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10 Reasons for Hope in Despair

1. God is powerful and gracious to His people, and He protects and preserves them by His Sovereign grace and strength (Lam 3:24–26)
2. God is faithful in His promises to us in His Word and so must we and in the ministry entrusted to us. (Jos 23:14, Heb 10:23)
3. God never leaves us or forsakes us even in life or death even though we may fear. (Isa 43:1–2, Heb13:5)
4. God is omniscient and omnipotent, and He knows everything including our sorrows and pain and can do anything. (Rom 11:33)
5. God never stops loving us even if we don't, or do not feel being loved (Tit 3:4–5)
6. God always hears our prayers as He wills and according to His perfect timing (Psa 34:15)
7. God is trustworthy and true even if we are not and when we feel feeble. (Psa 18:30)
8. God renews us day by day by His constant grace and mercy and through His Spirit. (2Cor 4:16)
9. God may allow trouble or pain or bereavement for a season, but they are for the purpose of preparing our hearts and refining us for His glory. (Rom 5:3–5)
10. God is caring and benevolent to us; He cares for us and preserves us from harm and danger, and His will is the best for us. (Mat 7:11, Psa 84:11)



Every day we look up to God for power to live and for the hope of our resurrection in our loved ones in our risen Savior.

God will never fail us.

The glorious hope of salvation He offers does not rise and fall with changing circumstances. It is solid and secure, and we have full assurance in His Sovereign will.

Something to pray and to chew on as we ponder His wonder in the midst of the trying moments of life.

Isa 41:10 and Psa 55:22



Jack Sin



***A blessed time of
fellowship and
mutual
encouragement
at the
Pastors/Elders/
Preachers/Leaders
Fraternal Fellowship
6 Oct 2025***



Salvation of Two Souls by Sovereign Grace

By the mercy and saving grace of God, we visited the parents of Geok Pin on Sat 4 Oct 2025 at Dover Park Hospice to affirm their faith in Christ and give them a Bible and Chinese follow up materials to read, and a time of singing hymns, prayer and study of the Word.



The gospel seed was sown more than two years ago when they came and attended our Chinese New Year Service in church when Pastor Jack preached the gospel. They were receptive but the divine timing was not ripe yet. It has been a time of patient waiting and follow-up with Geok Pin.



Chinese New Year Service (23 Jan 2023)



The opportunity came three weeks ago when we could finally visit them at their home. Geok Pin shared that her mom is terminally ill with 3 months left and we felt the urgency to go and share Christ again, which we did. At that visit, the parents were open to hear the Gospel as Pastor Jack read and explained from Jn 14:1-6 and they were positive about their faith in Christ.

Persevere in
Praying for
Unbelieving
Loved Ones

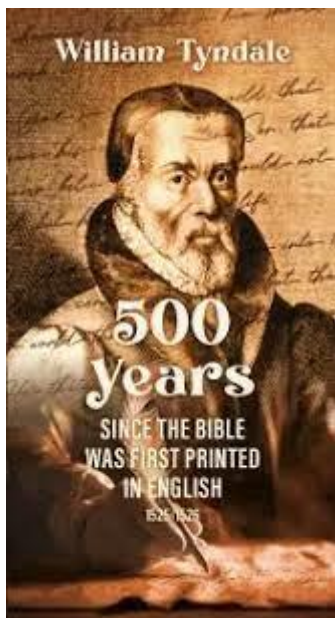
A few days later, Geok Pin informed Pastor Jack that her dad was interested to know how to be a Christian. Violet, Geok Pin's colleague, contacted her Pastor who led both Mr & Mrs Low in the sinner's prayer.

Mrs Low was then warded at Dover Park Hospice for palliative care. Hence, we went to visit them again and explained the word from Rom 10 and confirmed their saving faith in Christ, giving them the follow up materials to read. The Bible says heaven rejoice over a soul who repented and here we have two of them. Pastor would visit them again with Eld Yue Kay who will follow up on them. Do uphold them in prayer in their health and newfound faith.



Let us not lose heart in praying for the salvation of our loved ones and labour to find opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ with them as the Lord leads.

Pastor Jack and Angie



Thank you, Rev Jack, for your important note that this year is the 500th anniversary of the translation of the English NT in 1525. We thank God for William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale who translated the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into English. Even though William Tyndale was martyred in 1536, his friend Miles Coverdale completed it.

We must truly cherish our Bible when we read them as they have come about through the great sacrifice of those who translated them into English and paid the price of blood for it. Amen.

***Rev and Mrs Edward Pauuwe
Hope BPC, Adelaide, Australia***

Frontlines in the Gospel Mission

Fields (Edited by Dr Jack Sin)

- Book Review by Parul Saler -

Summary of first five articles

1. Mission or Missions

- Concept of one world church by WCC and how it is wrong
- Meaning of Missions- winning the lost souls to Christ, planting self-supporting and self-propagating churches that will
 - I. Teach the Word
 - II. Preach the Gospel
 - III. Defend the Faith

2 Reasons and Means for Biblical Missionary Endeavours

- All Christians must contribute to reach the gospel of Jesus Christ as it is command and not by choice
- Every Christian must consider this responsibility as a great privilege and honour that he/she is ambassador of gospel
- I must be ready with an appropriate answer explaining reason of my faith in Jesus

3 The Challenge of Missions Minded Church

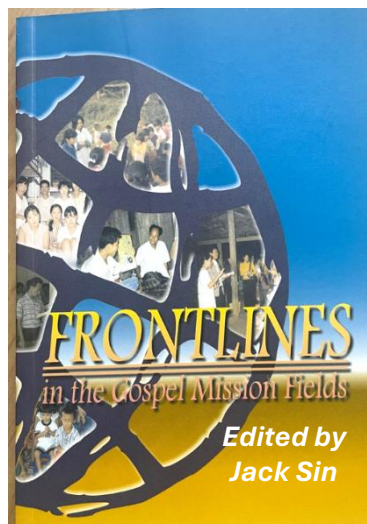
- Every church must be a missions minded church
- Church members must be taught and informed about importance of the missions and encouraged to visit mission fields
- Praying for missions and missionaries –integral point of intercessory prayer in church

4 The Strategy of Missions in the local church

- Administration work must be distributed so that the pastor gets sufficient time for his spiritual duties
- Church should plan and execute door to door and street evangelism in local areas
- The early churches have set role models for evangelism

5 How can we be involved in Christian Missions?

- Praying to God to send workers into His fields ready for harvest
- Together with giving in financial support, church members can extend moral support by communication, missions visits and interaction.



I was surprised to find a recipe Eggs Benedict. I am going to give it a try.

Summary of what I learnt from various articles from page 39-76

I

- History of early missionary societies-
- Pietism movement which emphasized a devotional study of Bible which should be manifested in Christian living
- Missionary movements in Europe, Greenland, North American Indians
- Open door Period of missions- Establishment of various Missionary societies
- Closing door period and work goes on

II Basic Missionary Tools

This is completely new aspect for me.

- God has each of us different and he uses all kinds of people
- Learn and discovered your gifts and talents
- Work on assignments matching to your gifts and ability

After giving thoughts to above points, and based on past experiences, I feel that my gift is related to counselling women, but I am still praying for confirmation of the same.

III

- Establishment of Bible Presbyterian Church on 20 October 1950 by Rev Timothy Tow
- Biblical Separation/ Decentralization- a secret of growth
- Starting of Far Eastern Bible College in 1962 with one teacher and ultimately one student
- Growth and fruits of FEBC

IV Role of Bible College in Mission- I really loved this article and learnt lot of new aspects

- Every Christian is a Bible student- not for own nourishment but also for bringing others to Christ
- Each family is a kind of Bible institute
- Concept of Bible Institute is from Old Testament time including one institute established by Jesus Himself with twelve disciples
- History of Bible college movement
- Apart from training of new pastors and leaders, the training of "ordinary" Christians/church members must be considered by the Bible Colleges
- When the ordinary members are equipped in Word of God, they become a mighty force in missions and evangelism

V Prayer and Mission

- Any mission must

- Start with Prayer
- Send forth workers with much corporate Prayer
- Is sustained by the prayer of the people of God

Review by

Parul Saler

Pune, Maharashtra, India

(This missions book is
available for sale from

SHBPC Resource

ministry.

Contact Eld Yue Kay for details.)

Did You Know?

Every epistle in the New Testament was written by a missionary.

The disciples were first called "Christians" on a mission field.

A map of the New Testament world is one of missionary journeys.

Every New Testament epistle is addressed to a church on a mission field.

Every New Testament epistle addressed to an individual was written to a convert of a missionary effort.

The only New Testament book of history, the book of Acts, is a book about missions from the first chapter to the last.

The only New Testament book of prophecy, the book of Revelation, was written to Seven Missionary churches.

Morris MacDonald, *A Brief Survey of Missions*, 19.



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)

Memory Verse

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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. Rev Tan Eng Boo brings us God's Word this morning on "***Elements in the Ushering of the Early Church (Acts 2:22-47)***", the new quarterly series on "***Understanding Church Growth from the Early Church (Book of Acts)***".
3. Pastor is preaching a Reformation message at Cherith Baptist Church this morning.
4. Next Sunday, Rev Gerard Lim will preach on "***Persecution & Expansion of the Church (Acts 4:1-15)***".
5. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Discussion (Eld Yue Kay)
 - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
6. 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].
7. 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].
8. Pray for:
 - **Travels: Kim Meng & Sharon** [Kyoto, 8-13/10], **JosephC & family** [Ho Chi Minh, 12-15/10].
 - **Geok Pin & parents** [respective cancer conditions], **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
 - **Bangalore Mission Trip [11-15 Dec]**: Pastor, Eld Yue Kay, John W, Shaun & Zoey (Brunei)
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**

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