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THE PROPAGATION OF THE PURE GOSPEL & THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

It is a needful to meditate on the theme of Church growth and missions from the Word of the Lord in these last perilous days. Both **Act 14:21-25** and **Isa 54:1-3** give focus to this relevant theme. The latter is the Scripture passage that William Carey, the father of modern missions used to challenge the members of a Particular Baptist Society to overseas foreign missions in India in 1792. Carey later went



to India as a pioneering missionary for 41 years (without a sabbatical) and brought the gospel and the Bible to the second most populous nation (almost 1.4 billion people today) with the building of Churches, schools, hospitals and the translation of the Bible in Sanskrit, Bengali and other languages and abolition of sati as well (that is, killing of widows when their husbands die). He left a rich legacy of Churches that are still continuing today. God willing, we hope to follow suit in Carey, William Burns', Hudson Taylor's, David Livingstone's, Adoniram's, Jonathan Goforth's, Judson's footsteps as the Lord enables us on the starting and building of Reformed Churches worldwide. They are truly good models in foreign missions for us to emulate today.

We are to follow the tenacious spirit of our forefathers in gospel propagation both locally and beyond our shores. The biblical strategy comes from Paul in Acts 14:21-23. There are three distinct phases, namely the following:

Evangelising the Lost with the Gospel (Act 14: 21)

The primary goal of the Church is to **proclaim the glorious liberty that comes from the pure gospel of Christ alone**, to the saving of souls eternally and to worship and exalt the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20). Isa 61:1,2 say, *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to **preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to **proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.*** We are under bounden and consider it our duty and high honour to be heralds for Christ.

Let us be zealous and fervent mouthpieces for Christ in our schools, camps, marketplace and wherever there is opportunity. The whole gospel is summarised for us in 1 Cor 15:1-4, *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that he was **buried**, and that he **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:* Paul says in 1 Cor 9:16, *woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*

All of us have the prerogative to give a tract or a Gideon Bible and to share the pure gospel to the people with fervency and charity as we go evangelism again in the HDB flats opposite our church. We were also involved in sharing with foreign migrant workers in a dormitory with word and gospel tracts and we pray that it will bear fruit in due season There is both a **privilege and burden to be ambassadors for Christ** wherever He has placed us. Vera came to faith in Christ when she heard the gospel In SHBPC during the worship service and Rachel also



Meeting with the leaders of the Gideon Bible Society. Do uphold their ministry in much prayer.

follow up and witnessed to her. Let us be effective and joyful witnesses for Jesus in our office, schools and homes today (2 Cor 5:20) and preach the Word for Christ's sake for the redemption of souls before Christ's soon return.

Edifying the Saints with the Word (Acts 14: 22)

The second phase is the confirmation of the saints of the new believers in the face of testings and trials that they be not discouraged. Satan will not leave a young Christian or growing Church alone. This phrase has the meaning of **discipleship, training and the equipping of the saints** in the knowledge of most holy faith. Paul exhorts us in 2 Tim 2:15 says, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* and Paul in 2 Tim 2:2 says, *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.* So, there should be a systematic educational programme to ground the believers in the Word and that they be able to apply them in their lives. **The Sunday School, the home-based Bible Study and Sabbath preaching are all needful avenues for this purpose of biblical indoctrination and pastoral visitation.**

The pastor/missionary/elders are first of all, to be knowledgeable of the Word and committed to the authority, sufficiency, inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures, apt to teach and preach and ready to nurture and train others in the systematic study of the Word effectively (2 Tim 3:16,17; Isa 40:6,7). Missions are to be Church-based, appointed and supported by and accountable to their sending Church and be answerable to both God and men, just like the early Church in the New Testament (Acts 13:1-5).

Establishing Local Churches with Ordained Elders (Acts 14: 23)

The 3rd phase is really to **build and start local Churches** on a viable basis for effective outreach opportunities. This ordination of elders (and deacons) suggests a **lively and coordinated working congregation** of believers (with faithful stewards) that are worshipping and serving regularly and growing in the fear of God (Mal 3:16). It is important that our members do not neglect to pray and support the missionary efforts of our Churches in the mission of the church. We thank God for faithful and diligent co-partnership in the gospel propagation with other churches too. God willing, we continue to support their local Churches and build them in the knowledge and fear of God as God provides and directs. SHBPC is actively involved in missions in reformed churches and bible

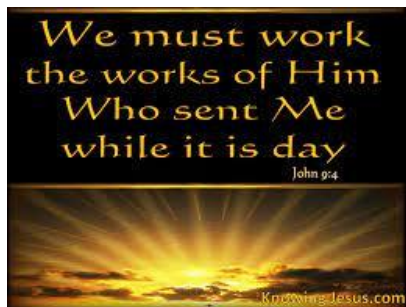
colleges in Myanmar, India, Indonesia and Country X by the will of God despite the pandemic. We had training webinars for the equipping of the missions during the 2 years of the pandemic and supported missions financially too and our publication on the Christian perspective of the pandemic was made available to them. Our Sunday evening Chinese service continues to provide the doctrinal and practical teaching and preaching ministry for our Chinese speaking brethren in house churches in certain countries

Conclusion

There is a dire need to preach the gospel, and to also defend the most holy faith and train up both full-time preachers and lay leaders to support the Church growth and evangelistic work and missionary endeavours as well. Pray for wisdom for the session as we plan for missions outreaches this year and the next as the Lord leads. Are you actively and fervently engaged in the expansion of God's kingdom on earth today? We can pray, give to support them and even go personally on a missions trip as the Lord leads us Luke 24:47-48 say, *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

The worldwide Bible Presbyterian Church family has grown over the past 85 years and includes Churches/mission stations in USA, Canada, Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and also recently in Cambodia, India and Australia. The Bible Presbyterian Churches on both sides of the Pacific are committed to the **preaching of the pure and unadulterated gospel** in these days of apostasy and spiritual declension, the building up of the saints and setting up of Reformed Churches and the vigilant contention for the most holy faith. Let us endeavour to labour for Christ while there is yet time and opportunity, for the night cometh, when no man can work (John 9:4).

Jack Sin



BIBLICAL PARADOXES OF LIFE EXPOUNDED

LORD'S DAY PROGRAM APR-JUN 2022

APRIL

[3] FINDING & LOSING ONE'S LIFE

MATTHEW 10:31-39

[10*] CHOSEN BY GOD & ABIDING

JOHN 15:1-16

Good Friday Service

[15] DIVINE SATISFACTION AT THE CROSS

JOHN 19:25-42

Easter Service

[17] OF DYING & YET LIVING

MATTHEW 28:1-10

[24] SORROWFUL YET REJOICING

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

MAY

[1] POOR & YET RICH

MATTHEW 5:5, PHILIPPIANS 4:10-19

[8*] TEMPORAL & ETERNAL

1 JOHN 5:1-13

[15] STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

[22] KNOWING THE LOVE
OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE

EPHESIANS 3:11-19

[29] OF LIGHT & DARKNESS

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7

JUNE

[5] OF HOLINESS & WORLDLINESS

1 JOHN 2:15-21

[12*] OF PERPLEXITY & PEACE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-18

[19] SPIRIT OF TRUTH VS ERROR

1 JOHN 3:18-4:6

Gospel Sunday

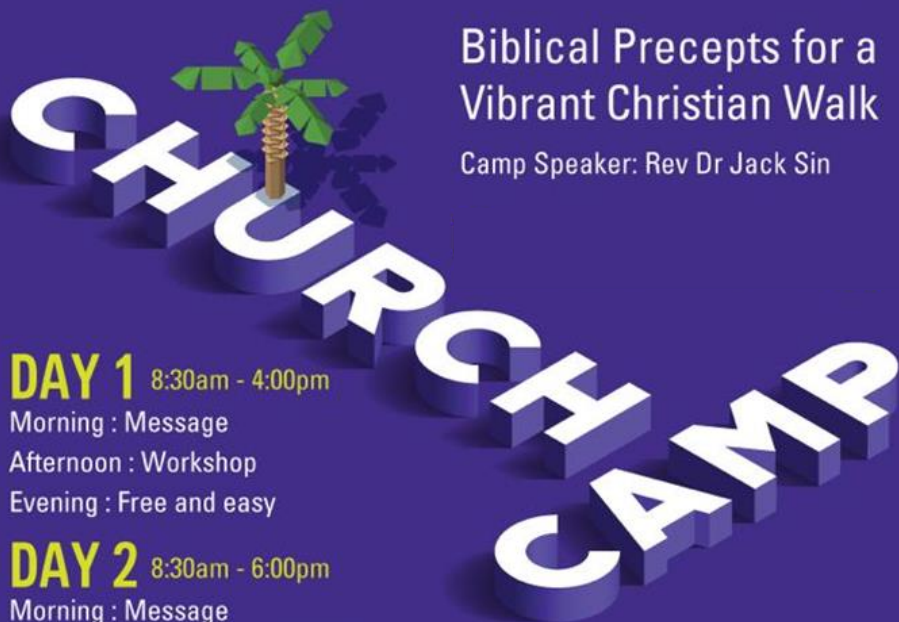
[26] ENDLESS HOPE OR HOPELESS END?

ROMANS 5:1-11

16 - 18 JUNE THU - SAT
2022

Biblical Precepts for a
Vibrant Christian Walk

Camp Speaker: Rev Dr Jack Sin



CHURCH
CAMP

DAY 1 8:30am - 4:00pm

Morning : Message

Afternoon : Workshop

Evening : Free and easy

DAY 2 8:30am - 6:00pm

Morning : Message

Afternoon : Outing to Pulau Ubin

Evening : Free and easy

DAY 3 8:30am - 1:00pm

Morning : Message

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Memory Verse

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on “**Knowing the Love of Christ that Surpasses Knowledge**” (*Eph 3:11-19*), continuing the new quarterly series on “**Biblical Paradoxes of Life Expounded**”.
3. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “**Of Light & Darkness**” (*2 Cor 4:1-7*).
4. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
5. The **Camp Committee meets this morning** after the Sunday School class.
6. There will be **Evangelism next Sunday afternoon**. All are encouraged to join the outreach to Macpherson estate.
7. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
9. **The Church camp will be from 16-18 June at Changi Cove Hotel** on the theme “**Biblical Precepts for a Vibrant Christian Walk**” by Dr Jack Sin. Registration forms are available from Dn Yue Kay. Day trippers are also welcome.
10. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 3 Jun 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
11. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
12. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
13. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB Account 392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**