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**“Conditions for God’s  
Blessings”  
(Deut 28:1-15)  
Summary of Prayer  
Meeting Devotion  
shared by Pastor  
(18 Jan 2023)**



Pastor Jack welcomed the 13 attendees (regular members & friends and especially Preacher Mok Chee Cheong and Carol from New Life BPC, London) and brethren from Myanmar and India.

We opened the Prayer Meeting with the hymn, “Count Your Blessings” which encourages us to be grateful and thankful to God.

Thereafter, Pastor Jack led us in Opening Prayer. Next, we took turns to read God’s Word from Deut 28:1-15 before Pastor Jack expounded on it.

3 Salient Points to consider as Conditions for Blessings

**(I) Know and Obey the Word of God (v1)**

- a) Everyone wants blessings. It is only natural, but it is conditional.
- b) But real lasting blessings rightly come from only God who give blessings.
- c) God set the standard (of obedience) to ALL that we are to know and keep His commandments.
- d) We cannot choose whichever blessing we want to observe/obey.
- e) We must first Seek to Know, then Hearken/Hear God and Do it. This is the secret: to hearken & to put it into practice. (Ignorance is not bliss.)
- f) Blessings can also come in the form of spiritual blessings besides the physical ones like peace, comfort, joy, hope and good health.
  - fruit of the body (childbirth)
  - fruit of the ground (harvest from agriculture)
  - fruit of the cattle (more young’s, milk & meat produced)
  - safety in travelling (Psalm 121: Blessing in your travel in your going out & coming in)
  - The Lord’s blessings for victory over your enemies (v7)

- It is fine to look for “blessings’/peace. Peace is with God first, then we will get the peace of God and we can also ask God to protect & bless the family with His grace and mercy.

### **(II) Be Holy and Walk in God’s Ways (v9)**

- a. Be holy means to be set apart for God (separated/consecrated/set apart for God) and God will bless you if you put Him first.
- b. “Walk in God’s way” suggests doing it every day with a willingness to conform, seek out God’s will & submit to God and His will and not to self or the world.
- c. As a Christian, do you think it is right to do things contrary to God’s commandments & still expect to be blessed? God has certain principles that govern our life, our work, our thoughts, behaviour, our deeds that are sound and edifying and we need to find out and obey and live it out too.

### **(III) Serve the Lord with Joyfulness of Heart Willingly (v47)**

- a. vs 47 reads: *Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things.*
- b. The idea of serving God has 2 elements.
  - One is worshipping God and that is the most important when we spend time with God in worship in his sanctuary first and the other is doing something to please / glorify God. For example, we must first come to seek and worship God and then the work of ushering visitors, evangelism / outreach ministry, conducting Sunday School and other ministry of the church like NBC or SS Classes, chairing the worship service, playing on the piano...outreach, prayer etc.
  - Serving God is a privilege and a sacred duty and done with the right spirit. Blessing is conditional and we must do it God’s way.
- c. If we serve / worship God with joyfulness & willingness, God will give His blessings as He wills.

### **Conclusion**

So, how can we be blessed and better worship and serve God in the new year? Let this be our challenge to be more fervent and fruitful and faithful in our lives for Christ and be a good witness as a truly-born again child of God. Nothing is too insignificant to be used by God for His glory and be a faithful steward for the Lord.

All Praise and Glory to God. Amen.

*Han Kin Kheng*

Lord's Day Programme for January - March 2023

# The Deliberate Christ-Centred Church in Action

(Book of Ephesians)



## JANUARY

- 1 Divine Calling of a Believer (1:1-12)
- 8\* Character of the Church (1:13-23)
- 15 Changed from Darkness to Light (2:1-10)
- 22 Progress of the Church (2:11-22)
- 29 Fullness of the Church (3:1-12)

## FEBRUARY

- 5 **5th Anniversary Thanksgiving**  
The Witness of the Church in Dangerous Times (Acts 5:29-42)
- 12\* Functions of the Church (3:13-21)
- 19 Conduct of the Church (4:1-16)
- 26 Steps for Effective Witness in our Lives (4:17-32)

## MARCH

- 5 Divinely Transformed Living (5:1-21)
- 12\* Guidelines for Healthy Marital Relations (5:22-33)
- 19 Rules for Family Relationships (6:1-9)
- 26 Divine Protection for Spiritual Combat (6:10-24)

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# ***Ephesians – Knowing Who You Are & How to Live It Out***

The first three chapters of Ephesians tells us about who we are in Christ and how the Christian and church ought to grow and function effectively in the fullness of God. This is helpful as often Christians and churches struggle to find their purpose and meaning in their lives and ministries.

When we begin to embrace our true identity in Christ, then there will be a fulfillment and effective and victorious Christian living in us and our families and our churches.

## **WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST (CHAPTERS 1-3):**

- **A Saint**
- **Faithful in Christ Jesus**
- **Given Grace**
- **Made Part of Christ's Body**
- **Received Mercy**
- **Given Peace**
- **Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing**
- **Chosen Before the Foundation of the World**
- **Holy and Blameless**
- **Loved by God**
- **Predestined for Adoption**

- **Sealed with the Holy Spirit**
- **Guaranteed an Inheritance**
- **Received Faith**
- **Given Hope**
- **Given God's Power**
- **Made Alive with Christ**
- **Saved by Grace**
- **Raised up with Christ**
- **Seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places**
- **A Display of God's Grace/Kindness**

- **Brought Near by the Blood of Christ**
- **Made Part of One New Body (Jews with Gentiles)**
- **An heir of God**
- **Reconciled to God**
- **Given Access to the Father**
- **A Fellow Citizen with the Saints**
- **A Member of God's Household**
- **A Holy Temple**
- **Being Built Together into a Dwelling Place for God with Other Believers**

- Adopted as a son
- Redeemed through His Blood
- Forgiven of Trespasses
- Lavished with Grace
- Given Knowledge of the Mystery of His Will

- Given the Gift of Salvation
- God's Workmanship
- Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works
- No Longer a Stranger to the Covenants of Promise

- Someone who has the freedom and confidence to approach God
- Rooted in God's love

What you believe about God and His Word affects your demeanour and thought life.

In the second half of the letter (Chapters 4-6), Apostle Paul moves into practical aspect of Christ in our lives including how we should live in the light of who we are and what Jesus has done for us and its effects on our marriage, family and even in spiritual conflict.

Do not miss the remaining Sunday messages and the Sunday School lessons and discussion on this relevant book.

*Dn Yue Kay*

***Come and join the  
Sunday School  
Class on  
"Practical  
Reflections from  
Ephesians".***







**Remembering  
Feb Birthdays –  
Paul Tan & Chan Ping**

Sunday  
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Together



**Pray for Pr Mok & Carol  
as they leave this  
Thursday to return to  
New Life BPC, London.**



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## Memory Verse

*Eph 4:1* I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day Sunday Worship Service! We are so glad you are here to worship with us. If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. 10. 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 morning on "**Conduct of the Church (Eph 4:1-16)**", continuing the quarterly series on "**The Deliberate Christ-Centred Church in Action (Book of Ephesians)**".
3. Pastor will preach next Sunday on "**Steps for Effective Witness in our Lives (Eph 4:17-32)**"
4. Come and learn at our weekly Sunday School classes after the worship service:
  - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
  - Studies in 1 Chronicles – Dn Kwong Leen
  - Practical Reflections from Ephesians – Dn Yue Kay & Paul Kong
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Basic Theology, and the book of Joshua. 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 3 Mar 2023, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
8. The **Annual Church Camp** will be held at **Pulai Springs Resort (Johor Bahru, Malaysia), June 7-10, 2023**. Rev Philip Heng is our camp speaker "**Exercise unto Godliness in an Ungodly World**". Do set aside this time and join us for a time of learning, spiritual refreshment and blessed fellowship. Contact Paul Tan (hp: 8060 4412) for more information.
9. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
10. 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**