

Bethany IV ... 10 December 2017

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"I WILL DECLARE YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN"

THE SON OF GOD

The Lord Jesus took on flesh and was truly Emmanuel! He manifested what God was like! Three things may be highlighted!

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- Full of grace
- 2. Full of truth
- 3. Full of love and compassion

THE SON OF MAN

When Jesus became The Son of Man, He identified with us completely. Psalm 22 added a special perspective.

I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. Psalm 22:22

When we read this Messianic reference, it changes the way we read the Gospels about the ministry of the Lord Jesus when He ministered in the synagogues!

1. The Gospel writers noted that Jesus would go to the synagogues

- (a) He entered into the synagogue again Mark 3:1
- (b) When the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue Mark 6:2

2. The fulfilment of the Messianic Scriptures

- (a) The prophecy was that the Messiah would speak of God "in the midst of the assembly"
- (b) The synagogue was the regular assembly that the Jews would go to on a Sabbath
- (c) Jesus was actually fulfilling this Messianic reference

3. What did Jesus do when He was teaching in the synagogues?

- (a) He was declaring the name of God
- (b) He was speaking of faith in God
- (c) He was seeking to draw people to the Lord
- (d) He sought to speak in praise of His Father

MEDITATION

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4. How did Jesus see the people in the synagogue?

- (a) He saw them as "brethren"
- (b) There are a number of ways in which this word may be understood. Two may be highlighted:
 - i. He was speaking as an Israelite to the children of Israel
 - ii. He was speaking to people who had come to faith in God and they were therefore truly "brethren"

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us thank God for the love that the Lord Jesus has for all who believe in Him. Graciously, He calls us "brethren!" Let us rejoice in this great truth! $\hat{\tau}$

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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! \hat{v}



to Bethany IV

A FOND FAREWELL TO OUR BRETHREN FROM BETHEL

Pastor Chris and the Bethel brethren have returned home to Perth. They have a busy Christmas program too. \$\forall\$



REFLECTIONS

- 1. Christmas Carolling
- 9 December 2017
- 2. Youth Conference
- 3-7 December 2017
- "The same spirit of faith"

Take time to reflect on these events that have just been concluded. May we emulate the example of Mary:

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart" Luke 2:19 \$\frac{1}{3}\$

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Paedo-Baptism

- 1. Let us thank God for all those who are seeking to present their children to be baptised
- 2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on all the children and their parents

Names of Children

- 1. Daniel Seow (son of Yvette and Eugene Seow)
- 2. Elijah Ng (son of Audrey and Ng Choon Hwee)
- 3. John Nai (son of Min Li and Albert Nai)
- 4. Maia Lee (daughter of Su Ping and Lee Chen Siang)
- 5. Matthew Lai (son of Kathy and Lai Xian Han)
- 6. Natasha Neo (daughter of Lynn and Elvine Neo)
- 7. Olive Kwok (daughter of Evangeline and David Kwok)
- 8. Phoebe Chan (daughter of Le Chin and Daniel Chan)
- 9. Riley Chan (daughter of Linda and Nicholas Chan)



NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having another Baptismal Service.
This time it will be for adults. T

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

First Christmas Candle- "The Prophecy Candle" (3 December 2017)

Second Christmas Candle- "The Bethlehem Candle" (10 December 2017)

We light the Second Christmas Candle.

- 1. Bethlehem was the birthplace of Jesse, the father of King David He was called "Jesse the Bethlehemite" 1 Samuel 16:1
- 2. Bethlehem was the home town of Jesse and his family
- 3. Apart from this fact, Bethlehem was not famous for anything else
- 4. Micah 5:2 was a prophecy concerning the birth of One who would become Ruler of Israel
- 5. The Lord Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures
 - (a) With reference to His birthplace
 - (b) With reference to His Kingship

Third Christmas Candle- "The Shepherds Candle" (17 December 2017)

Fourth Christmas Candle- "The Angels Candle" (24 December 2017)



PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Pastoral Team will be attending a Pastoral Conference in Myanmar next week (11-15 December 2017). It will conclude with the ordination of the following: -

- Kyaw Myint @ Lal Pan Thara
- 2. John Zawn Nei Cung
- 3. Tomas Zatel む

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22- 23 December 2017
Time: 8.00pm
Theme: "Unto us a Son is Given"

This theme is drawn from a prophecy in Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder

And His name will be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Thank God we have a Saviour who can wear all these titles with such perfection! Ît

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2017 Worship: 10.30am Christmas Lunch: 12.30pm

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! \$\forall



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Jennifer Loke on the demise of her mother, Mdm. Chan Hong Chai, who passed away on Thursday, 6 Dec. 2017. Jenny's letter is printed below:

Hello all,

It was so good to see you yesterday. I do not have everyone's contact, so please convey my heartfelt thanks to all for taking precious time out from their heavy schedule to be with us at the service.

To fulfil my mum's wish, who often cared for others more than herself, a funeral was not conducted. This resulted in an impromptu service which may have been ill prepared, but praise our great God, it was made so perfect by Him. While I'm at this, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for being part of our difficult journey, which at that time, was the most significant in our lives. My late mother and I are most grateful for those who have made direct contact with her to help her grow in her Christian faith. For others, who through Pastor have rendered support in the form of prayers – please know that these prayers have transformed obstacles into favourable ways in our daily encounters as we managed the signs and symptoms of my mum's illness. As for special thanks, my dad and I want to specially thank Joanna, Li Hong, and Florence for your frequent visits. The prayers you rendered with and for my mum have not only a powerful impact on her faith, but also on my dad's. I was pleasantly surprised by his decision to affirm his faith, which was only revealed to us yesterday.

Victor and Lay See, I want to thank you for always being there for me. Thank you for connecting me to the wonderful people at Bethany, such as Si Yu, and letting me know that I can count on everyone and anyone at Bethany. Lay See, I want to specially thank you for staying with me at the time when my mum passed on. I cannot imagine how it would have been, if I have not your pro-activeness in helping me with tying up all the loose ends.

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Joan and Agnes, thank you so much for keeping me on the right path in seeking God's guidance and most important, I am grateful that you're always keeping me close as family at Bethany.

Last but not least, I want to thank you, Pastor and all at Bethany (whom I might not have met), for the prayer support. All in all, a huge thank you for the help and support, without which the journey for my family would not have been as meaningful as it is.

See you when I see you, Love in Christ, Jen **T**

WORSHIP



Psalm 86:9-10

All nations whom You have made Shall come to worship before You, O LORD, And shall glorify Your name.

For You are great, and do wondrous things: You alone are God.

- 1. The worship of God
 - (a) It is true that in all nations there are people who worship God
 - (b) In worship we seek to glorify God's name!
- 2. Reasons for Worship to be given
 - (a) Because He is the Creator of all nations
 - (b) Because He has done wondrous things
 - (c) Because He alone is truly God! **T**



POETRY CORNER

I WILL DECLARE YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN

The Messianic Psalms revealed much about the Lord; Inspiring are the insights we have of the Son of God! He who whom angels worship would call us "Brethren!" What glorious news from our holy Father in Heaven!

Jesus came to earth to preach about the Kingdom of God; There is no one like the Almighty, the Majestic LORD! Praise was ever on His lips as He spoke about His Father; The heart is moved to know and love Him like no other!

The name of God is sacred and few truly know Him well; Jesus alone could speak of Him, His praise to forthtell. He was in the bosom of His Father from eternity past; He lovingly forgives us instead of taking us to task!

How wonderfully gracious is Jesus our Saviour and Lord; He is not ashamed to declare us as His brethren before God! How our hearts must be moved as we ponder this thought; How we must never forget that we are dearly blood-bought!

Inspiration: Psalm 22:22; Hebrews 2:12
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 10 December 2017

Psalm 68:18 You have led captivity captive

You have ascended on high; You have led captivity captive.

- 1. This is a reference to the Resurrection of Christ
- 2. It symbolised His victory over
 - (a) Sin
 - (b) Death
 - (c) Satan
- 3. Satan who used to lead people in captivity is now made captive!

Thank God for the Captain of our salvation!

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 December 2017

Psalm 110:4 You are a Priest forever

The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

THEME: YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE – 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"You have led captivity captive" Psalm 68; Ephesians 4

Chairman

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

Bethlehem Candle: "Though you are little among the thousands of Judah" Matthew 2:6; Micah 5:2

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

— COMBINED EVENING~BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Paul & Si Hui Fellowship Lunch : YC & Hong Suen

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)	Sun		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4th 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	I 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	I 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	4th 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	3.00 pm	-	-
	4th Thurs	·		
Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
	3 rd Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	Z''' TIOOT
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-I	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-2	3rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10 December 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 162 The Birthday Of A King

Prelude

Call to Worship Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 131 Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Century Praise 155 We Three Kings Of Orient Are

VIP No. 760 Mary's Boy Child

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "You have led captivity captive"

Text: Psalm 68; Ephesians 4 Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 168 Who Is He In Yonder Stall?

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

10 December 2017

Dear Brethren,

BAPTISMAL SERVICES

We conduct our first Christmas Baptismal Service today. We will be presenting Infants to the Lord for His blessings.

1. The old Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 17

- a) God gave to Abraham a Covenant
- b) In this Covenant all male babies were to be circumcised on the 8th day
- c) This was a sign that the children were in the Abrahamic covenant
- d) God promised to bless all who would be in that Covenant
- 2. The Sinaitic Covenant

Exodus 24

- a) This was established with Israel through Moses
- b) Israel would be God's people
- c) He would bless them if they were to walk in His ways
- d) Children were also included in this Covenant
- 3. The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31; Hebrews 8-10

- a) When Israel broke the Sinaitic Covenant God promised a new one
- b) Jesus established the New Covenant with His blood Matthew 26:28
- c) The New Covenant was described thus:
 - i) A better covenant

Hebrews 8:6

- ii) Established on better promises Hebrews 8:6
- 4. The significance of a Covenant
 - a) It is never just with an individual
 - b) It is made with people in mind... children included! Thus, we bring our children to be baptised and blessed by God!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie





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