

Bethany IV ... 7 May 2017 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Isaiah 14



"THE LORD WILL STILL CHOOSE ISRAEL"

CHOSEN TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

The choosing of Israel to be God's own special people was clearly declared in the Book of Deuteronomy.

MEDITATION

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But you are a holy people to the LORD your God; The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, A special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6

The doctrine of being "Chosen" could not be clearer! How wonderful it is to be so greatly blessed!

A GREAT FALLING AWAY

But Israel had proven unfaithful to the LORD their God! The people had chosen to dwell in sin instead! In Isaiah 5, a series of "Woes" were pronounced against Israel.

1.	Land grabbing	Isaiah 6:8
2.	Drunkenness	Isaiah 6:11-12
3.	Ignorance (spiritual)	Isaiah 6:13
4.	Iniquity	Isaiah 6:18-20
5.	Wise in their own eves	Isaiah 6:21

WOULD GOD STILL CHOOSE ISRAEL?

Given the fact that ancient Israel had fallen away so badly, would the LORD God still choose Israel? The answer is a remarkable one!

For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, And will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. Isaiah 14:1

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MEDITATION

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This is a truly astonishing prophecy! God would choose Israel all over again, despite its sinfulness!

- 1. God's mercy extended
- (a) What lay beneath the choosing of Israel by the Lord? The key word is "Mercy!"
- (b) It was out of mercy right from the start
- (c) It continues to be "mercy" even after Israel had broken God's covenant!
- 2. Will still choose Israel!
- (a) This was God's way of saying that He was choosing Israel again
- (b) What about the sins of Israel?
 - i. They are forgiven
 - ii. They are washed away
 - iii. They are remembered no more

What a great and wonderful God we have in the LORD! Let us be truly grateful for the mercy that He has in store! Let us learn how we may appreciate this relationship we have in the Lord our God! \$\forall \]

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship! $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$





THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 16:27-28 \$\foxtar{7}\$

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

We resume Catechism Class.

Venue: Auditorium 4.2 Time: 1.00pm 🕆

NEXT SUNDAY, 14 May 2017

We will be celebrating Mother's Day! We will be having a Combined Worship Service! The children will be with us at this Worship Service. T

JUNIOR CAMP

29 May- 1 June 2017 Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"

Registration is open!

We have 52 children who have already registered! Let us pray for the children to be well-taught at the Junior Camp!

It was the Lord Jesus Christ who taught this doctrine.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

- 1. Pray for the Junior Camp Committee
 - (a) The Bible Study Teachers
 - (b) The Sketch Team
- 2. Pray for the faithful cooks
 - (a) For grace
 - (b) For strength

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- 3. The Camp Sub-committees
 - (a) The support they give
 - (b) The help they will render
- 4. The Campers
 - (a) They will learn much
 - (b) They will have special memories of the Junior Camp
- 5. Camp sponsors Thank God for all sponsors! む

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP

Venue: Auditorium 4.2-3 Time: 4.00pm

We will be having Communion too!

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings as we resume the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service. 🕏



A&A

Let us continue to pray. Hopefully, the whole project would be completed by the end of May. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings. 🕏

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 8 May 2017 Time: 7.00pm Venue: TUR 守

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 8 May 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Sanctuary

Let us deepen our prayer life.

This will deepen the significance of how we pray!

The Book of Psalm is such a deep and wonderful book to read.

Many lessons of prayer can be learned! \$\frac{3}{3}\$

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 9 May 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Sanctuary

We are reading Deuteronomy currently. This book provides invaluable background for the reading and understanding of the entire Bible! \$\forall 1\$

WORSHIP



Psalm 78:3-4

Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

1. Our fathers



- (a) Many were the lessons taught by the ancestors
- (b) These must be passed down to the next generation

2. Their children

- (a) They must be reached
- (b) They need to learn valuable lessons

3. The LORD

What the LORD has done must be taught!

- (a) His praises
- (b) His strength
- (c) His wonderful works 약

POETRY CORNER

I WILL NOT DENY YOU

With all sincerity, Peter exclaimed he would never deny the Lord!
That was unthinkable, for was not Jesus the very Son of God?
So the other disciples also declared their devotion and loyalty;
Their sincerity was touching. But how could that stand reality?

With stirring words, the Disciples declared that they would be true!
They could not imagine denying, after all they had been through.
Stirring words are also touching, but would words be enough?
How would the words stand up when things become truly rough?

With great fervour, the Disciples declared their love for the Lord, They were prepared to die with Him, who had been sent by God! But is fervour enough, when the day of severe testing arises? Would they be fully prepared for testing's many surprises?

Jesus did not respond to these words because He knew better; His Disciples would find out the truth about themselves later. Their hearts were in the right place, but that was not sufficient, Only after they were empowered would their words be efficient!

Inspiration: Matthew 26:35

Charles Tan

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 7 May 2017

Deuteronomy 7:6 Chosen to be a People for Himself

For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

- 1. What we are in God's Sight
 - (a) Chosen
 - (b) To be a holy people to the LORD our God
 - (c) A people for Himself
 - (d) A special treasure
- 2. How should we respond to such word?
 - (a) Let us respond gratefully
 - (b) Let us determine to walk worthy of our calling
 - (c) Let us pray for grace to walk closely with the Lord

Next Sunday: 14 May 2017

Matthew 12:18 My Servant whom I have Chosen

Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom I am well-pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him.

THEME: CHOSEN

This Week @ Worship

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The LORD Your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself"

Deuteronomy 7

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan Student-Pastor Jonas Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Mr Foo Yit San

Chairman

Miss Aleena Kua

<u>Pianist</u>

Miss Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Quek Li Yen

Usher

Miss Sylvia Chan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM .

3rd Floor Auditorium 3~2 "Faith to follow Jesus" Matt 4:18~22

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH — 10.30 AM

"Someone Worth Following"
Mark 1:16-20

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6 4th Floor

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Joanne Chin

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Chairman

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Deacon

Dr Tan Peng Hui

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4~2, 3

"Many are called few are chosen" Matt 20:1-16

Breakfast : Si Si

Fellowship Lunch: Yong Jin & Shufang Evening Tea: Mark & Chen Kee

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location		
WORSHIP SER VICES						
Morning Worship Service			Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor		
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)		10.30 am	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor		
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor		
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor		
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor		
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SUNDAY SCHOOL						
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor		
Beginners' Sunday School			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor		
Junior Sunday School I	Sun	8.30am	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor		
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor		
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor		
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	I st floor		
Senior Sunday School II	7		Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor		
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor		
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor		
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4th floor		
CHOIRS						
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor		
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4th floor		
Youth Choir	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor		
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor		
BIBLE STUDY						
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor		
Home Bible Study	2 nd and	3.00 pm	-	-		
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Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor		
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor		
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor		
TRATER MEETING	1.1011	6.00 piii	Church Sanctuary	Z IIOOI'		
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS						
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor		
Young People's Group II	┥		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor		
Young People's Group III	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 3-I	3 rd floor		
Young Adults' Group	-		Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor		
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-I	4 th floor		
Adults' Ministry	┪	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor		

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 7 May 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mrs Sally Tan

Organist: Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 321 To Be God's People

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev Mark Tan

Student-Pastor Jonas Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 51 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

HWC No. 512 My Saviour's Love

HWC No. 483 Lead On, O King Eternal

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "The LORD Your God has chosen you

to be a people for Himself"

Text: Deuteronomy 7 Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 355 Trusting Jesus

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 95 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 358

I Am Thine, O Lord

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE Order of Worship 7 May 2017

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏 Pianist: Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter: Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 96 All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

世纪颂赞(96) 贺衪为王

Century Praise No. 289 And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

世纪颂赞(289) 奇异的爱

Century Praise No. 332 I Need Thee Every Hour

世纪颂赞(332) 我时刻需要祢

PRAYER 牧祷

"PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "Many are called few are chosen"

"被召的人多,选上的人少"

Text: Matt 20:1-16 马太福音 20:1-16

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter: Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 389 He Leadeth Me

世纪颂赞(389) 天父领我

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316 Have Faith In God

世纪颂赞(316) 当信服神

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

我以信心仰望

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

7 May 2017

Dear Brethren,

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AN EXCITING MONTH AHEAD

Let us look forward to another great month ahead of us! May our hearts always be excited when it comes to living for the Lord and serving Him! Two highlights: -

- 1. Mother's Day (14 May 2017)
 - a) This will be a Full Combined Service
 - b) The Children would be with us at the Morning Worship as well
 - c) They will be presenting a special item
- 2. Junior Camp (29 May- 1 June 2017)
 - a) We resume this special ministry to the children
 - b) The Pastoral Team would be leading the Junior Camp

THE NEW PULPIT THEME

The focus is on the doctrine of being "Chosen" by God!

- 1. Divine Choice
 - a) This is a fascinating doctrine
 - b) How did God choose?
 - c) Why did He choose as He did?
- 2. Human Response
 - a) It is wonderful to know how God chose us
 - b) Not everyone understood how to respond appropriately
 - c) The challenge is to learn how to respond God effectively and meaningfully

Let us look forward to learning how we may appreciate our being chosen to be God's People!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie