A Word on Worship

Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

Scripture Memorisation

*Discipline of Children
Proverbs 29:15
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Brotherly Love in Christian Fellowship

It is a given that brotherly love ought to be a trait characterising Christian fellowship. Yet we cannot hide from the fact that there are unloving people lurking within such circles. Especially in these last days when people are increasingly “lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, ...disobedient to parents... trucebreakers, false accusers, ...fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded...” (2 Timothy 3:1-4), the Holy Spirit’s exhortation to love one another as a brotherhood and fellowship of Christians is a very important message to us. The apostle John, under the inspiration of God, wrote about this topic of brotherly love in 1 John 3:14-19. The truths gleaned from this passage will greatly help us to appreciate and demonstrate brotherly love in our practice of Christian fellowship.

**The Expressions of Brotherly Love**

Three specific actions prove the presence of true love among the fellowship of believers.

Firstly, it is when we love the brethren. Loving the brethren is a sure mark of our salvation. “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren...” (v. 14).

The grammatical form of the verb “love” (the Present, Active, Indicative) denotes both deliberate and continuous expression of love towards fellow believers. It portrays the vibrancy and vitality of divine love which we ought to express to fellow brethren.

Secondly, it is when we sacrifice ourselves in order to alleviate the plight of the needy brethren. “...we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?” (v. 16b-17).

This means a readiness to sacrificially help a needy brother with our resources. True love is not about self-pleasure or self-enrichment, but self-sacrifice. When we deny help to a destitute brother, it is doubtful whether the love of God truly dwells in our hearts (v. 17).
Thirdly, it is when this love is manifested not just in our speech but also in our deeds and in truth. “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (v. 18).

Only actions done in sincerity qualify as genuine expressions of love. In other words, true affections should translate into action. Words of apparent concern spoken to cover up one's disgust or unwillingness to help are plain hypocrisy. Such speech should be eradicated from our lips.

**The Importance of Brotherly Love**
Three reasons underscore the importance of brotherly love in our fellowship as Christians.

Firstly, it proves that we have received eternal life. “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him” (vv. 14-15).

While persistent hatred confirms our spiritual deadness, love for the brethren proves our spiritual regeneration. The expression of brotherly love is a manifestation of the assurance of eternal life. But it must be stressed here that it is not the means for obtaining it. Salvation unto eternity still is, and will always be, by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8). Our love for the brethren is only an affirmation of that faith. Thus, brotherly love ought to be a characteristic of forgiven, regenerate sinners bound for eternity.

Secondly, it proves that we have appreciated God's love in Christ's atoning sacrifice. “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (v. 16).

The term “laid down” involves a deliberate, wilful act that demonstrated Christ's love “for us” in His sacrifice on the cross. His death was not one of mere martyrdom but an atonement and a propitiation (1 John 2:2). It is a designed self-sacrifice on behalf of others. The preposition “for” (huper in Greek) is often used to denote the substitutionary nature of the atonement (cf. John 11:50; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13). Thus, Christ gave His very life “for us”, for our own benefit.

John's primary concern is to stress the exemplary aspect of Christ’s atoning sacrifice. Christians have an obligation to be self-denying like their Lord if such an occasion presents itself in the service of love. Christian love does not originate from within one's own heart, but from the sacrificial love of Christ which he has tasted.

The mutual love of Christians must be patterned after Jesus' sacrificial love on Calvary. There can be no greater expression of love than the sacrifice of one's life, which is the greatest possession an individual can ever have (cf. John 15:13). Christ did just that, and He demands that we
do the same. “When the honour of God’s name, the advancement of his church, and the need of his people demand that we love our brothers, we ought to show our love at all cost—even to the point of risking and losing our lives,” Kistemaker wrote.

Thirdly, it assures our hearts that we live by His truth in His presence. “And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him” (v. 19). The knowledge that “we are of the truth” stands opposed to all false notions of one’s spirituality. The presence of brotherly love in our fellowship only affirms that we are true Christians and that we are not deceived in professing to be Christians.

For such indeed is the mark of a true disciple of Christ, as summed up by Jesus’ own words: “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).

(We thank the Lord that the work on the studio (level 3) is progressing. The frames for the installation of the acoustic walls and suspension springs for the acoustic ceilings have been installed. Let us pray that all the work will be done in due time.)
A Neglected Child, The Parents’ Dishonour

“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

Proverbs 29:15

Children gain wisdom by listening to wise parents and teachers, and by submitting to their discipline. Parental scolding, reinforced with some punishment or deprivation for which the “rod” serves as the symbol, will result in their firm and loving counsels being etched in the memory of children.

Without parents’ words and actions of reproof, children will wander into foolish and shameful paths. Without the “bit and bridle” of proper parental supervision, coupled with timely instruction and discipline, children will be drawn into a life of sin and shame. It is almost certain that children will not develop godly discipline in their lives without strong correction.

“A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” What a dreadful warning to parents who neglect the close supervision and instruction of their children! Here mothers are particularly mentioned. Mothers, who are to “guide the house” (1 Timothy 5:14) as “keepers at home” (Titus 2:5), are expected to teach their children with authority (cf. Proverbs 1:8; 6:20; 31:1). Needless to say, mothers who fail in their duty concerning the supervision and correction of their children will feel the hurt most when their children go astray.

Prabhudas Koshy
COLLECTIONS

LORD’S DAY on 16th June 2019

**Tithes:** 2,380.00

**Offerings:** 7,062.00

**GBWL:** 2,635.00

**Designated Gifts:** Pr Donald dela Cruz 50.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 50.00; Rev. Ephrem 100.00; GBPC-Ethiopia 100.00; Matthew Peh 100.00

LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Please direct all love gifts related to the renovation and operational costs of 33 Ubi Crescent to Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2).

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session at Ubi Avenue 1 (Singapore 400323).

*We will be covering blocks 323 and 324. Brethren going for Lions Home will cover block 322.*

*Please gather at Block 323.*

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Date & Time:** Sat, 29 June 2019, 4.30pm

**Activity:** Evangelism Session

*(More information will be disseminated through the Youth Fellowship Whatsapp group.)*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS’ FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** “Fruit of the Spirit — Gentleness”

**Speaker:** Pr Joshua Yong

**Chairman:** Bro. John Ku

**Date & Time:** Sat, 6 July 2019, 4.00pm

**Venue:** Botanic Gardens

*More information will be provided in the coming weeks.*

CHINESE SERVICE

**16TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

In commemoration of the 16th anniversary of Gethsemane Chinese Service, a combined service will be held on 7th July 2019.

**Date & Time:** Lord’s Day 7 July 2019, 11.00am

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Interpreter:** Pr Daniel Lim

Come and join us in thanksgiving for the Lord’s goodness upon the Chinese Service for the last sixteen years.

*A bento lunch set is catered (adults and children @ $6.00 each). Please make your payment to Sis. Aileen Yan today.*

KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY (KBS)

**Speaker:** Pr Daniel Lim

**Chairperson:** Pr Jeremiah Sim

**Date & Time:** Fri, 5 July 2019, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Dn & Mrs Daniel Lim

Blk 322, Hougang Avenue 5, #06-92

Singapore 530322

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session at Ubi Avenue 1 (Singapore 400323).

*We will be covering blocks 323 and 324. Brethren going for Lions Home will cover block 322.*

*Please gather at Block 323.*
GETHSEMANE MEN’S FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Theme: “Men of Faith (V) – Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego”

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: 13 July 2019, Saturday, 2.00pm-6.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

Look out for more details in the upcoming seminar flyer.

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

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Leaders of respective ministries and fellowship groups are to submit a short write-up for collation as part of the Annual Report for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to Elder Francis Lee at francis_savedbygrace@yahoo.com by 28th July 2019.

CATECHISM CLASS

The next Catechism Class for brethren who wish to seek baptism, transfer of membership and affirmation of faith will begin from Sunday, 21st July 2019. The class begins at 2.00pm. Interested brethren are asked to register as soon as possible with Bro. Norefel Resuma. If further information is needed, please see either Elder Alan Choy or Elder Mah.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship
1.00pm – 2.00pm

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
Break @ NAFA
Friday, 5.15pm @ SUTD

Sunday Lions Home Ministry
Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

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

Time & Place of Worship:
11.00am
Singapore Post Centre,
Level 5 Auditorium,
10 Eunos Road 8,
Singapore 408600
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