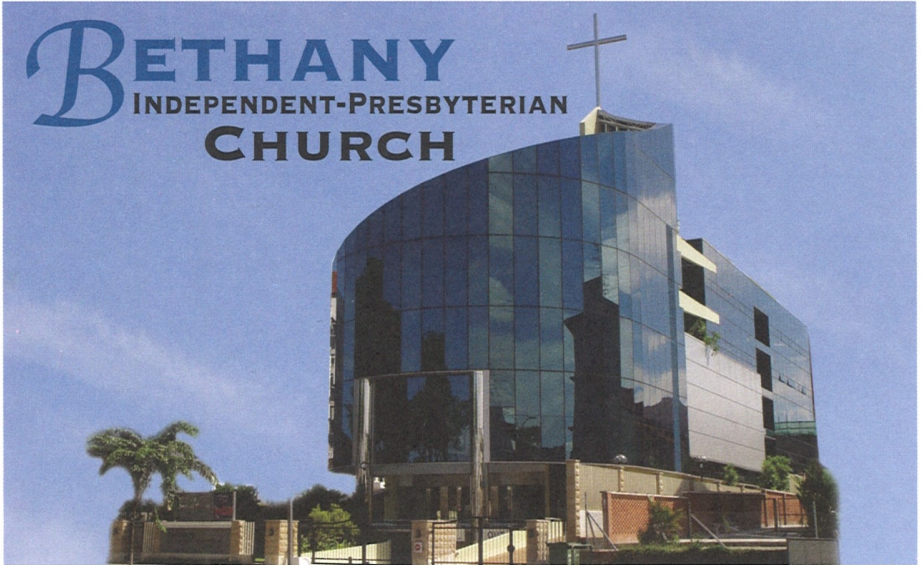


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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: John 5



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“SHALL NOT COME TO JUDGMENT”

EVERYONE FEARS JUDGMENT

If we are truly honest with ourselves, we must acknowledge that we fear the judgment of God. We fear the ultimate judgment from God for we know that we have sinned against Him!

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MEDITATION

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WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO WHEN THEY FEAR JUDGMENT

Many are the things people will do when they do not want to think about the Judgment of God.

1. Denial

- (a) Many deny that there will be judgment
- (b) Some go further and deny that there is even a God
- (c) Some others will block out any thought about judgment

2. Rejection

- (a) Many reject the concept of Judgment
- (b) Some think that if they reject Judgment, then it will not come to pass

3. Defiance

- (a) Some defy the idea of Judgment
- (b) Some others sin even more as an expression of defiance

4. Resignation

- (a) Some feel that there is no hope
- (b) They resign themselves to whatever is their fate

WHAT JESUS OFFERS

There is a better approach and solution to the problem of Judgment. Let us consider what Jesus taught: -

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*Most assuredly, I say to you,
He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me
Has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment,
But has passed from death into life. John 5:24*

1. If we were to face Judgment from God
 - (a) We will come under condemnation
 - (b) The sentence will be spiritual death!
2. If we were to have faith
 - (a) In God who sent Jesus
 - (b) In Jesus who came to deliver us from judgment
3. The wonderful results: -
 - (a) We will have everlasting life
 - (b) We will not come under Judgment from God
 - (c) We have been passed from death to life

RECEIVING JESUS

Let us respond appropriately to the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ!

1. We have nothing to lose
2. We have everything to gain
3. We can have eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - (a) Faith in Jesus as the Messiah sent from God
 - (b) Faith in Jesus as our Saviour
 - (c) Faith in Jesus and His promise of eternal life

Begin your journey of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ today! You too can have eternal life through faith in Him. ✝

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be enriched through worship and fellowship. A special word of welcome to our worship at Shangri La today. Thank God that we have been able to have this place of worship. †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

A & A PROJECT

1. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings
2. Let us continue to support the project as we are able.
3. God willing, Phase 1 will be completed in June 2016
4. The Main Contractor will then submit Phase 1 for inspection to BCA
5. This process may take 2-3 months
6. Hopefully, we will be able to worship in the New Sanctuary by November 2016! †



NEXT SUNDAY, 17 April 2016

1. We return to Bethany, 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road for worship.
 2. Evening and Bilingual Worship
4.00pm
 3. Catechism Class
1.00pm †
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BETHEL FAMILY CAMP

18-22 April 2016:

Theme: "I have put My Spirit upon Him" (Isaiah 42:1)

1. Registration for the Bethel Family Camp
 - (a) About 100 have signed up thus far
 - (b) This is the largest registration yet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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2. The focus of this Family Camp

- (a) Understanding the Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- (b) Seeking the filling of the Spirit of God in life and ministry
- (c) A deeper appreciation of the ministry of the prophetic word

3. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

- (a) That hearts would be touched and blessed
- (b) That there may be a desire to be filled with the Spirit of God †

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Deep sympathy to Gan Ann on the homegoing of her father. Mr. Gan Poh Lye passed on to eternity on Monday, 4 April 2016. He was 63 years old. †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 11 April 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 11 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

WORSHIP



Psalm 61: 5-6

*For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.*

*You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.*

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1. The heritage of those who fear the Lord

- (a) There is a special heritage
- (b) To those who fear the Lord



2. What is this special heritage?

- (a) It is the gift of life
- (b) God can give long life to those who fear Him

3. Appropriate response

- (a) Let us learn to fear the Lord
- (b) Let us treasure the promise of life †

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU

Condemnation is a word that is feared by so many,
The world can sometimes be mean and truly ugly.
There is little compassion from people around,
Nothing is left when a ship runs aground!

There seems little hope when sin is truly exposed,
On whom may the sinful soul fall back in repose?
Condemnation leads to a life of shame and rejection,
Is there anyone who can forgive with true compassion?

Jesus refused to condemn even when all seems lost,
The law seems merciless, and the sinner must pay the cost!
Yet there is always hope for the most defiled because of sin,
Jesus offers love and grace, and cleansing from deep within.

It is easy to condemn when we do not look into our own heart,
But deep down, all have sinned and the soul is torn apart.
The words of Jesus remain true and wonderful even today,
"Neither do I condemn you..." These precious words are here to stay!

Inspiration: John 8:11
Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 10 April 2016

John 7:38 Rivers of living water

*He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,
out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*

1. Promise of the Lord

- a) Rivers of water to flow from the heart of the believer
- b) A glorious promise

2. Powerful Sources of this promise

- a) The Lord Jesus
- b) The Scriptures

3. People who will benefit

Believers in the Lord Jesus and the Scriptures

Next Sunday: 17 April 2016

John 10:10 Abundant life

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



THEME : I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
“And the truth shall make you free”
John 8

Chairmen
Mr Moses Kwek
Mr Eugene Seow

Pianist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NO BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)		10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School		8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School III				
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 rd and 4 th Floor Auditorium	3 rd & 4 th floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10 April 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
HWC No.

Prelude *Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan*

Call to Worship *Mr Eugene Seow*
Mr Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance

Century Praise 299 Amazing Grace

Century Praise 289 And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “And the truth shall make you free”
“真理必叫你们得以自由”

Text : John 8
约翰福音 8

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
HWC No. 270 Wonderful Words Of Life

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

10 April 2016

Dear Brethren,

THE PROMISE OF LIFE JESUS OFFERED

The promise of Life by the Lord Jesus was not well understood by many. The following are observations we may note from a reading of the Gospels.

1. The multitudes
 - a) They sought Jesus only in the hope of having their physical needs met
 - b) Those in need spared no effort to seek Jesus out
 - c) Once their needs were met they did not pursue further
2. The detractors
 - a) The religious leaders of the day
 - b) The secular Roman rulers
 - c) These were not neutral in their response to the teachings of Jesus
 - i) They ignored
 - ii) They tolerated
 - iii) They opposed strongly

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LIFE JESUS PROMISED

It is wise to look more closely at the life the Lord Jesus offered.

1. A life forgiven of sin
2. A life freed from the tyranny of demons
3. A life of abundance

THE EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED JESUS AS DISCIPLES

Jesus called people to follow Him so that they might learn more about this promise of Life. These were called Disciples of Christ! They were prepared to leave everything just to pursue this life Jesus offered. Their wonderfully changed lives bear testimony of the reality and significance of receiving this promise of abundant life!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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