

Part B : Main Points: Spiritual Blessings In The Heavens

Point No.1: He Has Blessed Us With Spiritual Blessings At ALL Time

1:1 Chosen In Him : Ephesians 1:4
 - Before the Foundation of the world
 - Abortion Is Against God's will

1:2 Adopted Into God's Family : Ephesians 1:5
 - 2 births : Natural & Spiritual
 - God Has A Purpose & Plan for Us
 - We Have A Destiny

1:3 Sealed With the Holy Spirit: Ephesians 1:13-14
 - Our Future In His Hand]
 - Praise of His Glory

Point No. 2: What Are These Blessings God Has Installed For Us?

There are 5 kinds of Blessings:

- 2:1 Our Great Salvation : Ephesians 2:8-10
- It's Eternal
- 2:2 Our Basic Needs : Matthew 6:25-34
- Contented and Yet Excel & Successful
- 2:3 Our Comfort In Prosperity To Be Shared: Deut 28:1-3
- More Than Enough
- You Have It If You Need It
- 2:4 Our Successful Investments : Genesis 47:14-23
- Joseph : Good Years vs Bad Years
- Money Working For Us
- 2:5 Our Inheritance : Proverbs 13:22
- Next Generation
- Children's children

Reflection On This Message:

Our Position In Christ is more than all the possessions and riches. God's blessings include a happy marriage & family life, children who are faithful to God and walking in His ways, good relationship with people, educational achievements and success, career satisfaction, productivity and creativity, divine health and physical healing and protection from harm & danger. All our blessings came from God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. The key is to REMAIN CLOSE to the Lord and Be FAITHFUL to Him. Read Joshua 1:6-8

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

Announcements

Christian Education :

- This afternoon 1.30pm to 4.00pm
Rev Canon Dr James Wong will expound the book of Ephesians
Be punctual.
- PurposeDriven Lessons resume next Sunday 6/9/09

Only By GRACE - 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

- Rev. Canon Dr James Wong will be our Guest of Honor on our 2nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service.
- Remember that AfricanAmerican Bro Michael Ben David. He will be one of our guest at the Thanksgiving Celebration. Join us in another Jewish worship in hymns and spiritual songs.
- You may collect your invitation card to invite two guests to witness God's Grace in the ministry of Church of Sengkang.



Website

- Our church's website is under construction. We hope to relaunch a revamped website on or before our 2nd anniversary.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Mark 12:43-44;

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

July 2009 Collection	: S\$15,755.05
Aug 2009 Collection up to 23 Aug 2009	: S\$12,279.60
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
 SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES:

30th August 2009
 10.30am to 12.30pm



THE PLEDGE MOMENT

YES Count Me in as a Ministry Partner
 of Church of Sengkang
 Let's Do It Together

Dear brethren in the Ministry, thank you for your willingness to STAY FOCUS in what GOD Has Called Us in Expanding His Kingdom to Sengkang. Your continual support is crucial in helping the Leadership to fulfill the Great Commission and pastoral care for our brethren.

As our Lord leads you, please prayerfully considering the following:

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I would like to give a special gift of S\$.....

I would like to give a monthly pledge of S\$.....
 from September 2009 to August 2010
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Message from Pastor David Kerk

Reminiscences Only By GRACE

As I reflect and revisit the happenings over the last 2 years, my heart sings "Only By Grace, lest we boast!" It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord for all the things He has done.

The church went through numerous difficulties with the departure of few dominant persons in various positions. Our church, like the church in Crete, was not spared of unruly and vain talkings. We have good reasons to rebuke and stop those wrong talks about the church but we choose to hearken to Paul's warning NOT to Do it. Seven times in Paul's letter to Titus, Apostle Paul mentioned the importance of DOING GOOD. Turn with me to:

Titus 1:8.....but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled.

Titus 2:3.....to teach what is good

Titus 2:7.....show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works

Titus 2:14... who are zealous for good works

Titus 3:1.... be ready for every good work

Titus 3:2....to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling,

Titus 3:8....to devote themselves to good works

Titus 3:14...let our people learn to devote themselves to good works

Beloved, it takes the Grace of God to save us all sinners, but one saved in sin usually has more zeal than one saved from sin. The beauty is if a sinner is justified, it must be by grace - it is impossible that is should be by works. And if it grace, it is of grace from the beginning to the end. May we not forget we are what we are this day is His Grace towards us and we will become what we give unto Him.

Praise the Lord our church has an outward look, to have fellowship with other fellow brethren in the Kingdom, recognising that they are also part of the Body of Christ. How beautiful it is to see leaders and congregations of different churches and para organisations come together to show unity and to practice love. We have in this short span of 2 years, developed a close co-partnership with New Charis Mission, Teen Challenge, Asia Pacific Mission, Crown Financial Services, Every Home Crusade for Christ, etc. Furthermore, the church has also started to involve in mission work in Thailand, Philippines and China. It is by grace of God, our church will continue to live out the Ministry of Good Works. We desire to see the words of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:16 realised in our church.

Brothers and sisters, let us be reminded: do not be disheartened by all the problems and difficulties we went through the last 2 years. Let us stay focus on the vision our Lord has given us. Let me borrow the words of Charles Spurgeon on the KEY to PRESS ON is a right perspective in the midst of suffering:

"Any fool can sing in the day. When the cup is full, man draws inspiration from it; when wealth rolls in abundance around him, any man can sing to the praise of a God who gives a plenteous harvest...."

It is easy to sing when we can read the notes by daylight; but the skillful singer is he who can sing when there is not a ray of light to read by.... who sings from his heart, and not from a book that he can see, because he has no means of reading, save from the inward

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book of his own living spirit, whence notes of gratitude pour out in songs of praise.... It is not natural to sing in trouble... Songs in the night come come only from God; they are not in the power of man"

taken from Sermon vol 2, 169-170
quoted in Elizabeth Ruth Skogland,
Bright Days, Dark Nights pg 154

So, I will still sing song No.101 "Your GRACE Is Sufficient Everyday". Beloved, sing with me.....In the hard times Your GRACE is here to stay. With You by my side I NEVER have to hide...

Only By GRACE

Pastor David Kerk

We BELIEVE In The VISION GOD'S Given To Us!

We are merely 21 days away from our big 2nd anniversary celebration! I believe we will be experiencing the presence of God like never before. There will be fun, excitement, family bonding and of course delicious food! This celebration will not be successful because of the wisdom of the organizing committee; this celebration will be successful because YOU will be a big part of it in your own ways.

In Proverbs 29:18, it is said that "where there is no vision, the people perish". Let us envision ourselves right now for this church to step into a new realm of the Holy Spirit where us as members will begin a whole new walk with Christ on a whole new level believing for winning wars against the kingdom of darkness where God will open the gates of heaven and pour out His love like never before in this place so much so that the people in Sengkang will be so attracted to our congregation because of His anointing, their lives will be changed, they will become strong disciples of Jesus Christ and eventually win the many others who are still lost out there.

If you close your eyes right now, can you see Church of Sengkang celebrating its 8th Anniversary? Can you see us having 3 English services and 1 Mandarin service? Can you see our worship team singing songs that can heal broken hearts? Can you see us one day having our own 500-seater church hall? If you cannot then it is time to start praying and ask God to help you to envisionize all the above into your spirit so that we can all get there together.

Isaiah 43:7 says "everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." It is clearly stated that we were created for God's glory. So why do we want growth? Why do we want dynamism in our services? Why do we want a wonderful 2nd anniversary celebration? Simply because we want to glorify our Lord in a great way, we want others to know that because we serve a good God, powerful things can happen in our midst in Jesus name!

Pastor David Kerk believes in allowing everyone to contribute to this great event, because we are one big family, we stand united in making things happen. Everyone should therefore have a chance to do something for the Lord. If you can sing, dance, share a good testimony, play a musical instrument, smart at organizing or if there are any other talents you might have, feel free to approach/contact Roy at:

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Come, let us serve the Lord together in unity in this 2nd anniversary celebration. All for the glory of God!

Lord, Find Me Faithful
Roy Tan

Today's Sermon

This Afternoon Only
Rev Canon Dr James Wong Will Bring Us
through Paul's epistles to the Church In Ephesus
Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Bilingual Teaching
All To Attend

Speaker : Rev Canon Dr James Wong

Title of Message: **Position In Christ**
- Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing

Key Verse: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us In Christ with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places. Ephesians 1:3

Scripture Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Introduction:

Apostle Paul was in prison in Rome. We are glad that he was a prison of Jesus Christ for the sake of the gospel. Otherwise we will not have a number of the epistles in the New Testament. Of all the prison epistles he wrote the most important is his letters to the Church In Ephesus. Two important themes:

Part A: Main Themes : Book of Ephesians

1. UNITY and RECONCILIATION

- 1a Between God & man
- 1b Between Jews & Gentiles: Ephesians 2:14-16
 - Jews and Gentiles One In Christ
- 1c Among Ourselves
 - Husband/Wife Ephesians 5:22-32
 - Parents/Children Ephesians 6:1-4
 - Employers/Employee Ephesians 6:5-9

God's Purpose: Unity In Christ Ephesians 1:10
- To Bring ALL things In Heaven & on earth

2. NATURE and CALLING of the CHURCH

- 2a The CHURCH is God's Kingdom : Ephesians 1:20-22
 - Where CHRIST is Head & All Things Under His feet
- 2b Memberships Are God's Family Ephesians 5:30
 - Love Is Received & Expressed In Relationship
- 2c God's Holy Temple: Ephesian 2:19-22
 - He Lives & Dwells In Us

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