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God's people are exposed to a flood of worldly suggestions and carnal temptations. To yield to them may have disastrous and irretrievable consequences. Therefore, the Apostle, in affectionate and earnest terms, exhorts them (and us) thus: "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul*" (1 Pet 2:11). We, the people of God, have been called "*out of darkness into his marvellous light*" (1 Pet 2:9b). We should not return to the darkness again! We have been translated out of the kingdom of the world into God's glorious everlasting kingdom. We are in the world but not of the world. If so, live like it!

To keep separate from the present visible world (the "real world") is not easy, but not impossible! The attraction and lure is always with us, as it was with Abraham. If Abraham had looked at the "present visible world" and been swayed he "*might have had opportunity to have returned*" (Heb 11:15) to Ur of the Chaldees which was far better than Canaan in terms of material prosperity. But Abraham "*looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God*" (Heb 11:10). So he turned his back on the world and followed the Lord 100 years. He died, triumphant in faith, "*...not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off... and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth*" (Heb 11:13).

THOUGHT: "Strangers and pilgrims" are on the way to the Heavenly City. Therefore, they should be occupied with heavenly things.

3. CHRISTIAN DUTIES (1 PETER 2:13-25)

a) As Citizens

In every land there is the civil authority. The Christian's duty is one of submission: loyalty and respect to those in power. Christian citizens should be exemplary in their obedience to just laws and legal penalties. Forms of government differ from country to country.

Whether there be kings or dictators, presidents or prime ministers, the powers are ordained of God (Rom 13:1).

"Christian liberty" does not free us from submission to the civil authority. It only frees us from the bondage of sin and Satan. Our civil duties are a) honour and respect to all men; b) love towards the brotherhood, all Christians being members of one family in Christ, c) fear towards God, and d) honour towards the king or the highest authority under God. Our good conduct may well shut the mouths of some who maliciously make false accusations against us, because of our faith.

b) As Servants

Christian liberty does not free a person from the authority of his unbelieving master. On the contrary, the Apostle says, "*Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward*" (1 Pet 2:18). Whether they are kind or cruel, Christian servants should continue to discharge their duties faithfully and honestly, as long as they are under their employ.

What if the Christian servant should suffer unjustly? To labour patiently and faithfully in the face of hardship would gain God's approval and reward. Christ is our example of patience and endurance in the face of unjust affliction. "*For even thereunto were ye called*" (1 Pet 2:21a), i.e. to suffer. Let us follow in His steps, not in the ways of violent revolution and "Liberation Theology" which is "Marxist wolf in Christian sheep-skin."

THOUGHT: When Jesus suffered, He threatened not.

God bless you dear readers.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,
Dr SH Tow, Founding Pastor*



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of the Righteous" (Psalm 1:6)

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My dear readers,

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1. A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD (1 PETER 2:5-10; HEBREWS 9:1-12)

Sinful man has no direct access to God; he needs a priest to act as his mediator or go-between. In Old Testament times, the tribe of Levi performed this special mediatorial role. The priests would render holy service daily in the Tabernacle or Temple worship, standing within the Holy Place. But the Holiest Place which had the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat (signifying God's throne and the manifestation of God's glory) was separated from the Holy Place by a thick curtain or veil. Through this veil only the High Priest entered once a year on the Day of Atonement to sprinkle the blood of sin offering, making a special sacrifice for the people's sins. All this was a foreshadowing of the coming of our Lord.

In the fulness of time, Christ came, and as our High Priest fulfilled all the Old Testament priestly sacrificial system. In the dual role as Mediator and Sacrifice, He offered up Himself; by His own blood He entered in once for all into the Holiest Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. "*For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified*" (Heb 10:14). By His one offering of Himself, Jesus fulfilled and brought to an end the Old

Testament priesthood system. By it, He opened the way into the holiest, even God's very presence, for every believer.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith ..." (Heb 10:19-22). By this "*new and living way*" all believers now have direct access to God as a "*royal priesthood*" annulling once for all the Levitical priesthood.

Today our Lord continues as our High Priest and Mediator (1 Tim 2:5) at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us.

QUESTION: As a "royal priesthood" what sacrifice should we offer to God?

2. STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS (1 PETER 2:11-12; HEBREWS 11:8-16)

In my younger days, our Youth Fellowship used to sing a catchy chorus which starts with these words: "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through." That was almost 40 years ago, in the 1940s. About the same time, one of the popular "radio hits" blared its message to the youths of the day (and adults too): "Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think!"

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A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

Ring Pastor Quek 6650 8489; Mobile - 9671 9310 any time; Email - suanyew@gmail.com

9.50 am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: Main Sanctuary Cry Room
Today: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew; **N/W:** Elder Goh Kee Tai

10.15 am Pre-Service Singspiration: Today: Dn Chia Chung Seng; **N/W:** Dn Milton Ang

10.30 am Lord's Day
Today: (L/S) Worship Leaders : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew / * Dn Han Whie Kwang
Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : Miracles Today - of God or of Satan?

N/W: Worship Leaders : Elder Goh Kee Kai / * Dn Simon Chua
 Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
 Message : Contemporary Worship - of God or Man or Satan?

Last Week's (12 Aug) Attendances

English Worship	10.30 am	937
Junior Worship		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	176
Mandarin JW		15
SGH	6.00 pm	540
Prayer Meeting (Tues)	8.15 pm	122

Lord's Day Activities

Junior Worship 11.15am to 12.15pm
 Pre-school: 3 years old, Tiny Tots room #04-03
 4 years old, Nursery room (ground floor, next to stage)
 5-6 years old, Kindergarten rooms (ground floor)
 Primary 7-12 years old, JW Sanctuary #02-03

Indonesian Bible Study 11.15 am -12.15 pm, Room #04-04 (CMC Room)
 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm, Room #04-06 (1st Saturday)

Myanmar Bible Study 11.15 am -12.15 pm, Room #02-12 (Kindergarten Computer Rm)

Basic Bible Knowledge 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary #02-03
Today: Lesson 6: Jesus Christ - His Resurrection
 i/c Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
N/W: Lesson 7: The New Birth i/c Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Adult Bible Classes (ABC) 12.15pm - 1.15pm
 Rooms #02-05-07 (Book of Titus) - Eld Chew Chong Kiat
 Main Sanctuary (Book of 1 Kings) -Eld Ko SC / Dn Yap Wai Ho
 Cry Room (Gospel of Matthew) - Eld Goh KT / Eld Lee KS

Teens' Meeting 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Annex, #02-04

Young People Discn (17-23 years old) 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, New Sanctuary Cry Room, Level 3

AV Library 12.15 pm -1.15 pm, Room #02-02

Library 12.30 pm -1.30 pm, Room #03-04

Choir 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm, Main Sanctuary (#02-08)

Tracting 2.00 pm, Main Sanctuary Cry Room

SGH Children Ministry (4 - 9 years old) 6.00 pm, Nursery room (ground floor, next to stage)

Lord's Day Duties

	19 August	26 August
Musicians <i>Morning</i>	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han	Ko Lingwei / Eunice Low
	<i>SGH (6 pm)</i> Eileen Poh / Elizabeth Tan	Adrian Ho / Lim Zhongyan
Greeters	Lillian, Lydia & Lynn Yeo	Leonard & Frances Hazra
Welcomers (Session)	Elder Lee Kong Sing Dn Yap Wai Ho	Preacher Ko Lingkan Dn James Fu
Lunch Coupon Sale	Terence, Emily, Calista & Candace Teo	Alan, Ruth & James Wong
Ushers	Steven Lee, Whye Mun, Philip Fang, Ming Kin, Timothy Tan, John Fong, Eng Cheow, Tye Law, Bo Thong, Ernest Chan, Mark Woo, Saravanan, Ray Tan, Joel Koh, William Teo	Steven Lee, Woon Chin, Nam Moon, Dn Lim Ah Sang, Joe Chan, Liem Seng, Andrew Tay, James Lim, Dn Peck Thian Guan, Chee Weng, Kum Luen, Edgar Teo, Wei Jun, Yee Shen
Kitchen Duty	YAF	AF
SGH Singspiration	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
SGH Ushers	SAF	YAF
SGH Greeters	Samuel & Irene Tham	YF
SGH Welcomers /	Dn Lim Ah Sang & Joel Teo	Irene Lim & Connie Ng
Dinner Coupon Sale		
SGH Kitchen Duty	SAF	YAF

Activities for the week (20 - 25 August)

Tues 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING:** Sanctuary, 2nd level, i/c Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Fri 9.00 am **PANDAN MOTHER'S GROUP:** Church Lounge (#02-14)
 Instructions from the Ten Commandments (2) Eld Choong Sin Chun
 For enquiries, please call Cindy (97120084) / Eileen Poh (94235443) / Chui Yin 97455212

8.00 pm **BIBLE STUDY FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN (BSEC):** New Sanctuary, Level 3
 Book of Exodus Pastor Quek Suan Yew
 All are welcome. For more details, please email to <saf@calvarypandan.sg> or
 contact Timothy Tan 9455 4960

Sat 9.00 am **GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP OUTING:** Bus will leave church at **9.00 am**. Walk in Hort Park followed by message at 11.00 am and lunch at Normanton Park Function room
 Beware of talebearer (Prov 26:20-28) Elder Chew Chong Kiat

10.00 am **YAF LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** New Sanctuary (Level 3) Cryroom
 Ponder your path (Prov 4:26a) Preacher Joshua Yong
 For enquiries, please contact Eunice @ 9171 4834

2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)

5.00 - **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Rooms #02-05-07

8.30 pm Whole Armour of God: The Sword of the Spirit Preacher Joshua Yong
 (Eph 6:17)
 Do contact Pr Joshua @ 9190 4677 or Dn Adrian Poh @ 90305803 if you have
 any queries!

5.00 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP:** Main Sanctuary
 God the Holy Spirit: Comforter Pastor Quek Suan Yew
 For enquiries, please call Elder Lee Kong Sing @ 9431 4607

News & Announcements

1. **Last week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: \$6,102.00**
Bethel DC-Chiang Rai 50=\$50.00; **Bethel DC-Alongkorn (Paul)** 50=\$50.00; **Bible College East Africa-Kenya** 50=\$50.00 **Calvary Jaya BPC-KL** 300=\$300.00; **CMC** 300+50=\$350.00; **CPBPC-AF** 50=\$50.00; **CPBPC-Missions** 100=\$100.00; **CPBPC-Overseas Missions** 1400=\$1,400.00; **CPBPC-SAF Miri Missions** 52=\$52.00; **Ko Ling Kang** 50=\$50.00; **Quek Suan Yew** 50+10+50=\$110.00; **Tow Siang Hwa, Dr** 50+50+50=\$150.00; **Koh KH's mother-in-law** 50=\$50.00; **FEBC** 100+30+50+500=\$680.00; **Golden Yrs Fellowship** 20=\$20.00; **John Tan Suan Toon & Eunice** 50+100=\$150.00; **RPG-English/Chinese** 10+50+100+200+10+10+150=\$530.00; **Sibu BPC** 50=\$50.00; **Tan Nee Keng** 50+410=\$460.00; **Chee Hou & Kathy-Baby Grace** 100+50=\$150.00; **Others:** \$1,300
2. **DESIGNATED OFFERING GUIDELINES** -- In light of the pervasive falling away in the last days, and to protect CPBPC's stand on holiness and obedience to the doctrine of biblical separation, the BOE has decided that any future designated offering to person or churches or ministries or groups that are unbiblical will be redirected to the general fund, from 5th November 2017 onwards.
3. **CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN AND LEK XUAN** on God's gift of a baby boy born on 7 August.
4. **FOR THOSE STAYING BACK FOR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP**, please help yourselves to dessert at the kitchen counter.
5. **TEENZ RETREAT** will be held today in the home of Nathaniel Tan. Add: 10 Sirat Road, S545766. Topic: Relating to the opposite gender? Speaker: Deacon Adrian Poh. Bus leaves church at 1.45pm sharp.
6. **LIVELY STONES CONTACT GROUP** meets **today**, 1.45pm in the New Cryoom, #02-10 for Bible Study on the Book of Galatians led by Dn Yap Wai Ho. All are welcome.
7. **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THANKSGIVING LUNCH** - All who are serving in children's ministries in any capacity, as well as their families, are invited to a Thanksgiving Lunch in the kindergarten rooms on Sunday 26 Aug immediately after worship service.
8. **YOUR CO-OPERATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED** - After the worship service and before you leave the sanctuary every Lord's Day, please check that no litter has been left behind and that the hymnals/songbooks/Bibles are placed neatly. Thank you.

YF September Retreat

Theme: Finding Fellowship

Date: 7 & 8 September (Friday and Saturday)

Speaker: Pr Joshua Yong

Enquiries: 9674 4610 (Andre) or 8427 1716 (En Le)

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/yfseptretreat2018>

SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR (SGH)

Theme: "Know the Holy Spirit!"

19 August (6.00 pm)

26 August (6.00 pm)

Topic: "He Prays for the Saints"

"He Reveals the Truth"

– Romans 8:18-27

– 1Corinthians 2:9-16

Preacher: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

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Chairman: Preacher Ko Lingkang

Preacher Joshua Yong

Cry for Forgiveness (38:15-18) – The cry for forgiveness is always toward God in Christ. Repentance always drives the sinner closer to God through Christ. If that is not the case then there was no true repentance. Believers need to realize that every sin against another human being is a sin against God as well. It is true that there are sins that are against God only, such as the sin of idolatry and attacking the Word of God. But all sins committed against man are sins against God as well. That is why an apology to man whom we have sinned against is grossly insufficient. Sincere genuine repentance, i.e. pleading to God for forgiveness through Christ, is needful. Apologizing to man is only good to reconcile with man. But it is important to reconcile with God as well. This is true repentance. It must also be noted that when a sin is committed against another person, a sincere repentance to God without apologizing and making the necessary restitution to that person is not true repentance before God.

David cried to the LORD as his only hope to help him. He was really repentant of his sin against the LORD. The enemies took advantage of David's pitiful state of self-retribution to hurt him so that he would sin again. If David did sin again, his witness for Christ would remain in tatters. David did not want that to happen. He asked the LORD for

help. The emphasis is on the LORD himself. David did not turn to anyone else but the LORD as he wanted the LORD's forgiveness and help. Using synthetic parallelism, David knew that the Lord his God would hear, i.e. answer him. The emphasis here is not just hearing but also answering. David used "adonay" which is "Lord" or master rather than "Jehovah" which points to the covenantal relationship. David wanted to emphasize the servant master relationship with God here. The reason is that David wanted forgiveness and help in order to continue to do God's will and work in his life. He acknowledged here by this usage of "adonay" that it was because of God's will in his life (to be the next king of Israel) that he was suffering and being attacked by his enemies. It means that David wanted God's will to be accomplished in his life. This would thus glorify God. Based upon this very biblical reason, the LORD will surely help. He was not asking for help to fulfil his heart's desire but the LORD's.

Verse 16 (synthetic parallelism) – David elaborated on what He asked of the Lord in this verse. "*Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.*" David was thinking of the LORD's honour and glory in his confession and request for help. He did not want the image of Christ in his life to be

tarnished by his sin. The enemies would rejoice if they succeeded in their many incessant attacks. David said that if his foot slipped they would use his sin against him even more! Taunts and snares are dangerous and serious weapons employed by the enemies of believers to trick and frighten them into sinning against God. If they succeed, the witness of believers like David would be damaged, sometimes irreparably. David was at his weakest because he was dealing with a sin in his life. Before he could even settle it properly with his LORD, new attacks came. David did not desire his enemies to have the victory and the satisfaction that they had succeeded to cause him to sin as he was very concerned about the honour of Christ that he bore.

David's enemies would magnify themselves against him, i.e. they would boast about what useless people believers were. They called themselves believers but they sinned so easily. The power of Christ in their lives was weak and powerless against their deception, threats and multiple attacks! The Name of Christ and the work of God in the believers' lives would be maligned and the name of Christ would be dragged down the mud. David did not want that to happen. He pleaded with the LORD to intervene and help him as soon as possible. The reason for immediate need was explained by David in the next verse.

Verse 17 (synthetic parallelism) –

David said, "For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me." The word "halt" means to limp. He felt crippled and not able to walk. David borrowed this term to describe his spiritual life. He felt weak to the point of inability, like a man about to suffer being crippled for life. David said that he was spiritually too weak to fight any more and needed God's help to overcome this sense of total collapse in his life of witness for Christ. He did not want to fail his Lord again by sinning. But the enemies were not letting up in their assault on his soul! He was weakening, and he admitted it. He did not want to fall but he felt that if the Lord did not come soon to help him, he would collapse! He did not have any more strength to resist the devil as it were. The devil's minions were relentless in their attacks and they were "winning" and they were whittling away layer by layer David's spiritual strength and they were about to reach the core of David's spiritual being or his soul. When doubts and fears and loneliness come together in times of a spiritual attack, the faith of the believer, including that of David's, would be shaken to the core. This is inevitable. This is what every test and temptation is all about especially when the believer's spiritual well-being would be at its weakest, in the midst of repentance and returning to the Lord in sincerity and before restoration finally comes and the guilt of sin is removed forever. David was experiencing such an attack.

blaming someone or his circumstances in life. He confessed that he had sinned against God. There was no excuse. He stood before the Lord and confessed that he was sorry for sinning against God. Such a confession is needful for the cleansing of sin and removal of guilt. These are the steps toward restoration to service and fellowship. David needed this forgiveness from the LORD as his enemies were taking advantage of his separation of fellowship from the Lord to cause him to sin further. David knew that the LORD would not hear his prayers for help if he regarded iniquity in his heart. **Psalm 66:16-20** "Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. **17** I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. **18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*: **19** *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. **20** Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me."

All believers need to learn from David as he sincerely repented of his sin so that he could find strength from the Lord to not succumb to the taunting of his enemies that might cause him to sin again!

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The reason for this feeling of impending collapse is that the sorrow was non-stop. The emotional, mental, physical and spiritual torment was incessant and it was taking its toll on David regardless of how spiritually strong he was. His enemies' were continuously chipping away at his spiritual armour, and they were on the brink of penetrating through his soul. David's sorrow was as if the Lord had deserted him in time of need or of overwhelming guilt for failing the Lord, just as Peter did when he denied the Lord three times especially after boasting that he would not even though all the disciples would. These kinds of sorrows are the most painful and devastating to the soul of every believer who loves the Lord dearly. David did not want the Lord to be disappointed with him. When he fell into sin, he knew he disappointed the Lord. He felt angry with himself, and the continuous attacks of the enemies when he was already feeling so low and downcast about himself added to his sorrow exponentially. To collapse would mean that David would sin again! He did not want that to happen.

Verse 18 (synthetic parallelism) –

David confessed sincerely and with all his heart that he had sinned against God. "For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin." There was no justification or any form of diminishing of his sin to be gained by

