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The Relevant 7Cs for Christians in 2021

Singaporeans was famous for our proverbial 5Cs, namely Car, Credit Card, Condo, Country Club and Cash, but there is now a big C that has affected and frightened us in 2020, the fearsome COVID-19. This deadly and fast spreading COVID-19 has its serious global impact on the world since last year with more than 90 million people affected and almost 2 million deaths so far and still counting. For the new year, we need 7Cs for the Christian in 2021.



These 7Cs are discussed and elaborated below.

1

Consecration to God

Many are devoted to their pets, their work and wealth and even to the many idols of the heart. In the new year, let us consciously devote our lives to worship, serve and glorify God in the lives and our families. That means a life of holiness and the fight against sin and the temptations of this world. (Rom 6:12,13) That should be our resolution and aim, not only this year, but always. Exercise unto godliness with the means of grace and worship and serve Him faithfully as His accountable stewards should be the goal of every Christian. (2Cor 5:10)

2

Courage to Trust and Obey

Last year was a year of fear, phobia and trepidation for many. Terror has gripped many hearts and we are fearful of catching the virus and to do many things, including worshipping God in His sanctuary as a gathered church and as He enables. There is a time to be careful; we do need to take the necessary safety precautions but that does not mean that we do not trust God and do what He wills for us.

This year is a challenging year of implicit faith and trust in the Lord even in the midst of despairing circumstances while doing the needful. Do what is right before God with much faith, prayer and caution. Godly boldness and courage come when we are with Jesus in much communion and prayer, together with prudence in responding to different circumstances with godly discretion and carefulness. (Act 4:13, 31)

3

Contentment in Christ

We live in an avaricious world where many are craving for more and greed is the obsession of many. It was recently reported in The Straits Times that the queue for the Toto draw was more than half a kilometre in a certain location as the top prize money was raised to \$8.6 million. The Word of God warns us that the love of money is the root of all evil (1Tim 6:6). Let us fight a greedy spirit within us and learn to be satisfied with the Lord and be content this year. Be thankful and satisfied in Christ for what we have and be thankful for what God did not give to us as well.

4

Consultation of the Bible

There are many books written by men in this world but only one is authored by God. The Bible is inspired by God Himself and it has important instructions for life here, the next world, and things to come. When was the last time you quietly and seriously searched the Word, meditated and applied it in your life? (2Tim 2:15) We are to read, examine, meditate and apply the content of this inspired inerrant and sufficient book of God which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The Word of God is our spiritual nourishment. Jeremiah ate and assimilated the precepts in his life and it was fire to his bones. (Jer 20:9, 15:16) Do you consult its Author and read the content of this life manual every day before you begin the day? (2Tim 3:16,17)

5

Communion of the Saints

While we wear our masks and maintain our social distancing which are needful, it does not mean that we are to be far apart spiritually or socially from our loved ones and brethren in fellowship. In fact, now and even more, we should not forsake the assembly of ourselves in corporate prayer and Christian fellowship together. (Heb 10:24,25) The interaction, unity and cohesion of the brethren in Christ are important for a healthy and vibrant life in the church. Let us reach out to one another in practical ways in the Lord, stay close to God and together, praying corporately for one another as a church family before the Throne of Grace. (Acts 1:14)

6**Concern for Lost Souls**

Have you a Burden for the Lost or have you Lost the Burden? (Mk 16:16,17) There should be a burden for the lost

and an active involvement in reaching out to them with the gospel. Last year was difficult for many in evangelism and missions as the lockdown and the raging pandemic made it a lot harder to meet and reach out. But it does not mean that we cannot do so in a creative manner with both electronic and physical means. We can send electronic tracts, share the gospel of Christ via Zoom, WhatsApp or through social media and have virtual worship services and theological training sessions with our mission stations. ***Never make the Great Commission your Great Omission for the eternal souls of men are at stake.*** (Mt 28:18-20)

7**Compassion and Care for the Elderly and the Afflicted**

We often neglect the people closest to us or who need our help or assistance. Singapore and many other nations are an aging society with about 20 percent above 65 years of age by 2030. The church is no exception with many who are elderly, weak and afflicted in our midst. There are at least 7 persons in our church who are currently having some form of affliction. We need to be mindful and conscious of their spiritual, social, mental and physical needs. We need to pray and reach out to our seniors that God will give them strength and health as they look to the Lord in their evening years and to the sick in our midst as well. Is there someone in the family or church that you may have neglected last year and can encourage this year?

Conclusion

2021 will be another challenging and exacting year in many ways besides the global health, economic and mental crisis. But there is a purpose and a plan for the elect of God - that we must ***Know Him and Make Him Known*** and to live our lives meaningfully for eternity. It is not for the fear of the virus or for temporal gain or pleasure or power or prestige, but to continue to witness, worship, serve, honour and glorify our God till He comes. Consider how you can prayerfully apply these 7Cs in your life this coming year and always.

Jack Sin

Sharing from Guatemala

Just heard your message on revival and it was wonderful and the messages that we need to hear today. I got your previous account of failed and false revivals and I was wondering what you would say for true revivals. It is good that you explained what revival is and what the word really means. Will pray for your future sermons on this important subject that the churches need today.

I preached revival about two years ago and a few months back I hit it again. I see what you see that the people are not coming back to the churches as they should. They have gotten into bad habits and need spiritual revival.

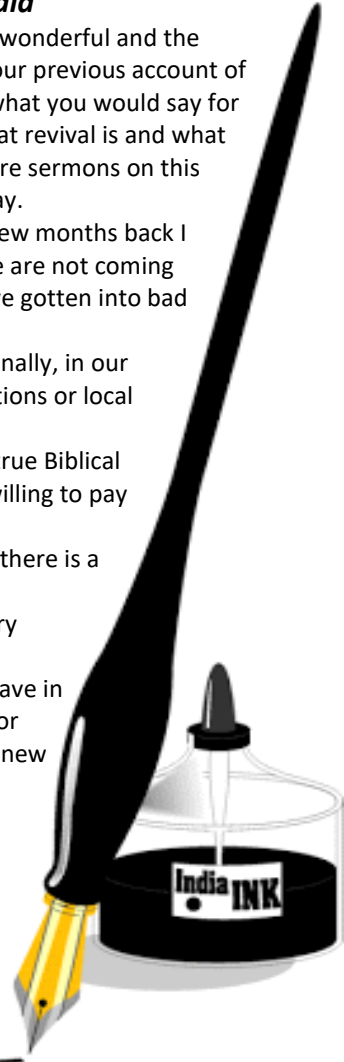
Keep up the good work; we need revival personally, in our families, in our churches and in our denominations or local groups.

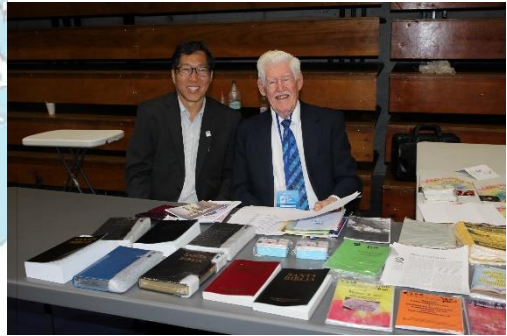
You are right - God is Sovereign and will send true Biblical revival in His mercy to God's people that are willing to pay the price.

You are right - we cannot engineer revival but there is a price to be paid.

These are just a few of my thoughts on this very important subject that must be preached and taught from the various Bible verses that we have in the Bible. You are on the right track. Thanks for your work on this wonderful subject, maybe a new book or pamphlet will come forth.

Love you in the Lord,
Your fellow minister,
Rev Hal Ricker





(NB. Rev Ricker is a veteran BP missionary to Guatemala from the IBFPM. His dear wife, Evelyn has just gone home to be with the Lord last December. SHBPC sends her deepest condolences to him and his family. He is coordinating the publication of the COVID19 pandemic book in Spanish by next month, God willing.)



Rev Tan Eng Boo and Pastor visited The Hiding Place, a Christian Halfway House for ex-drug addicts last week and prayed for the residents there.

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AN APPRAISAL AND UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL REVIVALS

JANUARY TO MARCH 2021

JANUARY

3RD
PSALM 85:6-11
The Call and Theology of Revival

10TH
DEUTERONOMY 31:6-20
The Focus and Foundation of Revival

17TH
1 KINGS 18:20-40
The Battle for the Revival of Hearts

24TH
2 CHRONICLES 7:1-14
Repentance, Humility and Revival

31ST
ISAIAH 37:14-36
A Jewish King's Triumph over the Foes

FEBRUARY

7TH 3RD ANNIVERSARY
1 CHRONICLES 16:8-20
Devotion and Gratitude to God in
Trying Times

14TH
2 KINGS 22:1-20
A Jewish King and the Covenant of Revival

21ST
EZEKIEL 37:1-14
The Valley of Dry Bones Revived

28TH
NEHEMIAH 8 :1-20
The Word of God and Revival

MARCH

7TH
HOSEA 14:1-9
Healing of Backsliding and Revival

14TH
ACTS 2:1-11, 39-47
The Holy Spirit and Revival

21ST
ACTS 6:1-9
The Church Priorities and Revival

28TH
ACTS 8:5-24
The Danger of False Revivals/Conversions

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DEVOTION & GRATITUDE
TO GOD
in trying times

Rev Philip Heng

FEBRUARY 7 2021 | 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please register with Dn Yue Kay at

9745 0311 before 29 Jan 2021

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Memory Verse

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said,
 How long halt ye between two opinions?
 if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.
 And the people answered him not a word.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Rev Jack Sin speaks today on **“The Battle for the Revival of Hearts” (1 Kings 18: 20-40)**, the 2021 Jan – Mar sermon series on **“An Appraisal & Understanding of Biblical Revivals”**.
3. Rev Koh Hock Heng speaks next Sunday on **“Prayer, Repentance, Humility & Revival” (2 Chron 7: 1-14)**.
4. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom.
7. **Sun 7 Feb 2021** will be our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship Service. Rev Philip Heng will exhort us on **“Devotion & Gratitude to God in Trying Times”**. **Please register with Dn Yue Kay at 9745-0311 by 29 Jan 2021.**
8. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
9. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
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**
