

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 arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Depravity

Romans 3:10

As it is written, There is none righteous,
no, not one.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Kelvin Lim

*Hymn 31: Blessed Be The Name

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Hymn 57: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Youth Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 284: Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Responding to a Royal Invitation"

Matthew 22:1-14

*Hymn 285: Whosoever Will

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 26 AUGUST 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

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 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 Flowers: Katherin Wu Refreshments: Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Stella Yang Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Jenice Choy) Aileen Yan, (Jasmine Kang) Stephanie Lee</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Rev Reggor Galarpe Musicians: Sarah Lee, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Andy Lee, Marcus Chee Andrew Teong, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Gina Sim Flowers: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Refreshments: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Stella Tan) Jolyne Cho, (Cecilia Siah) Pr Ho Kee How</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
		CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
		YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE <i>(Cancelled in view of Evangelism)</i>	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: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap</p>

26 August 2018

Christians & Truth - II

Prabhudas Koshy

Much of humanity is under “the god of this world” who “hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Jesus expressly said to the unbelieving Jews, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44). Being misguided by Satan, people walk not after the truth of God.

In the Garden of Eden, when the first parents at the behest of Satan rejected the truth of God, sin began. Sin continues to abound whenever people rejected God’s revealed truth in the Bible. Concerning two defiant challengers of God’s servant Moses, Paul said, “Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith” (2 Timothy 3:8). In Romans 1, the apostle Paul points out that wherever people “changed the truth of God into a lie” (verse 25), there will be a proliferation of vile sins, such as idolatry and homosexuality.

In our times, many think that there is no such thing as absolute truth, especially about religious truth. Some think about religion as simply a matter of personal preference like food, sport or art. Even among those who call themselves Christians, there exists a cynical aversion to accepting Biblical doctrines and instructions as absolute truths to live by.

But the Bible declares concerning “the church of the living God” that it is “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). The church is responsible to proclaim and preserve the truth, which God has given His people in His Word. The church is expected to hold forth the truth, to immovably, unshakably live, uphold, guard, and proclaim the truth of God’s Word. The people of the church must know they are called not only to believe in God’s perfect, authoritative truth as revealed in the Scriptures, but also to conduct their lives according to God’s truth. Christianity is a life in the truth!

CHRISTIAN LIFE IS WALKING IN THE TRUTH

Christians must know the importance of truth in their lives. The truth of God must govern their thinking, speech, conduct and teachings. The integrity of Christian life lies in its conformity to the truth of God’s Word!

The apostle John has written about his special joy concerning those who lived according to the truth. “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father” (2 John 4). Again, he wrote, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3 John 4).

God has given us His perfect truth through the Bible in order that we may not only know it and believe it, but also live by it. In the New Testament, the word “walk” is often used as a metaphor for the manner and activity of one’s life. Hence, the phrase “walking in truth” denotes how a Christian’s life ought to be controlled and guided by the truth.

In fact, John emphatically mentioned that their “walking in truth” was just “as we have received a commandment from the Father” (2 John 4). It is our heavenly Father’s will that we walk in the truth. So, living according to God’s truth is not optional for Christians. God has revealed His truth in the Bible, that we may be freed from ignorance, unbelief and disobedience to His will.

Christians who have received the truth of God in the Bible have a great responsibility to live according to the truth. The more clearly and bountifully He provides us with the truth of His Word, the greater is our responsibility to believe and obey it.

As a faithful minister of God's Word, John commented, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." The ultimate goal of every true pastor or preacher is to see that his congregation walk in the truth of God. A pastor's job is not to charm his congregation with an excellent exposition of the Word, but to diligently encourage, guide and help his people to believe, love, and obey the truth. He himself must be an example to the congregation as to how a Christian ought to walk in the truth. While a pastor's great grief is that his people walk ignorantly or indifferently or rebelliously concerning the truth that God has revealed to them, his greatest joy is that they walk in the truth.

My beloved Gethsemaneans, are you walking in the truth? Are you moving along in life according to the biblical truths, or according to the fleshly and worldly ideas and goals?

Every one of us must be firmly planted on the solid foundation of the truth so that none will be led astray by the temptations of sin, false doctrines, trials or persecutions or any other device that is implemented against us by the enemy.

Let us live the truth! Let our habits and practices be all governed by His truth. Like the "elect lady and her children" who manifested abundant evidence of being consistent followers of Christ and His truth, as commended by the apostle John (cf. 2 John 1), may you also abound with evidence of a life in truth.



None is Righteous!

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”

Romans 3:10

Children, you will be told by many around you in school and in other places that “people are basically good.” This idea is continually taught and reinforced by many psychologists, counsellors, and even religious leaders.

However, God’s Word says that hearts of all men are sinful; hence not one is righteous. In fact, most of us are acutely aware that we are sinful and guilty of many sins.

If we do not acknowledge our sins, and seek God’s forgiveness and help to overcome our sins, we will be overcome by our sins. Sadly, standing in the way are our stubbornness and self-pride, which prevent us from admitting our sins and repenting of them.

Let us not justify ourselves as those who have no sin. Not admitting our sins, or giving excuse for our sins will make us very wicked before God. But if we humbly admit them and seek God’s forgiveness, He will forgive us. Proverbs 28:13 tells us, “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 19th August 2018

Tithes: 6,610.00

Offerings: 8,822.00

Building Fund (Project): 100.00; 50.00

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness Retreat

(India) 500.00; 200.00; 100.00; 100.00;

TGCM 100.00; GBI (India) 700.00; 200.00;

Pr Sujith 150.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00;

100.00; Pastor Koshy 200.00; Gladys

Ratnam 50.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 24th August 2018)

\$4,140,805.64

(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 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.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pr Dennis Kabingue

Chairman: Bro Gideon Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 1 Sep 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Pr & Mrs Ho Kee How

Block 306, #11-79, Canberra Road

Singapore 750306

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 15, Bedok South Avenue 1

Singapore 460015

Please meet @ 2.00pm at the foyer. Youth

Choir Practice is cancelled in view of this.

PASTORAL VISITATION

JURONG / CLEMENTI

Date & Time: Fri, 14 Sep 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Lee Jong Lee

Blk 632, Jurong West St 65, #10-280
Singapore 640632

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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of September, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Yan and make your payment by today.

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

The CRC is now closed as we wait for our new premises. Temporary address for all correspondence will be Singapore Post Centre P.O. Box 1124, Singapore 914038.

15TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

2nd to 5th September 2018 (Sunday to Wednesday)

Theme: "The Gospel of the Kingdom"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Venue: Fairfield by Marriott (Vizag, India)

Please note that there will be a briefing for all participants immediately after the worship service today.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Filipino Fellowship, Malayalam Fellowship

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

Fridays, 12.00pm @ NAFA

Semester Break @ SUTD

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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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

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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