

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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"THE HERITAGE OF THOSE WHO FEAR YOUR NAME"

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Scriptures have much to teach us about our heritage. This doctrine is taught in both the Old and New Testaments. Let us take time to ponder the following text.

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⁵ For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.

⁶ You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.

⁷ He shall abide before God forever.

Oh, prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him!

⁸ So I will sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may daily perform my vows. Psalm 61:5-8

1. The heritage

a) The word "heritage" was certainly mentioned

b) It is simply "an inheritance"

2. Of those who fear Your name

a) They are people who truly know God

b) These have a reverence for God and His name

3. Some features of this heritage

a) The life that God gives

i) Length of life

ii) Quality of life

iii) Preservation of this life

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- b) He will abide with God
 - i) On this earth
 - ii) In the hereafter
 - iii) Forever (eternal life)

4. Special features of this heritage

- a) The mercy of God
- b) The truth of God

These are special blessings that God would bestow on those who fear Him. Through these, those who fear God would be specially blessed!

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

The Psalmist vowed that he would always praise God! The author of Psalm 61 was none other than David. He kept his vow to the Lord. He was the main contributor to the Book of Psalms. His compositions came up to at least half of the Book of Psalms!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship!



YOUTH CONFERENCE 2020

30 November- 4 December 2020

We have more than 30 young people who have signed up for the Youth Conference. Let us continue to seek the Lord's blessings on all who are attending the Youth Conference. We are limited to 50 people in actual physical attendance!

The lessons we may look forward to learning. Four lessons may be highlighted!

1. Interest of God in our life

This is a wonderful truth.

2. Involvement of God

He seeks to be involved in our life.

3. Instruction of God

He will give wise and necessary instruction to all who would listen.

4. Inspiration from God

God can inspire us to live a life that is truly meaningful and fruitful!

Let us seek the Lord's blessings!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST ADVENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 29 November is the 1st Advent Sunday.

- a) We count 4 Sundays before Christmas on 25 December
- b) These 4 Sundays will be used to help us prepare well for Christmas



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SENIORS

We have prepared special gifts for 2 groups of people in our Church.

- 1. Children
Under 12
- 2. Seniors
65 and above

May these special gifts bring a special sense of Christmas cheer to the heart!



CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

13 December 2020
Adult Baptism (For Seniors)

20 December 2020
For infants

Plan to apply to be baptised!



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 118:25-26

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O LORD;

O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

1. Praying to God

a) For salvation

Salvation in the Book of Psalms usually means “deliverance”

b) For His blessings

Physical blessings may be prayed for as well, though this is not the main focus.

2. Blessings of God

a) To the one who comes in God’s name

b) This is a blessing we may speak of as from the House of God

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 22 November 2020

*Text: Galatians 4:7 And if a son, then an heir
Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son,
and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

1. What a wonderful thought
No longer a slave!

2. But a son
This is the special blessing that God has given to all believers.

3. An heir of God
With sonship, we are also made heirs of God!

Let us take time to ponder and praise God for His grace and mercy bestowed on us!

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 November 2020

*Text: Titus 3:4 The kindness and the love of God
But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared*

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank all in Bethany for their heartfelt love and prayers during my Grandpa's hospitalisation and passing. Although he had briefly come to Bethany, many in Bethany still remembered him. Grandpa was a practical man of few words and did not want to have a wake.

During Grandpa's last years, God's mercies were plainly evident and I list just some of them down. Grandpa was given salvation through coming to faith in Christ. And 5 years ago, Grandpa was baptised in his church when he was 90 - he looked so happy giving his testimony! Just 3 years ago, God preserved Grandpa to survive a heart attack.

On the Friday night when Grandpa had a stroke, God blessed us with our concerned and caring helper who cradled him in her arms, quick response from the paramedic, and a wise and patient doctor. On Saturday, God allowed the family in Singapore and overseas time to say our goodbyes and to terms with it. As far as we could tell, Grandpa was mercifully not in any pain. On Sunday, God mercifully called Grandpa home to be with Him. If Grandpa had survived, he would be a shade of who he was but mercifully, God preserved Grandpa's dignity. I will miss my Grandpa but I rejoice that Grandpa is with the Lord now!

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I would like to express my deep appreciation to all in Bethany who prayed for us. They uplifted the heart in times of uncertainty and consoled in times of grief through their prayers. I am very thankful to God for each one who took the time to pray for us. It is my privilege to be in Bethany.

In deep appreciation and gratefulness,
Jarrod and family

POETRY CORNER

1

THE HERITAGE OF THOSE WHO FEAR GOD

Let us be thankful for faith to believe;
A special Heritage will be received.
Those who believe will fear the Lord;
They will deeply reverence God.

There are many features of this Heritage;
One of which is a blessed old age.
The Lord will give wonderful blessings;
A long and fruitful life is a glorious thing.

God will give much-needed Mercy;
He will help us walk in integrity.
Deep Truth would also be given;
This is knowledge from Heaven.

We have every reason to rejoice;
Let us make "praise" our choice!
Let us bless God's name always;
The Heritage given is truly precious!

Charles Tan
Psalm 61:5-8

POETRY CORNER

2

Heirs of God

God had destined the Plan of Redemption even before Time;
It is an enigma to our finite minds, a notion sublime.
It involves the salvation of men only according to God's mercy;
Never from purported righteous works of men done futilely.

The Lord Jesus came in the flesh and dwelt amongst us;
So that we could behold His glory, believe and trust.
God's grace and truth have been clearly revealed through our Saviour's life;
Now, we too can have hope of eternity through faith in Jesus Christ.

As we are reborn and are given a new life to pursue;
The Spirit's work in regeneration and renewal will ensue.
As we are cleansed and begin to eschew the sins in our lives;
May the fruits of the Spirit start to take root and thrive!

As we reflect on the wonderful promise of God's great Redemption Plan;
We ought to rejoice that we have become heirs of God despite being mere men.
We can have hope of eternal life, even as the harsh realities of this life we face;
All because we are justified by God's amazing and abundant grace.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Titus 3:3-7;
John 1:14

POETRY CORNER

3

The Holy Spirit

How do I know,
If the Holy Spirit is dwelling in me?
What from the heart must flow,
A holy temple for the Spirit to be?

He will convict us of our sinful behaviour;
Show us our need to turn our lives over to Christ.
When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour;
The Holy Spirit will cleanse and wash us from our vice.

A new life to us will be given,
To be born again is the work of the Holy Spirit.
No longer blind to be able to see God's kingdom;
A joy to experience life's new perspective so vastly different!

We know that the Holy Spirit dwells in our heart;
When changes transforming our lives provide evidence.
Of the sovereign grace and work which the Holy Spirit imparts'
Marking us in Him with a seal guaranteeing our inheritance!

Jessie Quek

(Inspiration: Titus 3: 3-6, John 3:3, Ephesians 1:13-14)

POETRY CORNER

4

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our God reaches out to sinners with love,
He gives salvation which we do not deserve.
This had been God's plan long beforehand,
He sent Jesus to bring salvation to man.

The Holy Spirit is a profound gift from heaven,
He is part of God's glorious plan of salvation.
As we exercise faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,
The Holy Spirit works invisibly in our lives.

Within us, the Holy Spirit effects salvation,
He brings about the washing of regeneration.
He washes and cleanses us thoroughly,
Before God, we stand unblemished and holy.

We are born of the Spirit and given a new life,
We are regenerated in Christ and made alive.
How wonderful it is to be freed from the penalty of sin,
And to experience change from deep within!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Titus 3:3-5

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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