

Memory Verse

2 Thess 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,
and to be admired in all them that believe
(because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

<u>Duties</u>	<u>24 November 2019</u>
Worship Chairman : Eld Prasad Dn Choo Siang (n/wk)	Attendance: 25 Offering/Tithes: \$1,094
Catechism class : Rev Jack	*Love gifts to the church by cheque can be made payable to: Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church.
WCF Class : Dn Choo Siang	
Adult SS Class : Rev Peter	For direct bank transfer to the church account, please contact the treasurer, Dn Lim Choo Siang
PA : Angie	
Flowers : Jasmine	
Ushers : Dn Choo Siang	
Pre-worship : Angie	
Refreshments : Nancy/Angie Pit Yuen/Agnes (n/wk)	
Video Recording : Dn Yue Kay	

Announcements

1. Rev Jack Sin speaks today on "Be Worthy of His Calling". (2Thes 1:1-12)
2. Rev Jack Sin speaks next Sunday on "The Coming of the Anti Christ". (2Thes 2:1-12)
3. Sunday School and Westminster Confession of Faith classes after Worship Service at 11.45 am till 12.30 pm.
4. Weekly Prayer meeting on Wed 8pm, at 367, Tampines St 34, #10-75, S(520367), Tel 63002708. (Han Kin Kheng's home)
5. Sunday messages are recorded on video format. If you are interested to have them, please contact Albert.
6. Those who have a testimony to share may submit to pastor for the weekly.
7. Those who are coming for the 7 Dec outreach to Orange Valley Nursing Home from 2.30pm to 4.30pm please inform Dn Yue Kay by today.
8. We rejoice with Eld and Mrs Loke on the occasion of the matrimony of their daughter Kaylene and Chee Meng yesterday.
9. Fide Vitae Resources is having a 20% Christmas Sale from 1 – 24 Dec. Those interested can purchase your books through Angie.
10. Pastor is available for counselling anytime at 91160948 (hp).



Worship Service: 10am, 160 Paya Lebar Road, Orion@Paya Lebar #04-06,
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Sunday School: 11.45am, Prayer Meeting: 8pm Wednesday

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A LIFE OF SUBMISSION TO THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Introduction

One of the facets of the Spirit is temperance or discipline (Gal 5:22,23), which describes the life of a spirit-filled Christian. Gal 5:16 says, *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* Luke 9:23 says, *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.* Every redeemed child of God is a disciple and he is to be disciplined in his daily walk with the Lord. The following are seven key disciplines of a Christian.

1. Intercession; both Private & Corporate

Every child of God has the privilege and the duty of praying to God and for and with one another. Our Lord says that we should **pray and not faint**. The Lord's Prayer is given as a practical model of the principles of prayer for us to use in our private and public prayer (Matt 9:6-13). That includes our worship of God, petition and supplication for the stewards of the Church and the needs of others as well. The church prayer meeting is one occasion that we can be serving one another in intercession. Paul in Rom 15:30 says, *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me* and in 2 Cor 1:11, *Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.* Believers should be given to regular prayer as a spiritual exercise and to present our needs daily before the Lord. Phil 4:6-7 says, *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

2. Meditation of the Word

One of the disciplines of a born-again believer is the **regular and careful study, reading, hearing and the serious meditation of the Word** of God. 2 Tim 2:15 says, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* It is a privilege and the delight for a son/soldier to win his father or commander's approval every day and to obey and follow their commandments. Do not be deprived or ignorant nor unmindful of the glorious truths of everlasting life found in his Word.

The Psalmist says in Ps 119:105, *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.* The believer is to have a deep hunger and thirst for the Word of God which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Jer 15:16 says, *Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.* They are to relish and cherish the Word of God and to be properly grounded and rooted in the doctrines of grace and be willing to share with others as well, as God enables.

3. Remembrance of Christ in The Sacraments

Paul reiterated the **keeping of the Lord's Supper** that Christ instituted when He was alive with his disciples on the night before the crucifixion (1 Cor 11:23-28). It is designed to be a sobering occasion of the commemoration of His death, communion with the saints and consecration of our hearts to Him, as we examine ourselves before we come to the table. The Westminster Shorter Catechism speaks of it as the means of grace God gave to us where the benefits of the covenant are represented, sealed and applied. The early disciples met regularly to break bread (Acts 20:7) and to baptise new believers in the Lord (Matt 28:18-20). It is important that the believer does not miss holy communion to remember the Lord's death till He comes. As for baptism, it is the **duty and desire of every believer to be baptised** and to be **identified with Christ in a local Church as a member** (Col 2:11-12). It is vital that every committed Christian should consider baptism in the local Church and their profession of faith, that they worship prayerfully and not delay it unnecessarily.

4. Regular Assembly at Sabbath Worship & Other Fellowship Meetings

One of the key disciplines of a child of God is the Sabbath where he sets aside a day from work and worships God in obedience to the 4th commandment.

The Christian honours God by observing the Sabbath, by retiring from his work and labour and entering into God's home for collective worship with other believers. Exod 31:16,17 says, *Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations,*

Salvation

- Yue Kay's wife Bee Geok & children Ben and Vivien
- Agnes' brothers, John & James
- Albert's father
- Kin Hoong's children and grandchildren.
- Joey's parents
- Poupee's parents and aunt
- Cindy's mother
- Julia's parents
- Chen Xia, Monica and Lin Jing
- Monthly evangelism in the Macpherson estate to fall on good soil and to bear fruit in due season

Brethren

- Elder Loke in his work in providing care to the elderly in Melbourne and his grandchildren's growth in the Lord
- Hon Cheong in trouble shooting in his IT work and his project in China.
- Adrian's son, Ivan's NS posting to a military unit
- Pou Pee's walk of faith in the Lord
- Anthony's spiritual growth and preparation for baptism
- Angie in her new semester teaching preparation, consultancy work & preparations for mission trips

Travel

- Tjoeng family in England
- Kwong Leen & Chan Ping in Brisbane (daughter An Yan's graduation)
- Hon Cheong & Jasmine in Melbourne (daughter Jing Wen's graduation)

Prayer Requests

<u>Church Ministry</u>	<u>Missions</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisdom for the Session and various stewards who are serving the Lord in SHBPC • Wisdom for Pastor in the writing of the Weekly, counselling, preaching and teaching of the Word, and in his teaching and counselling at the SAF Detention Barracks. • Christmas Evangelistic Outreach at the Orange Valley Nursing Home (Balestier) on 7 Dec. • Christmas Eve Gospel Service and especially the brethren preparing for baptism. • Watchnight Worship Service on 31 Dec 2019 • Church Website Team as they develop the new website for the church. • Young Peoples Fellowship monthly meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangalore: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rev Dr George (Covenant BPCI) ii. Pastor Babu (New Covenant BPCI) iii. Rev Matthai (Maranatha Baptist Bible College) iv. SHBPC Mission Team of 6 ministering at CBPCI, NCBPCI & MBBC (Dec 9-16) • Myanmar: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rev David Khobal (Myanmar Theological Seminary) ii. Rev Thawng Nei Bil (Biblical Institute of Theology) iii. Eld Habakkuk (Gilead Balm Children's Home) iv. Say Poe's father who is pastoring a church in Bogo. • Country X <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Protection and safety of the faithful ministry of our preachers. • London: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pr Mok and Carol (New Life BPC)

for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed and Isa 58:12,13 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words. The Sabbath day is to be kept holy and wholly. The child of God is to **honour the Lord always and to worship Him on the Lord's day**, delighting in His Word, prayer and other ministries like the prayer meeting YPF,NBC and not in ourselves and worldly employment (Heb 10:24,25; Mal 3:16).

5. Stewardship of Our Substance to the Lord

The joy of Christian discipline affects our substance as well - stewardship of our time, talents and treasure. The Gentile believers learned from their Jewish counterparts the importance of giving to the Lord as in the Old Testament days. Lev 27:31, 32 says, *And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD, the Israelites gave their tithe to God regularly and joyfully.* Paul speaks of **joyful or cheerful giving** in 2 Cor 9:7 and it is not compulsion but an expression of our love and obedience to Christ and his word. The early Church shared their needs tangibly by the giving of their substance to God. It is a joy and blessed responsibility of all believers to be able to **support and encourage the growth and progress of the ministry of the Word** and the extension of God's kingdom on earth to the glory of God.

6. Evangelism with the pure Gospel of Christ

In 2 Kings 7:9, there is an account of four lepers who found in a Syrian camp food for themselves and their starving countrymen. After eating, the conclusion they drew was given in verse 9, which says, *Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.*

This is a good analogy of the 4 lepers for believers too who have found the food and drink of everlasting life in Christ and are to share the good news of salvation with others as well. 1 Pet 3:15 says, *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.* Jesus told the new convert in Mark 5:19, *Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how*

great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. The early Church believers were zealous and faithful witnesses for Christ as they were dispersed all over the Roman empire due to persecution all over the known inhabited world (Act 4:1-5). Let us strive to be effective and faithful witnesses today, not of the defective gospel of the Alpha Course or the prosperity or social gospel, which is without the resurrection and repentance of sins, but we preach and share the pure and unadulterated gospel of Christ (Gal 1:6,7).

7. Defence of the Faith

The final discipline of a believer is to **warn others of falsehood and error and to zealously defend and propagate the faith** once delivered to the saints (Jud 3:4). Paul says in 2 Thes 2:15, *Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word.* The Apostle John in Rev 1:9 writes **for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.** Paul again stressed in Phil 1:27, *Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.* We live in a world of deception and ecclesiastical compromise as we witness the worldwide ecumenical movement uniting all faiths together in a new religious world order. There is also the enigmatic and pervasive movement of ecstatic speaking, prophetic dancing, dream interpretation services, so-called healing, being slain in the Spirit, man made miracles and the new age movement of crystal gazing, horoscopes and geomancy, yoga, other occultic obsessions and practices like witchcraft and the cults in Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Freemasons, Christian Science and other extreme or aberrant groups that propagate their own brand of doctrine not supported by scripture, but with a false zeal. The truth of the Word of God is also to be defended against the liberals and modernists who undermined the authority, sufficiency, and perspicuity of the Holy Writ and other fundamental doctrines.

Conclusion

A disciple is a committed follower of Christ. There are serious disciplines required of the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. **Salvation is rich and free but discipleship comes with a price tag. Let us renew our devotion to Christ and be willing** to deny self, take up the cross and follow Christ, which is our joy and blessed prerogative.

Jack Sin

The YPF meeting with a lively discussion on the Genesis flood. The next YPF meeting will be on 28 Dec on "How to Study the Bible Profitably".



The Church Prayer Meeting with a time of thanksgiving and sharing after the Word. Come & Join Us in Corporate Prayer!