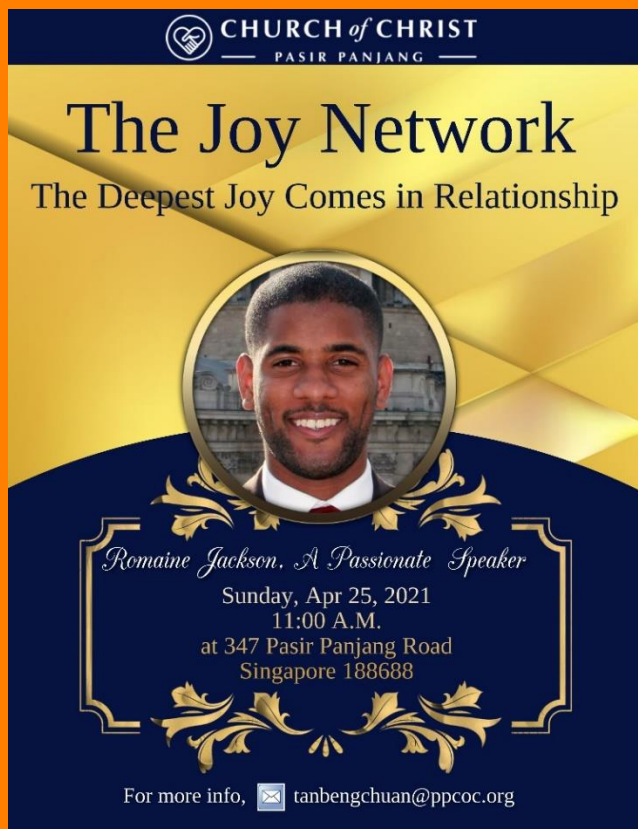


# NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER focus 2021



## Year Theme 2021 – Rebuilding Our Faith



25 April 2021

### EVENTS

#### 28 April (Wed)

7.30 pm Online  
Wednesday Bible  
Class  
The Hope of God in  
Hard Times.  
1 Peter 1:1-3  
- Lim Cher Yam

#### 1 May (Sat)

10 am – 11.30 am  
Elders' Prayer Session  
via Zoom

#### 2 May (Sun)

9.30 am Live Stream Sunday  
Bible Class  
Your God is too small.  
Job 34-37  
- Romaine Jackson

11 am Live Stream Worship  
Single and Single-minded –  
to serve Him without  
distractions  
- John Then

#### Gladiolus Place Devotions

7.30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon

#### Discovering the Joy of a Clear Conscience - What's Really in Our Heart?

To illustrate our need for a changed heart in addition to changed behavior, author Christopher Ash uses the following illustration (or object lesson) based on David's sin with Bathsheba:

Suppose I hold a glass of water and I shake it. Water spills out, and you ask me, "Why did water spill out?" The instinctive answer is, "Water came out because you shook it." But there is another correct answer, which is, "Water came out because water is what was inside the glass. If there hadn't been water in the glass in the first place, no water would have ever come out of the glass." Sure, it came out because it was shaken, but water came out because water was inside.

So if we asked David, "Why did you do what you did?" He might say, "I did it because I was tempted, because of pressure. I was, as it were, shaken. My equilibrium was disturbed by outside influences, things that happened to me. I was weary. I looked out of the window and saw this beautiful woman, and one thing led to another. I was shaken." That's what we instinctively say. "I said that because I was stressed." "I did that because I was tired, or sick." "My upbringing has conditioned me to react that way."

But David's answer [see Psalm 51] is, "I committed adultery because there is adultery in my heart"; "I covered up because there is pride in my heart"; "I murdered because love of self and hatred of others is in my heart." The really shocking thing I have discovered, says David, is that what I did expressed who I am. Evil came out of me because there is evil in me.

In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today. Members and visitors who intend to worship at the church premises on Sunday can walk in without registering in advance. Everyone must observe the Safe Management Measures such as temperature taking and checking in with SafeEntry.

Alternatively, you may join us in worship by going to [www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org) and clicking on "Live Streams" under the Resources tab. You can also click on the Donate tab to find out how to make bank transfers to the church for REBUILDING PLEDGES and offerings.

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# Online BIBLE STUDY

WITH: LIM CHERRYAM

The Hope of God in Hard Times

1 Peter 1:1-3 Introduction

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL  
7.30PM



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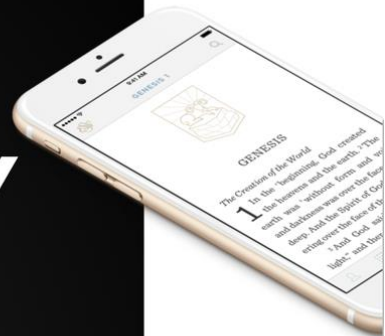
# SUNDAY

Your God is too small. Job 34-37

# BIBLE STUDY

w/ Romaine Jackson

2nd May Sunday @ 9.30 AM



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## Wednesday Night Bible Class 2021

I Peter (The God of Hope in Hard Times)

II Peter (Daring Faith)

Starts: 28 April 2021

Ends: 6 October 2021

Our current Wednesday night Bible class series on Leviticus will conclude on 21 April, 2021. We are grateful to all the teachers who have dedicated their time and resources to help teach this wonderful series to edify the church.

Beginning next Wednesday, 28 April 2021 we will start a new series based on the epistles of I & II Peter. We have lined up 24 exciting lessons to exhort and encourage the congregation. We pray that you will find time to study this new series with us and look forward to your participation.

### Synopsis of I Peter:

Peter addressed this epistle to Christians living in the five Roman provinces of Asia Minor, located in modern-day Turkey ([1 Pe 1:1](#)). He wrote to strengthen and encourage them in the "trial of their faith" ([1 Pe 1:7](#)), prepare them for a future "fiery trial" ([1 Pe 4:12](#)) and teach them how to respond to persecutions as befitting those chosen of God ([1 Pe 2:19-23; 3:14-15; 4:13](#)).

Peter's counsel was very timely because the Church was about to enter a period of heightened persecution. Until approximately A.D. 64, the Roman government generally tolerated Christianity. In July of that year, a fire broke out and destroyed much of Rome. It was rumoured that Emperor Nero himself had ordered the fire to be started, and in an effort to divert blame for the disaster, some prominent Romans accused the Christians of starting the fire. This led to intense and widespread persecutions of Christians throughout the Roman Empire.

It was not easy to be a Christian during such a time and the Christians in modern-day Turkey need to know why they have to suffer. They need to know whether it is worthwhile to persevere in their faith, how to deal with these persecutions and how to conduct themselves in a hostile world.

The apostle Peter writes to address these issues in two ways:

- Testify the truth. The more they know about Jesus, themselves, and the world, the better they'll understand their difficult situation.
- Exhort them to persevere in trials and conduct themselves as befitting those chosen of God.

The epistle reflects this focus. Peter explores a doctrine, and then encourages the Christians to apply it to their lives.

1. Christians are different in that they are "aliens," or residential foreigners to the Roman Empire ([1 Pe 1:1, 17](#)). We shouldn't expect to be treated differently until our King claims dominion forever and ever ([1 Pe 5:10-11](#)).

2. Christians are different, we are a spiritual house, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession ([1 Pe 2:5, 9](#)). Therefore, Christians ought to keep their behaviour excellent, so that even their oppressors will glorify God.

3. Jesus sets the finest example of suffering to glorify God? Peter indicated that when the Saints "suffer as a Christian" ([1 Pe 4:16](#)), they can rejoice knowing that they are following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ (see [1 Pe 2:19-23; 3:15-18; 4:12-19](#)).

4. Suffering tests us. It's a way that we identify with Christ. And it never gives us an excuse to sin but the suffering Christian will still do what is right ([1 Pe 4:19](#)).

To Peter, suffering is something the Christian should always see coming. Every chapter in I Peter speaks of trials or suffering, and Peter taught that patiently enduring trials is "more precious than ... gold" and would help believers gain "the salvation of their souls" ([1 Pe 1:7, 9](#)).

The great theme of this epistle is the Christian hope in times of trial and suffering. Hope is made possible because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ, so that we can faithfully endure and respond to suffering and persecution.

In the midst of the affliction and persecution faced by the Saints of his time, Peter exhorted them to turn to one another in love and tenderness for support and strength ([1 Pe 1:22; 3:8-9](#)). Furthermore, Peter exhorted that Church leaders could play a crucial role to strengthen and encourage their congregations in such difficult times (I Pe 5).

***Cher Yam***

## Worship Theme, May – June 2021: Families-Mum-Children-Dad

2 May	John Then	1 Cor 7:29-31	<b>Single &amp; Single-minded</b> – To serve God without distraction
9 May	Winston Chong	Acts 2:42-47	<b>A Mother's Day Message</b> - People of the Table - Why are rituals important to family health?
16 May	Jason Mok	Prov. 31:1-9	<b>A Lesson Wise Moms Can Teach the Next Generation</b> - A mom who fears the Lord teaches her kids to use their strength to serve people in need.
23 May	Kelvin Koo	Judge 4:1-7	<b>Deborah, the Encourager of Manhood</b> - Women possess a unique opportunity to encourage men to step up and stand up.
30 May	Terry Harrison	Mark 10:2-16	<b>Divorce and the Seeds of Resurrection</b> - We can find the hope and power of Christ's resurrection even amidst a sad and painful divorce.
6 June	Adrian Lee	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	<b>Kids Rule</b> - How can our kids become our idols?
13 June	Mac Esmilia	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	<b>A Father's Words</b> - There are few things as powerful as a father's words.
20 June	Foo Yong Wee	Psalms 127 & 128	<b>A Father's Day Message</b> – Dads, what is the culture of the home you are building?
27 June	Romaine Jackson	Ephesians 3:14-21	<b>The Bucket List</b> – Living for What Really Matters



## Family News, Concerns & Prayers

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A very warm welcome back! It's been a few weeks since PP has resumed in-person bible classes, in addition to worship service with congregational singing at 11am. While we still have to observe safe distancing measures for health reasons, we are so happy to see more and more families coming back to church. In particular, it warms our hearts to see many young parents with their little ones in tow, some of whom are even training their kids to join in for worship service!

The church is one family, and a family is made up of people across different age groups and life stages. At PP, we are blessed with a growing number of babies and children! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14). We are deeply encouraged by all the parents and teachers who are persevering in training up our children in the way of the Lord.

At the same time, as more families start coming back, we are also mindful about maintaining an environment that is conducive for quietening our hearts to approach God in worship.

In particular, during the combined worship service, we urge all members to demonstrate a spirit of thoughtfulness and graciousness towards others. Philippians 2:3-4 says: "In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others".

For all members, we ask for your graciousness and patience if there are unexpected sounds that children may make during worship service.

For parents, if your children are fussing or need your attention, we seek your cooperation to step out with them until they calm down and are ready to enter the worship hall quietly. The church has also made available a live streaming of the worship service in the Chinese congregation hall as an alternative venue for additional seating capacity.

Transitioning from worshipping in the peace and quiet of one's home, to gathering in church with a larger group of members, is a big change for all. We ask for every member's patience as we navigate this period together.

Being able to worship God as one family in church again is a blessing. So let us treasure this privilege of gathering for worship, and demonstrate thoughtfulness and graciousness towards our brothers and sisters in Christ!

## SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

18 April

GF - \$19,857.97

Worship Attendance: 181



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### ELDERS PRAYER SESSION

1st MAY 2021 (SAT)  
10.00AM to 11.30AM

LET US JOIN OUR HANDS & HEARTS  
IN PRAYER TO GOD

Dear brethren, will you pray  
with us on 1st May? - Elders

All of us have a heart for those  
who are in need, whether  
physically or spiritually. The  
elders feel that we need to see  
prayer as a ministry, not  
something we do by the way or  
only when in crisis. Let us  
encourage and be encouraged  
as we pray for the following  
needs:

Discipleship  
Church Ministries  
Members Care  
Missions



Below is the Zoom link for Elders Prayer Session on 1st May 2021  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89075257146>  
Meeting ID: 890 7525 7146  
(No passcode required)

Send your prayer requests to any of the elders or ministers by 25 Apr 21

Prayer Request / Feedback  
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