

SOVEREIGNHOPE

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Starting it Right with God in 2023

It is the first day of the New Year 2023 and we want to begin well in the grace of the Lord with sound directions and aims that will glorify God in our lives.

Let us consider how

we can develop ourselves with 5Cs in our lives. They are namely,



1. Be Christ-Centred in our Goals

Our main focus in life is not the accumulation of wealth or increase in our worldly assets for ourselves or our pets or our work or studies or leisure but the glory of Christ. Matt 6:33 says, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* And Paul reminds us in Col 3:1,2, *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”*

In our work, studies and leisure, let us remember to put God first and not dishonour Him in breaking the sabbath day or in forsaking the reading of His Word, and not compromising our Christian values or biblical principles of life. Rom 12:2 says, *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

There may be events that may distract us from our focus on Christ and His Word, but we need to discipline ourselves. **It is important to maintain a theocentric outlook as we purposefully look to Christ our Lord in life and move forward in the will of God and not be discouraged or defeated by the evil one.** (Phil 4:6-8)

2. Be Competent in What We Do for Christ

God has given to us gifts and talents that we can discover and develop and use in His kingdom to serve Him. We must keep learning and acquiring new skills to serve the Lord more effectively and in the workplace. Is there any area that you can serve the Lord in His church this year? One of our members attended a course on how to set up a website so that he or she can serve God in this area (with skills future credit) and others may attend



theological courses or the NBC or the evening service or the church camp or the May Day seminar too. Read more books and **learn more of the knowledge of God from His Word and wait patiently upon the Lord in the new year and not be idle or indifferent to the cause of Christ in our lived. Be dutiful and responsible with what God has entrusted to us and be a good steward of Christ for we are accountable to the Lord one day** Paul in Rom12:11,12 says, *“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”*

3. Be Compassionate and Caring Towards Others



The prophet in Mic 6:8 says, *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”* Let us develop a genuine care and affection for others in the new year and reach out to others in practical ways. Is there anyone who needs your visit or care and concern or your help in the new year? Is there a missionary in the wide harvest fields to support or care for ?

Many who are tried in life may give up easily and are discouraged and they may need comfort and support from us. **We need to resolve to be a good witness and be resilient and be a blessing to others and comfort, counsel console or encourage** those who need it in the Lord.

We need to love others and to learn endurance or perseverance which is the key to victory in our spiritual life and work. Gumption in the race of life is an important quality to develop this year. Heb 12:1, 2

4. Be a Godly Companion in Relationships

1Cor 15:33 says, *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”* The Bible does talk about the importance of friendship and relationship with one another. We need to discern and make friends with careful selection. Friends that honour God will influence us for the better. We need to develop godly traits and be a blessing to others and influence others for Christ. **Pray for the working of the Holy Spirit in your**



life and submit to God’s moulding of your life to be the person He wants you to be and to reach out to others as well. Encourage others to read the Word and to seek God in prayer and worship. Be a good example and testimony for the Lord and reach out to others as good friend and sharpen each other in the fear of God as Solomon says in Prov 27:17, *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”*

5. Be Consecrated in our Prayer & Service to God

By consecration, we mean a life of holiness and prayer and dedication to the cause of Christ and not our selfish ambitions.

1Pet 1:15 says, *“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”* It is our constant fight against

sin and temptation, and we do not fall into the wiles of the evil one. Worship of the Lord on the Lord’s Day is paramount and a mark of godliness.



Consecration includes our commitment to both personal and corporate worship and prayer.

Daily praying to God is a delightful discipline for every regenerate and justified man. It is the expression of sincere dedication to God; to wait, to be committed to serve God in His church and to commune and seek the Lord daily in our quiet time. David says in Ps 5:3, "*My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.*" Our Lord Jesus Christ set the perfect example when he spent time with God the Father every morning as a priority in the wee hours of the morning (Mark 1:35). To dutifully intercede and pray for others as requested is a spiritual discipline that we should cultivate in our lives this year.

Prayer is the breath of godliness and the lifeline to divine supplies. Be humble and pray to God and seek God for his will for without Christ we cannot do well in 2023. Conversely with Christ, we can live triumphantly in the year and for all eternity if we pray, trust and depend on Him. Phil 4:6,7 and Jn 15:6.

Conclusion

Let us be diligent in whatever we do for the Lord in the new year as we want to serve and glorify Christ, be it in our secular profession, studies or service In the Lord. A godly and Christ-centred person is blessed of God; the indolent and idle brings sorrow. Godly Labour has its own rewards and laziness it's consequences too.

During the year, remember and seek to apply and practise these 5Cs in 2023. Encourage your children and family to do the same as we seek Christ and begin the year aright with God. A good beginning is half success according to a Chinese proverb.

Pray for the wellbeing of your walk with God, your family, church, gospel missions and the revival of our nation in the will of the Lord. Pray and seek God for His sovereign guidance in the decisions you have to make, and for protection and wisdom in the new year. Psa 65:11 says, "*Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.*"

Jack Sin



Jesus
IS THE
Reason
FOR THE
Season

Christmas Day Sunday Worship 25 Dec 2022



SOVEREIGN HOPE
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
*When the Heavenly King
Condescended*
COME AND FIND OUT THE TRUE MEANING
OF THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST AND
ITS LASTING IMPACT IN OUR LIVES TODAY
BY REV JACK SIN
DECEMBER 25,
10:00 AM
VENUE: SOVEREIGN HOPE BP CHURCH
160, PAYA LEBAR RD, ORION
@ PAYA LEBAR #04-06, S(409022)
All Are Welcome
THOSE INTERESTED TO INFORM
DN YUE KAY AT 97450311 BY 15 DEC 2022

Steven shared a song "An Indescribable Gift"



Alvin shared his salvation testimony of being delivered from sin and having a new life in Christ.



Joseph & Rachel sang "O Come, All Ye Faithful" in Hokkien



Our special guests who heard the Gospel of Christ....



Thank God for the provision of the sumptuous Nasi Lemak lunch packets, on-site turkey & sausage station, "pie tee" salad cups and refreshing desserts.



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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Grace Abounding In The New Year

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American Melody

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1. A brand new year has just unfolded, things,
 2. Re - mem - ber not the for - mer us hearts,
 3. The Lord will make a way for our hearts,
 4. What God has placed with in our hearts,
 5. For all my house, we off - er praise,

With fresh grace to be - lieve.
 Un - help - ful thoughts of the past.
 As we trust in His plan.
 We'll use our hands to toil.
 With voi - ces grate - ful we raise.

Let Christ lead us in e - v'ry step,
 The Lord will do new things through us,
 With faith and hope, we seek God a -
 We seek and pray do our part,
 His love will fill us be - yond mea - sure,

We'll sure - ly find re - lief.
 E - ter - nal things that last.
 Till we reach Beu - lah Land.
 Stay strong, not fall a - part.
 If Christ's our true trea - sure.

Memory Verse

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Announcements

1. Blessed New Year! We are so glad you are here to worship the Lord on the first day of 2023! Pastor will preach on “***Divine Calling of a Believer (Eph 1:1-12)***”, the start of a new quarterly series on “***The Deliberate Christ-Centred Church in Action (Book of Ephesians)***”. For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave
2. Pastor will be preaching next Sunday on “***Character of the Church (Eph 1:13-23)***).
3. 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
4. We are commemorating 5 years of blessed ministry of Sovereign Hope BP Church as follows:
 - **Thanksgiving Lunch Fellowship on Saturday 4 Feb 2023** at Changi Beach Club. All church members and regular worshippers are invited but you **MUST REGISTER with Dn Yue Kay by 8 Jan.**
 - **Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday 5 Feb 2023**, 10am at our church premise.
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a video study on Fundamentals of Theology on alternate Sundays. 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 this **Fri 6 Jan 2023, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
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**
