



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## 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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 22** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 109:21-31

Hymn

**HOP 394** Is Your All on the Altar?

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:23-30

Hymn

**HOP 293** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## Criteria For Life's Choices

\*Hymn

**HOP 254** Nearer, Still Nearer

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

\*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2016: "SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE" (2 Timothy 2:21)

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# WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

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My dear readers,

## **Ten Minutes with John Sung**

### **On Faith (A sermon by Dr John Sung, 1935, based on Acts Chapter 3)**

*(Dr SH Tow, Reformation Banner Oct - Nov 1975)*

Verse 1. *“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.”* If Peter and John, Jesus’ disciples, needed to pray, don’t you think we all need more to pray? Prayer increases our faith. So we need to pray every day like His disciples. If a man cannot afford to pray, he will not generate faith.

Verse 2. *“And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple.”* There was a lame man at the Beautiful gate. Could he walk? He was born lame. His five senses, however, were all functioning. He could eat, see, hear, speak. His hands could move, but not his legs. Neither can a man that has no faith walk. Many church members can eat but cannot walk, like this lame man. How pitiful if we are lame to run the heavenly race. If pastors and evangelists have no faith, they are also like this lame man. Members without faith are eaters and not walkers. Merchants who come to church without faith are also eaters and not walkers, like this lame man. They are carried about by pastors and evangelists. And the more they are carried about, the more burdensome they become, as they increase in fatness with their wealth. Ah! When one becomes an elder one is well-satisfied. There is no more need of faith. *“O God, help me get rich!”*

The church in China [Singapore] to this day cannot support herself. She is dead. How is this? Because her members are lame, without faith. Pastors and evangelists carry the members up to the door, but not into the church. Ah! Members, without faith, cannot walk. Neither have the evangelists strength to carry them in. Without the new birth and salvation, how pitiful!

Verse 3. “Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.” What did the lame man see? They saw the disciples and asked for money. He looked to man and money, not to Jesus. Daily he asked for man’s alms. Many church-members today cringe before the rich and the capitalist. They trust man and money, but not God. No faith, no strength. The church, not trusting in Jesus becomes a dead church. So we must trust Jesus, not looking to man or circumstances. Only by looking to Jesus can a Church stand. If we believe in Jesus, then we are doing the work of the Lord. We can triumph over all. When I went to Honan, I saw the church relying on foreign funds. When the foreign funds stopped and there was no more money left, the Church and the Hospital “closed shop”. Serious indeed! It never works to trust in man and money.

Verses 4-6. *“And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.”* Peter said, “Do you want money? We haven’t got a cent. But we have Jesus. *“In the name of Jesus I tell you to get up and walk.”* Ah! Many have money but not faith. Many there are who look to the *Taifu* (doctor) when they can, and to Jesus when they can’t. To go forward, the church must go on by faith alone. The world cannot be trusted, nor money. Only Jesus is trustworthy. May we all have faith.

Verses 7-10. *“And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength ...”* Peter told him to walk and he walked. He didn’t delay a second. Neither did he beg now. He witnessed. He saved many people. May everyone here tonight have faith and be healed. Jesus says, *“He that believeth on me shall do greater works.”* When I first prayed for some lepers, my heart was very afraid. Afterwards I prayed very earnestly, by faith, confessing my sins to God. Then the lepers were healed.

In the course of my preaching, I developed a quick-beating heart. Someone said to me, “If you don’t get cured, you will not only keep on palpitating, but also develop an enlarged heart. Your life is in danger.” Thus I declined further invitations to preach. But God said to me, “You fear death, you will surely die. If you are not afraid of death, you’ll not die.” I felt ashamed. My faith was small.

I drummed up courage to go to Tungchow to speak. When 800 came, I was no more afraid. My heart stopped palpitating. I spoke on courageously. I sweated profusely. Wonder of wonders, my sickness got cured. Who dares to die will not die. So by faith we can conquer Satan and worry.

My second child died recently. After three days God told me to go to the villages to preach. I got some funds and immediately struck out to Huchow. God said to me, "I'll open to you a door to preach throughout China." When I got to Huchow, a foreign missionary asked what I was doing. I said, "I have come to preach." When I gave my testimony, 50 people were moved by the Holy Spirit.

God then sent me to Nanking and Peiping. He also sent me to Manchuria. Although the climate there is cold I did not shrink. From there I returned to Shanghai. When I prepared to go back to Hinghwa, a telegram inviting me to preach came from Nanchang. At Nanchang, 700-800 people came to Christ. From Nanchang I moved on to Kiukiang.

Though I am poor, the Lord has led my footsteps all over China. I know the Lord has called me. I am no more afraid. I can do all things. Trusting God, I can triumph over poverty. All my clothes are the Lord's provision. So, don't you think it strange: Having God's Word, you eat God's rice. Trusting God, you need fear nothing.

A rich man wanted to give me a house. God told me not to take it, so I did not. I'd rather rent one, for I lack nothing. I can triumph not only over poverty but also over difficulties. On my trip, this time, there was a man who held a knife to kill me. Trusting in God, I wasn't afraid. When I preached on the Cross this man wept, repented and confessed his sins.

There are three girl students who went to an island to preach. In three months they won 30 to Christ. They went on their own but God supplied their needs. How about us? Should we not do our best to preach the Word? There's the great Church of Christ. Beloved brothers and sisters, by faith we can triumph over pain, anxiety, poverty, difficulties. Young students, if you meet with sickness, worry, difficulties, poverty, you must pray and conquer

by faith. These circumstances must not stop you from serving. Many of you orphans and widows, be you also built up in the faith. Trusting Jesus you can triumph over all. This afternoon you've seen God's glory. So let us, henceforth, be established in faith. Trusting Jesus, trusting God, we are more than conquerors in everything.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** Everyone is warmly welcome to join in the lunch fellowship after the worship service today.
- 2. Holy Communion:** will be observed next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts to partake in this sacrament.
- 3. September 30in30:** Our Church's outreach program where we give out 30 gospel tracts in 30 days of September will be starting this week. If you have signed up or would like to sign up, please collect your participants pack in the fellowship hall after service. Each participant will be included in a group for support and encouragement throughout the month and updates from the outreach can be seen at [www.sept30in30.com](http://www.sept30in30.com) Please keep this outreach in your prayers this month.
- 4. Friday Combined Fellowship on Bible Presbyterianism:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final session will not be held this coming Friday but on the following Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 7:30 pm. Worshipers can listen to the earlier messages which are available online at [www.bpcwa.org.au](http://www.bpcwa.org.au). Notes for the first 2 sessions are also there.
- 5. Senior's Fellowship:** on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept (Saturday) at 10:30 am at church. More details to come. All are warmly welcome.

## **6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting and the teaching of the last two Church Combined Fellowship series.
- Pray for the September30in30 outreach activity and brethren who are participating for the first time.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Gospel Rally for September, the speaker Elder James, and the unbelievers that will be invited to attend.
- Pray for the Church Session and church ministries.
- Pray for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine committee members that they would have wisdom and time to complete the design, translation and compilation of the thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the writing, translation and compilation of the ACM reports.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for the maintenance projects around the church, including the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House, replacement of collapsing fences with colour-bond fences and a retaining-wall at the south-side of Jeremiah House.
- Continue to pray for Uncle Bernie who is still sick. Pray for those who are also sick and those who may be heavy hearted with discouragement or struggling spiritually.
- Pray for those who are still searching for a job, for God's protection and grace to be with the brethren who are working away from home and to those who are travelling.
- Pray for physical and spiritual safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	28/8 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	4/9 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Lydia Pui
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong Julia Chia	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew, Pei Shion Chai, Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Yan Wei, Kenny Tan Mark Heath
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
Toddler Class Assistant	Victoria Lew/Ka Yii Yip	Yi Jye Chieng/Fiona Liew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Ruth Wong)	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Kenny Tan
Berrington	Edward Ee	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	30/8	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	31/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Daniel
Friday	2/9	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	4/9	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (21/8)

Attendance: 203 (Combined-176; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 74; Combined Fellowship Meeting: 96  
Offerings in Total: \$8613.50; General Fund: \$8613.50 (#4091-Library-\$60.00; #4092-\$300.50; #4093-\$31.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is justification?** Justification is an act of God's free grace, (Rom 3:24) wherein he pardoneth all our sins, (Rom 4:6-8; 2 Cor 5:19) and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, (2 Cor 5:21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, (Rom 4:6, 11; Rom 5:19) and received by faith alone. (Gal 2:16; Phil 3:9)