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“BOUND TO GIVE THANKS”

THE PRACTICE OF GIVING THANKS

The Apostle Paul was one person who personally practised the giving of thanks diligently and faithfully. The following are clear examples:

1. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you
Philippians 1:3

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2. We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Colossians 1:3

3. We give thanks to God always for you all 1 Thessalonians 1:2

AN ADDED THOUGHT

Paul added another thought to the idea of giving thanks.

*We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren,
As it is fitting...* 2 Thessalonians 1:3

1. We are "bound"

a) The word "bound" means "we ought"

b) There is an element almost of "obligation"

2. To thank God always

a) The Person to be thanked is God Himself

i) Because of who He is

ii) Because of all that He has done

b) Always

i) This is an adverb

ii) It adds meaning to the verb "thank"

c) The challenge

i) Not to give thanks once in a while

ii) But to give thanks all the time

2. As it is fitting

a) This means that it is "right" to give thanks

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- b) It is correct to give thanks to God
 - i) We spend much time teaching our children to say "thanks"
 - ii) This is right and good
 - iii) We should give thanks to God each and every single day!

THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR

As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, he thought of two things that he felt bound to give thanks to God for:

- 1. A faith that grows exceedingly 2 Thessalonians 1:3
 - a) Faith does not grow easily
 - b) Faith often grows slowly
 - c) A faith that grows exceedingly is cause for thanksgiving
- 2. A love that abounds 2 Thessalonians 1:3
 - a) Not everyone is able to have love
 - b) To have a love that abounds is rare
 - c) This was cause also for thanksgiving

MAKING THANKSGIVING A PART OF OUR LIFE

Let us be challenged to make the giving of thanks a significant part of our life. There will always be things that would cause us to give thanks!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY (21 June 2020) IS “FATHER’S DAY”

Thank God for good and godly fathers!



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1. Prayer

Let us be much in prayer!

2. Faith

Let us never lose our faith in the Lord as we face this tribulation!



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

To Pauline and Barry Fung, Mason, Annabelle, and Nicholas.

Mdm. Kuek Ah Hiok passed away on Saturday, 13 June 2020. She was 76 years old. She was the mother of Pauline.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 112:9-10

⁹He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

1. The activities of the righteous

- a) He gives to the poor freely
- b) His righteousness is truly enduring
- c) God will exalt his life with honour
- d) The word "horn" is symbolic
 - i) It is a symbol of power
 - ii) It is a symbol of strength

2. The feelings of the wicked

- a) He is upset when he sees the righteous blessed
- b) He gnashes his teeth in anger and frustration
- c) But he cannot hurt the righteous
- d) The wicked melts away ultimately
- e) His desires are unfulfilled for he will not be blessed by the Lord

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 June 2020

Text: Acts 14:22 "Through many tribulations"

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

1. Believers

- a) They need to be strengthened
- b) They must be encouraged to continue to persevere in the faith

2. Tribulation

- a) This must be accepted
- b) This must be borne with trust

3. The kingdom of heaven It is worth suffering for!

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 June 2020

Text: Romans 8:35 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

POETRY CORNER

1

WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS

Human hearts are not naturally thankful;
We have many things, but we are not grateful.
We almost think that we are deserving;
Though, only by grace, do we have blessings!

We have to teach our children to say, "Thank you;"
If they are well taught, this trait, they will not rue!
We must learn how to feel, "bound to give thanks;"
This giving of thanks must not be mere pretence.

How wonderful to have a heart that is grateful;
It will enable us to have a life that is joyful.
Our blessings would be more appreciated;
Nothing would ever be taken for granted!

It is possible to cultivate such a heart;
The Lord's grace He will readily impart.
A heart that gives thanks always is so rare today;
May there be grace and growth along the way!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: 2 Thessalonians 1:3

POETRY CORNER

2

AN EFFECTIVE FAITH

The Apostle Paul endured much Tribulation,
Trials tested his Faith and its very foundation.
There was despair for he was greatly burdened,
But he learned deep and personal lessons.

To trust in self is the natural tendency of man,
Paul had to learn not to trust in himself and his plans,
Instead, he learned to trust fully in God's great power,
For He who has delivered will continue to deliver.

Paul was a man who was deeply devoted to prayer,
He prayed for his brethren with affection and care.
His friends also interceded for him amidst Tribulation,
That brought his troubled soul sweet consolation.

Amidst Tribulation, there was a heart of thanksgiving,
In God's abundant grace, Paul did not stop rejoicing.
Paul had an effective Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,
May we learn from him and cultivate our Faith in life!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

POETRY CORNER

3

Our conscience

It's a new week, time marches onward relentlessly;
The world is not only coping with a health and economic crisis.
Now there is mounting worldwide anger and protest at racial disparities;
Which has reared its ugly head over brutality of the police.

What is my conscience prompting me to do in this situation?
Shall I pray to the Lord to take up arms in reaction,
On behalf of the victims of white supremacy, suffering in tribulation?
Or a prayer for mercy for they are unaware of the effect of their actions?

Thank you, Lord, that we do not have any chaos here;
You have blessed us with good governance and leadership.
Our nation's tenet in reducing racial injustice has always been clear;
With Your Grace we are shielded from the full impact of hardships.

"You shall stick with the Lord." says my moral compass firmly;
Seek the Lord single-heartedly and single-mindedly on this troubled earth.
Let's cultivate our consciousness of God and apply it conscientiously;
Walk in His path for His way points to the true north.

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: (Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1: 8, 12)

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 3-8	3 rd floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	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			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 nd floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	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 4-8	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 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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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