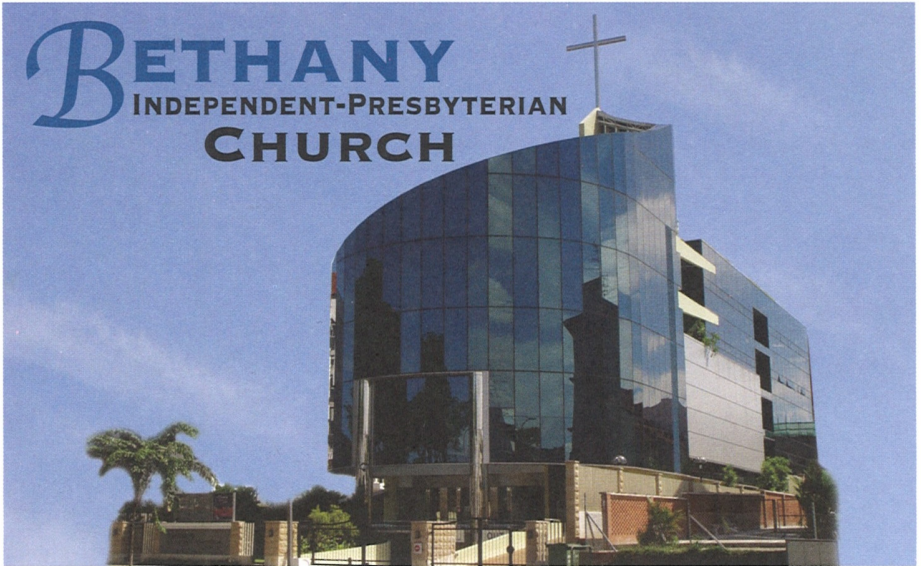


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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Isaiah 26



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“YOUR DEAD SHALL LIVE”

ASTUTE OBSERVATIONS

Isaiah was a significant prophet in the reigns of four kings of Judah (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah). Over the span of many years he made certain astute observations.

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MEDITATION

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THE DEATH OF POWERFUL NATIONS

There were powerful nations that sought to conquer and colonise smaller and weaker nations. But when these powerful nations became cruel and unrighteous, their end was written on the wall. This was the observation made about them.

*O LORD our God, masters besides You
Have had dominion over us;*

*They are dead, they will not live;
They are deceased, they will not rise.
Therefore You have punished and destroyed them,
And made all their memory to perish. Isaiah 26:13-14*

1. Masters who had dominion over Israel
 - (a) There were many
 - (b) They brought untold misery on the nation

2. God's judgment and punishment
 - (a) These mighty nations died
 - (b) They would never rise again
 - (c) The Lord destroyed them
 - (d) The memory of their might had perished!

THE LIFE THAT GOD CAN GIVE

Isaiah was conscious of how Israel could have perished too. How then did the nation survive?

*LORD, in trouble they have visited You,
They poured out a prayer when Your chastening
Was upon them.*

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*Your dead shall live;
Together with my dead body they shall arise;
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;
For your dew is like the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead. Isaiah 26:16, 19*

1. Praying to the Lord

- (a) This is an important practice
- (b) Prayer is an expression of faith and hope

2. The Hope of the resurrection

- (a) This hope is not confined to the New Testament
- (b) This was a hope that Isaiah possessed

3. Life on earth

- (a) It may be hard and complex
- (b) Death may even be experienced
- (c) But there is a special hope that enables a person to persevere and not give in to despair

4. The hope of the resurrection

- (a) The dead who have faith in the Lord will live again
- (b) God can raise the dead

This is a glorious hope that every believer may cling on to with great confidence! Let this hope bring much joy to the heart! †

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.2 †

NEXT SUNDAY: THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let us look forward to the celebration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday.
Let us prepare our hearts for Communion.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-AUTUMN EVENT

30 September 2017

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

Plan to sign up today. Let us look forward to sharing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with all who have not understood our faith. †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Date: 3-7 December 2017

Theme: "The same spirit of faith"

2 Corinthians 4:13

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on all who are attending the Youth Conference! Let us pray for the Planning Committee led by SP Benjamin Chong. †



CHRISTMAS 2017 (Baptismal Services)

There will be two Baptismal Services:

10 December 2017

17 December 2017

Meet the Session:

3 December 2017

Things to consider for all seeking Baptism:

1. Check your understanding of your salvation

- (a) Who is the Lord Jesus to you?
- (b) Will you seek to follow the Lord Jesus faithfully?
- (c) Do you see fruits of salvation?

2. A written testimony

- (a) How did you come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- (b) How has your life been changed since you came to faith in Him?
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Jonas and Joanne on the occasion of their wedding on 23 September 2017. May the Lord bless richly! †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 25 September 2017

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 25 September 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Church Sanctuary †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Church Sanctuary †

Psalm 84:11



*For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.*

1. Description of God by Imagery

- (a) Sun
- (b) Shield

2. Delighting in God

- (a) He will give grace and glory
- (b) He will not withhold any good thing
- (c) From those who walk uprightly †

YOUR DEAD SHALL LIVE

Mighty nations conquer and exert their might,
They rule by sheer violence; reigning brings delight;
They forget that there is a God who looks down from heaven,
He will punish those who destroy others without mercy or concern!

These nations may have their day, but their glory is brief;
They fall soon enough and their death brings some relief!
There is a God who upholds justice and He is in control;
There is no need to give in to despair when darkness enfolds.

Death seems so final- this thought brings despair!
There must be faith in God; He hears our prayers!
He gives faith and hope, He helps us see eternity;
There is life beyond this earth, stretching to infinity.

"Your dead shall live!" This was the prophet's proclamation;
The dead will arise in that glorious day of full redemption.
This hope was made even more real when Jesus rose from the dead;
His resurrection is the first-fruits; that should make our hearts unafraid!

Inspiration: Isaiah 26:19

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 24 September 2017

Romans 8:11 Will also give life to your mortal bodies

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal
bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

1. The Indwelling of the Spirit of God

- (a) This is a glorious truth not to be taken for granted
- (b) Let us take time to consider the significance of this truth

2. Life to our mortal body

- (a) Let us ponder this glorious truth
- (b) In part, we are sustained by the food we eat
- (c) In part, we are sustained by the Spirit of God who gives life

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 October 2017

Romans 8:13 You will live

*For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*



This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“You have a name that you are alive
but you are dead”
Revelation 3:1-6

Chairman
Deacon
Dr Victor Khoo

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman
Ms Shamini Joseph

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Usher
Mr Kreston Ang

— TEENS’ WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“Your faith has made you well”
Mark 5:25-34

— CHILDREN’S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Having a Hardened Heart”
Mark 6:45-52

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Chairman
Mr Lim Weiquan

Pianist
Mrs Amelia Toi

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mrs Lee Yuwen

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“I am the Way, the Truth
and the Life”
John 14

Breakfast : Chu Family
Fellowship Lunch : Seekers
Evening Tea : Siok Lian

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			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
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			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	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			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	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Youth Choir		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 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	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
24 September 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 293

Rise Up, O Church Of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon Dr Victor Khoo

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 305

Now Thank We All Our God

HWC No. 390

May The Mind Of Christ My Saviour

Century Praise 333

More Love To Thee

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “You have a name that you are alive
but you are dead”

Text : Revelation 3:1-6

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 301

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
24 September 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏	Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Lim Weiquan Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 341	Knowing You 认识祢
Century Praise 399	Make Me A Blessing 借我赐恩福
Century Praise 459	Blest Be The Tie 以爱相连

PRAYER 祈祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” “我就是道路，真理，生命。”
Text :	John 14 约翰福音 14
Speaker:	Rev Mitchell Tan Interpreter : Mr Alex Tan

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 323	'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus 信靠耶稣真是甜美
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

24 September 2017

Dear Brethren,

SHARING OUR FAITH

Let us look forward to the Mid-Autumn Event on 30 September 2017. And what should we look forward to but the joy of sharing our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Apostle John was already very advanced in years when he wrote the Book of Revelation. This was what he wrote as he reflected on the years of sharing his faith.

*I, John, both your brother and companion
In the tribulation and kingdom and patience
Of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos
For the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
Revelation 1:9*

1. John's identification with his readers
 - a) He was a brother
 - b) A companion
2. John's personal faith
 - a) He was not afraid to go through tribulation
 - b) He had to endure much (patience)
 - c) He loved
 - i) The Lord Jesus Christ
 - ii) His kingdom
 - iii) The Word of God

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us be encouraged to share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the Mid-Autumn event. We will never know how hearts may be impacted as the Word of God is shared with all attending.

1. Let us pray for the senior citizens who are coming especially
2. May their hearts be moved to consider the Kingdom of Heaven
3. Let us do our utmost to share of our personal faith in Christ Jesus the Lord

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*