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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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 41 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 52

Hymn

HOP 374 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 15:1-13

Hymn

HOP 178 The Church's One Foundation

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Second Chances

*Hymn

HOP 262 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

*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. Treasures of Wickedness Profiteth Nothing

By Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

Proverbs 10:2a cautions us that “treasures of wickedness profit nothing”. This warning is more pertinent than ever before. Countries, organizations and individuals who once advocated and promoted a morally upright way of life and who also flourished economically, today appear to have lost their determination and mettle to continue in the same perspective about life. In the name of economic security and progress, immorality and destructive lifestyles are accommodated everywhere. This tolerance of an immoral lifestyle for economic reasons will not bring any true gain, according to the Bible.

“Treasures”

The Hebrew word for “treasures” (owtsar) refers to wealth and possessions. “Treasures” are often mentioned as God’s gift and as His reward to His servants. The Bible promises “treasures” to those who will love God and live by His Word. Proverbs 15:6a says, “In the house of the righteous is much treasure.” Likewise, Proverbs 21:20 affirms that “there is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise”. Therefore, treasure or wealth is not evil in itself.

However, if wealth is regarded above all other matters of life, especially spiritual and moral principles and duties, it becomes an evil thing. So Scripture says, “Labour not to be rich” (Proverbs 23:4). It is a great evil to give pre-eminence to affluence and prosperity. Scripture also warns, “He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him” (Proverbs 28:22). So let it be our conviction that “Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich” (Proverbs 28:6)!

“Treasures of Wickedness”

“Treasures of wickedness” refers to ill-gotten wealth. Greed and covetousness lead man to earn money through all kinds of unjust, deceptive, violent, sensual and cruel methods. “Treasures of wickedness”

are the fruits of selfish desires.

That kind of wealth which men get unjustly will do them no good, because God will blast it. Proverbs 22:16 says that there is one that “oppresseth the poor to increase his riches”. There are also those who borrow much to appear rich (cf. Proverbs 13:7a), thus making themselves enslaved to worry and work.

Proverbs 13:11 talks about “wealth gotten by vanity”. It is referring to wealth gotten through greedy and wicked means; such will prove to be of no lasting value. James 5:1-5 speaks of such wealth gained through vain means — “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.”

“Treasures of Wickedness Profiteth Nothing”

“Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.” This rancid wealth rots the heart of the one who gets it and it cannot save him from his ultimate demise. Righteousness, however, is a far more precious treasure. This righteousness of the Eternal God, this gift given to us by grace through faith, is greater than the limits of our mortality and powerful enough to redeem our souls from death.

“Treasures of wickedness” may dazzle, and may furnish a greedy heart with gratification. The treasures of wicked people – even the treasures which they have acquired through wicked or ungodly means – will profit nothing, no matter how safely they are laid up. They will neither profit the soul nor the body. They will not secure any true comfort or happiness. Instead, such treasures, gained through wicked means, will bring much trouble and sorrow!

Dear readers, keep yourselves away from every ungodly and filthy place set up to provide jobs and businesses. The money they offer may be huge and very attractive, but do not forget the warnings of God's Word. Working in such places can destroy yourselves, your families, friends and even others in the society. It is better to be poor and pure than wealthy and filthy.

God bless all readers.

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

SESSION TO PEW

Elder's Reflection

We thank and praise God that the church has had a smooth Annual Congregational Meeting and election of new Session members on the 28th of September, 2014. The newly elected church Session consecrated their service unto the Lord for the next three years on the 5th of October at the Sunday Worship Service. It is indeed a great honour and privilege to serve the Lord. It is God's calling that He has entrusted His Church, His people and His work to us. Each session member has a role to fulfil His purpose in this church. Let us honour and glorify Him with our service. May each one of us be faithful to His calling and serve our Master with the deepest love and with the greatest humility.

I also thank the Lord that He has once again re-affirmed His calling for me as I serve in the Board of Elders, to oversee and be a watchman for the church. It is my sincere prayer that each one of the Session members continue to produce integrity, honesty, fairness, compassion, and selfless service. May we live a life that is dedicated to much prayer and the serious study of His Word. May we completely rely upon the Lord for His strength, guidance and working in us. As Christ is the head of the church, so let each one of us be submissive to His ruling. May the Session continue to humbly submit to our Lord Jesus Christ's Lordship and leading in every step.

The Session members very much need your constant prayer support in order that God may give us the divine wisdom and spiritual discernment

to administer and govern the affairs of the church. The task ahead is in no way easy, but I have always been reminded of this verse in Zechariah 4:6, *“Not by might, nor by power; but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”* May the Lord empower the Session, together with the members and worshippers to advance the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in this part of the world.

Looking ahead: Rebuilding of Nehemiah’s place

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, members unanimously approved for the demolition and the re-building of Nehemiah’s place. A new building would better suit the church’s needs and be more cost effective. At this point in time a building sub-committee has been formed and has had their first meeting on the 26th of October. If you have any valuable suggestions or vital information in regards to the building of Nehemiah’s place, we would like to hear from you.

Members, the re-building of Nehemiah’s place is a wonderful opportunity and privilege for us all to serve the Lord. He has given us this responsibility to be good stewards of the much He has given to us. Please pray, prepare your hearts and give generously towards the re-building when the time comes. *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Finally, may I encourage you all to continue to be always zealous for the Lord and for His gospel work. May BPCWA be a church that continues to uphold the Word of God, be filled with the Holy Spirit, full of love and that always lifts up our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let all the people of God love His church, His people and His truth, serving together in love and unity. May the testimony of Jesus Christ be manifested in our lives and His glory be shown. I close with the verses taken from Jude 24-25, *“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”*

In His service,

Elder James

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held tonight at the home of Sister Irene Yap. Address: 11 Edmiston Way, Winthrop. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Parking: Winthrop Primary School is just a short distance away and has ample parking space. Elder James Wong will continue the series on The Beatitudes. We encourage all who can understand Mandarin to come and join us.
- 2. Seniors' Fellowship:** this coming Saturday (8th November) at 10.30am at Sister Mew Yung Tsing's house (Address: 5 Dangerfield Grove, Canning Vale). Pr Joseph will be speaking on the topic "My Thanksgiving and Rededication". The meeting will be followed by lunch, so please bring along a dish to share. All are warmly welcomed to join us.
- 3. Thank God for:**
 - His marvellous grace towards the church and His people.
 - Preserving and protecting the church.
 - Timely healing of those who were sick.
- 4. Pray for:**
 - God's leading and His perfect timing to restart the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
 - Dr Tow's health.
 - Sister Siew Lan to have God's grace, strength and comfort and grant her a speedy recovery from her sustained knee injury.
 - Sister Mey Chiam, who is still recovering in hospital. Pray that her condition will continue to improve. Pray also for her husband that he may come to know the Lord.
 - The session members and preacher.
 - The rebuilding of Nehemiah's place.
 - The students to have wisdom and good time management to do their assignments and study well for their exams for God's glory.
 - Those who are sick and unwell in the body and those who may be discouraged spiritually. May God comfort and strengthen them with His Word daily.
 - Security and safety in and around the church.

Service Duty	(2/11) Combined	(9/11) Combined
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician	Lydia Pui	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Eddie Foo, ☆ Albert Ho, Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Dn Stephen Chia	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Allan Ang, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allen Liew, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Barry Palm, Christine Chia, Margaret Ng	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew
JSS Singspiration	Camilia Sin/Yi Mey Chieng	Valerie Wan/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Chieng/An Ning	Yi Jye Chieng/Yong Lee Lee
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Yap)
South Perth	Hall A: Jason Tey Hall B: Pr Joseph Poon	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Barry Palm

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	4/11	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Following Christ Pr Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	5/11	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: <i>In Recess</i>
Friday	7/11	10:00am	English Mother's Bible Study Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	8/11	10:30am	Seniors' Fellowship
		8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
Sunday	9/11	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, South Perth Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (26/10)

Attendance: 226 (Combined-193; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 60

Offerings in Total: \$5166.65

General Fund: \$5166.65 (#3841-Library-\$50)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the preface to the ten commandments? The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage (Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6).