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# LAP BULLETIN

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SUNDAYS @ 9.30AM | THURSDAYS @ 7.45PM

**HYMNS FOR  
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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**A FAITHFUL SAYING (PART IV):  
A PARADOX**

*by bro Ernest Lau*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS  
& MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE**

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

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Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Michael Yeo

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Bro Jerry Cheong  
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## For Christ and the Church

Eliza E. Hewitt, 1890

William J. Kirkpatrick, 1890

1. "For Christ and the church" let our voices ring, Let us honor the name  
 2. "For Christ and the church" be our earnest prayer, Let us follow His ban-  
 3. "For Christ and the church" will-ing of-frings make, Time and tal-ents and gold  
 4. "For Christ and the church" let us cast a-side, By His con-quer-ing grace,

of our own bless-ed King; Let us work with a will in the  
 ner, the cross dai-ly bear; Let us yield, whol-ly yield, to the  
 for the dear Mas-ter's sake; We will ren-der the best we can  
 chains of self, fear, and pride; May our lives be en-riched by an

strength of youth, And loy-al-ly stand for the king-dom of truth.  
 gos-pel's pow'r, And serve faith-ful-ly ev-'ry day ev-'ry hour.  
 bring to Him, The heart's wealth of love, that will nev-er grow dim.  
 aim so grand; Then hap-py the call to the Sav-ior's right hand.

## CHORUS

For Christ, our dear Re-deem-er, For Christ, the cru-ci-fied; For the  
 For Christ, For Christ,

church His blood hath pur-chased; the church, His ho-ly bride.  
 For the church

# The Gospel Is for All

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John M. McCaleb, 1921

 McIntosh's *Good News*, 1876  
 Arr., Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1876

1. Of one the Lord has made the race, Thro' one has come the fall;  
 2. Say not the hea - then are at home, Be - yond we have no call;  
 3. Re - ceive ye free - ly, free - ly give, From ev - 'ry land they call;

**FINE**

Where sin has gone must go His grace: The gos - pel is for all.  
 For why should we be blest a - lone? The gos - pel is for all.  
 Un - less they hear, they can - not live: The gos - pel is for all.

**D.S.**- Where sin has gone must go His grace: The gos - pel is for all.

## CHORUS

**D.S.**

The bless - ed gos - pel is for all; The gos - pel is for All

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## There Is Much to Do

LORD, SEND ME  
M. W. Spencer, 1893

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1. There is much to do, there's work on ev - 'ry hand, Hark! The cry for help comes  
2. There's the plain-tive cry of mourn-ing souls dis-tressed, And the sigh of hearts who  
3. There are hung' ring souls who cry a - loud for bread, With the bread of life they're  
4. There are souls who lin - ger on the brink of woe, Lord, I must not, can - not

ring-ing thro' the land; Je - sus calls for reap - ers, I must ac - tive be,  
seek but find no rest; These shoud have my love and ten - der sym - pa - thy,  
long-ing to be fed; Shall they starve and fam - ish while a feast is free?  
bear to let them go; Let me go and tell them, broth - er, turn and flee,

## CHORUS

What wilt Thou, O Mas - ter? Here am I, send me. Here am  
Read - y at Thy bid - ding, here am I, send me. Here am  
I must be more faith - ful, here am I, send me. Here am I, send me,  
Mas - ter, I would save them, here am I, send me. Here am I, send me,

I, Lord, send me, Lord, send me,  
Lord, send me, Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,

HYMN #3

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Here am I, Ready at Thy bidding, Lord, send me.  
Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Here am I, Ready at Thy bidding, Lord, send me." and "Here am I, send me, Lord, send me,". The score concludes with a double bar line.

# A FAITHFUL SAYING (PART IV): A PARADOX

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IT IS A FAITHFUL SAYING:  
FOR IF WE BE DEAD WITH HIM,  
WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM:  
IF WE SUFFER,  
WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM:  
IF WE DENY HIM,  
HE ALSO WILL DENY US:  
IF WE BELIEVE NOT,  
YET HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL:  
HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF

”

(2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13)

In Paul's epistles, he has 5 faithful sayings that he wants Christians to remember. A faithful saying is a saying that is true and trustworthy. Because the saying is true and important, Paul desires that it be accepted everywhere and repeated constantly! In 2 Timothy 2:11-13, Paul presents some paradoxes that describe what it means to be a Christian.

## **#1 Dead and Alive**

Paul presents a paradox: in order to live, we must die. Such an idea goes against natural instinct. In the animal kingdom, it is about survival of the fittest: animals must fight to stay alive in the food chain. Even for us, we understand the importance of striving in order to survive in the school system, and even at the workplace. However, in order to live with Christ, we must die with Him. We become dead with Christ through baptism (Romans 6:3-6). When we submit ourselves to that burial, we

become dead to the old man of sin (Romans 6:6). Therefore, we no longer serve sin or ourselves! But when we rise out of that watery grave, we become a new man (Romans 6:4, 22). Jesus promises that if we die with Him, we can obtain eternal life! (John 3:16).

It is truly a faithful saying that if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. All Christians must be reminded that our old man is dead and buried. Sometimes we forget, and we live life for ourselves, forgetting that we now serve a Master, our Lord Jesus. Christians can no longer live a life of selfishness because our lives now belong to our Lord Jesus. However, if we are willing to lose our life for Christ, we will find life eternal (Luke 9:24).

## **#2 Suffering and Reign**

Paul presents another paradox: in order to rule, we must suffer. A position of suffering seems to be opposite from a position of power and rule. Usually, we climb into positions of power

so that we can do whatever we please, and not to suffer! However, Christians have to be prepared to suffer with Christ, because we will face persecution from this world (John 15:19). Unfortunately, there are Christians who cannot endure persecution and fall away (Matthew 13:20-21). God calls us not to be ashamed when we suffer, because we are suffering together with Christ! (1 Peter 4:13). When we suffer for Christ, the spirit of glory and of God rests upon us (1 Peter 4:14). When we suffer for the right cause, we need not be ashamed, but rather, we can glorify God (1 Peter 4:15-16).

It is truly a faithful saying that if we suffer, we shall reign with Him. All Christians need to be reminded that suffering is a part of Christianity. Sometimes we forget, and try to make our lives comfortable, and we do whatever we can to avoid trouble from ruining our happy lives. However, since Christians do not belong to

this world, suffering is part of our calling (2 Timothy 3:12). Nevertheless, if we are willing to suffer for Jesus, God promises to us a great reward in Heaven! (Matthew 5:10-12).

### **#3 Doubt and Denial**

Instead of being dead with Christ, and suffering for Christ, there will be those who deny Him, just as Peter denied Christ (Luke 22:54-62). We deny Jesus when we are too afraid to confess Him before men. We can also deny Jesus by our works, when we do not do what Jesus commanded us (Titus 1:16). Furthermore, there will be those who doubt Jesus. Many in this world do not believe in Jesus and His words (John 6:60, 66). Some Christians also may grow tired and begin to doubt the promises of God (2 Peter 3:3).

However, even if we doubt Jesus, “yet he abideth faithful.” Jesus is always faithful to His words. Jesus has promised salvation to those who believe in Him.

Jesus has promised that those who die with Him will live with Him, and those who suffer for Him will reign with Him. Jesus also promised that those who deny Him will be denied also (Matthew 10:32-33). Even if we doubt Jesus, it does not change the truth of the matter, that the promises of Jesus will certainly happen as He had said.

It is truly a faithful saying, that though men may deny Jesus and doubt Him, Jesus will remain faithful. Therefore, all Christians ought to be reminded to make the right choice. There will be the temptation to deny Jesus. There will be times when we doubt. However, we know that Jesus is faithful and trustworthy. If we are willing to suffer for Him, we can be assured that Jesus will keep His promises to us. If we deny and doubt, we also can be assured that Jesus will likewise deny us before the Father. What will be our response?

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# Prayer Requests, Birthdays & Men-to-Serve Schedule



## Please pray for:

1. **Bro Eddy Ee (JCOC)**'s recovery from his operation for cancer
2. **Yixian (sis Siew Siew's friend)**'s operation (removal of cyst) on 1 Jul, & her salvation.
3. **Claire (sis Rhui Yin's daughter)**'s recovery from her fractured leg

### OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco
- Sis Shuan Kwee in Hong Kong



### HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle



### PREGNANCY

- Sis Melissa (Aug)



### NSF

- Bro Shawn
- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang



### THIS WEEK

**1 Jul (Wed)** -  
Auntie Yeoh & Olivia  
**3 Jul (Fri)** - Gordon

### NEXT WEEK

**6 Jul (Mon)** -  
Charles & Lydia  
**9 Jul (Thu)** -  
Swee Inn & Debbie

<b>MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)</b>	<b>28 JUN</b>	<b>5 JUL</b>
SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER	<b>BENJAMIN KWAN</b>	<b>JEREMY KWAN</b>
SERMON TITLE	<b>TIMOTHY: THE YOUNG EVANGELIST</b>	<b>PAUL: THE EX-MURDERER</b>
PREACHER	<b>ERNEST LAU</b>	<b>ERNEST LAU</b>
LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER	<b>ONG JUN WEI</b>	<b>ANDY LIN</b>
<b>MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)</b>	<b>2 JUL</b>	<b>9 JUL</b>
BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER	<b>GENESIS 25 ERNEST LAU</b>	<b>GENESIS 26 ERNEST LAU</b>