

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Worship is the tribute which we pay to the King of kings, who has saved us and made us His people. We acknowledge His sovereignty over us, and our dependence on Him. Let us be filled with inward reverence and praise, that we may offer them outwardly in songs, prayers, meditation of His Word and service unto His glory. May we come to Him with a true heart, confessing, "The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Drink

Proverbs 20:1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

* Hymn 68: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 20

Hymn 122: Glory to His Name

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 115: Constantly Abiding

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Characteristics of Great Faith"

Matthew 15:21-28

Holy Communion

Hymn 201: According to Thy Gracious Word

* Hymn 175: For All My Sin

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 4 JUNE 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 11 JUNE 2017

9.00 – 10.00am	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Cancelled)
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Winnie Yap Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Lawrence Ng & Robert Ooi
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Jasmine Low Ushers: Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Ho Kee How, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Mah Lean Choo Refreshments: Stella Tan, Cecilia Siah Corliss Ooi, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Eunice Choy) Neo Kian Seng, (Violet Quek) Stephanie Lee	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Lee Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Gerry Lee, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Pr Andrew Koh, (Jollyn Low) Gina Sim, (Cecilia Siah) Pr Ho Kee How
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Tomei Tan	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Rowena Delina
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Alan Choy Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

4 June 2017

EIGHT SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF SEPARATION

Prabhudas Koshy

Every biblical doctrine is a blessing to those who believe and apply it fully in their lives and ministries. Our Lord Jesus said, “Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it” (Luke 11:28). God’s truth profits everyone who believes and obeys. Isaiah the prophet said, “Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit... O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea” (Isaiah 48:17-18). God’s truth (regardless of differing opinions), if adhered to passionately, will provide great blessings to the soul. They who believe and obey the truth of God’s Word can be expectant of glorious eternal blessings – “Thou shalt guide

me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory” (Psalm 73:24).

Every doctrine of the Scriptures is to be received and practised. So, the doctrine of separation, being a clear teaching of God’s Word, must be upheld. Nonetheless, many reject it as an unpleasant, burdensome, useless doctrine. Some refer to it as a “minor doctrine” or “non-essential doctrine”. However, this doctrine is the very channel of divine blessings. Furthermore, it also acts as a shield against errors. To practise the doctrine of separation is to secure the pure and glorious divine blessings for our souls and for our churches.

The Bible records very vividly the blessings that God promises to those who separate themselves from sin, worldliness, false doctrines, false teachers and disobedient Christians.

Separation keeps our souls and congregations from the filthiness of sin.

When we practise biblical separation against the sinful pleasures of the world, we will be able to purify and protect ourselves from all the sins of the world. In Ezra 6:21, we have a great example of this when “the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat” and partook of the Passover. The same truth is found in Revelation 18:4, where a call to separate is given – “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.”

Separation helps us to be like Christ.

In Hebrews 7:26, we are told that Jesus Christ, being “such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners”. All Christians are to be like Christ; and to be like Christ, they should separate themselves from sin and sinners, just as Jesus did. Of course, this does not mean we should avoid befriending sinners to

share the Gospel. Rather, the practice of biblical separation is calling us not to partake in their sinful activities. To be like Christ in this world, separation is necessary.

Separation from ungodly people and their activities helps us to delight in God’s Word.

This is the message that we read in Psalm 1:1-3, “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Ungodly friends can often be a distraction and hindrance to a Christian’s obedient life. So, separation from close affiliation with ungodly people will rid us of distractions which steer us away from God’s Word.

Separation helps us to be worthy servants of God.

To be a faithful and good minister of God’s Word, we must refuse to tolerate erroneous doctrines and

philosophies. The apostle Paul’s words to Timothy highlights this truth – “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness” (1 Timothy 4:6-7).

Separation helps us to be delivered from God’s wrath against unrepentant sinners.

Revelation 18:4 affirms that separation will deliver us from sin and also its aftermath – “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Separation assures us that God will receive us.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you” (2 Corinthians 6:17). Though the world and compromising Christians may reject us, the Lord will receive us. Romans 15:7 teaches us that whomsoever Christ receives, He

receives to the glory of God. What a blessing it is to know that those who are separated from sin and false doctrines are vessels of God’s glory!

Separation guarantees the presence and fellowship of God.

To those who will not be unequally yoked with unbelief and sin, the Lord promises that “I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16b).

Separation guarantees the abiding love and care of God.

To the separated Christians, God promises in His Word that “I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:17b-18). Truly, those who will separate themselves for the glory of God are promised His unceasing fatherly love and care.



A WISE CHILD - VIII

Proverbs 1:7 declares to us that “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Likewise, Proverbs 9:10 says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

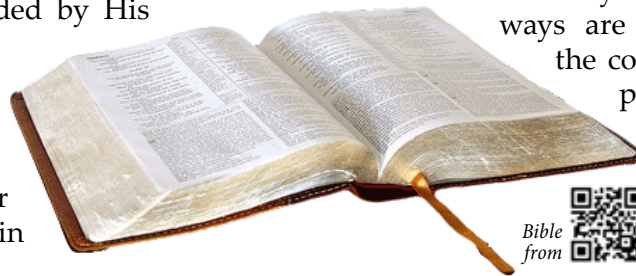
God’s Word promises everyone who fears the LORD that he will be furnished with wisdom. Do you desire to be wise? Then you must first fear the LORD. Fearing the LORD means that you acknowledge the LORD – who is eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God – as your God. Your heart must be filled with awe and reverence for the LORD. You must yield to His Word with faith and obedience. If you always listen to His Word and live in obedience to His Word, you will be guided by His great wisdom.

The fear of the LORD is the foundation upon which you must build your life. Your life must always stand in

reverence of God and in obedience to His holy commandments. Then your life will be free from the foolishness of false doctrines, unholy counsels of worldly people and your own sins.

A person who would not yield to God’s instruction is foolish; his life will be troubled by his own sins and foolish actions. He who does not reverentially trust and obey God would not have God’s guidance and protection. Such a person may think to himself that he is clever, but his life will be filled with his own errors and sins!

When God instructs us to stand by His Word and reject all unholy advice of unbelieving and worldly people, we must humbly and reverentially obey God. God’s holy ways are more excellent than all the counsels of the unbelieving people. So, fear the LORD, labour to know His Word and live according to its wisdom.



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COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 28 May 2017

Tithes: 2,660.00

Offerings: 7,495.20

Blg Fund (Project): 1,000.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 3,000.00;
[2,000.00 (Filipino Svc)]; 500.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 2,000.00;
200.00; GBPC (Ethiopia) 150.00; Rev Ephrem
50.00; Pastor Koshy 200.00; Ho Kee How
500.00; Andrew Koh 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

TGCM (local): A\$300.00

Bible Witness: 1,000.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 1,000.00

General Fund: 10.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 28 May 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,253,361.50

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$54,263.00

*"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in mine house, and
prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of
hosts, if I will not open you the windows of
heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that
there shall not be room enough to receive it."
Malachi 3:10*

14TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING OF CHINESE MINISTRY (COMBINED SERVICE)

In commemoration of the 14th anniversary of
Gethsemane Chinese Service, the above will
be held on
the Lord's Day

18 June 2017 at 10.30am

A bento set lunch is catered (adults &
children @ \$5.00 each).

Please sign up with Sis Aileen Tan today and
make your payment to her.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Women & Gospel Missions

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Carolyn Koshy

Date: Sat, 17 June 2017

Time: 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Roscelle Lim
Blk 322 Hougang Ave 5, #06-92
Singapore 530322

*Transport from Hougang MRT station
at 2.40pm.*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM Programme.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JUL-DEC 2017)

Leaders of all fellowship groups,
please submit your programme/
roster for July-December 2017 to
the church office latest by 18 June to
Sis Diana @ dianamuikeng@gmail.
com for consolidation and Sunday's
bulletin announcement purposes.

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Those who are keen to serve the Lord in
GCM activities on Saturdays (effective July
2017), please see Dn Kelvin Lim after the
worship service or call him (8268 2828).

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In view of the Missionary Conference,
there will be no meeting on 10 June 2017.

HOSTING OF GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

GYF is requesting church members to
open their homes for the hosting of any of
its meetings from July to December. Do
sign up at the reception table if the Lord
moves your heart to do so.

5TH MISSIONARY CONFERENCE BEGINS TOMORROW

Theme: *That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with Us*
(Galatians 2:5)

Those who have not collected their Conference booklets and name tags may do so from the reception table today.

Pray for the blessing of the Conference, which will be held in Hilton Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Pray for those who are travelling from different parts of the world.

13TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

(held in conjunction with

Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship Seminar)

Theme: "An Empowered Woman of God"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 6th – 8th September 2017 (Wed–Fri)

The upcoming Bible Witness Retreat will be jointly held with Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship. Besides being a Bible Study retreat for all, it is also planned to be a family retreat,* with a special focus on equipping Christian women to be spiritually mature and fruit-bearing so that they may effectively contribute to their families, the church and society.

** Married sisters are encouraged to come with their husbands and children. There will be special programmes for the children (4-9 years of age).*

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

In view of the

Missionary Conference,

all weekly activities

(Monday - Friday)

will be cancelled.

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sih

*For more information, please call
the church office at 6741 1910.*



Bible Witness
Magazine



Bible Witness
Web Radio



Church
Weekly

Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium

Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8

Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang