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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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 14 Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86:1-7

Hymn

HOP 135 Standing on the Promises

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

HOP 297 Faith is the Victory

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:15-17

Hymn

HOP 230 Trusting Jesus

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Sola Fide

*Hymn

HOP 181 Faith of Our Fathers

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing

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

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

We continue from last week - **The man God raised (II)**

Such was God's gift of language, given to one man, an exceptional mastery of idiom and rhythm, weighing every phrase and every word, to give posterity a new prose. Some have mistakenly called Tyndale's language "*Elizabethan English*." This is a misnomer. Tyndale's "*new prose*" was simply "*Bible English*" flowing from the pen of God's bondservant, fully given to honour his God with the purity of language befitting the utterance of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Tyndale, more than any other should bear the title "*Father of the English language*," **not Chaucer** (as commonly ascribed). For Tyndale's contribution to the King James Bible (besides his other writings) reached far more readers than even Shakespeare, and touched more hearts and changed more lives than any other English writer.

But Tyndale achieved his unrivalled results at the cost of his life, cut short at the age of forty-two, following a tormenting period of twelve years in exile. In Tyndale's life we detect something of the Pauline spirit as expressed in Philippians 1:21: "*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*." While no man can come anywhere near the Apostle's catalogue of sufferings detailed in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, Tyndale's life nevertheless offers a challenge to any who are committed to repay with their lives the Gospel debt. We see Tyndale, alone in a

Belgian prison cell, far from home and country, exposed to the rigors of winter, deprived of warm clothing and other comforts, but driven on and sustained by the unseen hand of the One who called him, and buoyed by an indomitable spirit, so that these things were but “light affliction,” if only the Word of God could eventually reach his people.

Tyndale’s part in the English Reformation

Tyndale’s Bible stands out as a landmark in the history of the Reformation in England. In this, he sets the example for all who aspire to serve the Lord in two important aspects.

First, a servant of God must die to self and to the pride of “*professionalism*.” Working in a “9 to 5” job is far from the Tyndale spirit. One must die to such a notion. Study the life of Tyndale, learn from him to surrender “*body, soul, and spirit*” to the Lord and willingly say, “*Lord, take all of my unworthy self, and use it as Thou seest fit for Thy own glory.*” It must be a total “*giving up*” of time, talent, treasure in the Master’s service.

The second prerequisite to fruitful service is to “*commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass*” (Ps 37:5). When we commit our way to the Lord, he answers our prayer, giving us His wisdom to understand His will and His way. Unless He gives, we labour in vain. Remember John 15:5? “*Without me ye can do nothing!*”

These two prerequisites are embodied in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians, a worthy testimony to his own life experience: *"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me"* (1 Cor 15:10).

Read Tyndale's life with prayer; ask the Lord to take your life and fill it with the Spirit of grace and wisdom. These urgent end times call for urgent responses from obedient souls.

Conclusion

What kept Tyndale *"on course"* in his unswerving desire to translate God's Word from the original languages into his native English? It was the rock-solid conviction that his fellow Englishmen were in bondage to sin, dead and helpless, destined for eternal hell-fire: only the salvation offered by God in Christ – salvation by grace through faith could liberate them from that bondage. This is Gospel – *"Good news"* – only found in the Scriptures, but hidden from the masses by the *"church system"* of works merit and the dead ritual of mass, a vain system which merely continued the bondage of souls.

So Tyndale translated, and the Word in England set the Reformation aflame, even as a spiritual explosion which rocked England and altered the course of history for the nation.

A life surrendered to God was burnt out for His glory. As God used Tyndale's life, He can use yours too.

Question: Are you willing?

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** Please stay back and join us for our monthly lunch fellowship after the worship service today. All are welcome.
- 2. Holy Communion:** will be conducted next Sunday. Please prepare your heart.
- 3. November Program:** Please mark in your calendar and pray for the following programs.

| DATE | | | PROGRAM |
|-------|----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 8/11 | Saturday | 6pm | Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting |
| 14/11 | Saturday | 10am | Seniors' Fellowship |
| 22/11 | Sunday | 1:15pm-5pm | City Evangelism |
| 29/11 | Sunday | | Lunch Fellowship |

- 4. Condolences:** Our deepest sympathy to Dn Stephen and Sister Christine Chia on the passing of Sister Christine's older sister in UK last Thursday. May the comfort of God help the bereaved family during this difficult time.
- 5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the 16th century reformers who had faithfully upheld the Scripture despite persecution. Thank God for their courage and testimony in Christ Jesus.
 - Thank God for a blessed Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship last Sunday.

- Pray for the Church Session to have the mind of Christ in serving one another in the Church.
- Pray for the students who are working on their assignments and preparing for examinations over the next few weeks.
- God's guidance in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on restarting of the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Pray for the brethren who are unwell in the body, facing pressure from works and studies. May they find comfort and strength from God's Word.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

| SERVICE DUTY | 25/10 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship | 1/11 COMBINED - Holy Communion |
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| Speaker/Interpreter | Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim | Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip |
| Worship Leader/Interpreter | Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong | Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong |
| Prep Hymns | Claude Yiu | Jason Tey |
| Musician(s) | Sharon Poon | Winnie Lim |
| Welcomers | Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun | Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke |
| Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering | *Terry Chong, *Kenny Tan Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Dn Stephen Chia | *Jonathan Woo, *Jason Tey Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Yan Wei Kenny Tan |
| Ushers | Kenny Tan, Lee Lee Yong Shie Tian Wong | Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng Ruth Wong |
| P.A. System | Kenny Chia | Adrian Ng |
| Kitchen Duties | Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee | Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon |
| JSS Singspiration | Yung Tsing Mew/Yi Jye Chieng | Holy Communion |
| Toddler Class Assistant | Yi Jye Chieng/Ka Yii Yip | Lee Lee Yong/Yi Mey Tan |
| Transport | Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709) | |

Old Folks' Home Ministry

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| Subiaco | Edward Ee (Karen Ee) | Mark Heath (Ruth Wong) |
| South Perth | Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang | Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan |
| Bayswater | Mark Heath | Kenny Tan |
| Berrington | - | Mark Heath |

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Tuesday | 27/10 | 7:30pm | Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Mark Heath, Ruth Wong |
| Friday | 29/10 | 7:30pm | Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG |
| Sunday | 1/11 | 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 Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont |

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (18/10)

Attendance: 199 (Combined-163; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 56

Offerings in Total: \$6239.30

General Fund: \$6239.30 (#3949-Mission-\$200; #3950-\$223.05)

SHORTER CATECHISM: To whom is Baptism to be administered? Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him (Acts 2:41; 8:12, 36, 38; 18:8); but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized (Gen 17:7; 17:9-11; Acts 2:38-39; 16:32-33; Col 2:11-12).