

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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God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Debt

Proverbs 22:26

Be not thou one of them that strike hands,
or of them that are sureties for debts.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Francis Lee

*Hymn 5: O Worship the King

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Responsive Scripture Reading**

Psalm 84:1-12

Hymn 68: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 340: Hiding in Thee

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pr Dennis Kabingue

"Give Glory to God"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28

*Hymn 44: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

***Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Winnie Yap Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musicians: Jasmine Low, Ellyzabeth Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Stella Tan, Mary Lee Rachel Teo, Valerie Leow, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Adeline Lim) Gina Sim, (Rhodora Resuma) Low Siew Lian	Worship Leader: Eld Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Chloe Pawa Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Violet Quek, Cecilia Siah Chairine Chayadi, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Kenneth Wong, (Daryl Kabingue) Karen Quek, (Sophia Zhang) Adrian Lim
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Rowena Delina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Daryl Kabingue
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

3 September 2017

Christians' Hope

Prabhudas Koshy

Though the Bible predicts perilous times in the last days, Christians are urged to live with the hope of glorious experiences of heaven which their Saviour has promised them. They might live through many troubles and sufferings in this present world, but they can live in the hope of a glorious eternity. Every Christian can say confidently, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

The apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 8:24 that "we are saved by hope ... But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Romans 8:24-25). Our salvation that we have received by faith also kindles within us an undying hope. We hope in the promise of Christ concerning our eternal heavenly home – "then do we with patience wait for it." We wait, not as criminals for execution, but as a bride for the wedding! The joy is

sure to come. So, we eagerly and patiently wait for His return. He will surely come to take us to His glorious home.

A Christian's real possession is not what he can see. Suppose God prospers him and he has riches: let him be grateful, but let him confess that these are not his treasures. All the wealth of the world gathered together cannot be compared to the glory that awaits all those who are saved by the blood of Christ.

Paul speaks of "the glory which shall be revealed in us", and he tells us in another place that it is "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory". He then said, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18). What great hope Christians possess! It is glory! Glory shall be ours, even ours, poor sinners as we

are. Grace is sweet, but what must glory be? And it shall be revealed in us, and about us, and over us, and through us, through all eternity.

Hope's Descriptions

Scripture has the following descriptions for the hope that we have received through our salvation in Christ:

A blessed hope – Titus 2:13 says that Christians must live their lives by “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”.

A good hope – 2 Thessalonians 2:16 tells us that “our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father ... hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace”.

A lively hope – 1 Peter 1:3 tells us that “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”. We have a lively hope, a vigorous, active, operating hope! It lives for ever. Our hope shall never die.

It is worth waiting for the fulfilling of our hope, for it is certainly a blessed, good hope, which is imperishable.

Hope's Demeanour

In his first epistle, the apostle Peter exhorts the believer to "hope to the end." He wrote, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13). Here Peter mentions three duties of every true Christian. It is interesting to note that in the Greek text, only the last verb is an imperative or command; the first two verbs are participles. In other words, the first two verbal expressions explain to us how we can keep our hope in focus.

The first expression of hope is to "gird up the loins of your mind". To understand the expression, "gird up the loins", we must take our thoughts back to the time and place of Peter. In those days people wore long robes which often constrained them from moving freely and fast. So whenever they needed to move quickly, they would gather up their robes and tuck into a belt. This action of girding up the cloth around the loins is often used to represent

one's preparedness for action. The people of Israel were told to eat the first Passover "with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover" (Exodus 12:11). So when Peter told his readers to "gird up the loins of your mind", he was telling them to be mentally prepared. Our minds must diligently study the prophecies of Christ's second coming and enthusiastically await His coming. We cannot let our minds wander into the things of the world and conveniently forget the promises of His return.

The second expression of hope is to "be sober", which gives us further understanding as to what it takes to hope for Christ's return. The Greek word translated as "be sober" carries the idea of alertness or vigilance against dangers. Hope involves not only mental preparedness but also spiritual alertness against the snares of the devil which may keep us trapped in sin at His coming. We must keep a wakeful spirit amid all the narcotising conditions around us. The apostle Paul also calls us to be sober as we hope for Christ's return – "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:6-8).

Finally, "hope to the end" is the ultimate expression of genuine hope. The words, "to the end", comes from the Greek word (*telios*) which means "perfect" or "complete". We must set our hearts on our ultimate hope – the Lord's return.

We look forward in steadfast hope for God's grace towards us to be fully realised at the revelation of Jesus Christ on the last day. Then His grace shall accept us to our eternal home while the great wrath of God's judgment will cast the unbelievers into the eternal hell. This grace has already been coming to us since the day we received Christ into our hearts. When our hope is fully set on the final appearance of His return, we will continually receive a greater portion of His grace in our trial-filled journey in this world, that we may complete our journey and receive the final gift of God's grace, i.e. our glory.

How A Diligent Christian Student Glorifies God – I

Children, do you know that a child who is diligent in all his duties, such as studies and household chores, will glorify God? Starting today, I will discuss various reasons why a diligent Christian student will glorify God.

HE HONOURS THE PARENTS

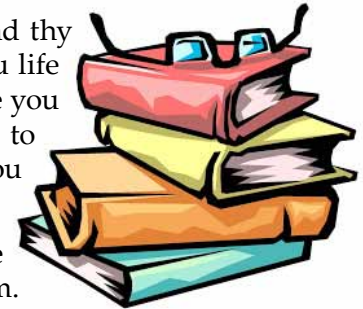
In the Ten Commandments, God teaches every child to “Honour thy father and thy mother” (Exodus 20:12). God wants you to honour parents because He gave you life and provides all your needs through your parents. They work hard and provide you with financial help for your education. Parents make great personal sacrifices to bring you up and provide you with good education. So, as a son or daughter, you must respond to their efforts and sacrifices in a way that honours them.

Do not despise your parents’ efforts and advice. To ignore your parents’ advice to work hard would displease the LORD because He advises you to honour them. Consider the following counsels of God from the book of Proverbs:

“Hearken unto thy father that begat thee” (Proverbs 23:22).

“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother” (Proverbs 15:20).

Moreover, upon successful completion of your studies, you will be able to support your ageing parents financially by obtaining a good job or business. God’s Word reminds every child that he “despise not thy mother when she is old” (Proverbs 23:22). So be diligent to respect and care for your parents. Study well that you may bring joy to your parents, and thus give glory to God who gave you parents.



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 27 August 2017

Tithes: 890.00

Offerings: 9,312.40; A\$20.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 1,000.00

[500.00 (Chinese Service)]

Designated Gifts: Charity Fund 50.00;

Kelvin Lim 50.00; Cornelius Koshy 150.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 700.00; 100.00

General Fund: 50.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 27 August 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,300,226.70

ANDROID APP 'GETHSEMANEBPC'

Attention to all Android users:

The latest app "GethsemaneBPC" can be downloaded from the Play Store, whereby you can access our church online resources on your mobile devices. (Any constructive feedback can be emailed to gbbc.app.feedback@gmail.com.)

Meanwhile, do continue to pray for the brothers who will be fine-tuning and updating it.

PASTORAL VISITATION

TAMPINES EAST/SIMEI

Date & Time: Fri, 8 Sept 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Eugene Song
147 Simei St 2, #01-68
Singapore 520147

If you live in this region, please check that your name is on the list placed on the reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Sat, 9 Sept 2017 at 4pm

Venue: TGCM premises
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

(Take LRT West Loop from Punggol MRT station to Punggol Point LRT station.)

There will also be a concurrent children's programme.

BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on:
"In God Do I Trust"

is available at the reception table.

(Feel free to take as many copies as you need to give to others for their spiritual admonition and edification.)

BAPTISM/AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Date: Lord's Day,
10 September 2017

Candidates, please take note of the date. Please refer to Eld Choy or Eld Mah for any clarification.

COMBINED YOUTH RETREAT OF GYF AND CALVARY PANDAN B-P CHURCH YF

Theme: Deny Yourself, Take Up
Your Cross and Follow Christ!

Speakers: Pastor Koshy, Preacher
Joshua Yong, Brother Andrew Koh

Date: 8-9 September 2017

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church

Fee: \$10

Sign-up: <http://tinyurl.com/yfseptretreat>

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of September 2017, kindly place your order and make payment **today** to Sis Aileen Tan.

COMBINED GAF/GMF DAY-RETREAT

Theme: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15b)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date: Wednesday, 18 Oct 2017
(public holiday)

Time: 9.30am – 4.45pm *

Venue: TGCM premises (Punggol)

Attire: Modest & appropriate casual
(in view of games session)

* Programme includes 3 messages interspersed with tea / lunch breaks, and games session at the end.

Do sign up at the reception table to facilitate seating arrangements and catering for packet lunch / light refreshments.

(There is concurrent GCM programme for children aged 4-12.)

REFORMATION LECTURES 2017

in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Theme: “Historical Relevance of the Reformation”

Venue: SingPost Centre, Level 5 Auditorium
(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Dates/Topics/Speakers

1st October – Pre-Reformation:
Ecclesiastical Corruption and Declension
by Pr Andrew Koh

8th October – Reformation from Within:
“Morning Stars” and “Forerunners”
by Pr Dennis Kabingue

15th October – Reformation Precipitated by the Times:
Social Developments and Intellectual Movements
by Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

22nd October – Reformation Breakthrough:
Defining Moments and Key Figures
by Eld Richard Tiu

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

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Postponed in view of Bible Witness Retreat

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

Mid-term Break

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

Cancelled

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Friday Campus Bible Study

SUTD Semestral Break

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

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



Bible Witness
Magazine



Bible Witness
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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

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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