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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY

9.30 am
Worship
(English)

11.15am
Bible Class
(English)

3.45pm
Bible Class
(Mandarin)

5.00pm
Worship
(Mandarin)

7.00pm
Worship
(English)

THURSDAY

7.45pm
Bible Class
(English/Mandarin)

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Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

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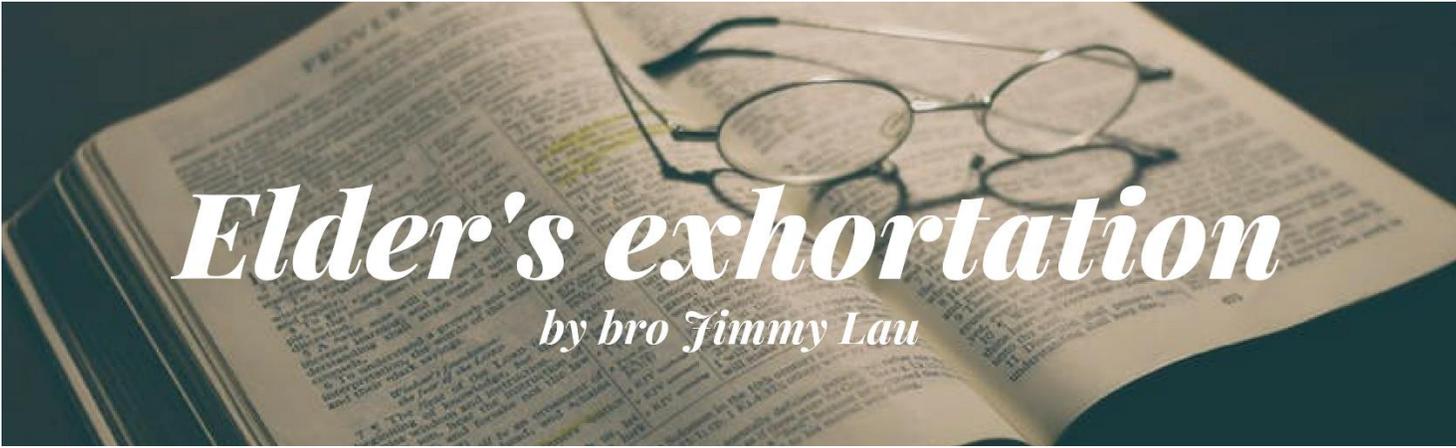
DO I NEED TO BE BAPTISED?

Speaker: Alvin Lin

29 September 2019, Sunday | 9.30am |

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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Th 4:7 *For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

The statement, “*For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy,*” keeps repeating itself in the book of Leviticus. Peter echoes the sentiments when he wrote: “*But like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy*” (1 Pet 1:15-16).

The opposite of holiness is uncleanness. Hence Paul admonishes: “*For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness,*” (1 Thess 4:7). Note that it is God’s calling. His calling is to us: that we should be holy. Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity (Tit 2:14).

Why should we be holy?

1. Because God is holy: *Exalt ye Jehovah our God, And worship at his holy hill; For Jehovah our God is holy* (Psalm 99:9).

2. God’s habitation is holy: *Thy testimonies are very sure: **Holiness becometh thy house,** O Jehovah, for evermore* (Psa 93:5).

3. The way to heaven is holy: *And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called **The way of holiness;** the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for the redeemed* (Isa 35:8).

4. The citizens of heaven are created in holiness: *and put on the new man, that after God hath been **created in righteousness and holiness of truth*** (Eph 4:24).

5. Holiness will stand before God in the day of Judgment: *to the end he **may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father,** at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints* (1 Thess 3:13).

6. Christ will present the church holy to God: *that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that **it should be holy** and without blemish* (Eph 5:27).

7. It is to holiness that we have been called: *For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, **but unto holiness*** (1 Thess 4:7).

8. Therefore, we are to be holy: *but like as he who called you is holy, **be ye yourselves also holy** in all manner of living* (1 Pet 1:15).

The aim of all the things about redemption is that we might be holy: *“Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love,”* (Eph 1:4).

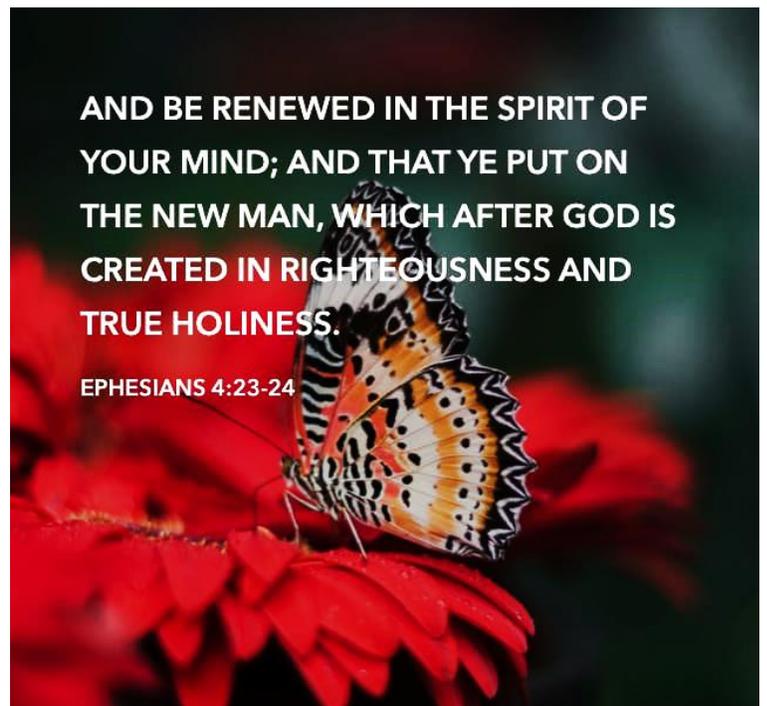
Those who know God, know how to be holy. Paul said that the reason the Gentiles were piled up in their sins was because they know not God (1 Thess 4:5). Indeed, those who fear no God will do all forms of evil. They commit all the works of the flesh. Holiness is not in their minds. But those who are the children of God, Paul wrote: **“That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour,”** (1 Thess 4:4).

Do you know how to possess your body in sanctification and honour to God? A Christian must know how to keep his body holy and which honours God. He must keep his body and its passions under control. He must be holy before God.

Those who keep harping on the alcoholic drinks, modesty, and dancing, are still indulging in the works of the flesh (1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21). They refuse to see that those are sins before God and *“they which do such thing shall not inherit the kingdom of God”* (Gal 5:21).

Those who truly know God, knows how to be holy before Him. Those who love God, love holiness and keep themselves from the works of the flesh: **That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour** (1 Thess 4:4).

Are you holy?





Hymn #12

"ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED"

"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...He was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53.4-5).

INTRO.: Isaiah's prediction of the Messiah's suffering and death is echoed in one of our grand old songs, "At The Cross" (#157 in "Hymns for Worship Revised" and #321 in "Sacred Selections for the Church"). The text of the stanzas was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It was included in his 1707 "Hymns and Spiritual Songs." The tune (Hudson) was composed by Ralph Erskine Hudson (1843-1901). It first appeared, combined with Watt's words, in his 1885 "Songs of Peace, Love and Joy." It is believed that both the words and music of the chorus, which Hudson added to his original tune, were adapted from an old camp meeting melody since this same chorus, without being attributed to Hudson, is found with other songs in various nineteenth century compilations.

The song reminds us of several concepts related to Jesus' death on the cross.

I. In stanza 1, we must recognize that Christ died for sinners

*"Alas, and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die;
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I"*

- A. The reason that Christ died is because we are sinners: Isa. 59.1-2, Rom. 3.23, Jas. 1.14-15, 1 Jn. 1.8-10
- B. The statement the original, "For such a worm as I," uses the concept of being a worm as a symbol of our being sinners. The fact of the matter is, when we compare ourselves to God, we are forced to the conclusion that we are as worms: Job 25.6, Psa. 22.6
- C. Yet, in spite of our sinfulness, God still loves us: Jn. 3.16

II. In stanza 2, we must realize that it is by God's grace that Jesus died for us

"Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?"

Amazing pity, grace unknown! And love beyond degree."

- A. The supreme expression of God's love for us was the death of Christ on the cross: Rom. 5.8; 1 Jn. 3.16, 4.8-10
- B. This is why we can say that we are saved by grace: Eph. 2,8-9, Tit. 2.11
- C. Of course, being saved by grace does not eliminate the need to obey God's commands; but it does emphasize the fact that if God had not had mercy on us, we could do nothing to save ourselves. That is why we glory in the cross: Gal. 6.14

III. In stanza 3, we must understand that Jesus' death was part of an enormous sacrifice for us

*"Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died For man the creature's sin."*

- A. Christ, the mighty Maker, left the glories of heaven and came to this sin-cursed earth: Phil. 2.5-8
- B. In addition, He lived a life of suffering and temptation just as we do: Heb. 2.17-18, 4.15
- C. Furthermore, He died a cruel and horrible death with pain and anguish to make possible our redemption: Mt. 26.28. The need for atonement was so great, yet the deed that brought it about was so black that even the sun hid its face in darkness and refused to shine: Mt. 27.45

IV. In stanza 4, we must see that our response to this should include great sorrow.

*"Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness And melt mine eyes to tears."*

- A. Thinking about the suffering and death of Christ because of our sins should produce mourning for sins or godly sorrow: Matt. 5.4, 2 Cor. 7.10
- B. Godly sorrow then works genuine repentance: Lk. 13.5, Acts 17.30-31
- C. And repentance must lead to obedience: Acts 2.38, Heb. 5.8-9

V. In stanza 5, we must come to perceive that Jesus' death demands a total self-sacrifice on our part

*"But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do."*

- A. Our response must be, "Here, Lord, I give myself away": Matt. 16.24-25

B. Thus, this is talking about making a total and life-long commitment to Christ: Gal. 2.20

C. And this new life begins when we obey the gospel of Jesus Christ: Rom. 6.3-4

CONCL.: The chorus, though different in thought from the stanzas, completes the thought that whatever blessings God has for us, we receive because Jesus died for us on the cross.

"At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away,

It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day."

Ernest K. Emurian wrote, "While this generation substitutes 'sinners such as I' for the original, confident that we are not worms, it is well to remember that a worm is the only thing in God's world that can change into a butterfly. And Watts well knew the transformation, wrought in the human heart by the grace of God whereby the 'old man' dies and the 'new man in Christ Jesus' is born, finds its parallel in the process of nature whereby a worm dies that a butterfly may be born." The message of this good song is that Jesus died for us because we were sinners and because God loves us. As Christians we should ever be grateful for all the wonderful gifts that God made possible by what Jesus did for us "At The Cross."

Adapted



Special Collection

We have collected SGD\$2886.60 last Sunday for bro Lamhot's wife, who has stage 4 kidney failure, to support her treatment in Jakarta. Thank you all for your generosity.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

Sis Yuet Ming in Netherlands till 23 Sep.

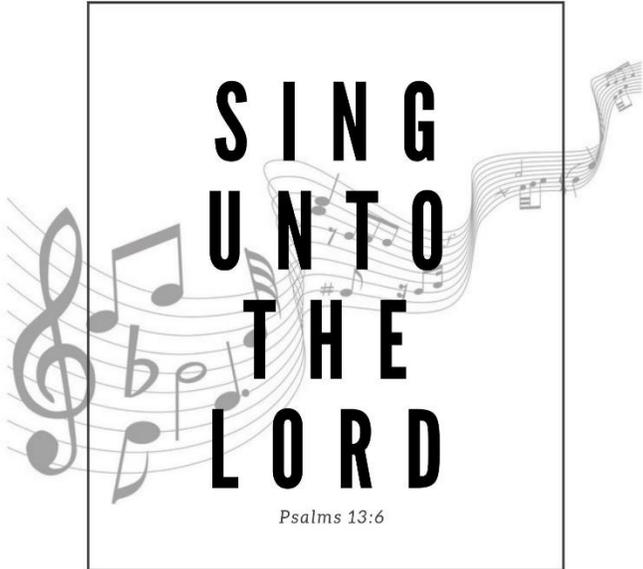
Guests last week

1. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
2. Bernie Chia (*sis Rhui Yin's husband*)
3. Glaiza Tolentino (*sis Stephanie's cousin*)
4. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
5. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
6. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
7. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
8. Sulis (*sis Baby's helper*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Combined Youth Fellowship
21 SEP, SAT | 10AM-3PM
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ANNOUNCER TRAINING

BY PETER CHIN



22 SEP, SUN

1.30PM

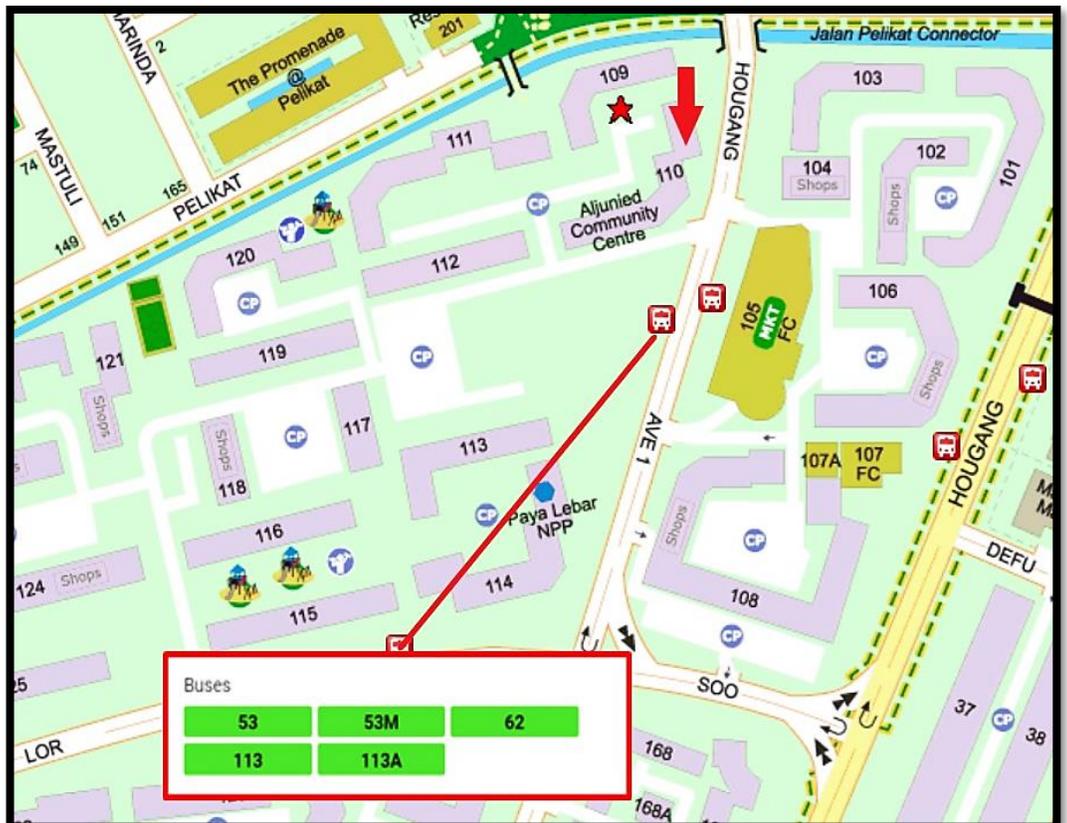
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Date & Time:
**21 Sep, Sat @
4.30pm**

Meeting Point:
**Blk 110 Hougang
Ave 1**

*Join us in spreading
the good news
around the
neighbourhood!*





Thursday Bible Class

"I AM the Way, the Truth,
and the Life"

(John 14:1-11)

by bro Jimmy Lau

Next Sunday's Sermon

"Why Do Christians

Believe that Jesus is God?"

by bro Danny Poo

Birthdays this week

15 Sep (Sun) –

Stephanie & Mark

18 Sep (Wed) – Jeremy

19 Sep (Thu) – Winston



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prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Rezoning

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

Overseas

- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco
- *Bro Jonathan & sis Joan* in UK
- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Bro Jeshua* in Switzerland (till 27 Sep) and UK (till 30 Apr'20)

Health

- *Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's* health
- *Bro Wee Sin's* recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- *Bro David Sum's father's* recovery from spine surgery

Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		15-Sep-19	22-Sep-19	29-Sep-19
<i>Song Leader</i>		Isaac Chua	Jeremy Kwan	Ernest Lau
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping	Charlie Teo
<i>Preacher</i>		Ong Eng Boon	Danny Poo	Alvin Lin
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gordon Loo	Zachary Ling	David Sum
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Kenneth Quek	Jerry Cheong	Martyn Gostelow
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	John Goh	Chua Kian Hong	Henry Leow
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Lim Chin Siang	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
<i>Announcer</i>		David Sum	Leonard Chia	Alvin Foo
<i>Greeters</i>		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan	Timothy Ng
		Sharyl Lau	Constance Lau	Naomi Leow
		Wang Ting Pei	Ellen Hernandez	Christine Phang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader & O.P.</i>		Ernest Lau	Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau
<i>Speaker</i>		Michael Yeo	Jerry Cheong	Nicodemus Oey
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.</i>		Kenneth Quek	Henry Leow	Farand Lim
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			19-Sep-19	26-Sep-19
<i>Song Leader</i>			Benjamin Kwan	James Mira
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Henry Leow	Low Chong Ping
<i>Teacher</i>			Jimmy Lau	Jimmy Lau
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Chua Kian Hong	Yew Tian Geng