

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Not my will, but Thine, be done” – Luke 22:42*

## WORD ON WORSHIP

The way to come to God the Father is through Christ. He is the sure and only way to God (cf. John 14:6). “Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13). All those who have trusted in Christ’s atoning sacrifice on the cross can now draw nigh to God, rejoicing in that wonderful privilege. Paul said, “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement” (Romans 5:10-11).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Early*

**Psalm 90:14**

O satisfy us early with thy mercy;  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

\*Hymn 137: Thanks to God!

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Scripture Reading in Unison

*1 John 5:1-13*

Hymn 274: Souls of Men, Why Will Ye Scatter

### Scripture Memorisation

Hymn 173: There Is a Fountain

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

“Supreme Assurance for Believers—I”

*1 John 5:1-13*

\*Hymn 331: The Haven of Rest

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\*Congregation Standing*



2 August 2020

# The Preciousness of Souls

*Thomas Brooks*

*(Thomas Brooks (1608–1680) was a Puritan pastor in London, England. He was also a Christian author of several much-appreciated books and articles. The following article is an excerpt from his collected works of six volumes published by the Banner of Truth Trust.)*

Christ, that only went to the price of souls, hath told us that one soul is of more worth than all the world. Christ left His Father's bosom, and all the glory of heaven, for the good of souls; He assumed the nature of man for the happiness of the soul of man; He trode the wine-press of His Father's wrath for souls; He wept for souls, He sweat for souls, He paid for souls, and He bled out His heart-blood for souls. The soul is the breath of God, the beauty of man, the wonder of angels, and the envy of devils; it is of an angelical nature, it is a heavenly spark, a celestial plant, and of a divine offspring, it is a spiritual substance, capable of the knowledge of God, and of union with God, and of communion with God, and of an eternal fruition of God. There is nothing that can suit the soul below God, nor nothing that can satisfy the soul without God; the soul is so high and so noble a piece, that it scorns all the world in point of acceptance, justification, satisfaction, and salvation. What are all the riches of the East or West

Indies? What are rocks of diamonds, or mountains of gold, or the price of Cleopatra's draught, to the price that Christ laid down for souls? Christ made Himself an offering for sin, that souls might not be undone by sin; the Lord died that slaves may live, the Son dies that servants may live; the natural Son dies that adopted sons may live, the only-begotten Son dies that bastards may live; yea, the Judge dies that malefactors may live. Ah, friends, as there was never sorrow like Christ's sorrow, so there was never love like Christ's love, and of all His love none to that of soul-love. In a word, the spiritual enemies which daily war against the soul, the glorious angels which hourly guard the soul, and the precious ordinances which God hath appointed as means both to convert and to feed the soul, do all speak out the preciousness and excellency of the soul. There was once a great contest among some nations about Homer, an excellent poet—they severally pleaded their interest in him; and truly so it is this day about the

soul of man: many lay claim to it,—sin lays claim to it, and the world lays claim to it, and Satan lays claim to it, and Christ and holiness lays claim to it, and oh that Christ and holiness might have it before all others! O sirs, there is no wisdom nor policy to that of securing our precious souls, for they are jewels of more worth than all the world! All the honours, riches, greatness, and glory of this world are but chips and pebbles to these glorious pearls; therefore, before all and above all other things, make sure work for your souls; if they are safe all is safe, but if they are lost all is lost. Other things cannot be made sure; riches cannot, for as they are lying, so they are flying vanities, they make themselves wings, and they fly away; honours cannot: Haman is feasted with the king one day, and made a feast for crows the next; Herod is one hour cried up for a god, and the next hour he is eaten of worms. Princes' courts are very slippery: a man may quickly get a fall there, that may easily break both back and neck, as many in all ages have experienced; the applause and favour of creatures cannot, for many men's favours are got with an apple, and lost with a nut. Judas his heart was hardly warmed with the high-priest's favour, before they shut their doors upon him, with a "What is that to us? Look thou to that" (Matthew 27:4–5). What is the favour of man but a blast, a sunshine-hour, a puff of wind, a magnum nihil, a great nothing? Who then would spend an hour's time to secure it? Near and dear relations cannot, for the delight of Ezekiel's eyes is taken away with a stroke (Ezekiel 24:16); and all Job's children are snatched away in a day (Job 1:10).

O sirs, if the serious consideration of the preciousness and worth of your souls will not draw you out to study holiness, to love holiness, to prize holiness, and to press after holiness, what will? O sirs, it is only holiness that is the happiness of the soul, the safety and security of the soul, the prosperity and felicity of the soul, and the lustre and glory of the soul; and therefore why should you not labour, as for life, after this inestimable jewel, holiness? Oh, let the remembrance of the preciousness of your souls be an effectual means to draw you to hear that you may be holy, and to pray that you may be holy, and to read that you may be holy, and to mourn that you may be holy, and to sigh and groan after holiness, as after that which is the soul's only happiness. O sirs, there is nothing below heaven so precious and noble as your souls; and therefore do not play the courtier with your souls. Now the courtier does all things late—he rises late, and dines late, and sups late, and repents late. Oh, do not poison your precious souls by gross enormities! Oh, do not starve your souls by the omission of religious duties! Oh, do not murder and damn your souls by turning your backs upon holy ordinances! I have read of a woman, who, when her house was on fire, so minded the saving of her goods, that she forgot her only child, and left it burning in the fire; at last, being minded of it, she cries out, "Oh, my child! oh, my poor child!" but all too late. So there are many men now so mad upon the world, and so bewitched with the world, that they never mind, they never regard their poor souls, till they come to fall under everlasting burnings, and then they cry out, Oh,

our souls! oh, our poor souls! Oh that we had been wise for our souls! Oh that we had got holiness for our souls! Oh that we had made sure work for our souls! But all too late, all too late. The Lord make you wise to prevent soul-burnings at last. If he be rather a monster than a man that feasts his slave but starves his wife, what shall we say of those that pamper their bodies but starve their souls, and that have threadbare souls under silk and satin clothes, and that please themselves with deformed souls under beautiful faces? Surely it had been good for these that they had never been born. All unholy persons will at last cry out, We have betrayed our immortal souls, we have lost a

precious Father, we have lost a dear Redeemer, we have lost the company of glorious angels, we have lost the society of “the spirits of just men made perfect,” and we have lost all the pleasures and joys and delights that be at the right hand of the Most High! We have lost these, we have lost all these, and we have lost them for ever and ever: surely there is no hell to this hell! For a close of this direction, remember this, that as the soul is the life and excellency of the body, so holiness is the life and excellency of the soul, and as the body without the soul is dead, so the soul without holiness is dead.

## UPCOMING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

*Links to the meetings will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.*

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study on Judges

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Bro. Lijoy George

**Date & Time:** Sat, 8th Aug 2020, 4.00pm

### KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY

**Speaker:** Pr Jeremiah Sim

**Chairperson:** Bro. Jomart Tindaan

**Date & Time:** Fri, 7th Aug 2020, 7.30pm

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Being a Single Woman of God

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis. Choy Luan Kheng

**Date & Time:** Sat, 15th Aug 2020, 4.00pm

### YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

**Topic:** Family Devotion

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Dn Low Boon Siang

**Date & Time:** Sat, 29th Aug 2020, 2.00pm

## Junior Worshipper's Page

# An Early Interest in God's Mercy for a Happy Life

*"O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."  
(Psalm 90:14)*

The psalmist desired a happy living, so that he may rejoice and be glad all his days. Similarly, all of God's children should desire to experience continual joy in life, no matter how distressing and challenging life may be. After all, God has promised to bless His children, who trust in Him, with joy – "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing..." (Romans 15:13).

But how can God's children always remain happy in life? We see, in Psalm 90:14, the children of God asking God to satisfy them early with His mercy. Oh, let us plead for God's mercy to be given early to us. The earlier we receive His mercy, the greater the joy we will have.

If you have sinned against God, seek His mercy at once. Go to him without delay as soon as you recognise your sin, and pray that He will show you His abundant mercy to pardon your sin. Lingering in sin without seeking His mercy is foolishness, for it will lead to many sorrows! So, ask for His mercy early for the forgiveness of your sins.

Likewise, if you are afraid, seek His mercy without delay for courage and strength of heart. If you are disappointed and frustrated, ask the Lord for His mercy, that He may grant you comfort and peace. If you are sick, seek His mercy for His healing and restoration. Don't delay, but be early to seek His mercy.



Prabhudas Koshy

## ONLINE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

**Date & Time:** Mon, 10th Aug 2020, 4.00pm–6.00pm

There will be an online fellowship meeting with Pr Donald dela Cruz and brethren from the Pangasinan Mission Church. This meeting is hosted by Team Mission Pangasinan 2020.

Please register by **6th August 2020 (Thursday)** if you are interested to join the event. The registration link is at <https://tinyurl.com/GBPC-Online-Fellowship2020>

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## OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

- For Christian literature, please visit [biblewitness.com/magazine](http://biblewitness.com/magazine) to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
  - For 24/7 fundamental Christian music, please visit Bible Witness Web Radio at [biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/](http://biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/)
  - For our sermons, you may visit our church's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/gethsemaneipc/](https://youtube.com/user/gethsemaneipc/) or [gbi-online.com](http://gbi-online.com)
  - Finally, you may also follow our church's Facebook page at [facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/](https://facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/) to stay updated with any urgent announcements from our church leaders.
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## PRAYER HOTLINE AND STAYING UPDATED

Members & regular visitors are urged to keep abreast of church matters through our church's virtual meetings, holy communion services & updates via our church's Prayer Hotline.

To be kept informed of the above, do sign up by sending a WhatsApp message to the Hotline, indicating your name. Remember to save the Prayer Hotline number (8138 8139) on your phone to receive the broadcast messages.

### Prayer Hotline:

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

*your prayer item*

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Elder Ng Poh Kok

Elder Francis Lee

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 26th July 2020

**Tithes:** 6,845.00

**Offerings:** 8,952.00

**Designated Gifts:** Cebu Building Fund 20.00, 50.00; TGCM 310.00, 90.00; Ethiopia Missions 100.00; Charity Fund 50.00; BWMM 100.00; Cornelius Koshy 132.00; Jeffrey Setiawan 132.00; Dn Imane 100.00; Pr Engida 100.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(20th–25th July 2020)

**Offerings:** 4,045.00

**Tithes:** 3,400.00

**Designated Gifts:** Arnold Diaz 50.00; General Fund 600.00; Cebu Missions 50.00; Cebu Building Fund 100,000.00, 10,000.00; Matthew Peh 25.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 30th July 2020)

**Cebu Building Fund:** 176,492.50



### FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Send in your gifts to 'Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church' via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-011173-7), or you may scan the QR code above to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.



### FOR LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Send in your gifts to 'Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited' via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2), or you may scan the QR code above to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.

## OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Sunday English Worship Service LIVE

9.00am on YouTube Live

### Sunday Chinese Worship Service

9.00am on YouTube Premiere

### Sunday Evening Teaching Service (GBI–Nehemiah)

6.00pm on YouTube Live

### Campus Bible Studies (via Zoom)

NAFA-Lasalle: Monday @ 2.00pm

SUTD: Thursday @ 3.00pm

SIT: Friday @ 3.00pm

### Staff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday @ 10.15am

### Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00pm on YouTube Live

### Seniors' Ministry (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Malayalam Fellowship (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 8.00pm

### Children's Ministry Meetings

Saturday @ 11.00am (younger children)

& 2.00pm (older children)

### Filipino Fellowship (via Zoom)

Sunday @ 2.00pm