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1 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen. Amen.

SUNDAY WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

Preparatory Hymn

Dn Joel YY Wong

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn

HOP 178 The Church's One Foundation

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 50:1-15

Service of Consecration

Hymn

HOP 278 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 14:19-20, 30-38

Hymn

HOP 253 I Am Thine, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Forgiven But ...

*Hymn

HOP 309 Yield Not to Temptation

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

* Congregation Standing

^{1&2} RHC Front Inner Cover

³ RHC Back Inner Cover

2 Doxology

Praise God from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;
Praise Him above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost, Amen.

3 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and
keep you, The Lord lift His
countenance upon you,
and give you peace,
And give you peace.
The Lord make His face
to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
be gracious, the Lord be
gracious, gracious unto
you. Amen.

Theme for 2014: "SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU" (1 Peter 2:9b)



A Warm Welcome from BPCWA to one and all. May God richly bless you as you join us today in worshipping the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Please join us at Fellowship Tea after the Worship Service.

My dear readers,

1. Theistic Evolution

Today we quote from David Cloud, Way of Life Literature (September 30, 2014) article which follows:

Probably the majority of professing Christians today believe in some type of theistic evolution. They believe in a Creator God, and they believe in salvation through Christ, but they don't believe the Bible's account of six-day creation and they give credence to evolutionary doctrines such as an ancient age of the earth and the gradual evolution of creatures. (*Clearly, this is unbelief – Ed*).

C.S. Lewis, one of the most influential names in “evangelical” Christianity today, believed in theistic evolution. He called the Bible's creation account a “Hebrew folk tale.” (*C. S. Lewis is a “wolf” in sheep's clothing – Ed*).

“[T]hat man is physically descended from animals, I have no objection ... For centuries God perfected the animal form which was to become the vehicle of humanity and the image of Himself ... The creature may have existed for ages in this state before it became man ... [I]n the fullness of time, God caused to descend upon this organism ... a new kind of consciousness which could say ‘I’ and ‘me,’ ... which knew God ... [and] could make judgments of truth, beauty, and goodness” (Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*).

Billy Graham has long allowed for theistic evolution, (*here is another “wolf” – Ed*) claiming that it doesn't matter how man was made:

“Either at a certain moment in evolution God breathed into one particular ape-man who was Adam, or God could have taken a handful of dust and created a man just like that” (“Cooperative Evangelism at Haringay,” *United Church Observer*, the official paper of the United Church of Canada, July 1966).

“I don't think that there's any conflict at all between science today and

the Scriptures. I think that we have misinterpreted the Scriptures many times and we've tried to make the Scriptures say things they weren't meant to say, I think that we have made a mistake by thinking the Bible is a scientific book. The Bible is not a book of science. The Bible is a book of Redemption, and of course I accept the Creation story. I believe that God did create the universe. I believe that God created man, and whether it came by an evolutionary process and at a certain point He took this person or being and made him a living soul or not, does not change the fact that God did create man. ...whichever way God did it makes no difference as to what man is and man's relationship to God" (Graham, *Personal Thoughts of a Public Man*, 1977, pp. 72-74).

Lewis and Graham have influenced many in this doctrine. (*These "wolves" simply deceive and mislead – Ed*).

Theistic evolutionists who profess Christianity believe that it is possible to reconcile the Bible with evolution, but in reality this is an impossibility.

First, the early chapters of Genesis are written as history rather than poetry or allegory.

"There are 64 geographical terms, 88 personal names, 48 generic names and at least 21 identifiable cultural items (such as gold, bdellium, onyx, brass, iron, gopher wood, bitumen, mortar brick, stone, harp, pipe, cities, towers) in those opening chapters. The significance of this list may be seen by comparing it, for example, with 'the paucity of references in the Koran. The single tenth chapter of Genesis has five times more geographical data of importance than the whole of the Koran.' Every one of these items presents us with the possibility of establishing the reliability of our author. The content runs head on into a description of the real world rather than recounting events belonging to another world or level of reality" (Walter Kaiser, Jr., "The Literary Form of Genesis 1-11," *New Perspectives on the Old Testament*, ed. by J. Barton Payne, 1970, p. 59).

Genesis is cited as history by Jesus. In Luke 17:26-32, for example, Jesus mentions Noah, the Ark, the Flood, Lot, the destruction of Sodom by fire,

and Lot's wife. Elsewhere Jesus mentions the Creation (Mk. 13:19), Adam and Eve (Mat. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:6-7), Cain and Abel (Mat. 23:35; Lk. 11:50-51), and Abraham (John 8:39-40). In Matthew 19:5 Jesus quoted Genesis 2:24. Christ always treats Genesis as history, and it is impossible to honor Him as Lord and Saviour and disregard His teaching. In Matthew 19:4-5, Christ mentions both "accounts" of creation in Genesis 1 and 2 and treats them as historical. Many theistic evolutionists, such as Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, claim to be "evangelical" and to honor Christ as Lord and Saviour, but this is not consistent with the rejection of Christ's teaching about Genesis and human origins.

Genesis 1-11 is cited as history by seven of the eight New Testament writers (all but James). Altogether the first eleven chapters of Genesis are quoted from or referred to 100 times in the New Testament, and Genesis is always treated as historical. – *(To be continued – Ed)*

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,
Dr SH Tow*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. New Session Members' Service Portfolio:

Supervisory Pastor: Rev Dr Siang Hwa Tow

Chairman: Elder James Wong

Clerk of Session: Dn Adrian Cheng

Treasurer: Dn Michael Lee

Assistant Treasurer: Dn Joel Wong

Maintenance: Dn Stephen Chia

- ### **2. English Basic Bible Knowledge Class:**
- A new series will begin next Sunday the 19th of October, at 9am in the upper level sanctuary. This class is not limited to those who wish to seek baptism or transfer of membership to BPCWA. Worshippers who wish to learn more about the Christian faith, and all others who wish to refresh their fundamentals are also welcome to attend.

3. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship (19/10): Next Sunday starting at 6pm with dinner in the fellowship hall. At 7:15pm, the men will meet upstairs with Preacher Joseph speaking on “**Long Term Leaders, Not Short Term Service**”. Ladies will meet downstairs with sister Sharon speaking on “**The Wisdom of a Virtuous Woman**”. We encourage all to attend.

4. Thank God for:

- The installation of newly elected church Session into office at the Service of Consecration last Sunday.
- The many families and children who came to the Sunday School Family Day held at church yesterday.
- Seeing and helping us through a very busy last few weeks with many church activities happening.

5. Pray for:

- The church and the newly elected Session.
- The rebuilding of Nehemiah's Place.
- God's leading and the timing to restart the Mandarin Worship Service.
- Spiritual and physical protection for brethren who are working away from home. Pray for their families, especially those with young children.
- Each believer who is endeavouring to live a sanctified life and be a witness for Christ.
- Those who are sick and unwell in the body. Pray for God's timely healing and that they will draw strength and grace from God during this difficult time.
- Security in and around the church.

Service Duty	(12/10) Combined	(19/10) Combined
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader	Dn Michael Lee/Yew Jinn Chieng	Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Dn Joel YY Wong	Kenny Tan
Musician	Ruth Wong	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆Dn Stephen Chia, ☆ Jonathan Woo, Dn Joel YY Wong, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allen Liew	☆Barry Palm, ☆Kenny Tan, Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Barry Palm, Christine Chia, Margaret Ng	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Kenny Chia	Valerie Wan/Joel Wong
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Grace Luu	Lee Lee Yong/Lilian Yong
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Pr Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Yew Jinn Chieng	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	14/10	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Following Christ Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Allan Ang, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	15/10	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Calvin's Institute I
Friday	17/10	10:00am	English Mother Bible Study Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	19/10	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Concorde (Nursing Home) – 25 Anstey Street, <i>South Perth</i> Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, <i>Subiaco</i>
3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, <i>Bayswater</i>		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/10)

Attendance: 219 (Combined-190; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 57

Offerings in Total: \$7396.05

General Fund: \$7396.05 (#3834-Mandarin Family Camp-\$968.50)

Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law (Romans 2:14-15; Romans 10:5).