

Bethany III ... 20 November 2016

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Text: Ephesians 2



"WE ARE HIS WORK-MANSHIP"

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GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

It is wonderful to ponder God's plan of salvation. It is truly profound and awesome.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, And that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God,

Not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
For good works, which God prepared beforehand
That we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

- 1. By grace you have been saved
 - a) Purely out of the matchless grace of God
 - b) Salvation is a pure gift from God
 - c) But it has to be appropriated through the exercise of faith
- 2. And that not of yourselves
 - a) We cannot save ourselves
 - b) Our works cannot save us
 - c) No one can boast of being able to obtain salvation through good works

GOD'S OFFER OF SALVATION

To whom is this offer of salvation given? Let us ponder this wonderful word.

But as many as received Him (the Lord Jesus Christ)
To them He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

- 1. As many as
 - a) God's kingdom is huge
 - b) It can take billions of people

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- c) As many as will turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith they can have salvation
- 2. The right to become the children of God
 - a) What a wonderful thought this is!
 - b) Salvation results in our becoming children of God
 - c) God becomes our Heavenly Father

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

God continues to work in our life after we have been granted salvation.

- 1. God continues to work in our life
- 2. His continuing work in our lives confirms for us that we are truly children of God
 - a) We are re-created in Christ Jesus
 - b) A desire to do good works will be planted in our hearts
 - c) God has foreordained that we should produce good works

Let us treasure the salvation that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us not take our salvation lightly. Let us reflect in our lives the workmanship of God! \hat{v}

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ON LEAVE

Pastor Charles Tan will be on leave 21 November- 2 December 2016. \$\forall T\$



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted and your mind further enlightened through worship and fellowship! \hat{V}



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium
Time: 1.00pm
This is the penultimate class for this year. \$\forall

MEET THE SESSION

For all baptismal candidates.
Date: 4 December 2016
Time: 1.00pm 🕆

BAPTISMAL SERVICES

11 December 2016 Adult baptism

18 December 2016 Paedo-baptism t



SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.15am Singspiration

8.30am Sunday School Class

9.15am Class Fellowship ❖

A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings.

- 1. New General Office This is now operational
- 2. Far side of the Church The 3rd and 4th Floor will be refurbished
- 3. No access
 - a) The Upper Room
 - b) Auditoriums
 - c) Pastor's office ਪੈ



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

1. Lighting of the Christmas Candles

1st Sunday of Advent

27 November 2016 The Prophecy Candle

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December 2016 The Bethlehem Candle

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11 December 2016 The Shepherds' Candle

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18 December 2016 The Angels' Candle

2. CAROLLING SERVICE

Date:17 December 2016 Time: 4.00pm

Please register

Especially those who are 65 years and above and those 12 years and below v



CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Date

25 December 2016

Time

10.30am Worship 12.30pm Christmas Fellowship Lunch

SPECIAL FEATURE

Commissioning of Moses Kwek and Eugene Seow as Student-Pastors of Bethany. T

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Eugene Seow and Yvette Chua on the occasion of their wedding on 19 November 2016. May the Lord bestow on them His richest blessings as they commence their life together and man and wife. T

WORSHIP



Psalm 69:34-36

Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it.

Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

1. Praising God

- a) Heaven
- b) Earth
- c) Seas

May the Lord's name always be praised!

2. Reasons for praising God

- a) He will save Zion
- b) He will help the redeemed to build
- c) He will bless the descendants of those who love the Lord and serve $\mathop{\text{Him}} \mathfrak{F}$



WELLS OF SALVATION

The world is sometimes like a great wilderness, The sun can be very unforgiving in its harshness. The nights can be bitterly uncomfortable and cold, Surviving in the world is only for the truly bold.

The eye scans for a source of water that means salvation Without the water of life, the heart beats in trepidation. It is not gold or silver that matter to the weary traveler, It is finding a well that will bring great joy to the latter.

Far in the distance there seems a semblance of an oasis. But could this be a mirage caused by a great deep thirst? The traveler trudges on and he comes to an amazing place, Could it be true? There are wells of salvation, full of grace!

Wells of salvation speak of God's grace and provision,
They are expressions of the Lord's loving devotion.
He knows the needs of all His children in the wilderness,
He bids them draw water with joy from the wells of salvation.

Inspiration: Isaiah 12:3 Charles Tan 🕏

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

- 1. Who can blot out our transgressions?
 - a) Only God can do that
 - b) He has given His solemn word that He would do just that
- 2. Why would God blot out our transgressions?
 - a) For His own sake
 - b) In His profound wisdom and will He makes this declaration
- 3. What are the consequences?
 - a) God will not remember our sins
 - b) He will not hold our sins against us
- 4. How should we respond?
 - a) There should be grateful love and appreciation
 - b) There should be heartfelt praise and thanksgiving
 - c) There should be a great desire to know the Lord and serve Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 November 2016

ISAIAH 44:22 I HAVE REDEEMED YOU

I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins.

Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. T

THEME: BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION

This Week @ Worship

- COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"A Great Light" Isaiah 9~10

Chairman

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

<u>Interpreter</u>

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

– CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Follow Me"
Matthew 9:9~13

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: Nicholas Khoo & Will Leong Fellowship Lunch: George & Ruby

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES			AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	
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	Sun	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
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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	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School				
Senior Sunday School III	1	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		2		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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 1001 Additorialii	- 11001
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
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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
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 rd and 4 th Floor	3 rd & 4 th
			Auditorium	floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 20 November 2016 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mrs Sally Tan

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 119 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prelude

Call to Worship Dr Daniel Chia

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 51 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Century Praise 299 Amazing Grace

HWC No. 378 Only One Life

Century Praise 6 How Great Thou Art

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"By Our Love" The Remnant

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "A Great Light"
Text: Isaiah 9—10

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 499 Sunshine In My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTE

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

20 November 2016

Dear Brethren.

BEHOLD. GOD IS OUR SALVATION

Thank God for His matchless grace and mercy. In God's profound salvation, His grace and mercy stand out magnificently. God's plan of salvation was well evidenced in the following text. Many lessons may be learned: -

> So the LORD saved Israel that day out of The hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw The Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD Had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD,

And believed the LORD and His servant Moses. Exodus 14:30-31



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- 1. So the LORD saved Israel
 - a) There was no way in which Israel could have saved itself
 - b) Egypt was too powerful
 - c) It took the great power of God to save Israel out of its bondage
- 2. Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt
 - a) Salvation may indeed be described as "great work"
 - b) The works of God done in Egypt:
 - i) Mighty miracles were wrought
 - ii) The majesty of God's power was clearly demonstrated
 - iii) God's relationship with His people was wonderfully established
- 3. So the people did two significant things. Let us emulate their example.
 - a) They feared the Lord
 - b) They believed in Him

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie