

Today's Sermon

Speaker : Pastor Peter Lim

Title of Message : Be Imitators of the Risen Christ

Scripture Texts: John 13:1-17 & Philippians 2:11

Key Verse: John 13:15 I have set you an EXAMPLE that you should do as I have done for you

Main Points:

1 NOBODY DID What Anybody Could Have DONE!

- 1a Jesus Is In Full Control- John 13:1-3, 10-11
 - John 13:1b Jesus took the role of a SLAVE
 - John 13:35 Jesus shows us the Fullness of the Father's LOVE
 - Jesus' LOVE Is Impartial & Inclusive!
 - We Need To Imitate His Kind of LOVE!
- 1b Jesus the Servant Leader - John 13:4-5
 - He Did What Nobody Wanted To Do
 - He Washed His Disciples' dirty & smelly feet
 - We Need to Get Rid all Pride & Prejudices
 - God's Work Can Only Be Done In God's Way For God's Glory
- 1c Jesus Confronts Peter's Pride - John 13:6-9
 - Humility of Jesus is simply too deafening!
 - Luke 5 Jesus Borrowed a Boat to Preach
 - When In Need, Learn to Receive Help!
 - Humility Doesn't Mean To Serve or To Give
 - Requires Grace to Receive
- 1d Jesus the Master Teacher - John 13:14-17
 - Jesus led by example v15
 - Knowing What To Do & Not Doing it is an INSULT To Our Lord v16
 - We Must Do What JESUS Has Done v17
 - Better to Be Blessed by Our Lord Than Praised by Men

2 WHY DO We DO What We DO!

- 2a Some of Us DO What We Do.....
 - For Others to See
 - Praised by men
- 2b Jesus Did What He Did - Philippians 2:3-9
 - Obedient Submission
 - Glorify the Father
- 2c Attitudes of Christ - Philippians 2:5-8
 - No selfishness, No deceit
 - Be humble Lifting others before self
 - No self-centeredness
 - Interested in others
- 2d If You Are Sincerely Willing To Do!
 - He Will Give the Strength to do so

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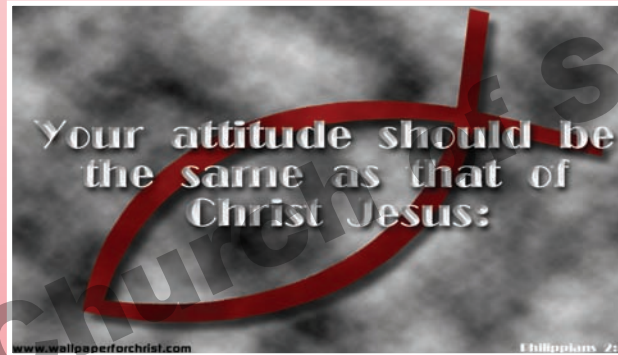
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3 WHAT DO We Really Mean By FEET Washing?

- 3a Great Need of Our Love & Friendship
- There are Many Lonely People
 - Take Effort & Time To CARE for them
 - Commit Your Willingness. He Can Use You
 - Pray to Our Lord

Reflection on this Message:

Jesus has shown us that the Way Up (Great) is the Way Down (Servant) first. He has proven it. We can learn from our Lord what true biblical discipleship is! William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army once said "The GREATNESS of a man's power is in the measure of his SURRENDER!". Stay behind for Day 10 of the PurposeDrivenLife class to find out more on the difference between SURRENDER and SUBMISSION. Do you know what are the 3 barriers that block your TOTAL SURRENDER to GOD. Learn the secret from the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, Dr.Bill Bright, its Founder has been labelled as the RICHEST SLAVE for Christ.



The percentage is a generalization of what we retain. Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Proverbs 11:24-25; One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

October 2009 Collection	: S\$14,503.80
Nov 2009 Collection up to 1 Nov 2009	: S\$ 5,632.00
Church Building Fund	: S\$30,080.00

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Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the *HOLY SPIRIT*

THE SUNDAY TIME

8th November 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES:

10.30am to 12.30pm

It's Going To Be More Than our FIRST Bible Camp
March 14th to 17th, 2010
Pulau Ubin Resorts

Sign up early. Sign up and submit the below form to bro Justyn Lim.

I am coming..... (Name)

I am coming with my family

Adult : 1/2/3/4

Child : 1/2/3/4 please tick accordingly

Camp Fee Register on or before Nov 30, 2009

Adult: S\$150 Deposit: S\$50 (non-refundable)

Child: S\$100 Deposit: S\$30 (non-refundable)

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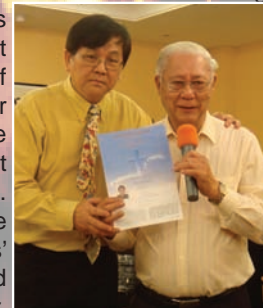
Adult; S\$180 Deposit: S\$70 (non-refundable)

Child: S\$130 Deposit: S\$50 (non-refundable)

My Testimony: Salvation of Bro John Soh

Our Part Is to PRAY and SEIZE the Opportunity to SHARE the Good News

On Saturday (31/10/09), I phoned Pastor David Kerk to visit my brother John Soh who warded in hospital. I have been sharing with him the Love of our Lord. In His times, God hears our prayers if we faint not in asking HIM to save the soul of our loved ones. This time, my brother John requested Pastor David to share the Good News as he wants to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. We visited him at the hospital and he was most willing to say the Sinners' Prayer and also agreed to be baptized in the Name of Jesus unto the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We rejoice to see the return of one sinner back to our Creator God. Glory & thanksgiving be unto our Lord.



Acts 16:31's Believer
Bro William Soh

"Practical Christian Living"

I LOVE GOD Because I Have SEEN JESUS In His Church

May Our Lord help us in living out His LIFE in Church of Sengkang. May CHRIST be seen in us in living together as a Community of God's People. For CHRIST to be seen in us, we need to first understand that His CHURCH was designed to Live out the LIFE of Jesus here on earth especially in Sengkang/Punggol. Jesus had died and risen to be with the Father. He has left His BODY, his Church, here on earth to Live our His LIFE. We are His CHURCH meaning you and I make up His Church. Some of us have this oversight when good things are done through us, we are His Church. But bad things are done through us, we leave the church for another church. Those who left behind are to do His work and restore those damages done to His church. Beloved, apostle Paul's exhortation to the Church in Colosse in Colossians 4:17 spurs us on "To complete the WORK we have Received in the LORD!"

Our Lord Jesus left the church behind as God's alternative organism to "Preach Good News to the poor... Proclaim Release to the captives and Recovering of sight to the blind, to Set at Liberty those who are oppressed to Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Read Luke 4:18-19

May Church of Sengkang be the Church after the Heart of Our Lord. I am convinced "BY His GRACE, we can manifest the LIFE of Christ through you and I" If you can and are willing to commit:

(1) To PROVIDE an environment in which each of us can show our CARE and CONCERN for each other; where we can share our Strengths & Weaknesses and Provide for each other so that those who cross our paths in Church of Sengkang will say of us as the pagans said of the early Church, "SEE, how these Christians Love One Another"

(2) To PROVIDE for each of us a living demonstration of the Kingdom of God: a Body of brethren who will be an expression of God's LOVE for all who come in our contact particularly the sick, needy and oppressed.

(3) To PROVIDE for our Lord a Bride, that is a people who love and worship HIM, and who, in a divine partnership with the Holy Spirit can SERVE Jesus and delight His Heart. Read Day 9 of Pastor Rick Warren's Book on PurposeDrivenLife for a complete understanding on the spiritual discipline 'WORSHIP'. Those in the sunday class will testify of the detailed understanding on what is CHRISTIAN WORSHIP. My years of ministry can verify that a 'SUNDAY Christian' often associate a WORSHIPPING Church with only vibrant praise & worship ministry and a nine-piece musical band. I am reminded of the famous words of Dr Billy Graham saying "Going to a church does NOT Make one a Christian just like going through a garage does NOT Make one a car!" How very true! Having said all these, it is essential to be part of a vibrant church BUT more important "Are We One of Those Worshipers" mentioned by Pastor Rick Warren. Please study Christian Number One Purpose : You Were Planned For God's Pleasure!

Beloved, next week I will talk on "You Can Choose Your Church But You CAN'T Choose Your Relationship With our Lord!"

You And I
Make Up the
CHURCH of SENGKANG

Pastor David Kerk

The Spirit of Love is in COSK!

1 Corinthians 13 said that if you do not know how to love you are nothing. 1 John 4:7 said that if you do not love, you do not know God.

Praise the Lord! we are now "love creatures" of Christ. Not only we understand what it means to be loved by God, we can now shower the same form of Agape love into this needy society, into our families, into our friends who have yet to meet Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour and also into our brothers and sisters in Church of Sengkang.

We are imperfect people and therefore it is difficult to love others with the perfected love that God has for us. Sometimes we might get impatient and we might be easily provoked, but don't give up, for I know that if you keep in pace on the race track towards the "1 Corinthians 13" love, one day you will become an "A-Star" lover in the kingdom of God.

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." - C.S. Lewis

Man can fail but God is the same yesterday, today and forever! He cannot fail!

Let us now corporately release our loving nature as a church and let us personally love God because He deserves it.

With love,
Bro Roy Tan

My Testimony: Home ThanksGiving Service

To Give Is Better Than To Receive

I have always wanted to have a Thanksgiving Service in my humble home. In April 1988, through some divine interventions, I got my present HDB flat with a minimum CPF payments. I could only maintain my flat in its original condition till somewhere this Sept where the government carried out their upgrading and retrofitting program for the entire HDB estate where I am living. At that moment, I wasn't ready to renovate our interiors due to some financial reasons.

However, somewhere in June this year, the Lord spoke to me to bless a brother who was going to an overseas mission. I struggled for a little while over this prompting due to my financials. But I finally submitted after reading Acts 20:35. As to renovating my interiors I was in 2 minds due to my financials. Nevertheless, I brought this matter before our Lord. One day, my elder sister spoke to me and offered me a sum of S\$6,000 to renovate the interiors. I jumped with joy to experience our Lord answering my prayers. I was further lifted up when my room tenant also wanted to bless me with S\$1,500 towards the renovation. Beloved, I have experienced Acts 20:35 in this matter and will like to use 2 Corinthians 6:2 to remind all of us that God hears us and will help us. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

Sis Cynthia Yip

What Are You Doing With Our Christ?

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." **Matthew 24:35**

Just as cement has the function of holding a building together and acting as a strong foundation and structure to HDB blocks or the tallest skyscrapers in Singapore, the Word of God is the foundation, the fixing point and the very structure of our Christian lives. Without the Word of God, we are a structure with no cement; a man with no substance; an unsteady person with no foundation. We are susceptible to crumbling in on ourselves, as we meet the slightest of tremors the world throws our way.

You might recall the game of Jenga? Whereby blocks are laid down one on top of another, and the players must carefully remove blocks from the centre and place on the top, without knocking down the pile. As the game ensues, the tower of building blocks gets taller, and as more spaces appear in the structure, it becomes unsteady and begins to sway, until gravity wins out and the blocks come crashing down.

It strikes me that man has a tendency to live his life like this. We sometimes prefer to substitute the Word of God with worldly wisdom, empty words and watery cement. We build higher and higher, leaving gaps and feelings of emptiness in our lives as we rush to succeed, until the inevitable happens to a man devoid of any Godly foundation. This time it is not the force of gravity that wipes away our feet; it is the hand of God. We collapse.

The bible echoes this point, especially establishing the Word as the very anchor of our faith and the substance of our being. The bible says;

"So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." **Romans 10: 17**

Brethren, in this outreach season and beyond, we have the chance to celebrate and rejoice in the Word of God; to put the Word at the priority of our lives and Christian Faith Walk and to emerge as true 'master builders' for Christ. Let us come together prayerfully and wholeheartedly for the Christmas Outreach 2009 and allow the Word to be the very cement that unites us and the foundation to the mission of COSK, which is to win souls and enlarge the Kingdom of God. All members can contribute to this project, by sharing the Word with your friends and family and encouraging non-Christian brothers and sisters to attend the events and even get involved to the performances.

There is a lot of emptiness and soul searching outside of these doors. Every member has a part to play in the building of God's Kingdom. It starts one Word at a time.

All in Christ's love,
Bro James Browning writes

P/S: Meeting at 1:30pm today in the chapel.