

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 13 July 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 105

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SEEK THE LORD

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

It was the Lord Jesus Christ who urged people to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). This word of advice is excellent, but its application is often limited to seeking salvation. The seeking of God stops soon after.

MEDITATION

BEYOND ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

What may we seek after, beyond the kingdom of God? Let us ponder the advice of the Psalmist.

⁴ Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

⁵ Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

⁶ O seed of Abraham His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Psalm 105:4-6

1. What we may seek

- a) The strength of the Lord
- b) The face of God
- c) The seeking of the Lord is "evermore"

2. How should we seek the Lord?

- a) Let us remember what God has said
- b) Let us also remember what God has done
 - i. His marvelous works
 - ii. His wonders
 - iii. His judgment

3. Who should be seeking the Lord?

- a) All who are the seed of Abraham
 - i. Physical seed
 - ii. Spiritual seed
- b) All who are among the chosen
 - i. The elect
 - ii. The called

MEDITATION

LET US NEVER STOP SEEKING THE LORD

1. Let us find fresh encouragement to seek the Lord
2. We will find His Kingdom, His righteousness and so much more

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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 and fellowship!



GREETINGS FROM BETHEL

Pastors Charles Tan and Benjamin Quah send greetings from Bethel (Perth). They ministered at the Bethel Family Camp. They will be returning on Monday, 14 July 2025.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Lee Dao Hong, Olivia, Adora & Andrew

Lunch: Yeo BK, Yeo Junjie & families; Vincent & Su Yin



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Jill Chan on the demise of her mother. The late Mdm. Moo Chook Hiong passed away on Saturday, 5 July 2025. She was 89 years old.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

1. Let us sing praises to God for His blessings bestowed
 2. Let us speak of His mighty deeds
- Book your table for the Church Anniversary

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.00nn

To register for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of our 50 +2 Anniversary celebrations at Shangri La, there will be a separate Lunch Program especially for the children.

They will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care of by our staff and volunteers.

Details

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La (Azalea Room)

Time: 12.15pm - 2.00pm

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This is open to **children aged 4 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Ben Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

Scan QR code to register your child for the **Children's Special Lunch Program:**



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 15 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 17 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 19 July 2025

- a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 20 July 2025

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
- d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
- e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
- f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dearest Pastor Charlie,

My late Mum was a dear mum, mother-in-law and granny to me, Stanley, and the 2 girls - Laura and Belle.

She has gone home peacefully to be with the Lord on 5 July. She was 89 years old.

With the outpouring of love and condolences from the Bethany church family, this time of bereavement is made lighter to bear.

It brought immense comfort and encouragement to us, knowing that the church family cares and is journeying with us.

With heartfelt thanks

Jill, Stanley, Laura and Belle

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 July 2025

Text: “The sight of the glory of the LORD” Exodus 24:17

The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. Exodus 24:17

1. The glory of God was like a consuming fire on Mount Sinai
2. This was a special manifestation of the glory of God to the children of Israel
3. This was an unforgettable sight!

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 July 2025

Text: “The glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle”

Exodus 40:35

And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:35

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalms 9:11-12

¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!

Declare His deeds among the people.

¹² When He avenges blood, He remembers them;

He does not forget the cry of the humble.

1. We worship God
 - a) Through singing praises to the Lord
 - b) Through declaring His deeds
2. We remember the commitment of God to upholding justice
 - a) He will judge those who shed blood
 - b) He will not forget the cry of the humble

POETRY CORNER

#1

SEEK THE LORD

There is so much to learn about God;
But it requires seeking after the Lord.
There is the Strength of God to be found;
All who seek find Strength that abounds.

The Lord desires us to seek His divine face;
We will find abundant mercy and grace.
He will manifest Himself to all who seek;
The humble in heart, the gentle and the meek.

The marvelous works of God must be remembered;
His gracious and glorious deeds are to be treasured.
They bring great inspiration to the heart and soul;
They help the weak to become strong and bold.

All who are the descendants of Abraham must seek God;
They too can establish a strong relationship with the Lord.
The effort put in to seeking the Lord and His righteousness,
Will be rewarded with divine and glorious blessedness!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 105:4-6

POETRY CORNER

#2

Epistles of Christ

That anyone is a 'self-made' success is arguably a myth;
For we are the product of goodness bestowed by others who in us,
have believed.
Be grateful to those whose life paths serendipitously crossed with ours;
Whose examples indelibly influenced and left us greatly empowered.

It is one thing to be impressed by the eloquent speeches one can give;
But quite another to be impacted by witnessing how uprightly he lives.
A believer is truly blessed if he could be a living testimony of a Christian life;
He would deservedly be considered an epistle of Christ.

Our present generation does not live in a time of old;
When the glory of God was manifested in visions and anecdotes told.
Yet, we perceive His glory when He uses peoples' lives to touch our hearts;
To inspire and serve as impetus for change in our own lives to start.

May we be open to learn from our pastors' and brethren's faith journey;
Be willing for the Spirit to effect change that we might live prudently.
May we aspire to truly fear God and live a reverent life;
That we too may be qualified as effective epistles of Christ.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 3:3

POETRY CORNER

#3

Living epistles of the Lord Jesus

Believers are to be living epistles of the Lord Jesus
A challenge indeed to manifest the Lord Christ in us
But it is not insurmountable by the grace of the Holy Spirit and His works
Writing not in ink nor on tablets on stones but on human hearts

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives empowers us to transform
To be a living epistle of the Lord is to be a light in humanity's darkness
It will draw many people to please God and to His Will conform
Christian lives must reveal the loving nature of our Father and His goodness

May the Word of God not be erased for it is written in our hearts
Let Christians be vehicles of the glory of the Lord on earth
Believers will be read by the world according to their actions and deeds
Allow their lights to shine for men to see the good works in its worth

Fellowship with the Holy Spirit to direct our lives to follow God's plan
His presence enables us to become living epistles of the Lord Jesus
The more Christ-like we become
the more we can glorify our Father in heaven
May the Lord grant grace to all believers
to become living epistles of the Lord Jesus

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Benjamin Chong

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 289 | And Can It Be That I Should Gain?
HWC 278 | Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

MESSAGE

“Our sufficiency is from God”
Text : 2 Corinthians 3:4-6
Rev. Jonathan Jacob

CLOSING HYMN

VIP721 | Empower Me

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 289 AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

CHARLES WESLEY

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

2. He left His Father's Throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

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HYMNS

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3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal Throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 278 GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

JOHN NEWTON

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken

 Zion, City of our God;

He whose Word cannot be broken

 Formed thee for His own abode.

 On the Rock of Ages founded,

 What can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

 Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,

 Springing from eternal Love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters,

 And all fear of want remove.

 Who can faint while such a river

 Ever flows their thirst to assuage?

Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,

 Never fails from age to age!

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HYMNS

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3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.



HYMNS

VIP 721 EMPOWER ME

1. Nobody knows how weak I am better than You.
Nobody sees all of my needs better than You
And nobody has the power to change me
To what I was born to be.
Jesus, be strong in my weakness: Empower me!

Empower me
Like a rushing river flowing to the sea.
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free.
Send the power of Your love:
Empower me!

2. Nobody's eyes see through my soul better than Yours;
And nobody's love can make me whole, no love but Yours;
And nobody has the power to lift me to reach for eternity.
Jesus, break through all my defenses: Empower me!

Empower me
Like a rushing river flowing to the sea.
Lord, send Your Holy Spirit flowing now through me
Till I'm living as Your child, victorious and free.
Send the power of Your love
Empower me!

Send the power of Your love: Empower
Empower me, Empower me!
Send Your love and, Lord, empower me!



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