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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

Allan Ang

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn

HOP 423 We're Marching to Zion

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalms 150

Hymn

HOP 432 Thanks to God!

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 15:14-29

Hymn

HOP 405 I Am Resolved

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu

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.

Maintaining Purity

*Hymn

HOP 241 Nothing Between

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

¹ Congregation Standing

^{1&2} RHC Front Inner Cover

³ RHC Back Inner Cover

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. The Wonder of our Salvation

What thoughts pass through your mind if you happen to be a prisoner of State? The Apostle Paul, a prisoner of the Caesars, thought of the Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire. What hopes and prospects for the future did they have?

Christians! The Apostle's thoughts extended beyond the present life, touching on the life to come! The Christian's hope goes beyond life in the present to the life beyond!

That's the "everlasting life" Christians are so excited about! Ever since the Lord Jesus met him on the Damascus Road, and called him into the holy ministry, nothing else mattered! The Lord Jesus, whom he thought was dead and gone, was very much alive! From Heaven, Jesus spoke to him! The ever living Jesus!

Ever since the Lord Jesus met him on the Damascus road, Paul's entire outlook in life took on a new turn! This same Jesus was calling him to be His chosen servant ...

"... a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15) and

"... I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15-16).

So, "prison"! To Paul, every breath remaining in his nostrils was to be spent for the Lord, *"the Lord of life – everlasting."* That was the Apostle's one concern – to press on with the Gospel whatever happened.

What mattered most to Paul was to make known the Gospel (what the Gospel was all about). Three verses of Ephesians 1 essentially complete the Gospel story:

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world ...” (verse 4),

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (verse 7) and

“...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise” (verse 13).

We understand, then, by these verses 4, 7, and 13 that God the Father chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and in Christ He purchased us with His blood, and after we believed, we were sealed with the Spirit of promise.

To recapitulate: the Apostle Paul’s foremost thought and concern, while in prison, was not of his own safety or freedom but that the gospel message might get to the recipients of the Epistle, that the message of the gospel might fulfil its function and accomplish its purpose.

Let us learn a lesson from the Apostle’s unwavering determination.

Dearly beloved, let us press on with courage. To encourage your heart, let me share with you a reading from Daily Remembrancer.

2. Doing the will of God from the heart (Eph 6:6)

GOD’S WILL IS BEST AND PERFECT. To know and to do, is every man’s supreme duty and delight. The will of God concerning a sinner is that he should believe Him, love Him, obey Him. His will concerning a believer is that he should reverence His authority, receive His Word and observe His precepts. God's preceptive will revealed in the New Testament is plain, and that is to be the rule of our conduct. Here is a duty to be performed, to do the will of God: to do it, though it excite the opposition of our fellow men, though it cross our natural inclinations. We are to do the Father's will, to perform the Master's command, to keep our Sovereign's laws, to obey our Saviour's precepts. The manner in which that will is to be done is

also pointed out: *from the heart*. As every evil proceeds from the heart *depraved by sin*, so every good thing proceeds from the heart *renewed by grace*. “*Doing the will of God from the heart*”, that is, not by constraint but willingly, *from the heart*, that is, from conviction, from love; we should do it heartily, throwing all our energies into it. Beloved, are you seeking to know the will of God? Are you willing to do it *from the heart*?

Be Christ my pattern and my guide,
His image may I bear;
O may I tread His sacred steps,
And His bright glories share!

Beloved, press on! Work, for the night is coming!

Work, for the night is coming

(Annie L Coghill)

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon.
Give every flying minute,
Something to keep in store;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Condolences:** Our deepest sympathies to David, Irene Yap and Karen Ee for the passing of David's mother last Sunday. May God comfort the bereaved family during this difficult time.

2. **City Evangelism:** will be on the 30th of November. Please pray and prepare to participate for this gospel outreach. More details to follow closer to the time.

3. **FEBC Courses:** We thank God for the opportunity to study God's Word through these courses. Please pray for those taking these courses as exams are this week! For those interested in these courses, the courses being offered next semester are: Life of Christ part 1; Calvin's Institutes part 2 and Bible and Miracles. Details of registration will be announced later.

4. **Thank God for:**

- A blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting last Sunday evening.
- A blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.

5. **Pray for:**

- The church, session members and preacher.
- God's leading, timing and provision for the church to restart the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- The students to have wisdom and good time management for their assignments and examinations. Pray that they will continue to serve God and study His Word faithfully during this time.
- Sister Siew Lan Lim's knee injury, for a speedy recovery so that she can be fit enough to come back and worship with us.
- Sister Mey Chiam's condition to continue improving. May God's grace and mercy be upon her during this difficult period. Pray also that her husband may come to know the Lord.
- 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	(9/11) Combined	(16/11) Combined
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Allan Ang, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allen Liew, Dn Michael Lee	☆ Barry Palm, ☆ Kenny Tan, Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Yi Jye Chieng	Karen Ee/Rowena Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Yong Lee Lee	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Allan Ang (Ruth Wong)	Pr Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Barry Palm	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	11/11	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Joel Wong, Karen Ee
Wednesday	12/11	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: <i>In Recess</i>
Friday	14/11	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	16/11	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, South Perth Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (2/11)

Attendance: 238 (Combined-206; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$8489.65

General Fund: \$8489.65 (#3842-\$1000; #3843-\$1334; #3844-Library-\$20)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments (Luke 1:74-75; 1 Peter 1:14-19).