

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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Depravity

Mark 7:23

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and defile the man.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 73: All Hail the Power

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 145

Hymn 566: Is Not This the Land of Beulah?

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 399: I Am Thine, O Lord

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The King's Parable about His Rejecters"

Matthew 21:33-46

*Hymn 292: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 19 AUGUST 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 26 AUGUST 2018

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| 8.00 – 9.00am | | CHURCH CHOIR | CHURCH CHOIR |
| 9.00am | | CHINESE SERVICE | CHINESE SERVICE |
| | | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) |
| | | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY |
| 11.00am | ENGLISH SERVICE | <p>Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Teo Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Cayson Chok Marcus Lim, Linus Kok Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Karen Quek Amanda Leong, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Eunice Choy) Neo Kian Seng, (Jean Tindaan) Samuel Yong</p> | <p>Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Edwin Quek Benny Skariah, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Sally Lum AV Ministry: John Zhang, David Kablingue Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan Katherin Wu Flowers: Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi Refreshments: Lim Hua See, Stella Yang Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Jenice Choy) Aileen Yan, (Jasmine Kang) Stephanie Lee</p> |
| 2.00pm | OTHER MINISTRIES | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP |
| | | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP |
| | | CATECHISM CLASS | CATECHISM CLASS |
| | | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE |
| 3.30pm | LIONS HOME | <p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Bro Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p> | <p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy</p> |

19 August 2018

Christians & Truth - I

Prabhudas Koshy

Biblical Christianity is all about the absolute truth. It possesses the truth which is revealed by the God of truth. It declares the perfect truth. It promotes a life lived according to the truth. It guarantees the blessings of the truth. Hence, it is not a search or expedition for the truth. Neither is it an evaluation of what might be the truth. It seeks no verification of its declarations by experts.

WE WORSHIP THE GOD OF TRUTH

We worship the “God of truth”. “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he” (Deuteronomy 32:4). He is “abundant in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6; cf. Psalm 86:15). Indeed, as the psalmist said, “O Lord, ... thy truth reacheth unto the clouds” (Psalm 108:3-4 cf. Psalm 57:10).

God, the Triune - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is indeed Truth. God, the Father, is the “LORD God of truth” (Psalm 31:5; cf. Isaiah 65:16). He speaks only truth - “... O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true” (2 Samuel 7:28). Numbers 23:19 instructs us that “God is not a man, that he should lie”. How wonderful it is that we can trust all His words, for He is the “God, that cannot lie” (Titus 1:2). God always speaks the truth.

God, the Son - our Lord Jesus Christ - is the Truth. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The apostle Paul also said that "the truth is in Jesus" (Ephesians 4:21). Moreover, Jesus insisted that He always told His hearers the truth (cf. John 8:45-46). In John 8:14, Jesus claimed, "Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true". Jesus was also a witness to the truth. He said, "for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). He is also called "the faithful and true witness" (Revelation 3:14).

The Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6). In particular, the Holy Spirit was to reveal to the apostles the inspired truth of the New Testament (John 14:26; 16:13). Peter, the apostle, wrote concerning the inspiration of the Old Testament that "... the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21; cf. 2 Samuel 23:2; Nehemiah 9:30; Ezekiel 11:5; Zechariah. 7:12; Mark 12:36; Acts 28:25; Hebrews 1:1; 3:7; 9:8; 10:15; 1 Peter 1:10-11). The Spirit is also the revealer of spiritual truth to believers - "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:10-13).

WE HAVE THE TRUTH OF GOD

The Bible (of 66 books) in our hands is God's inspired, infallible, inerrant and preserved truth. We have perfect confidence in the Bible - confident that all that it teaches us is true. Jesus affirmed this as He prayed to the Father that "thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Likewise, God's servants, whom the Holy Spirit has used to write the Bible, testify repeatedly of the fact that the Bible is true and trustworthy. Consider the following verses:

- Psalm 119:160 – “Thy word is true from the beginning: And every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”
- 2 Corinthians 6:7 – “By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.”
- 2 Timothy 2:15 – “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- James 1:18 – “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

The Bible, being God’s perfect truth, is precious and more valuable than any earthly riches. The psalmist spoke of it thus: “The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver” (Psalm 119:72). Again he said, “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold” (Psalm 119:127).

We who have the Bible must cherish it. Hold on to it at all costs! Proverbs 23:23 exhorts, “Buy the truth, and sell it not.” Do you esteem God’s Word, the Bible, to be greater riches than all the wealth in the world? The truth of God’s Word is an exceptionally desirable possession. The truth of God’s Word alone provides us with divine wisdom and counsels. Do not stand to chaffer about it; promptly make it your own!

God’s truth is eternal, for “the truth of the LORD endureth for ever” (Psalm 117:2). It grants salvation (Psalm 69:13; cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:25); sanctification (John 17:17), spiritual freedom (John 8:32), genuine worship (John 4:23-24) and rejoicing (1 Corinthians 13:6).



Our Evil Hearts Must Be Renewed!

“All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”

Mark 7:23

Jesus was explaining and insisting to the Jews that what was most needed for a man was not ritualistic external cleansing of hands and feet, but the cleansing of the inner man. This is because every man's heart harbours many evil thoughts and desires that lead to evil actions, which Jesus mentioned in Mark 7:21-22. So, our real and urgent need is not external ritualistic washing which cannot purify our depraved hearts, but rather the cleansing and transformation of our hearts.

Jesus Christ came to cleanse the hearts of those who trust in Him. His blood was shed on the cross to cleanse them of the guilt of their sins. He, by the Holy Spirit, also gives them a new heart. Only the Spirit of God can grant us hearts that desire holiness and purity.

To renew hearts that are characterised by all sorts of wicked thoughts, attitudes and actions, we need the divine help of our Lord and His Spirit. If we submit our hearts to the Holy Spirit that the Lord has sent to us, we can think and live righteously.

Children, we must seek the Lord's help not only for the cleansing of our hearts from all their impure thoughts, but also to keep our hearts in all purity.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 12th August 2018

Tithes: 3,540.00

Offerings: 9,974.00

Building Fund (Project): 10,000.00;
430.00; 100.00; 50.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM 100.00; Bible
Witness 20.00; Pr Edsel 100.00; Rev
Ephrem 100.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00; Esther
Ratnam 100.00; Rev Reggor 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Care Ministry: 200.00

Bible Witness: 200.00

Building Fund (Project): 2,000.00; 400.00;
200.00

Designated Gifts (TGCM Anniversary):
Rev Reggor 150.00, 100.00; Pr Kelvin Lim
100.00; Bro Raja 150.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 17th July 2018)

\$4,140,655.64

*(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) 10%
downpayment from the sales of present CRC, (iii)
interest from fixed deposits and (iv) remaining
funds from previous Building Fund collection)*

**Give generously
towards our
Church Building Fund.**

*The God of heaven, He will prosper us;
therefore we His servants will arise and build...
(Nehemiah 2:20)*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Biblical Family Figures

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Sharon dela Cruz

Date & Time: Fri, 24 Aug 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Carolyn Koshy
Blk 826 Tampines St 81, #02-92
Singapore 520826

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to [gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com](mailto:gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com) before the meeting.*

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Gerry Lee

Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2018

Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gerry Lee
121 Jalan Jurong Kechil #01-21
Terene @ Bukit Timah
Singapore 598679

*A concurrent separate programme will
be catered for children aged 4-12.*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Chairman: Bro Ng Kwan Teng

Date & Time: Sat, 1 Sep 2018, 4.00pm

Venue: Telok Blangah Hill Park
(Multi-Purpose Plaza)

Note:

1. Please bring your own water bottles, mosquito repellent and picnic sheets.
2. Picnic/tea food items are welcomed. Please indicate the refreshments you intend to contribute to avoid duplicate items.
3. Kindly indicate your attendance at the reception table in order to facilitate planning.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The next test for the Scripture Memorisation Programme will be held next Sunday, 26th August 2018. It will be a written test of 25 verses. The verses are available for download at gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf. Please sign up at the reception table. For more information, you may approach Pr Kelvin Lim.

GETHSEMANE LADIES FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: "Presence of Divine Help"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 15 Sep 2018, 2.00pm-6.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

Please sign up at the reception table or via this link (<https://goo.gl/forms/OpWNBDVSeF>) to facilitate arrangements for refreshments.

Youths are strongly encouraged to join this seminar.

Please avail yourself of the seminar flyers for more details.

There will also be a concurrent programme for children aged 4 to 12.

CHURCH RESOURCE CENTRE CLOSURE

From this week onwards, the CRC will be closed in preparation for our relocation to the new premises. Temporary address for all correspondence will be Singapore Post Centre P.O. Box 1124, Singapore 914038 with immediate effect.

TURKEY-ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY TOUR (Organised by Bible Witness Media Ministry)

Date: 26th Nov - 7th Dec 2018

Visiting the Seven Churches of Revelation and other historical sites in the Asia Minor region.

For an excellent learning opportunity and an enriching experience, sign up quickly!

For more information, please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship, Filipino Fellowship, Youth Choir Practice

2.00pm onwards

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

Thursdays, 12.30pm @ NAFA

Fridays, 5.00pm @ SUTD

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

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



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Church Weekly

Time & Place of Worship

11.00am

Level 5 Auditorium

Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8

Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

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SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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Deacon Low Boon Siang