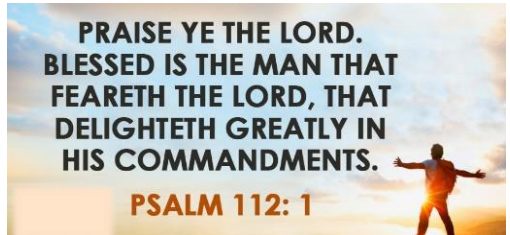


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**“The Blessedness  
of Godly Living  
(Psalm 112:1-10)”**

*Summary of Devotion by  
Pastor at Wed night  
prayer meeting  
(19 Oct 2022)*



Pastor Jack welcomed the 9 attendees (members & regular friends and 3 overseas brethren, namely, Rev. Aamir Iqbal from a Presbyterian church in Pakistan, Bro PhoneXay (a friend of the late brother Surish) from Laos and Bro Myitta from Myanmar. We opened the Prayer Meeting with the hymn, “*Near to the Heart of God*”. This hymn encourages us to draw ourselves closer to God. Thereafter, Pastor Jack led us in opening prayer. Next, we took turns to read God’s Word from Psalm 112:1 – 10 followed by Pastor Jack’s exposition.

3 Salient Points to consider:

**(I) Fear God & Keep His Commandments**

- a) “Praise” (in v1) is to be given to one who deserves glory and honour. God is worthy of all our worship and adoration
- b) Why do Christians praise God?
  - **for what He is and what He has done for you. He is a great Creator and an almighty God who is holy and just and gracious and merciful, and He sent his only begotten Son to die for us at the cross of Calvary.** He is omniscient and omnipotent over all
- c) What happens when we praise the Lord?
  - Name of God is exalted and our hearts are lifted up in joy and there is a blessing for the soul
  - **We need to be focused and to concentrate on the ONE whom you praise with the singing of hymns and testimony of your life. Do we truly worship God every Sunday?**
- d) Fear of God is everlasting.
  - A Christian person has a relationship with God based on Christ as his Saviour and with reverence and awe.
  - Nowadays, most people have lost the fear of/respect for God/elders or for authority. Many have disregarded or even despised the Word of God
  - **Happiness in life is proportionate to the fear of/respect for God that we have and we need to develop the reverential fear of God based on**

### **His word and our respect for the person of Christ.**

- e) Fear results in obedience.
  - God has given Israel many laws but they generally have lost the fear of God. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (Prov9:10) and we are to walk in His ways
- f) When God blesses a person, his whole household will also be blessed. The future generations will also be blessed too. (Job, David, Abraham, for example, were blessed to be rich.) if we fear the Lord. Do you and your family have a fear for God today?
- g) The “darkness” (in v4) refers to “tribulations/trials”.
  - **God is still there with us in the “darkness” all the time to guide, protect with discretion and wisdom. Let us trust in the Lord even in trying times of our lives for He is faithful and He will carry us through**

### **(II) Lead our Lives with Godly Discretion.**

- The good man (in v5) lends a helping hand to the needy people. God will guide him with wisdom (discretion) when we seek Him first and not walk in folly.
- Are you asking God to just endorse your decision or sincerely seeking the will of God? Be careful and walk wisely in a dangerous world of sin and temptation
- **Are you seeking God humbly, sincerely, patiently waiting upon Him, or just doing what pleases you? When we seek God, he will guise and lead us but we are to submit to his holy will and wait upon Him.**

### **(III) Fixed Heart Trusting in the Lord**

- A person who fears God will not be scared of circumstances or things or the future or the evil one for his or her heart is ‘fixed’ on the Lord and not on men or the world. He is trusting in God and not distracted by the world or selfish ambitions. Beware of the wiles of the evil one to cause us to lose focus on Christ.
- God protects those who are down in life and yet look up to the Lord and trust in His Word and His promises and confess and repent of our sins if needed.
- **Our problems can be a form of testing or trial from God to see if we are truly dependent on him or not. They can mould and transform our lives as He wills.**

### **Conclusion**

The Christian is under the sovereign will of God. Know that God has a plan for our lives and He is in absolute control no matter what matters. **Things will happen according to God’s will and we are to trust and not be anxious. Our refuge and strength are to be in the Word of God and in Christ, trusting in the Lord’s sovereignty and not in temporal things, the world or man or self.**

All Praise and Glory to God.

Amen.

*Han Kin Kheng*

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE BELIEVER TODAY

## Lord's Day Programme for Oct-Dec 2022



### OCTOBER

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| 2  | <b>The Work &amp; Nature of the Holy Spirit</b><br>(John 14:16-31) | 23 | <b>Walking in the Spirit</b><br>(Galatians 5:1-16)  |
| 9* | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; Regeneration</b><br>(Titus 3:1-8)         | 30 | <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b><br><b>Why We Should Persevere</b><br><b>in Our Reforming Spirit</b><br>(Jude 1-9) |
| 16 | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; Prayer</b><br>(Romans 8:20-34)            |    |   |

### NOVEMBER

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| 6   | <b>The Filling of the Holy Spirit</b><br>(Ephesians 5:15-21) | 20 | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; Sanctification</b><br>(2 Peter 1:1-11) |
| 13* | <b>The Fruit of the Spirit</b><br>(Galatians 5:1-23)         | 27 | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; Witnessing</b><br>(Acts 1:1-11)        |

### DECEMBER

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| 4   | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; Worship</b><br>(John 4:20-30)                           | 25 | <b>CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b><br><b>When the Heavenly King Condescended</b><br>(1 Timothy 3:1-16) |
| 11* | <b>The Holy Spirit &amp; the Charismatic Movement</b><br>(1 Corinthians 13:1-13) | 31 | <b>WATCHNIGHT SERVICE</b><br><b>Guidelines for End Times Living</b><br>(Mark 13:20-37)       |
| 18  | <b>The Gifts of the Spirit</b><br>(Romans 12:1-12)                               |    |  |



Jack Sin,  
 We send greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. In this time. We thank God for the heritage of the Protestant Reformation.  
 It was 505 years of a church that remembers fidelity. The key is: The Church Reformed, always reforming, according to the Word of God. "Ecclesia reformata, semper reformada, secundum verbum Dei" Let's be working in the defense of the true faith. Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." In Christ.  
 Pastor David E. Quisbert. BPC  
 La Paz Bolivia



**Sovereign Hope BPC  
 (2018 - 2023)**  
 Pray for the 5th Anniversary magazine committee as they prepare for this publication.

Pray for Bro Myitta in his preaching of the Word in his church in Yangon.



## Memory Verse

*Acts 4:31* And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on "***The Filling of the Holy Spirit***" (*Eph 5:15-21*), ***continuing the quarterly series on "The Holy Spirit & The Believer Today"***.
3. Pastor will be preaching next Sunday on "***The Fruit of the Spirit***" (*Gal 5:1-23*).
4. The following Sunday School classes continue after worship service:
  - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
  - Addressing Objections to the Gospel – Joseph Wee
  - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a video study on Fundamentals of Theology on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 2 Dec 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
8. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

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