

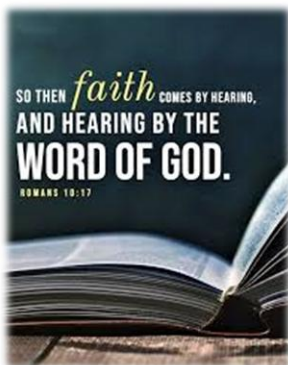
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## **“Be Worthy of His Calling” (2Thes 1:1-12)**

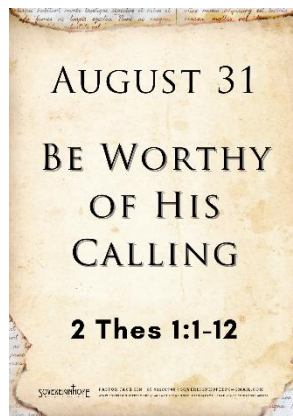
**Sermon by Pastor Jack**  
*- A Summary -*

### **1. The Church’s Testimony vs 1-3**

- The mission trip team to Thessalonica comprised Paul, Silas & Timothy and this was part of Paul’s second missionary journey.
- In Paul’s greeting, note that there is first grace, then peace in this order. **For without grace of God, there is no peace. The sequence is important.**
- Paul thanked God for their faith that grew exceedingly, and the charity of every one of them which abounded toward each other. This is a good testimony of the church, that they are growing and glowing in their faith, and their charity towards others.

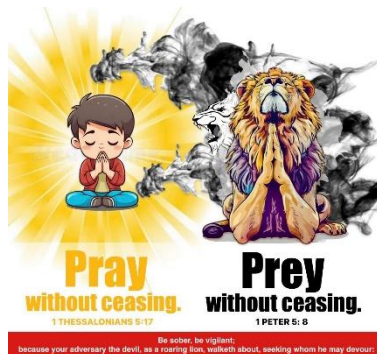


- Are we growing in our faith and love for one another?
- How can we grow in our faith? Rom 10:17 says, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” It is by the hearing and reading the God’s Word. The more you hear, the more you read, the more you study the Word of God is the foundation for growing in faith.
- Note that the tenet of **Faith is the Hardware. The Software is Charity** which is genuine love and concern for others which will cost time & effort, not just in word ie. charity or love in action.



## 2. The Church's Trials & Tribulations vs 4-7

- vs 4 says, *"So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure."*
- Patience and endurance are 2 words frequently used in the Bible; 34 times for *"patience"* and 96 times for *"endure"*.
- This is especially so for the end-times (eschatology) as mentioned in Luke 21:18-19 *"But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls."* Matt 24:13 *"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."* Be mentally prepared if God allows us to suffer for him, whether now or in the future.
- 1Pet 5:9-10 *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."*
- *"after you have suffered a while"* so it means that there will be suffering in the short run, but God will preserve us through it.
- Jas 5:7-8 *"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."* There is an eschatological patience - the patience is related to suffering during the end times, if necessary, through part of half of the tribulation as God wills and not men. See Rom 8:18.



- Note that all true faith will be tested and will pass the test, as in Daniel in the lions' den and, Abraham and David and others. When we suffer, let us be patient for the Lord shall deliver us at the right time when we endure to the end.

***"For a Christian, this is your worst live ever, because your next life is the best life ever in Christ for eternity."***

### 3. The Church's Triumph vs 8-12

- These verses are an apocalyptic imagery of the judgments to come, of the unsaved at the Great White Throne, the saved at the Bema and judgment of the nations.
- v8&9 refers to the judgment of the unsaved. *"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- v10 refers to the saved in Christ who are justified, sanctified, but not yet glorified until that day *"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."*
- The times will be a difficult and we need to pray for one another. *"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:"*
- The grace of God will see us thru the trials *"That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."* v12



### Conclusion

As we live in period times, let us be prepared and faithful and steadfast to the end of our lives as we await Christ's soon coming.

Kim Meng

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## ***Equipping Responsible Pastors & Stewards for the Next Generation***

Pastor Ai Khun is one of my students at Myanmar Theological Seminary (MTS) who shared these photos, applying responsible stewardship in his church after having attended courses by us at MTS.



Counting offering after service with three persons as taught in the class and not just one person only and it has to be recorded and signed and countersigned and ready for audit one day if needed.

**This is proper church administration and sound financial accountability, and we must fulfil all righteousness in the church of the Lord and do right before God and men for we are answerable before God one day at the judgement seat of Christ. 2Cor 5:10**

**Bible college students have to learn not just preaching but also practical aspects of the ministry too that is equally important in Myanmar and other countries too. Proper responsibility in stewardship is as important as sound preaching in the church and we emphasize that in the Bible college that we teach as we equip the next generation of pastors for different countries by the grace of God.**

This was also taught to a group of 25 Vietnamese Pastors some years back under a MMin programme and to a Reformed church in Bangalore, India at a seminar, and we pray for faithful stewardship in our churches and missions today.

Pray for Ps Ai Khun and his family as he preached the gospel and the Word of God and shepherd a flock in Yangon in the midst of unrest and internal conflict. Do uphold the ministries in Yangon with much prayer as we need the Lord “for without him, we can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

*Jack Sin*

## Words of Encouragement

Dear Pastor Jack

The 21 Sep pulpit message from GAES was enriching and edifying for us all to understand the Biblical priorities of a local church 4Ps are:

- Prayer
- Preaching
- People
- Paperwork (Admin)

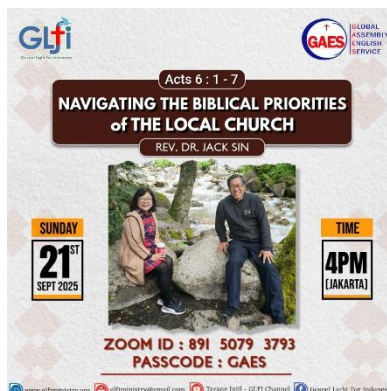
Yes, the Place of Prayer is paramount and the Ministry of the Word. You shared interesting acronyms and sayings such

**GPS** (God's Plan of Salvation), **PIN** (Pray It Now), Puji Tuhan, etc.

Acts 9:31 described a period of peace and growth for the early church across Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. The believers experienced this prosperity by living in the fear of the Lord, finding encouragement in the Holy Spirit, and consequently, the church increased in numbers.

Blessings to all in our Lord Jesus Christ

**Eld Gary Tay**



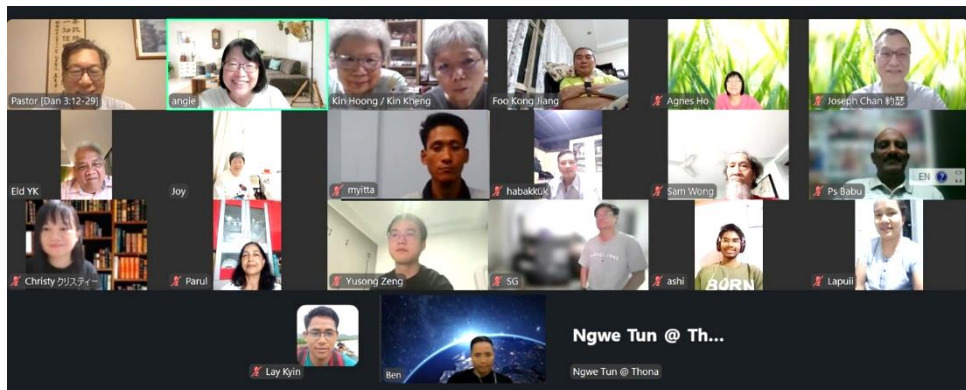
Praise God for our visitors last Sunday from Pune, India – **Pastor Mangesh & his wife, and co-worker Prashan.**

Pastor Mangesh has requested for permission to translate some of our weekly articles into Marathi and put on his church website.

Pray for their ministry in Pune.



# ***A Blessed Time of Corporate Prayer on 24 Sep 2025. Come & Pray with Us!***



## **UNDERSTANDING CHURCH GROWTH FROM THE EARLY CHURCH**

*Lord's Day Program for October to December 2025*

### **October**

- 5 The Empowerment to Witness to the World (Acts 1:1-16)
- 12\* Elements in the Ushering of the Early Church (Acts 2:22-47)
- 19 Persecution And Expansion of the Church (Acts 4:1-15)
- 26 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
Needful Principles of a Continuing Reformation Spirit (Jude 1-5)

### **November**

- 2 The Effective Corporate Ministry of the Church (Acts 6:1-7)
- 9\* The Outreach to Samaria by Philip (Acts 8:26-40)
- 16 The Spiritual Transformation of Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20)
- 23 The Salvation of a Gentile Military Officer (Acts 10:1-38)
- 30 The Good Example of Barnabas (Acts 11:22-30)



## ***Ministry of Comfort and Outreach***

Last Saturday, we visited Geok Pin's parents who are afflicted with cancer. Her father has prostate cancer, and her mother has dementia and lung cancer that has spread to the bones. We spent about an hour sharing with them in Chinese from John 14:1-6. They attended our Chinese New Year service two years ago when we held it in our church when the gospel seed was first



sown in their hearts. Geok Pin commented that she was pleasantly surprised that her mom was so attentive to the sharing last Saturday. We have just received news that her father has indicated further interest to know Christ as his Savior. Pray for us as we continue to reach out to them.

Pray for Geok Pin as she has her medical challenges, a music teacher in a secondary school and the primary caregiver for her parents. She listens to our sermons every week and reads the weekly as she is on duty on Sunday taking care of her parents.

On Wed afternoon, we also visited Dr Fong and Dr Nellie at Allium Care Home. Dr Nellie travelled with us on our Reformation Tours. Both doctors are in their mid-



80s with medical conditions. We had a blessed time of singing, sharing and being encouraged by God's Word from Isa 26:3&4 *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:"* Pray for God's peace and joy as they cope with the bodily discomforts in their evening years.

If any needs any pastoral visit, do inform Eld Yue Kay or me as we think of the afflicted in our midst, including John Wong's daughter and his sister Michelle in palliative care, Dr Tan's father, Agnes' parents and Dn Paul's mother and others.

*Pastor Jack*

## Memory Verse

*John 10:10* The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this Gospel Sunday morning on "***Living Life to the Fullest (Jn 10:1-18)***",
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***The Empowerment to Witness to the World (Acts 1:1-16)***", starting the new quarterly series on "***Understanding Church Growth from the Early Church (Book of Acts)***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
  - Walk through the Old Testament (Pastor)
  - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
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. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
7. Pray for:
  - **Travels: Dr Sam Gan** [Singapore, 29/9-10/10], **John W & Family** [Switzerland 30/9-11/10], **Kim Meng & Sharon** [Kyoto, 8-13/10],
  - **Medical: Bee Leng** [Recovery from burns], **Geok Pin & parents** [respective cancer conditions], **Li Lee** [post hysterectomy recovery], **Pit Yuen** [post-radiotherapy recovery], **Agnes' Parents** [health & salvation], **Mrs Philip Heng** [stroke recovery]
  - **Lily Almon**: Singapore Citizenship Application
  - **John Almon**: Application for course at Nanyang Polytechnic
  - **Joseph & Rachel**: GPS ministry and Hokkien outreaches
  - **Mission Partners in Bangalore and Myanmar**
  - **Bangalore Mission Trip [11-15 Dec]**: Pastor, Eld Yue Kay, John W, Shaun & Zoey (Brunei)
8. 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**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.