

with great power raised Him from the dead. In so doing our Awesome God demonstrated that Christ was truly the Son of God. Read *Romans 1:1-4*. The Resurrected Christ showed that the sin offering was accepted, with the result that all who believe in Him experience **FORGIVENESS**. Read *Acts 10:38-43*. That's the reason we at COSK partake in Holy Communion every Sunday (as often as we meet) to remember the sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross for our sin.

2. Our RISEN CHRIST Gives Us a Victorious LEADER to Follow

It is the will of God that we who are redeemed by Christ should NOT only be justified and saved but that we should be overcomers. As overcomers, we would merit a glorious reward. An overcomer is one who has served in the front line and there defeated the enemy. Glory to His Name, we endure to the very last after this fierce fight and race, there awaits us that glorious reward. Meantime, we are attacked by enemies without and within. The one who attacks from outside is the evil one who is wholly cunning and cruel and who has authority in the air. Read *Ephesians 6:12*. The enemy within is sin in the flesh. Read *Romans 7:14-24*. But thank God we have our Lord Jesus Christ who has already won a great victory. He has subdued the devil. Read *Hebrews 2:14* and has shown us that He has already overcome the world. Read *John 16:33*. Beloved, this is the **ONE LEADER** we must follow closely and never let HIM go. Not one leader, not even the greatest has the qualifications of *Hebrews 2:14 & John 16:33*. Another old favorite hymn **I Have Decided To FOLLOW JESUS**: "no turning back. Though none go with me, I still will FOLLOW. Beloved, if the RISEN CHRIST is real, then FOLLOW HIM."

3. Our RISEN CHRIST Gives Us a Faithful & Compassionate High Priest.

We often grow weak, and stumble, and suffer defeat; we sometimes become disheartened and lose hope; we are grieved when we sin and perhaps give way to a negative feeling that we have forfeited God's Blessings. We get despair and lose sleep over some unkind words/labels spoken over us. Beloved, we have our RISEN CHRIST, the High Priest, representing us in relating our matters to our God. Do not forfeit this privilege of prayers before

our Risen Christ. Read *Hebrews 5:1-2*, Have awe not here a great source of Comfort ! What peace we often forfeit, bring to God in prayers.

Let me end with the words of Josh McDowell, The Resurrection Factor (San Bernardino: Here's Life Publishers Inc pg 2-7). Because of Good Friday you can look back and not be afraid. Because of Easter you can look ahead and not be afraid. Because of Ascension Day you can look up and not be afraid. Because of Pentecost you can look inward and not be afraid.

Because CHRIST AROSE!

We can Face Tomorrow

Pastor David Kerk

Just CALL : Pastoral Care & Counselling Available

Not to mention the uncertain times ahead of us resulting from the recent global financial crisis, our daily life can be difficult. It's not easy to cope with life's changes, changes in lifestyle, in career, in relationship, in health situations. Sometimes it's difficult just being with another person, or being married or communicating your thoughts and ideas to another person.

At times we all struggle with anxiety, depression, loneliness, determining what we want to do with our lives, relationships with other people, pressures in school or at work.

When the pain from any of these life events become unbearable and prevents you from doing your daily chores, then time with one of our full-time pastoral staff could be helpful. **Please call Sis Ching Ching at 97710250 or Pastor David Kerk at 96460704**. At all time, try calling Sis Ching Ching or Pastor David as they are most willing to give you a listening ear.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

12th April 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

The RISEN CHRIST Centre of our Gospel

The world enjoys the gospel song "Amazing Grace!" But they may not know what the word gospel means? Do you & I have an accurate understanding & the meaning of the gospel. The word comes from the Anglo-Saxon godspell meaning "Good Tidings." In the original greek, this word comes from euangelion meaning "Glad Announcement". Most important, on this Easter Sunday, our **RISEN CHRIST** is the very centre of our gospel.

1. Our RISEN CHRIST Gives Us an Authentic SAVIOR

Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph over His foes. He arose a Victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign, He arose; He arose; Hallelujah! Christ arose! Like old favorite hymn glorious written on our Resurrected Lord. Yes, we have much to thank God! He has given us clear evidence of the resurrection of Christ in that He opened the tomb and

*HE is NOT here,
for HE is RISEN...*

Matthew 28:6



Thanksgiving to God: Heard the Prayer of Sis. Ho Koon Yea

Maybe you have praying fervently about some matter for a long time, fully convinced that this is in accordance with the will of God, but still haven't received what you have been praying for.

Do not on this account be discouraged! May the testimony of Sis. Ho Koon Yea encouraged you to press on in perseverance prayers before our Prayer-Answering God. Sis. Ho Koon Yea, a Hainanese, accepted Christ last month during our Sunday Service. The Holy Spirit convicted her in surrendering her needs to our Lord. Sis. Ivy and Pastor David Kerk prayed together with her to open a way for his son, Since then, Sis. Ho has fervently interceding for her son's salvation. Praise the Lord, last Sunday Bro. David Goh came to cosk. This 21 years old young man, still serving his National Service has been troubled with his personal matters. Thank God for His mighty presence during the Service, Bro. David Goh said the sinners' prayer and gave his life to our Lord Jesus.

Glory to God,
I Believe In Prayers,
Sis. Ho Koon Yea

OUR COLLECTIONS

Deut. 8:18: "But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today."

March 09' Collections	: \$13,724.02
Last week's up to 5 th Apr 09	: \$ 8,039.20
Church Building Fund	: \$28,130.00

*If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark
"Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

Let's Uphold Each Other In Pray

Thank you for sharing with the leadership your vacation plans. As you can see from my Sunday attendance each week, most of our church family have been able to enjoy a time away with family and friends. Let us know prior to your going away so we can pray for you. Thanks also for caring for your responsibilities by securing a substitute to serve in your absence. We ask of our good Lord to favor you and your family. Do inform your LG leaders or church office if you or your loved ones are away for overseas assignments. Do keep the following brethren in your daily prayers before our Lord:

1. Sis. Joann Tan - in Taiwan from 7/4/09 to 13/4/09
2. Sis. Chionh Ma Ma & Bro Caleb Tan - in USA, San Francisco from 7/4/09 to 22/4/09
3. Bro. Richard Foo & Sis. Ivy Lim - in China, from 6/4/09 to 14/4/09
4. Bro David Toh - in China from April to July 09 for attachment.
5. Sis. Judy Choong in TTSH Ward 12B Bed 40. Please call Bro. Dick at 97922138 for any update.

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE FOR SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING

Come & Experience Praying With Jesus In His House of Prayer.

You will really pray and not just worry on your knees! Our Heavenly Father often waits for our requests before He bestows His Blessings upon us. It's Our Privilege To Pray with our Lord in the House of Prayer. We will fetch you to the doorsteps of church of Sengkang. Just Call Bro. Peter Tan at 81614066 or Sis. Ching Ching at 97710250.



Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Pastor Arthur Phua**

Title of Message: **Way To A Faith Breakthrough**

Scripture Text: **1 Peter 2:9**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (NIV)

Main Points:

1. God Plans for NOTHING to be ORDINARY

- 1.1 He Wants Us To Trust Him : Matthew 6:25-32
- 1.2 What To Do To Get God's Blessings : Matthew 6:33

2. The FERTILE Ground

- 2.1 Common for Anyone to Perform Beyond Natural Capacity
- 2.2 Follow Me: Matthew 4:19
- 2.3 The Bad News : Hebrews 11:1, 6
- 2.4 The Good News : Hebrews 10:19-24

3. CAUTION!

- 3.1 It's Not for the Greedy
- 3.2 Parable of the Sower : Luke 8:5-8
- 3.3 Parable Explained : Luke 8:11-15
- 3.4 Same Plain Words in James 4:7-10

Reflection on this message:

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