

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



20 March 2022

Living Jesus Together: The Art Of Perfection

By Jason Mok
Live @ 11am

I (John) remember the one time in my life when I scored 100% for a test. It was the Term 3 Math exam in Primary 2, and I remember my teacher's beaming face and the bewildered faces of my friends going "wahhhh!" For once in my life, I knew what it felt like to have achieved "perfection." (Sadly, that remains the only time!)

"Perfection" means something slightly different in Scripture. In Matthew 5:48, after perhaps the most challenging of Jesus' calls to love one's enemies, He commands His listeners to be "teleios", a Greek word that is translated as "perfect" or "complete". It has the idea of fully becoming everything that one was designed to be.

While Jesus' demand for "perfection" may seem scary, remember that perfection is simply becoming what God designed us to be from the beginning. Now, Christ has given us the resource we need - Himself.

Sunday Morning Worship

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Reflection Questions

- 1 How does the world expect enemies to treat one another? What makes the way of Jesus in this passage so revolutionary?
- 2 Think of someone you know of whom the world says, "You have a right to be enemies with that person because...." What would it look like for you to follow the way of Jesus with that person this week?

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$8192**



General Fund

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Missions Fund

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Building Fund

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If you plan to make a contribution via cheque, please make sure it is payable to "[Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore](#)". Please ensure that you write the full name so that the cheque can be processed smoothly.

Upcoming Events



20 March | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Failure In The Wilderness"

Numbers 13-14

By Foo Yong Wee

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"God's Gives Abraham A Son"

Genesis 18, 21-22

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

Youth Bible Class

"So Close Yet So Far"

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)

"Review: Acts 1-8"

(Matthew 21:28-22:14)

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

P6 Apologetics Class

"The Gospel of Christ"

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



23 Mar | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)

"Put On The Armour Of God" (Eph 6:10-13)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos

Family News



Location Changes | 13 & 20 March

Our usual meeting rooms will be used for other events on 13 and 20 March. Hence, the Hotel will upgrade us to different rooms on Level 2 for these two weeks. Ushers and signages will be deployed to direct members to the right rooms on these Sundays.

Bible Class
9:30am-
10:30am

Riverfront Ballroom

Youth

Adults

Cradle Roll

WF 1

WF 2

WF 3

Chinese

Nursery
Kinderkids
GEMS P4-6

Toddlers
GEMS P1-3
Apologetics

Worship
11am - 12pm

Riverfront Ballroom

Cradle Roll

WF 1

WF 2

WF 3

Chinese

Deaf
Spillover

Spare
Room



Discounted Parking (Updated)

After today, member who want discounted parking tickets at Grand Copthorne Waterfront **do not need** to register in advance. You can simply purchase a ticket from the registration table outside the main ballroom from sister Annie on the day itself.

Also, from 3 April, you may pay the \$3.50 via PayNow or in cash. We hope that this will make the process more convenient for all of you and that more of you can share in this blessing!



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!
Please note cost is per room per day

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! Please note that the price is per room per night.

Interested members can book their rooms directly with the hotel. **You no longer need to sign up through the church.** By 27 March, we will share a coupon code that you can apply at checkout for the discounted price.

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Young Adults Event

JOIN US FOR A WALK
@
THE GREEN CORRIDOR

9TH APRIL 2022
9AM-12PM

CONNECT WITH NATURE
ACT OF SELF-LOVE
CATCH UP WITH FELLOW BROS/SIS-IN-CHRIST
MOVING YOUR BODY FEELS NICE
VITAMIN D
BE AWAY FROM YOUR SCREENS

SIGN UP WITH
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The Future of SIBI-Singapore



We want share this letter (see next page) from Tim Burrow, President of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas, regarding the future of SIBI Singapore. It has been decided that SIBI Singapore has concluded her mission of grooming men and women across Asia for the work of the gospel.

As we look back on the history of SIBI Singapore, we have been blessed with wonderful students who have gone back to their home countries and carried on with the work of growing the kingdom of our Lord. We have had the privilege of thoughtful and inspiring teachers who volunteered their time and resources to help SIBI Singapore equip students for the good work they are currently doing.

We are grateful to the SIBI school board for establishing and guiding the school. We thank God for Charles Cook, the first SIBI Singapore dean, and his wife, Tamara, along with Tom and Nancy Goracke for establishing the school during the early years. We witnessed the expansion of the school to include international students under Brandi and Penny Kendall, with Keith and Janet Gant contributing significantly as instructors and mentors. We thank Terry and Terilee Harrison for giving their very best to furthering the work. Finally, thank you for your loving support and acceptance in embracing the students. The work has been done and shared by so many for God's glory.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside Sunset and we pray for God's guidance as we discern God's will for the church to go into new works and areas of growth.

In Christ,
The PP Elders

Family News



Tim Burow
President

February 23, 2022

To the Leaders of the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ, School Board and
Congregational Members:

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Al Sneed

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great affection and appreciation that I write to you acknowledging your many efforts for the sake of the Kingdom. It was because of your communal devotion to the growth of your own congregation and expansion of the Lord's church in Asia that we were endeared to you from the start and nothing from that day until this has changed. Thank you for being a shining light in this world and for partnering with us in ministry training and church development. We at the Sunset International Bible Institute continue to be blessed by our shared values and enduring efforts.

We rejoice at the many lives that have been changed as a result of the training that has taken place under your careful watch and support. Because of God's grace working through SIBI-Singapore at your property, couples and individuals have been trained to share the love of God in several parts of China and throughout Southeast Asia. This work has brought on the recent launch of a new school in Vietnam. We have prepared men who are now faithfully proclaiming the gospel in India and are leading in training in Papua, New Guinea. Significant numbers have completed their studies and returned to their homeland in the Philippines to plant new churches and to seek and save that which is lost. Others who have studied within the walls of your building have become better prepared to share Jesus in other parts of Asia and beyond. This has been the purpose of SIBI-Singapore from the beginning. God is glorified in this and He deserves all the praise.

One of the greatest challenges to this work has always been to find potential leaders in the places where the Pasir Panjang congregation has active works who would be willing to come and study who are also proficient in the English language. At times this has been a struggle and has affected recruiting and the number of students in the program. When Brandi Kendall was still with us, he was lamenting this very problem and on his final trip to Singapore confided that he had questions about the long-term sustainability of the program as it currently existed. We have been considering this and praying about this ever since. Recently it has become apparent that most of the students are now coming from places where we already

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have strong training programs in place, with the exception of China. So, we have been thinking and communicating back and forth what to do. Not long ago, the Harrisons communicated with us their desire to return to the U.S. in June of 2023. Along with this information we understood that the Pasir Panjang Congregation would be undergoing a reconstruction project which would mean displacement for the school and students from the current building. Added to this information we learned that after this year's graduation there would be four continuing students, three from the Philippines and one from China.

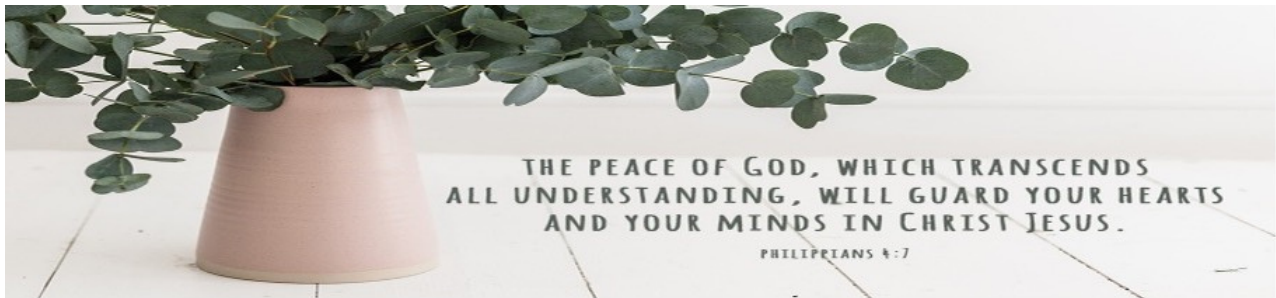
Now, after additional consultation with brother Terry and others in Singapore we have jointly made the decision that after the graduation in May of 2022 we will suspend training in Singapore and transfer the remaining students to our school in Baguio, Philippines to complete their studies. During the next 18-24 months that construction will take place we will be in consultation with the leadership and school board to determine the best future of our joint training program and we have some ideas which are very exciting to us. We are also recalling the Harrisons to the U.S. in May of 2022 to transition into another ministry a year earlier than anticipated.

We at Sunset continue to appreciate and value the partnership that we have been granted by the Pasir Panjang congregation and are excited for the vision which the Lord may grant us for the future as we mutually strive to serve Asia in His name. We ask for your patience, support and prayers as we navigate this new era of disciple making in both of our ministries.

May God be with you and grant you His grace in all you undertake by His will.

Your servant,

Tim Burow
President, Sunset International Bible Institute



When we focus on our feelings and problems, they might seem impossible to overcome. This could then trigger a downward spiral of negative thoughts of despair and hopelessness that may lead to depression.

We are to discipline ourselves to reject all negative inputs from the news, social media, and conversations and replace them with promises and guidance from God's Word.

Peace in Greek is "eirēnē" which means (literally or figuratively) quietness and rest; having peace of mind and tranquility as the result of reconciliation with God through Christ.

This is the Peace that Jesus gives for everyone who experiences, abides and constantly stays connected to Him, the Vine from which all His blessings flow to us His branches, producing in us the Fruit of His Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

God's Peace changes how we view life's circumstances

Jesus said, "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 ESV)

Philippians 4:7 has also been translated into the following versions:

"And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]." (AMP)

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"Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel." (CEV)

"And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds." (ERV)

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of our life. (MSG)

We find the formula to experience the 'peace of God which transcends all understanding' in Philippians 4:6:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6 NIV)

[Prayer + Petition + Present Your Requests] + Do all three with [thanksgiving] = Receiving the peace of God.

In prayer, acknowledge our need for God's help. In petition, make God aware of our situation. In presenting, ask God to solve the problem. In thanksgiving, acknowledge God's response, before and after the problem is solved.

Let's put this all together for deeper learning:

When you:

- are sick, God offers the peace of comfort.
- are afraid, God offers the peace of his presence.
- are confused, God offers the peace of his wisdom.
- have sinned, God offers the peace that comes from his forgiveness.
- are in financial difficulty, God offers the peace of his provision.

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- are weak, God offers the peace of his strength.
- are tired, God offers the peace of his rest.
- are discouraged, God offers the peace of his joy.
- are rejected, God offers the peace of his love.

When we breathe our last breath on this earth, God offers us the peace of eternal life.

The peace God offers prevails over with any circumstance or situation we will face. Let God help us experience peace in whatever life situation we are faced with.

Reflection:

1. What robs us of peace in our daily living?
2. Do we bring the peace of Christ into the people we are in contact with? Reflect on past events that exhibit this.
3. What would you do differently to be a channel of God's peace to others around you?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your wonderful, powerful, protective peace in our life. Let Your peace fill our mind and life. We choose to let this peace rise up and guard the gates of our hearts and minds to disable the devil's ability to attack us with anxiety, insecurity, and fear. We are mindful that all things work out for good as we place our trust in Your Providence. Thank You for loving us enough to put this transcending peace in our life! May we constantly share Your Peace with all around us and become a channel of Your blessings. We pray this in Jesus' name! Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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