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“Loving God from the Heart”
(1 John 3:11-24)
Summary of Sunday Sermon
(30 Jul 2023)

1. Combating Hate with Love for the Brethren (vs 12-18)

- To understand love, we need to talk about hate first
- In Genesis, by faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice. Cain's offering was not done in faith and God exposed him and his sin.
- It was said that Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell as he did it not out of faith and then he killed his brother out of hate.
- We need to be careful we do not develop hate for our brothers.
- Hatred in our hearts against someone is akin to murder of the person. We need to ask the Lord to search our hearts.
- Paul said in Col 3:12-13, *“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*
- John in 1 John 3:16 said, *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*
- And also combat hatred with love of God in 1 John 3:18, *“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”*



- Love is more than an emotion; it is volition and action. It is the clear demonstration of love for one another in practical ways.

2. Commitment of the Heart Before God in Prayer (vs 19-21)

- It has to be genuinely from the heart.
- Prov 4:23 *“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”*
- There are many adjectives in the Bible about the heart, eg. a contrite heart, a wiling heart, a new heart, a true heart, etc
- God looks at the heart and not just at the external surface of men as we do.
- It is important that we have the right spiritual heart condition, not just the healthy physical heart which is also important.
- Note that your heart condition is directly proportion to the health of your mind & your prayer life.

3. Call to Believe God & Keep His Commandments (vs 22-24)

- The new commandment of love for God and men
- 1 John 3:23 *“And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.”*
- To believe the name of the Lord is important for salvation of our souls
- Psalm 20:7 *“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”*
- Let us make an effort to keep the commandment and be an effective witness for the Lord.

Kim Meng



How Do I Know that I Am Saved?

Acknowledge that I am a depraved fallen sinner and cannot save myself. (Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10-12, Genesis 6:5)

Believe that Jesus is God and that He died on the cross and rose again on the third day for my sins. (Romans 10:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

Confess and repent of my sins sincerely before God and seek His forgiveness. (1 John 1:9, Matthew 3:8, Acts 20:21)

Devote my life fully to Christ as His disciple and read His Word daily. (Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 2:15)

Endeavour to pray to Him and to come to church to worship God every Sunday to grow in my faith. (Hebrews 10:24, 25, 2 Peter 3:18)

Faithful to God to the end as His responsible disciple and steward. (1 Corinthians 4:2, Hebrews 12:1-2)

Godliness and growth in the knowledge and the fear of God as my goal till He comes again. (Proverbs 9:10, 1 Timothy 4:7,8)

Jack Sin

Memory Verse

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day Sunday 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 morning on "**The Victory of Faith Over the World (1 John 5:1-9)**"; continuing the quarterly series on "Discovering and Applying the Johannine Epistles – Studies in the Book of 1, 2 and 3 John".
3. Pastor will preach next Sunday on "**Knowing God & the Practice of Prayer (1 John 5:10-21)**".
4. Sunday School classes will follow the after the worship service:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
 - Studies in 2 Chronicles – Dn 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 Basic Theology, and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551]
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:218178]
7. Church **Annual Congregation Meeting cum Elections** will be held on **Sunday 27 Aug 2023, 12 noon** after the worship service. **Church members to note and attend.** Nomination forms for the positions of Pastor, Elder and Deacon are available from Dn Yue Kay till 20 Aug 2023.
8. 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.
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.
