

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Peter 3

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SCOFFERS WILL COME IN THE LAST DAYS

MANY GREAT PROBLEMS

The prophets of old foretold the dreadful Day of the LORD. The Lord Jesus Himself forewarned His disciples that many problems will arise in the last days (Cf. Matthew 24). The Apostle Peter echoed what the Jesus said (2 Peter 2-3). He highlighted a special problem.

MEDITATION

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¹Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both* of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

²that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

⁶by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

⁷But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:1-7

1. Scoffers will arise

- a) They will speak scornfully
- b) They will give their opinions arrogantly
- c) They will despise and reject the doctrine of the 2nd Coming.

2. The answer to these scoffers:

- a) Our trust is in the Word of God
 - i) Taught by the prophets of old
 - ii) Reiterated by the Lord Jesus Christ
 - iii) Echoed by the Apostles of the Lord Jesus

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MEDITATION

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b) The Word of God

- i) It has power to sustain all creation
- ii) Whatever God has said will be fulfilled in God's time!

c) God's word will also judge the very people who scoff at it

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Let us consider what the Apostle Peter advised:

1. Let there be pure minds that are stirred by God's word
2. Let us ever remember the might and majesty of the Lord's word we have learned
3. May we hold fast to the Scriptures that teach us about the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May our heart ever be humble and grateful as we enter into the Lord's house.



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Perth.
He will be returning to Singapore on 30 May 2022.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY : HOLY COMMUNION

(5 June 2022)

We will be having Holy Communion next week for the Morning Worship Service. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to partake of the Lord's Supper.



HOLY COMMUNION: CHINESE WORSHIP SERVICE

This will be conducted by Pastor Moses on 12 June 2022.



PASTOR CHRISTOPHER LAI

He sends greetings to all at Bethany. He expresses thanks and gratitude to all who have remembered him in prayer for his surgery on 19 May 2022. He is recovering well! He should be able to resume Pulpit Ministry on 5 June 2022. Thank God for His grace and mercy.



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

30 May - 5 June 2022

1. Special Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 31 May 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 2 June 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am
2. Fellowship Groups Meetings (YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2)
Break for the month of June
3. Weekend Ministry
 - a) Saturday, 4 June 2022
 - i) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
 - ii) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

b) Sunday, 5 June 2022

- i) Sunday School (ISS & SSS 1) | 8.30am
- ii) Morning Worship Service | 10.00am
- iii) Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am
- iv) Crèche | 10.00am

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 29 May 2022

Text: “But he who endures to the end shall be saved” Matthew 24:13

¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

1. Endurance

- a) This is vital
- b) Grace and strength from the Lord must be sought

2. The Gospel of the Kingdom

- a) This must be preached as a witness
- b) Let us seek to be faithful witnesses to the very end

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 June 2022

Text: “There will be great tribulation” Matthew 24:21

²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:163-164

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor lying, *but* I love Your law.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments.

1. What is to be hated
Lying!

2. What is to be loved?
The law of the LORD

3. The delight we can have in God's righteous judgments
We will find such delight that we will praise God seven times a day!

POETRY CORNER

1

BE MINDFUL OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Apostle Peter wrote strenuously;
To greatly stir up pure minds mightily.
There would be many problems in the last days;
Even believers can be easily led astray!

There would be scoffers who will scorn our beliefs;
They will continue to jibe and jeer, granting no relief.
They will raise questions and cast doubts on everything;
They can be fierce and deadly menacing.

How should believers respond to these challenges?
We are to hold fast to our faith in God's messengers.
Prophets of God foretold the dreadful Day of the LORD;
Their words were fulfilled, for they were servants of God!

The Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ also proclaimed;
They preached boldly in the Saviour's holy name.
Let us be determined to be mindful of the Word of God;
Let us be found strong and steadfast trusting the Lord!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: 2 Peter 3:1-7

POETRY CORNER

2

A LOVE FOR TRUTH

We live in a world where objective truth and objective good has become a rarity,
Fake news, moral relativism and widespread confusion is instead the reality.
Such blurring of right and wrong has also affected the religious sphere today,
This was all forewarned — false christs and prophets would lead many astray.

False teachers are ravenous wolves who arrogate to themselves power and wealth,
Exploiting human weakness and emotion, peddling falsehood with deadly stealth.
These false teachers seek, on a global scale, God's flock to deceive and steal,
Preying especially on those who are impecunious, ignorant, immature or ill.

The combating of false teachers is not merely a Pastoral affair,
Every believer has an active part to play in this spiritual warfare!
The armour of God that we must take up comprises girding our waists with truth,
Knowledge, wisdom and discernment are required, that we may never be moved!

A love for the truth entrusted to us in the Word of God is worthy of cultivation;
We must seek to rightly divide it, avoiding even the slightest of aberrations.
When it is not emotions, but the truth of God's word that guides our way,
Sharpness of discernment will come, and from our faith we will never stray

Stanley Woo
Inspiration: Matthew 24, Ephesians 6

POETRY CORNER

3

A Blessing For Seniors At Bethany

What a blessing indeed for the seniors at Bethany!
To develop a thorough understanding of the Word of the Lord
A chance to look within ourselves and refresh weekly
Encouraged to continue on the path with our living God

Our life has run a greater part of its course, time to take a back seat
Experiences of joy and sorrow in many races we ran
Pacing to the insistent rhythm of its drum beat
There is now respite to let go and allow nature to take over as in His plan

But we should remain active and pledge ourselves to be God's servant
A faithful servant is one whom his master finds doing when he comes
Let us be diligent in His absence and in constant anticipation of His return
We have to be ready for the coming of Jesus

Thank Pastor Charles, the pastoral team and volunteers
Spending time to help seniors commit their faith more deeply
Nurture the fruit of the Holy Spirit no matter present turbulent times
What a blessing indeed for the seniors at Bethany!

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Matthew 24:44-46; Galatians 5:22-23

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Dr. Daniel Chia

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 297 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus

CP 325 | I Know Whom I have Believed

MESSAGE

“The Coming of the Son of Man”

Text: Matthew 24:27-31

Rev. Benjamin Quah

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 227 | I Know that my Redeemer Liveth

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 297 WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

HALDOR LILLENAS

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power making me God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven for all eternity;
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 325 I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

DANIEL WHITTLE

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day".

2. I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

4. I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air".

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 227 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH

JESSIE B. POUNDS

1. I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And on the earth again shall stand;
I know eternal life He giveth,
That grace and pow'r are in His hand.

Refrain

I know, I know that Jesus liveth,
And on the earth again shall stand;
I know, I know that life He giveth,
That grace and pow'r are in His hand.

2. I know His promise never faileth,
The Word He speaks, it cannot die;
Though cruel death my flesh assaileth,
Yet I shall see Him by and by.

Refrain

3. I know my mansion He prepareth,
That where He is there I may be;
O wondrous thought, for me He careth,
And He at last will come for me.

Refrain



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