



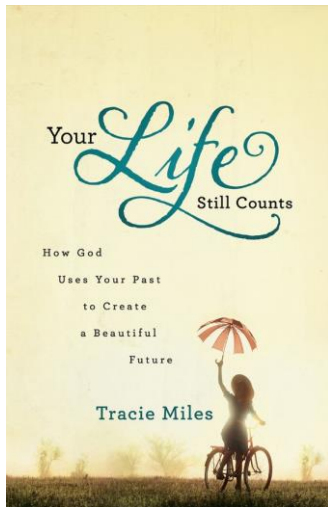
CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



15 November 2020

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

Worship Theme:
Justification – Past, Present & Future
Text: Rom 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1; Psalm 100:1-5



Today, the common thread that binds the three readings is faith and trust in God.

The text in Romans exudes confidence and trust in God who has justified us through Jesus Christ. This enables us to be at peace with Him and to have access to God's sustaining grace in the past, present and future.

In Matthew, the text shows how Jesus taught and preached the good news of the kingdom and how he began to commission the twelve disciples. We are also commissioned but are we willing to trust Jesus and pay the cost of following Him?

The Psalmist echoes and heralds the goodness and faithfulness of God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord as we worship Him.

Romans 5:1-5 – A Plain Account

I have found it helpful to outline especially Paul's message to try to follow the argument and the flow. This is how I outlined this passage (with a few of my own notes, from the Common English Bible):

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We have access...into this grace in which we stand by faith through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory (a future hope).

3 But not only that!

We even take pride in our problems (current situation), because we know that trouble produces endurance,

4 endurance produces character, and character produces hope (back to the future).

5 This hope (in future glory) doesn't put us to shame (despite our present problems), because (even now) the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

By Matt Rundio

EVENTS

28 November
1.30 pm Annual
General Meeting
(AGM) 2020 Via
ZOOM

<https://bit.ly/3oRW2Kt>
(Notice of 2019
Minutes, AGM and
Proxy Form)

15 November
9.30 am Online Bible
Class
The Pharisee and the
Tax Collector by Cher
Yam

11.00 am Live Stream Worship
Justification – Past, Present
and Future
by Winston Chong

18 November
7.30 pm Online Wed
Bible Class
The Prayer of David
by John Lim

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

Gladiolus Place
Devotions
7.30 pm Every 2nd & 4th Mon

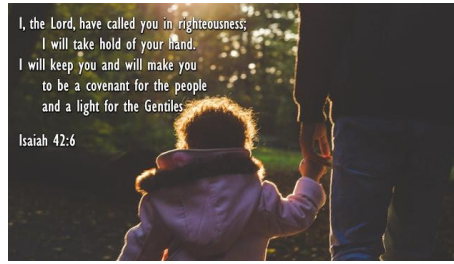
In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 100 persons maximum). Members who intend to worship in the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on the PPCOC website each week. You may also use the QR code on back of this FOCUS Newsletter.

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.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

"I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles."

— Isaiah 42:6



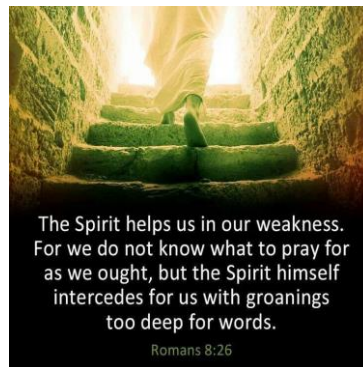
God chose the Israelites to be His special nation. This was not because they were better than other nations. God chose them so He could bless all nations of the earth through His chosen people.

Father, we know you have blessed us with your salvation because of your great mercy, grace and kindness. Empower us as we share your great blessings with others. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We Will Have Glory in the Future

by Lee Hock

Apostle Paul encouraged us to pray, regardless of our suffering and pain: "The whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth" Romans 8:22.



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness when we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans" Rom 8:26. God's Holy Spirit knows us intimately; our longings, heart aches and unspoken words help us to communicate with God. His Spirit also helps us to be transformed into the image of His Son (Rom 8:29).

Our heavenly Father knows our groanings and speaks to us through His Word. When we feel our prayers are weak or incoherent, His Holy Spirit helps us to speak to God, our Father, who yearns to answer our prayers.

As a parent myself, I long to hear from my children too and help them through life. We are all God's children. Call out to our Father, communicate and receive His love.

SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

8 November

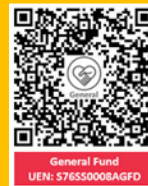
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Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Sunday Worship Attendance

Starting today, a maximum of 100 persons is allowed for the In-person Congregational Worship Service every Sunday. Members who intend to worship in the church premises must register before Friday noon for successful balloting.

Registration 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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