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SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

Preparatory Hymn

Allan Ang

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 81

Hymn

HOP 296 Day by Day

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 35:1-8

Hymn

HOP 286 Surely Goodness and Mercy

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

My Spiritual Provision

*Hymn

HOP 262 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

1. Understanding eternal judgment

Today we quote from David Cloud, Way of Life Literature (May 2015) article which follows:

There is widespread rejection today of the Bible's teaching on eternal judgment.

There is rejection of the doctrine that only the born-again believer in Jesus Christ has eternal life. There is the idea that there might be other paths to salvation; that an unbeliever might be saved because of his sincere response to "natural light," etc. For example, Don Richardson, author of *Peace Child, Eternity in Their Hearts, and Heaven Wins*, says that natural light is "salvific," meaning that it is able to bring salvation apart from the knowledge of the gospel.

There is also widespread rejection of the doctrine that the unbeliever will suffer eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

At the heart of this confusion is the rejection of what the Bible says about God's character and the nature of the atonement that was made for sin.

If one believes that God is a holy God who judges every infraction of His law and that apart from a proper judicial payment (atonement) made to satisfy (propitiate) the penalty demanded by His law, it is not difficult to understand and accept eternal judgment, and this is exactly what the Bible teaches.

It is summarized in the following passage:

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith

in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Rom 3:24-26).

This passage teaches the following foundational truths:

First, Christ’s bloody death on the cross was a *propitiation*. This is a judicial or forensic concept that refers to the satisfaction of a judicial debt. Thus, this definition of Christ’s atonement is called *forensic atonement*. The sinner has broken God’s law, and the wages of that high crime is death. That was God’s law from the beginning of man’s history. He gave Adam one law and proclaimed the death penalty for breaking it. The death is not only physical death but also eternal death in the lake of fire, which is the second death (Rev 20:15).

Second, Christ’s propitiation by His bloody death has purchased redemption for those who believe. Redemption refers to being purchased from the slave market of sin. Because the Son of God has paid the price demanded by God’s holy law, the sinner who receives Christ as Saviour can be forgiven of his sin and granted eternal life. He is redeemed.

Third, by Christ’s propitiation, God can be just and His holy law can stand, while also being the justifier of those who believe in Jesus as Saviour. In other words, God’s law remains in full force, because it has been satisfied. We see this principle in human societies. If a nation’s laws are not enforced, if punishment for infractions can be escaped by paying bribes, having contacts in high places, enduring a mere “slap on the wrist,” etc., the rule of law is destroyed. Only when the law is satisfied by the payment of the due penalty can the rule of law stand and have its godly effect. Likewise, if God lightly “forgave” criminals who have broken His law without exacting the

due penalty, His rule of law would fail and His universe would be thrown into moral turmoil. The omniscient God solved this “dilemma” by coming to earth, becoming incarnate as the God-Man, and paying the price that His own law demands from sinners. Now He can forgive sinners who come to Him on the basis of His redemption, and His law is still in full eternal force ...

If men have no interest in the gospel and rush on to judgment, that is not God’s fault. The God who will condemn an unsaved sinner to eternal judgment is the very God who has purchased that sinner’s salvation and mercifully called that sinner to repentance and faith. *(End of article)*

2. “Now is the day of salvation” 2 Cor 6:2

Daily Remembrancer

“SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.” May Jonah’s cry from the depths of the fish’s belly be ours as well. We live in an age of grace. What an unspeakable mercy to live at such a period! We are poor, lost, ruined sinners; but this is the day when salvation is freely bestowed, without money and without price. The Lord saves from the guilt, power, and penalty of sin; gives us His Holy Spirit, writes His law in our hearts, and directs our feet into the way of peace. He gives us Jesus for our Saviour, grace to conquer sin, and heaven for our everlasting home when life’s journey is ended. Now is the day in which He works deliverance for His people; He employs His power, His wisdom, His word, His providence, and His angels, for our deliverance. What then shall we fear? Of whom shall we be afraid? Let us go now to His throne, remembering that it is the day of salvation; let us plead for deliverance from all that mars our peace, prevents our sanctification, or hinders our Christian walk. Let there be no despondency, for this is a day of glad tidings; it is, *“Believe, and be saved; pray, and be delivered; wait on the Lord and He will strengthen your heart. By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God.”*

Salvation! O the joyful sound!
'Tis music to our ears!
A sovereign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Sunday Worship 4th of October:** Due to the Church's Annual Congregation Meeting, all worshippers please note that the Worship Service will start at **09:00am** on Sunday the **4th of October, 2015**.
- 2.** The Liow family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have extended their gracious help, support and kindness during their recent bereavement of brother Patrick Liow. Your presence and encouragement at the Vigil and Home-going Services are greatly appreciated by Lily, Eileen, Carine and Audrey.
- 3. ACM ministry reports and financial reports:** will be distributed to members next Sunday.
- 4. September 30in30:** Thank God over 500 people have been reached in the past two weeks from Mandurah to Port Hedland to Brisbane. Even if you are not participating, take some tracts and start to make evangelism part of your daily life as God intended. ***Matthew 28:19-20*** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

5. City Evangelism will be held on the 27th September. We will be going to the Perth city malls to evangelise and give out tracts. This time, the outreach will begin at 1:15pm with an evangelism training session with Rev Joseph and finish with testimonies at 5pm back in the church. If you would like to participate or are just interested in learning more about how to evangelise, please sign up with the Evangelism Committee or the registration form in the foyer.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for Brother Patrick Liow's vigil and funeral service last week. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the bereaved family.
- Thank God for a blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday. May God be gracious to the seniors in our midst, give them good memory when they study God's Word, strength and good health as they serve God.
- Pray for the evangelistic outreach program, September30in30, City Evangelism. Pray for the spiritual and physical protection of all participants. May God grant those who have received the gospel tracts a receptive heart to the gospel.
- Pray for the Session and church members to prepare themselves spiritually for the ACM. May all glory and honour be unto God for His guidance and providence of all the ministries of the church.
- For God to guide the building committee and grant them wisdom with the rebuilding of Nehemiah Place.
- For God to show the church His will and timing on re-starting of the Mandarin Worship Service.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Remember those brethren who are physically sick and those undergoing discouragement.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	13/9 COMBINED	20/9 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Allan Ang Alex Luu, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu, Claude Yiu Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Ruth Wong, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Claude Yiu, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng/Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Allan Ang	Valerie Wan/Terry Chong
Toddler Class Assistant	Victoria Lew/Shirlyn Lee	Ka Yii Yip/Lydia Chong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Elder James Wong	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	15/9	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Allan Ang, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	16/9	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	18/9	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	20/9	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (6/9)

Attendance: 203 (Combined-169; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 59

Offerings in Total: \$5394.85

General Fund: \$5394.85

SHORTER CATECHISM: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption? The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42).