



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

October 29th, 2017

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence, Let all the earth keep silence before Him Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Sharon Poon/Allan Ang

Call to Worship

Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 20 A Mighty Fortress Is My God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Psalms 144:1-15

Affirmation of Faith

Justin Teng

Transfer of Memberships

Shuin Ning Jong, Soo Jin Kang

Len Teck Teng, Kim Nghee Teng

HOP 301 Sound the Battle Cry!

HOP 243 I Would Be True

2 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.

Hymn

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Jude 1-5

Hymn

HOP 305 Hold The Fort

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

3 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.

The Spirit Of the Protestant Reformation

*Hymn

HOP 420 For All the Saints

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

4 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 2017:

“... STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL” (Philippians 1:27)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Motives And Attitudes Of Our Works

Dear BPCWAians, Continuing from last week, we will address a popular but erroneous concept of “good works” and also discuss our attitude in doing any work.

1) Market place good works. This is an increasingly popular but unbiblical concept. It is in effect works motivated by economic benefits. Promoted by what is known as the Faith and Work (or the Faith at Work) Movement, it began through the Christian Businessmen’s Committee and the Full Gospel Businessmen International and has developed beyond Scriptural principles. This is the “theology” of economics where one is encouraged to think about contributing value to the community through the product or service, integrating faith into life in the marketplace to make it more holistic. Ultimately, it is about the integration of theology with business and economics. The thinking is that “Christianizing” the workplace can bring God’s favour to the company’s business as part of a marketplace Christianity. God blesses them in the marketplace because they are obedient to Him. The workplace is the church, and even marketplace pastors or workplace-ministry consultants are hired. To cater to such popular notions, NIV has even published a “Faith and Work Bible”, and there are workplace email devotionals, all helping to tell stories of Jesus, the apostles and others in the Bible who had jobs. This is consumerism in a theological suit.

2) Works done for self promotion or selfish aims. Good works done with wrong motives are not good works in God’s eyes. These works may seem to be good on the surface and may indeed be good in itself.

Christ condemned the Pharisees because they “draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.” (Matt 15:8) Their outward profession, religiosity and their sacrifices were beyond reproach. But what they did was not for God, nor for His glory, but their own. “But all their works they do for to be seen of men ... And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.” (Matthew 23:5-7). Christ spent much of His time condemning these works, especially because they lead others to sin. These works, though “good”, actually act against Christ because they take glory away from Him and to themselves instead. We can serve zealously and give materially but all the while for the wrong reasons. We can do these because we love the recognition that we receive from others. Doing things because it gives us a sense of self-achievement is also wrong. Some people do things for God because it makes them feel virtuous. We must all be always wary and mindful of these in our own hearts. Service must always be for God’s kingdom, for the good of His kingdom and His church.

What must be the motivation of good works? The Bible speaks of works. However, not all these works are works of faith. There are “dead works” (Heb 6:1). But at the same time, the Bible speaks of “work of faith” (1 Thess 1:3, 2 Thess 1:11). Just as we discussed last week, true saving faith in Christ will be demonstrated in the life of the believer. The fruit of true faith will be demonstrated to bear the mark and character of their heavenly Father, in His communicable attributes of holiness, justice, goodness and truth. 1Cor 3:12-14 reminds us, “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

(13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." Our motivation and attitude is what makes a particular deed to be either "wood, hay, stubble" or be "gold, silver, precious stones" in God's eyes. Always check our heart even in doing what God commands. When we help someone, give something to someone, or do something for the church, let us be very honest with ourselves before God. Repent quickly in our hearts and minds while we are doing the deed. Ensure that what we do is not for recognition or personal benefit, but purely for the benefit of others and for the glory of God. Our Lord Jesus gives the best guide, in Matt 6:1-4 "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. (2) Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (3) But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: (4) That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Lunch Fellowship (Today, after Worship):** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the lunch fellowship after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to get to know other worshippers better. After lunch is concluded, those who have brought food are requested to remember to collect their utensils from the kitchen counter before they leave.
- 2. Seniors Fellowship (Next Saturday, 11 November, 10:30 am)** will have an outing to Point Walter Reserve. We shall be having fellowship there, so please bring along a dish to share. Passenger pick-up from church to the outing spot will be available for the seniors. More details to follow next week. All are warmly welcome.
- 3. Housekeeping Reminder:** If you are going in or out of the sliding doors in the adjacent fellowship hall, please help to check that both the sliding grill and glass doors are locked after use. Please also turn off the airconditioning if you are the last to leave the sanctuary, cryroom or fellowship rooms after meetings or use.
- 4. Programs planned for November:**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
11/11 Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
12/11 Sunday	3:30 pm	Husbands & Fathers Fellowship
19/11 Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
26/11 Sunday	2:00 pm	City Evangelism

5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the 1517 Protestant Reformation and God's preservation of the Truth in His church. Pray that BPCWA will continue in every generation to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered.
- Thank God for the Affirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership today. Pray that the new members will continue to grow spiritually and serve fervently with us in BPCWA for the Lord's work.
- Thank God for the blessed fellowship of children and adults who came for the Men and Ladies Fellowship last Sunday. May God's Word continue to work in the hearts of God's children.
- Thank God for granting good weather for the church photograph last week.
- Pray for the Session Retreat this Saturday to be used to continue to build strong bonds and mutual support as we serve God's church together.
- Pray for wisdom in planning for the redevelopment of Nehemiah place.
- Pray for Yew Jinn as he begins his Semester exams this week and finishes off his assignments at Far Eastern Bible College.
- Pray for students preparing for their exams to maintain their walk with God during their preparations.

SERVICE DUTY	29/10 COMBINED Reformation Sunday Fellowship Lunch	5/11 COMBINED Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Eddie Foo Benjamin Kan, Stephen Chia, Mark Heath Jason Tey	*Kenny Tan, *Mark Heath, Alex Luu Wei Yan, Pei Shion Chai Allan Ang
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Cheryl Lin	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Mark Heath	A: Pastor Joseph Poon B: Jason Tey
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Pastor Joseph Poon

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	29/10	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
Tuesday	31/10	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	3/11	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	5/11	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		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 Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (22/10)

Attendance: 206 (Combined-177; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 65

Offerings in Total: \$6,640.55; General Fund: \$6,640.55

(#4330-\$83.25; #4331-\$25.00; #4332-\$80.00; #4333-\$815.00; #4334-Camp T-shirt-\$6.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is Baptism? Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (Matthew 28:19) doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's. (Acts 2:38-42; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21)