



2020 Year Theme:
Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme:

Theme: The Blood of the Covenant

Today's scripture texts: Ex 24:1-2, 6-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Psalm 99

This Sunday, we draw from three different texts to understand the covenant we have with God and how He speaks on his Laws to us. Without the shedding of blood there is no covenant, Exodus 24 demonstrates that. This marks the inauguration of the covenant. It involves both God and the divine promises, but also the people and their commitment to do what God has said. The sacrificial offering is what ties these parts together.

Furthermore, the call of Moses to meet with God on the mountain to receive God's command affirms both the leadership and ministry of Moses and foreshadowing the meeting of Jesus with God on the mountain. In Exodus, God speaks his law to Moses to disseminate to the Israelites.

In 2 Peter 1: 16-21, we see that what the offering did for Israel in the Old Testament, Jesus has now done for us. He forgives the world's sins and justifies us before God. Peter talks of God's voice affirming Christ; in this way, God affirms that Jesus is the Word-made-flesh and is the new covenant in human form, through the shedding of his blood due to His death. He is, therefore, both the lamb and the new Law. Through God's affirmation of Christ, Jesus becomes the basis upon which we trust and adopt Christ's way of living.

5 COVENANTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

NOAHIC GENESIS 9:11
"I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth"

ABRAHAMIC GEN 12:1-3
"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing ... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

MOSAIC EXODUS 19:5-6
"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

DAVIDIC 2 SAMUEL 7:12-17
"... your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

NEW JEREMIAH 31:31-34
"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ..."

Without the shedding of blood there is no covenant!

God spoke his Law to to His people through the cloud in both Exodus 24 and 2 Peter. In Psalm 99, we see that God does so again to his servants.

Just like the psalmist, let us praise God for His affirmation of care and love for His servants!

OLD Covenant For **NEW Covenant**

RIGHTEOUSNESS of LAW For if the first covenant had been faultless then should no place have been sought for the second.

1st Covenant Hebrews 8:7 **2nd Covenant**

RIGHTEOUSNESS of CHRIST

1. Blood of animals
2. Written on stone
3. Shadow
4. Glorious
5. Had an end
6. Law of Moses
7. Law of works
8. Law of sin and death
9. Many sacrifices
10. Powerless to save
11. Annual atonement
12. Earthly tabernacle
13. Ministry of death
14. Outer form - flesh
15. Ministry of condemnation

1. Blood of Christ
2. Written on hearts
3. Substance
4. More Glorious
5. Has no end
6. Law of Messiah
7. Law of faith
8. Law of Spirit of Life
9. One Sacrifices
10. Powerful to save
11. Eternal atonement
12. Heavenly tabernacle
13. Ministry of life
14. Inner reality - spirit
15. Ministry of reconciliation

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

30 August

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Two Debtors by Romaine Jackson

11.00 am Worship
The Blood of the Covenant by Winston Chong

Wed Online Bible Class

2 September

7.30 pm
The Book of Psalms
Teacher: Lim Cher Yam

Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.00 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

Gladiolus Place

Devotions 7.30 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Mon



Use this QR code to access Online Worship



In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today. (Up to 50 members). Members who intend to worship in the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on PPCOC website each week. May also use the QR code on Page 4 FOCUS Newsletter.

YOU can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our Online Worship under Resources tab or Quick Links. You can also check the Donate tab on how to make bank transfers to the church for tithes and offerings.

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

I have many fond memories of being in church. Singing together in beautiful harmony to anthems like *Hallelujah Praise Jehovah, It Is Well With My Soul* and *Shout to the Lord*. Firm handshakes, hearty laughter and deep discussions on Scripture and faith. Even buying drinks out of possibly the cheapest vending machine in Singapore.

The *being together* with the people of the risen King.

There was always something special about being *with* the church *in* the church building on Sunday (because the church is so much more than the building). So when the pandemic forced us to move church online in late March, we lost that *being together* that defined us as Christians. Apart from each other, we are less than what we ought to be.

From that first week of “online church” we were already praying and preparing for the day we could meet together again, mask or no mask. In the meantime, we resorted to our next best option: livestream worship and Bible Class using every tool in the toolbox and every talent in our people. It wasn't *being together* by a longshot, but it helped. In fact, we actually became quite effective at putting it together.

But online church was only ever supposed to be temporary. Watching church happen on a screen was never supposed to be (dare I say it) the “new normal” for the people of God. We were never supposed to get comfortable with worshipping in the comforts of our own homes, separate and apart from our brothers and sisters.

But have we?

You may have your reasons for not coming back to church just yet. Maybe you or your loved one is more vulnerable to COVID-19 and you just want to keep everybody safe. Maybe moving the kids around brings too much stress. Maybe you prefer to sing, which you can do at home but ironically not in church.

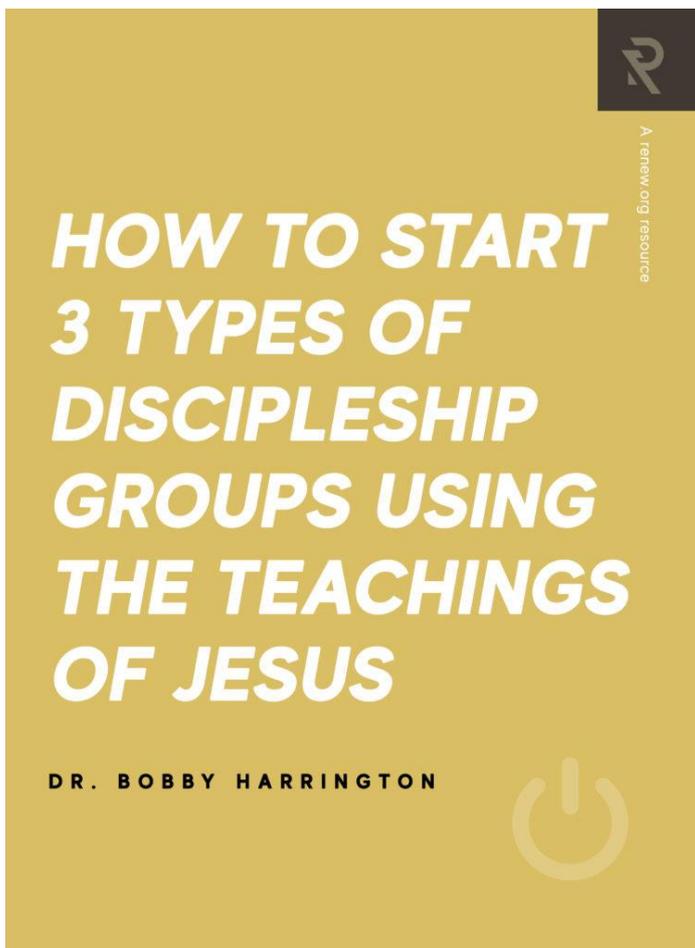
But you don't buy a house without furniture. You don't eat *char kway teow* without the pork fat. Neither can the family of God stay together without meeting together - it might work, but it doesn't become everything it ought to be.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, to consider assembling ourselves together once more. It may not be what it was pre-COVID, but it is one step closer to our post-COVID fellowship. See you there.

**Strengthen Christian Community
in
A Group of 5s!**

**What Christian Community
looks like
even in this time of isolation?**

**following God the Father and Jesus Christ is a Team Sport,
let us get back together **wisely** the sooner the better**



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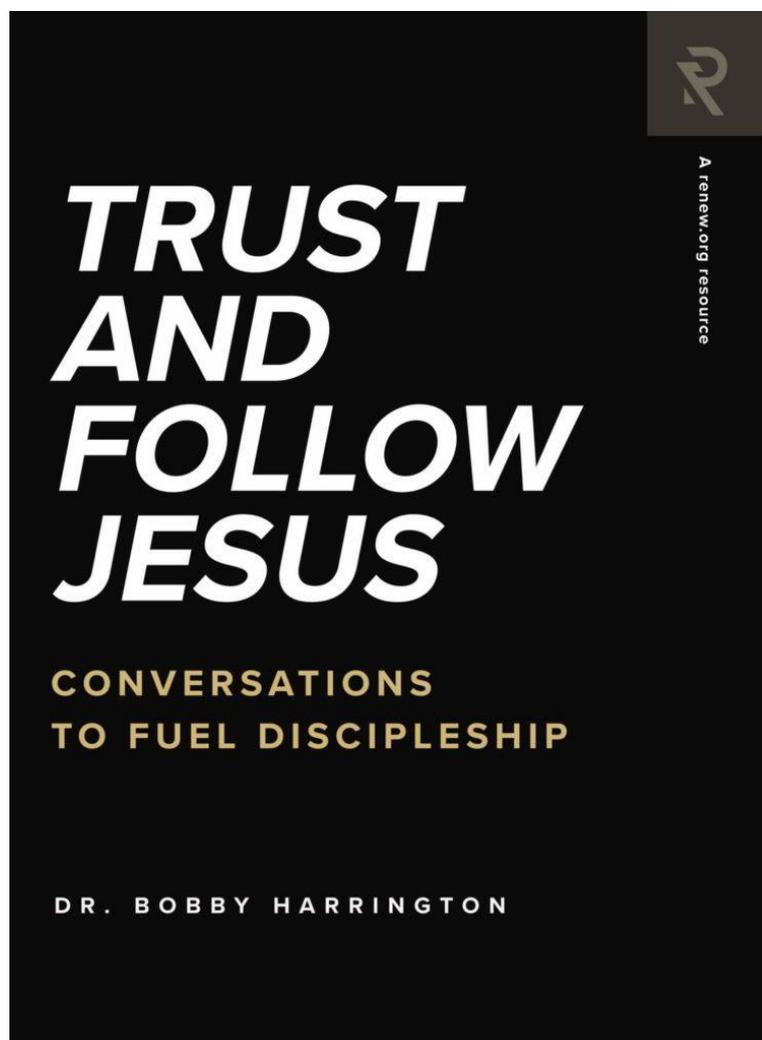
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This short guide brings you back to the basics in a cut-to-the-chase style.

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We rejoice with the angels in heaven for the baptism of **Pang Tee Shan** last Sunday after the 11am worship service. Pray for Tee Shan to grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus.



Pray for Teachers, Preachers, Bible classes

Teachers of YA/Adults class: Lee Hock, Cher Yam, Romaine Jackson, Isaac Tay, Shawn Li, Kelvin Koo

Teachers of New Christian class: Terry Wan, Yong Wee, Cher Kiat, Jason Mok, Kenneth Kuek, Harry Wong, Bryan Lim

Teachers of Wednesday class: Vincent Lim, Lian Chye, Cher Yam, Lee Hock, Kok Hin & John Lim

- Pray for all of them to teach zealously and clearly. Thank God for clear and powerful lessons by bro Lee Hock and Cher Yam
- Pray for interest in the Word of God. **Open the eyes** of members to see **importance of word** of God to instruct and guide us as lamp in our life
- Pray for **dedicated teachers** who are prepared to spent time for teaching of Word

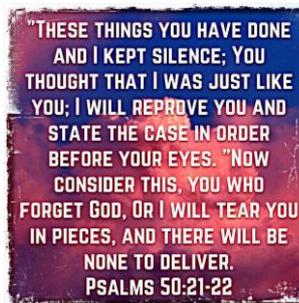
Nuggets for our Souls

by Lee Hock

Have we ignored the conviction upon your heart after studying God's Word?

We may rationalized our wrongdoing with the thought that if God were really upset, He'd put a stop to things by disciplining us.

Psalm 50:21 reminds us that the silence of heaven does not mean approval. Remaining in sin abuses the Lord's patience. When God seems slow to react, we hope He overlooks our sins. Because we like to continue in sin for the momentary pleasure is more appealing than obedience. But thankfully, the Father knows our weaknesses, our innate carnality, and the state of our spiritual growth, so He constraints His response. Motivated by His love and a desire to gently restore us to righteousness, God refrains from carrying out immediate punishment. Instead, He waits for the Holy Spirit's prodding to impact the our hearts. The weight of conviction is actually an invitation to turn from wrongdoing and return to godliness. Let us not test nor mock God's patience. Seek to be more like Him.



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Pasir Panjang Church of Christ Sunday Worship Attendance

Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Failure to do so may make your registration void. Do this only once. Thank you for your cooperation.

Submission is open from Monday and the Cut-off date/time for submission will be Friday, 12 noon for the coming Sunday Worship Service.



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