

Bethany III ... 13 November 2016

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Text: Ephesians 2



"MADE US ALIVE"

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THE AMAZING SALVATION PLAN OF GOD

The redemptive plan of God is well described in the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

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Even when we were dead in trespasses, Made us alive together with Christ (By grace you have been saved),

And raised us up together, and made us sit together In the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches Of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

- 1. Where did the plan of salvation originate?
 - (a) In God
 - (b) In His rich mercy
 - (c) In His great love
 - (d) In His grace
 - (e) In His kindness
- 2. How does His salvation express itself?
 - (a) He loved us despite our sinfulness
 - (b) He made us come alive even though we were dead in our trespasses
- 3. What is the extent of God's plan of salvation?
 - (a) He has elevated us
 - (b) He has raised us to sit in the heavenly places in Christ the Lord
- 4. God will display
 - (a) His exceeding riches of divine grace
 - (b) Our salvation is truly an astonishing display of God's greatness

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HOW MAY WE KNOW THAT WE ARE TRULY SAVED?

The expressions of true salvation in Christ are quite obvious!

1. Alive

- (a) We are spiritually alive
- (b) There will be obvious evidence of spiritual life

2. Fruit of salvation

- (a) We will bear fruit in our life
- (b) There will be significant changes in our life
- (c) We will desire to serve the Lord

Let us rejoice in the salvation we have in the Lord. Let us seek to share our salvation with loved ones and friends. It

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May you find great joy in discovering more about the salvation we have in the Lord! $\hat{\tau}$



CATHECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium Time: 1.00pm

We will be concluding the Catechism Class program at the end of November 2016. 貸

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Daohua and Shi Yun on the occasion of their wedding on 12 November 2016. May the Lord's richest blessings be bestowed! \hat{r}

MEET THE SESSION

Sunday, 4 December 2016. Time: 1.00pm

All Baptismal Candidates will be sharing their testimony with the Session Members. I

A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to pray for the Project. We have commenced Phase 2. Here are some updates: -

1. Bubble Lift

We can use the Bubble Lift.

2. The Fireman's Lift

The present lift will be replaced. This will take more than a month.

3. The 3rd and 4th Floor (far side of the Church) These will be given over to the Contractor for re-furbishing work.

4. Church Office

The new General Office will be in operation this week. បំ



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WEDDING BELLS

Eugene Seow and Yvette Chua will be joined in holy matrimony on 19 November 2016. The wedding service is at 11.00am. All at Bethany are cordially invited. F

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

10 December 2016 4.00pm

Followed by Fellowship Dinner at 5.30pm. Please sign up:-

- 1. General sign-up
- 2. Special sign-up: -
 - (a) Senior Citizens (65 and above)
 - (b) Children (12 and below)

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of Carolling! Let us rejoice in the Lord! $\hat{\tau}$

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICE

11 December 2016 (Adult Baptism)

18 December 2016 (Paedo-Baptism)

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Let us rejoice with all who are planning to take this step of faith to identify with the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism! $\hat{\tau}$

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2016 Time: 10.30am

Plan to book your table as soon as possible. Let us look forward to another wonderful time of worship at Shangri La this Christmas! \$\forall T\$

DOWN MEMORY LANE

31 December 2016 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

Let's recall the Lord's goodness and mercy bestowed on us this year! Let us extol the Lord and praise His name!

- 1. Do you have a testimony to share?
- 2. Plan to share about how the Lord has blessed you this year

Talk to the Pastoral Team if you need advice. T

TESTIMONY

Dear Pastor.

I would like to take this time to praise God and to tell of all His marvelous works. For He is a God who hears and answers prayers. The Pulpit theme for September-October was most apt. Thank God for the spiritual family in Bethany who prayed for me when I had surgery recently.

I have been in constant pain from a totally worn out hip joint with no cartilage left, due to a car accident when I was a child. After seeking a few medical opinions and much thought, I decided to go for an Anterior Hip Replacement.

I am very thankful to you, Pastor, the Pastoral team, sisters from Collection Of Offering, brethren from SSS4 Befrienders, the SSS4 Committee and many others who prayed alongside me.

On the morning of surgery, the prayer support and the Lord's promises from Isaiah 43 brought about a sense of peace beyond all understanding as both Carol and Emily accompanied me to the Operating Theatre. By noon, I had a successful Anterior Hip Replacement done.

However, during the surgery, I lost a lot of blood. My Hemoglobin dropped to 6 and my blood pressure dropped to 70 during the night. In the realm of prayer, Pastor, the Pastoral team and my brethren in Bethany continued to bring me before our King and our God at His throne of grace in prayers. "Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray." Psalm 5:2

And the next day, my Hemoglobin went up to 10.2, blood pressure hovered above 100 and I was on my feet walking with the walking frame under the guidance of my surgeon, Dr Pang Hee Nee. How wonderful that we have a God who hears and answers prayers!

As I take time to recuperate and reflect from home, I am writing with deep gratitude to each and everyone of you who kept me in prayer in my times of need. Above it all, I am thankful to our King and our God for enabling me to exercise faith to experience His love, His mercy and grace at work through it all.

In His mercy and grace, Uvonne Kwek

WORSHIP



Psalm 69:31-33

This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves.

The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.



For the LORD hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners.

- 1. The magnifying of the LORD with thanksgiving
 - (a) This will please the Lord
 - (b) More than burnt offerings
- 2. The poor and humble
 - (a) They will be glad
 - (b) They will not be able to afford such costly sacrifices
 - (c) They take heart that offering thanksgiving is perfectly acceptable with God
- 3. The LORD
 - (a) He hears the prayers of the poor
 - (b) He does not despise even the prisoner! \$\forall

POETRY CORNER

BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION

The land lay quietly, hushed by fear of the enemy,
The threat of warm loomed larger frighteningly.
Is there salvation to be hoped for from the Lord?
But the burden of sin had not been confessed to God!

There is a greater fear that anger from God would prevail,
Then all would be lost, and horse and chariot would not avail.
Has the Lord turned away His anger, is there any sign?
There must be pleading with the Lord; He is good and kind!

Though God nursed anger He has turned away from that, He draws near now, and He offers a comforting chat! Behold, God is truly my salvation, now I can rejoice, The fear is taken away and the terrible doubtful voice.

The LORD has become my source of strength again, My soul has been cleansed and I am right as rain! There is no God like the LORD our blessed Rock, He can break the strongest chain and lock!

Isaiah 12:2 Charles Tan ↔

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 13 November 2016

Isaiah 12:3 Wells of salvation

Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1. Salvation

- (a) Represented by the imagery of a well
- (b) Wells symbolise fullness

2. Joy

- (a) This should be the natural outcome
- (b) Joy is listed as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 November 2016

Isaiah 43:25 He Who Blots Out Your Transgressions

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. & THEME: BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Immanuel: God With Us" Isaiah 7-8

Chairman

Mr Lai Chung Han

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

– CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Jesus saw their faith" Matthew 9:1-8

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch: Eddie & Siok Lian Peh

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual	Suii	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
		10.30am		
Beginners' Sunday School	1	8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School	Sun	8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School			,	
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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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	Sat	5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY		3		
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th	3.00 pm	- 1 looi / taattoriaiii	- 11001
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Walldalli Bible Glady	Fri	7.00 pm	4 1 1001 / taattoriam	1 11001
CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
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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	3 rd & 4 th
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Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 13 November 2016 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mrs Esther Ang

Organist: Sally Tan

HWC No. 521 Redeemed

Prelude

Call to Worship Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Song No. 1 Psalm 96

Century Praise 458 The Church's One Foundation

HWC No. 170 One Day

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Immanuel: God With Us"

Text: Isaiah 7—8

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 495 Heaven Came Down

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

13 November 2016

Dear Brethren,

REMEMBERING 4 NOVEMBER 2016

Thank God for the granting of the TOP last week, 4 November 2016. That would be one of the more memorable dates in Bethany's history. What should be remembered?

- 1. The prayers offered
- 2. The answer given

The words of the Psalmist David come to mind when he sought the Lord in prayer.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Psalm 86:6-7



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WORSHIPPING IN THE NEW SANCTUARY

Thank God for a wonderful spirit of worship last Sunday (6 November 2016) in the new sanctuary. Let us seek to offer worship.

Among the gods there is none like You, O LORD, Nor are there works like Your works.

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship Before You, O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Psalm 86:8-10

Let us offer worship with a great sense of awareness of who God is!

- 1. There is none like the LORD our God
- 2. There are no works like His works
- 3. He deserves to be glorified
- 4. He alone is the LORD God

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie