jesus is God in the flesh; His divinity can be attested from the grace and truth He possesses.

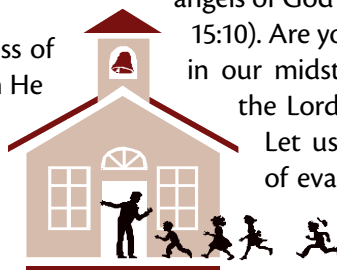
According to the above-mentioned passage, Jesus' divinity can be seen in the testimonies of both the Apostle John and John the Baptist. The Apostle John testified that he and the other disciples saw Jesus' glory; He is full of grace and truth (cf. v 14). The grace and truth of God transcend time. We are saved by the grace of God. From Adam's salvation to ours, it has been the work of God's grace alone. Grace is the unmerited favour which God gives to anyone who hears His words and obeys them. The Word of God is truth.

Jesus the Living Word declares the fullness of truth when He walked on this earth. Though He spent about three and a half years walking in the streets of Israel, many of the people could not see His divinity. But thanks be to God that a number of them saw, and believed, and they became the disciples of

Jesus and worshipped Him. How about you? Do you see Jesus as God?

Besides the Apostle John, John the Baptist also testified to Jesus' divinity. He says, "He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me" (cf. v 15). Although John was born six months before Jesus, and his ministry also preceded that of Jesus, he affirmed that Jesus was before him. This can refer to nothing but Jesus' pre-existence. John recognized Jesus' divinity. As a prophet of God, John always directed people to Jesus the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (cf. John 1:29). This is another proof of him recognizing Jesus' divinity.

The lesson for us today is to know Jesus' divinity and to lead others to Him because only He can save sinners. Have you led anyone to Jesus before? During the children's ministry visitors' day, we had some visitors. They were invited by some of you to come and learn about Jesus and His Word. If one of them got saved through the teaching and preaching of God's Word that day, then you have led a soul to heaven. The Bible says, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10). Are you not happy to know that there is joy in our midst because one young friend received the Lord Jesus as his or her Saviour that day? Let us continue to be zealous in the work of evangelism, to point others to Jesus, the living and true God.



### ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP BOOK STUDY 9 - HISTORICAL BOOKS: RUTH

Next meeting: 5th September 2009

Time: 4:00pm

Speaker: Rev Dennis Kwok

Chairman: Dn James Wong

Venue: SingPost Seminar Room Annexe

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let us all learn from God's Word and walk in newness of life.

### "REDEEMING THE TIME" ANNUAL CHURCH CAMP 2009

30th November 2009 - 4th December 2009

Speaker: Rev Reggor Galarpe

Venue: Klana Resort, Seremban, Malaysia

Camp fees, including 2-way coach transport:

\$430 (Single Room), \$320 (Twin-sharing),

\$240 (Child\* with bed), \$180 (Child\* without bed).

Infant below 4 - free (\* Child - aged 4-12 years)

Camp registration forms are available at the reception table. Please fill in the form, attach a photocopy of your passport and pass them to Dn Kwok Wah. Please ensure that your passport expiry date is on or after 5th June 2010 (6 months' validity). Closing date for registration: 25th October 2009

Sunday Activities		AUGUST 30	SEPTEMBER 06
Lions Home Ministry (10:00am)	Venue:		
	English:	Suspended	Suspended
	Chinese/Dialect:		
Gethsemane Filipino Service (12:30pm)	Worship Leader:	Bro Eric Deliña	Bro Eric Deliña
	Preacher:	Bro Richard Tiu	Pr Dennis Kabingue
	Usher:	Bro Anthony Evangelista	Bro Randy Laurencio
	Pianist:	Sis Carmen Wong	Sis Chloe Pawa
	Refreshment:	Sis Cecille Batrina	Sis Daryl Kabingue
Gethsemane Chinese Service (2:30pm)	Worship Leader:	Bro Gan Chin Hwi	Bro Stephen Yap
	Preacher:	Pr Daniel Lim	Pr Daniel Lim
	Pianist:	Sis Jollyn Low	Sis Sarah Yap
	Ushers:	Cayson & Jerry	Gideon & Robert
	Refreshment:	Sis Katherine	Sis Ivy Seah
Gethsemane English Service (2:30pm)	Worship Leader:	Dn Arvind Pawa	Elder Mah Chin Kwang
	Preacher:	Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy	Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy
	Pianists:	Chloe Pawa & Eunice Choy	Jasmine Low & Jollyn Low
	Ushers:	Kelvin, Francis Lee, David, Tuck Whye, Arnold & Eugene Kim Lei (Greeter)	Dn Pawa, Dn James, Jason, Benny, Anthony & Jerah Winnie (Greeter)
	Junior Worship:	Lee Kim Lei, (Diana Chan), Ruth Low	Edwin Quek, (Sherry), Siew Lian
	Sunday School/Children's Choir:	Kelvin & Carolyn	Stefanie & Melissa
	AV Ministry:	Crew No. 1	Crew No. 1
	Flowers:	Jessie Ng	Diana Koh
	Refreshment Duty:	Shu Mun, Kim Lei & Sherry	Luan Kheng, Alice & Cecilia Siah
	Adult's Bible Class (4:45pm)	"Evaluation of Charismaticism"	"Evaluation of Charismaticism"
Malayalam Fellowship (6:30pm)	Venue: SingPost Meeting Room #02-30		

Sunday Collection (AUGUST 23 ENGLISH SERVICE)	
Tithes:	\$570.00
Offerings:	2,544.95
Gifts:	Kelvin Lim (200.00); Lourdes Ungab (100.00)

Non-Sunday Collection	
Building Fund (Local):	400.00
Missions Fund:	2,000.00
John Peh:	500.00
Bible Witness:	60.00

**Catechism Class**  
All catechumens, please meet Elder Mah at 4.45pm for today's lesson. Parents seeking infant baptism for their newborn, please register with Sis Diana Koh.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the Lord's day, 27 September 2009, immediately after the Worship Service. There will be Election of Church Session and Office bearers. All communicant members are required to attend this meeting. Please keep this date free.

**Teachers' Appreciation Day**  
Gethsemane Children's Ministry would like to thank all the teachers who are serving in this ministry. Children will be presenting a token of appreciation to teachers immediately after the worship.

**Sunday Worship Live Broadcast**  
BWWR is broadcasting Sunday Service 'LIVE' through our Web Radio. (Go to [www.gethsemaneipc.com](http://www.gethsemaneipc.com) and click on the Sunday 'LIVE' broadcast icon)

Mon - Sat Activities		AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 05
<b>Tuesday Prayer Gathering (8:00pm)</b> Venue: SingPost Seminar Room #02-31		
<b>Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study (12:45pm)</b> Venue: Bible Witness Media Ministry Bookroom (Tel: 6438 0578), Hong Lim Complex		
<b>Thursday Seniors' Ministry (11:00am)</b> Venue: Please contact Dn Daniel Lim for more information at 9385 0371.		
<b>Friday Morning Prayer (6:30am - 7:15am)</b> Venue: Church Resource Centre (For more info, please call Pr Kelvin Lim at 8268 2828.)		
<b>Young Adults' Fellowship (Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 8:00pm)</b> Please contact Sis Kamala for more information at 9026 0401		
Saturday	Church Choir	Time: 2:00pm Venue: SingPost Seminar Room #02-31
	Adults' Fellowship	Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 4pm. Venue: SingPost Seminar Room #02-31 Annexe
	Gethsemane Children's Ministry	Time: 4:00pm Venue: SingPost Seminar Room #02-31 Teachers: Bro Kenneth & Bro Engida Song Leader: Bro Dennis Kabingue Refreshment: Sis Melissa Neo & Sis Annie Ho
	GYBH	Time: 4:00pm Venue: SingPost Meeting Room #02-30 Chairman: Matthew Peh Activity: Evangelism

**2010 Ethiopian Assignment**  
Target: \$500,000.00  
Collection (as of 23<sup>rd</sup> August): \$369,989.92

Please give cheerfully!  
Let us rise and build!  
Hasten to complete the work!

*'Strengthen their hands  
in the work of the house of God'*  
Ezra 6:22

**Our Place of Worship:** SingPost Auditorium (Level 5), 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore 408600

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