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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



13 March 2022

Living Jesus Together: Deep Integrity

By Terry Harrison
Live @ 11am

These past few months, we've been on a spiritual journey of learning to live our faith. That's important, because "faith" is more than a set of beliefs we hold in our heads. "Faith" is what we do because of what we believe, and it touches even the tiniest detail of our every existence.

So far, we've talked about influence (being salt and light), emotions (anger) and relationships (marriage and intimacy) - all vehicles through which the beauty of Jesus may be seen in us.

Today brother Terry draws our attention to "deep integrity" in our words and deeds. We may not swear oaths in our culture today, but we always feel the need to have everything "in black and white", just in case we need to prove something. But what if the deep integrity and faithfulness of Jesus could empower us until a simple "yes" or "no" from us is proof enough? What would that look like?

Sunday Morning Worship

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Reflection Questions

- 1 How would you describe someone of integrity with whom you have done business? (reliable, trustworthy, timely, etc) What keeps that person from losing long term business/customers?
- 2 How do those characteristics or qualities relate to the Kingdom of God as described by Jesus?

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,690.82**



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Upcoming Events



13 March | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Red & Yellow, Black & White"

Numbers 12

By Foo Yong Wee

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"God's Promise To Abraham"

Genesis 11-18

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

Youth Bible Class

"Barren Deserts & Chaotic Waters"

Gospel of Mark

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"2 Sons, Landowner, Wedding Feast"

(Matthew 21:28-22:14)

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

P6 Apologetics Class

"God, Angels, Demons, Humans"

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



14 Mar | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



16 Mar | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)

"Walking Worthy In Work" (Eph 6:5-9)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



18 Mar | 7:30pm

Youth Huddle

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

Family News



Discounted Parking

Register for your ticket by Thursday, 11:59pm.


Pay \$3.50 to the General Fund via PayNow.

On Sunday after worship, show your e-receipt to sister Annie to collect your ticket.









Join us for SIBI Day:
YOUR PLACE IN THE JOURNEY
Sunday, 27 March, 2022
DURING BIBLE CLASS

In past years, SIBI held a "Women's Day" for female students to share their gifts and learnings with the sisters of the church. This year, they will be expanding it to a church-wide event!

Youth Bible Class will be paused for that week and resume on 3 April. The regular Adults class by brother KC Cheang will be pre-recorded and put on our website for you to view at your convenience.



PP Retreat 2022

CELEBRATION | DISCERNMENT | COMMUNITY

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

15 April 2022 | 9:30am - 12:00pm
Paradiso Ballroom (Level 3)



3D2N Stay from \$160++

Limited Rooms Available!
Sign up by 3 April via QR Code

A time to take a break from the world,
immerse ourselves in Christian community
and recenter ourselves in the life and
mission of God!



Join us on Good Friday (15 April) for a morning of worship and community, organised jointly by our Youth, Young Adults and Adults!

The Hotel has also graciously offered us a special discount for a 3D2N staycation for that weekend (15-17 April). That way, you can come for Retreat on Friday morning, check-in and enjoy your staycation, come down for Sunday worship, and check-out after service! It's almost like church camp!

Take advantage of this special package by scanning the QR code above. Make sure you sign up by 3 April to secure your spot!

PEACE

What is peace? A day without work? A break from daily chores? A time to empty our minds by meditating? I often assume that peace is simply the absence of internal or external noise and chaos.

If that is the reality, then peace is only available to the privileged: those who don't suffer from lack of shelter or food, those with homes and stable support systems and people who can afford a break from the monotony of life.

We sing about peace. We travel on pilgrimages to find it. Countries even wage war to protect it. The super-rich, famous, and powerful will trade everything for just one moment of peace. Some even kill themselves when they cannot find peace!

The world's peace is different from the peace offered by Jesus: "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Earthly Peace Changes With Life's Circumstances

The peace offered by the world is a fleeting promise and can only bring temporary comfort. God's peace is a permanent peace offered by Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). He is the One whom we can fully rely on, who will keep His Word and heal us when we sin.

During times of prosperity, nations experience temporary peace. But when economies struggle, countries find themselves on the brink of civil war as well as war with their neighbours. The peace of the world is a precarious thing. Conflicts erupt when people are hungry; peace disappears when circumstances turn ugly:

"Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths." (Micah 3:5)

Earthly Peace Anchored on Shifting Sands of Compromise

God warned the Israelites that if they inter-married for political reasons, they would compromise their love for Jehovah and end up serving false gods. This temporary absence of conflict would ultimately lead to destruction: "Be careful not to make a treaty with the inhabitants of the land that you are going to enter; otherwise, they will become a snare among you." (Exodus 34:12)

"Therefore, do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever." (Ezra 9:12)

Earthly Peace Solutions Overlook The Root Of The Problem

What's wrong with the world today? Most will refer to the volatile stock markets, global warming, malnutrition, poor healthcare, broken families, overpopulation, you name it. Many governments do their best to fix these problems to bring peace and well-being to their people.

However, the world's fixes do not address the spiritual root of the problem of sinful nature of humankind itself, something that can only be healed by Christ! Money, regulations and reform don't fix them. Dealing with the symptoms of sin but failing to diagnose the sin itself is not new. In the Old Testament, the false prophets treated sin "lightly" and proclaimed the problem "solved" when it wasn't:

"They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace." (Jeremiah 6:14)

"Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash." (Ezekiel 13:10)

God's Peace Is NOT The Absence Of Conflict, Pain And Sorrow!

The earthly peace we enjoy is temporal. Any momentary quietness and peace may be disrupted by difficult relationships, health problems and financial crisis, allowing chaos to rule the day.

But the peace that God accords us is not the absence of conflict or the myriad of storms in our very own lives! It is not the absence of these pain-points but knowing and being anchored in God's promise that despite all, it is well with our souls. The conflict of living in both worlds – physical and spiritual – is both ironic and real because we cannot have both. Oil and water can never mix!

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. " (Isaiah 54:10)

God's Peace Is Permanent And Constant

Our God offers peace 24/7, in the midst of chaos. His peace is constantly flowing to us. It doesn't change with the circumstances; it is secure in spite of the storms in our lives. In contrast to the world's promise of peace, God's peace is permanent and firmly grounded in his Word. He doesn't ignore our sin—he heals it, making his peace a different kind of peace from what we find in the world.

"[D]o not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

The peace that surpasses all (human) understanding from God is solidly anchored in His sovereignty over all of life's circumstances both good or ill. "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Reflection:

1. What is your view on peace?
2. How will your view of peace influence your outlook and daily living?
3. What is one take away from this spiritual nugget that nourishes you? And how will you apply this take away in your daily living?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for placing Your wonderful, powerful, protective peace in our lives. Let Your peace fill our minds and hearts. As we choose to let this peace rise up and guard the gates of our hearts and minds, disable the devil's ability to attack our emotions. Permit not his lies and accusations to slip into our minds! May we constantly share Your Peace to all around us and become a conduit of your blessing. I pray this in Jesus' name! Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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