

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



23 January 2022

Great Or Least In The Kingdom

By Romaine Jackson
Live @ 11am

There is power in the blood of Christ, wonder-working power. William Gurnall wrote in "The Christian In Complete Armour" that "Christ's blood is a balm to heal your wounds." The teachings in the Sermon on the Mount were written for those in the Kingdom. The instructions are doable, though not with perfection. However, we are emboldened by Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit to aim for perfection.

As Christians, we practice the Spirit of the law and not simply the "applied law". We do this inside-out as we walk in love, seeking desperately to imitate Christ. Jesus came to embody the law, not as a proponent of lawlessness; he created it, after all! But He did rebuke the vicious law-keeping of the scribes and the Pharisees.

Rules, signs and constitutions protect us and govern interactions. We don't follow them simply to avoid fines or punishments. Today's message encourages you to see past the "cans" and "cannots".

Sunday Morning Worship

May the Spirit lead us past an elementary understanding of the meaning of the law and how we should be living as Christians who are sanctified daily (Rom 6:19-22).

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

[Humble Yourself](#)

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

[Surely The Presence Of The Lord](#)

Sermon

[Now To Him](#)

[I Can Only Imagine](#)

Opening Prayer

Announcements

[And Can It Be](#)

Shepherd's Prayer

Communion (Romans 8:1-5)

[The Gloryland Way](#)

Giving (Matthew 6:1-4)

Congregational Response

Reflection Questions

- 1 What is your impression of the Pharisees and their view of Law and Scripture as described in the New Testament? What do you think was their motive or intention?
- 2 How does Jesus describe His relationship to the Law and teachings of the Old Testament? How might this compare or contrast with the Pharisees?
- 3 How can we avoid approaching Scripture in the same way as the Pharisees? What does a healthy posture toward the “laws” of Christianity look like?
- 4 What would it look like for us to follow Jesus in fulfilling the law and the prophets this week?

COVID-19 Guidelines

We have resumed in-person worship services and Bible Classes. Please take note of the following:

- You must be fully vaccinated to come to church.
- Unvaccinated children below 12 years of age are allowed to attend.
- In-person Adult, Youth and GEMS Bible Classes have resumed. FFF will remain online until further notice.
- We are allowed to sit in zones of 100 and in groups of up to five.

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$6,680**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund
S76SS0008ABFD

Upcoming Events



23 Jan | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"The Day Of The Lord Part 2"

2 Thessalonians 2

By Isaac Tay

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"Forgiveness: The New Medicine"

Gospel of Mark

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"In the Beginning There Was God"

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

FFF Bible Class

Eldership - Protecting the Flock

By Seah Siow Hwee

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Healing on the Sabbath"

Luke 13:10-21

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Mary and Martha"

Luke 10:38-42; John 12:1-9

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

P6 Apologetics Class

Evidence Against Evolution: Earth

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)



24 Jan | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



26 Jan | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8:30)

"Reboot: A New Way of Thinking"

(Eph 4:25-32) By Lim Lian Chye



27 Jan | 7:45pm

Online Prayer Warriors

New members and rebuilding

Family News



ONLINE PRAYER WARRIORS

Singing at 7:45pm

Thursday | 27 January | 8:00pm

Zoom ID: 637 679 3407
Password: Kumbaya

January Theme:
NEW MEMBERS | REBUILDING

We continue our monthly prayer meeting this Thursday with a focus on our new members and the rebuilding/relocation project. Also, join us for a time of singing starting at 7:45pm!

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PPCOC Young Adults Quarterly Activity



Join us for a volunteer session at

Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen



Interested in giving your time and effort to help the needy?
We're organising a session to help with preparation of ingredients, cooking, packing of lunch boxes, washing and cleaning.

Date and time: Saturday, 29 January 2022, 12 noon - 4pm

Address: 11 Jalan Ubi Blk 6, #01-51 Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Hub, S409074

Willing Hearts operates a soup kitchen that prepares, cooks and distributes about 11,000 daily meals to over 70 locations island-wide, 365 days a year. Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, low income families, and migrant workers in Singapore.

Sign up using the Google Forms link by 23 January 2022! Contact Geraldine (82688267) or Charmaine (96252950) if you have any questions. National safe management measures apply.

Click on the poster for the Google form. Register by TODAY!



Gladiolus Place Donations



For many years, we have partnered with Gladiolus Place to minister to at-risk teenagers with the love and grace of God. In the past, we have taken up a collection during the Chinese New Year period to sponsor Ang Pows, food, and gifts for the girls.



This year, we want to expand the collection for not only Chinese New Year, but also other events throughout the year. Funds collected will help to sponsor celebrations during other festive seasons such as Hari Raya and Deepavali.

You can make your donation to the Mission Fund (QR code here) and indicate "GP Girls" in the remarks.

Family News (Rebuilding)



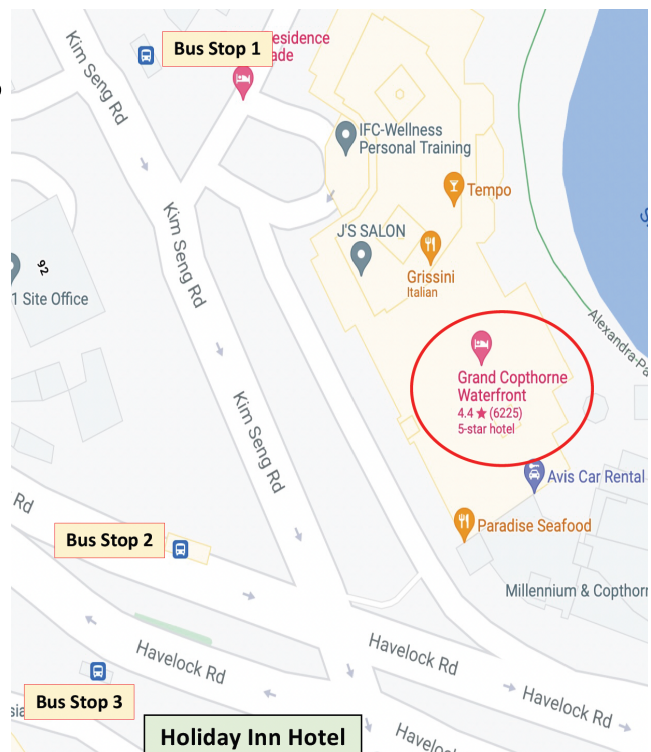
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From Bus Stop 2:
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From Bus Stop 3:
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New MRT station (TE16 Havelock)
expected to open in 2022 beside
Holiday Inn.

Ample car park space @ Hotel!



Family News (Rebuilding)



Recruitment of Resident Technical Officer

The church is looking for a full time Resident Technical Officer (RTO) for the project. Interested applicants may find the job scope, required experience and qualifications by scanning the QR code.



Interested applicants are to submit their CV and working experience by 31 Jan 2022.



CELEBRATE 347!



As we prepare to relocate, we want to celebrate over three decades of God's faithfulness to this church family during our time at 347 Pasir Panjang Road. Here are some ways you can take part in this celebration!

- 1 Send us videos, pictures, and stories of your best moments at the church building! Email them to johnlim@ppcoc.org by 23rd Jan.
- 2 If you have a special memory you'd like to share about the church building, contact John Lim to arrange a weekend interview session (22/23 Jan).
- 3 Collect church items from 16-30 Jan (stone chairs, foldable tables, plastic chairs, Bibles, hymnals, library books and tapes). **Please approach any church staff before taking them.**

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock



He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." (Luke 21:8-11)

This week I will begin a series of weekly nuggets to glean insights from the events that happened over the last two years. These insights are part of my personal reflection, as I struggle with "**why**": why have all these events happened so frequently and with such great intensity? Floods, forest fires, haze, volcanic eruptions, pandemics have relentlessly visited Earth. They are becoming the norm, filling up news headlines all over the world.

My aim of this weekly nugget series is to focus on our walk with God. In my reflections, I asked myself several questions:

1. What happened to the world that I grew up with over the last 6 decades - the pace of life, life's purpose, beliefs and values, the environment - that impacted the hope and security of daily living?
2. Why is daily living so chaotic and uncertain? Maybe humans have meddled and tampered with the very creation of God? I began to meditate on God's creation in Gen 1:10 where "God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good."
3. Have I messed up by having humanity's self-gratifying urge to be 'smarter' than the Creator? If so, what should I do differently to walk closer to God?

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

Lesson #1: Awareness of the brevity and the fragility of life.

James 4:13-15 reminds us: “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Jesus also said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Matthew 16:24-26)

Lesson #2: Be prepared for the eternity that is ahead, not be consumed with our pride and self-gratification in this life on earth!

Consider Genesis 3:1 “Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” Genesis 3:4 goes on: ““You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Adam and Eve fell for Satan’s trap. They wanted to be smarter than the Creator. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 John 2:16)

Lesson #3: Be convinced that we are just a passing through this life; our ‘treasures’ are laid up for us in heaven.

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6: 19-20).

Let God take control as the driver of our daily life! Then getting to our next destination in life will be a breeze!

Prayer

Father God, this virus presents new challenges every day. The emotions and attitudes of our church family are varied. Some are afraid and prone to anxiety, some run towards danger with no thought of the consequences.

Lord, give us wisdom as we talk with and encourage one another. Give us clarity to see the needs of others. We praise you that we live in a time where technology allows us to stay connected, yet I know many of our members still feel isolated and alone. Lord, give us eyes to see their needs.

Lord, give us hope during this time and not panic. We pray that you will use your church to advance your kingdom, to be examples of your great love and for us to be ready to offer an explanation for the hope we have in you. Bless us with love, peace, happiness, and favour wherever we go. In Jesus' majestic name, Amen!

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



<http://bit.ly/35FTEyp>



Meet Our People

Elders

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Peter Lim

Lim Swee Aun

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Lim Kok Hin

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