

7th May 2023

So Many Christians

Did You Recognise Any?











Becoming a Christian

Have you wondered why there are so many Christians?

Why have so many turned their lives over to Christ?

What joy is there in Christianity?

What makes Christians tick?

Why do they attend church?

Why are they are such do-gooders?



1. Learn about Christianity

Study Christianity through:

- Literature like tracts, books Courses
- Worship services

At worship services:

- Radiance
- Joy Fellowship

All are welcome:

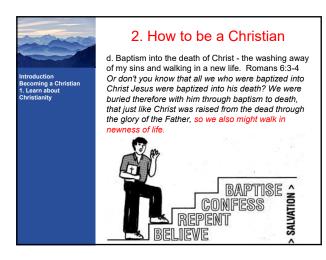
- Freewill
- No pressureTaught the bible in love

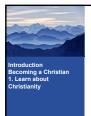


2. How to be a Christian

- a. Faith in Jesus Christ believing that He loved me and died for me as the promised Son of God. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- b. Repentance from past sins changing my life from serving sin to God. *Acts 3:19 Repent therefore, and* turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,
- c. Confession of my faith declaring my conviction to pursue this new direction. Romans 10:9 If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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2. How to be a Christian

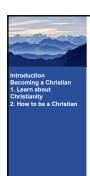
Bible example of first Christians Acts 2:37-41 "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter said to them,
"Repent, and be baptized, everyone of you, in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and
you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... With many
other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying,
"Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Then
those who gladly received his word were baptized.
There were added that day about three thousand
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3. When You Obey Christ

- You put on Christ Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ
- b. You are forgiven of past sins Acts 2:38 "Repent, and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- c. You are added to Christ's church Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. There were added that day about three thousand souls.
- d. You now have a home in heaven John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions... I am going to prepare a place for you.



3. When You Obey Christ

e. You are redeemed - 1 Peter 1:18-19 Knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from the useless way of life handed down from your fathers, but with precious blood, as of a faultless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ.

f. You are a new creature! - 2 Corinthians 5:17





4. Your New Life in Christ

Realising these,

I have peace of mind - Romans 5:1-2 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Gratitude fills my heart - 2 Corinthians 9:15 Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

No matter what, I now have - Colossians 1:4-5 Having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints, because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the Gospel,

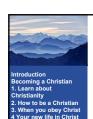


5. The Change in Lifestyle

Daily, I will continue to

- Study His Word 2 Timothy 2:15 Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the
- Tell the Good News Acts 8:4 Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around preaching
- Follow His life 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

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- Do good to others James 4:17 To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is
- Heaven is now our home Hebrews 11:14-16 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking after a country of their own...But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one Therefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



6. Life is still Imperfect

Problems do come but I am not alone

- God helps me and gives me a way of escape 1 Corinthians 10:13 God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- Whatever happens, it is for our good Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.
- Even when we fall, we can return to Him 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

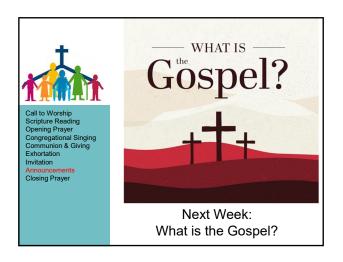


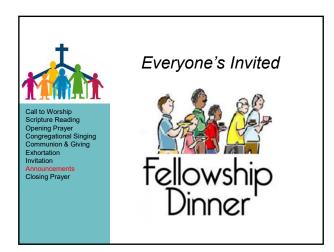
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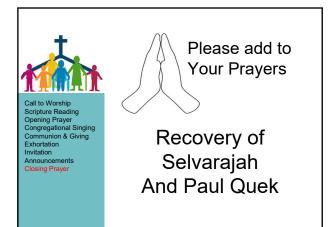
As a Christian, each day is a

- Grateful day Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
- Confident day Galatians 5:10 I have confidence toward you in the Lord that you will think no other way. But he who troubles You will bear His judgment, whoever he is.
- Happy day Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Your prayers are requested for Paul Quek and Selvarajah as they recuperate.

Clockwise: We completed the 13-week series on Bible Christians last Sunday - we are looking forward to May's series "Keep on Keeping on"; Jesse, Eric, Catherine and Tng Huat enjoying the abundant homecooked food; Delicious muffins by Catherine; Good variety of food - from stewed vegetables to roast chicken, braised pig belly and fish head curry.



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In Appreciation of our mothers on

Mother's Day 2023



Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.





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What is the Gospel?

The word gospel is derived from the term **god-spell**, meaning "good news" or "good telling."

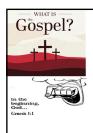
1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear

Tonight ...

The Gospel



in a Nutshell



1. Start at the Beginning

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God..." - The first four words of the Bible reveals that God existed right at the beginning.

Genesis 1:18 "God created the heaven and the earth." - God was not aloof nor inactive.

He created both heaven and earth.

Genesis1:27 "So God created man in His own image." - Of all the things God has created, only mankind was created to be like Him.

Genesis 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth." - Although mankind received every good thing from God, he strayed and became full of wickedness.



2. Payment for Sin

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." - To help us return to God, God became flesh in the person of Jesus and showed us the right way to

John 1:11 "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." - Instead of accepting Jesus, the world spurned Him and eventually got rid of Him by nailing Him on a cross.

I Corinthians 15:3 "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." - In dying on the cross, Jesus took the penalty for our wickedness and redeemed us from our sin.

I Corinthians 15:4 "And that He was buried, and arose again the third day." - Jesus. He proved all He had said and promised by rising from the dead.

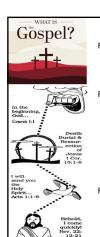


3. Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you..." - After Jesus died, was buried and resurrected from the dead, He promised to send His followers the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 "Repent ye, and be baptized...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." - Mankind can receive the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit when he turns from his wickedness and is baptized.

Romans 8:13 "For if we live after the flesh, ye shall die." - To continue to live without God, we bring pain and sorrow to our lives while we live, and then die without any hope.



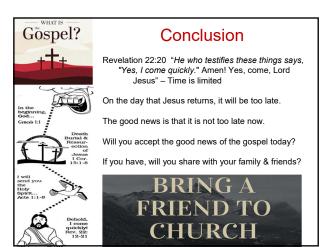
4. Return of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." - However, we can change our lives by following what the Holy Spirit would have us do to become children of God.

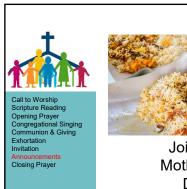
Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, come." - The Holy Spirit together with Jesus and the bride invite you to turn from your present lifestyle and come to God.

"And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." -The choice is yours to make. The rewards are great, but no one can force you to make this

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." - Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart even as you read this. Will you open your door to Him while there is still time?









Join Us for Mother's Day Dinner



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In Appreciation of our mothers on

Mother's Day 2023





Keep on Keeping on:



Introduction

What will keep us from Heaven?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us



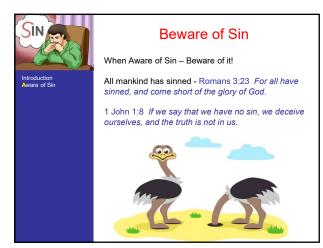


Aware of Sin

What is Sin? 1 John 3:4 Sin is the transgression of

What does sin do? Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

What is the result of Sin? James 1:14-15 Each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.





Careful of Sin

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

Is there a secret sin? Perhaps an evil thought? Be careful that sin does not crept in

Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will it not be lifted up? If you don't do well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire is for you, but you are to rule over it.

The dreaded truth is that sin enslaves
John 8:34, Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say
unto you, Whosoever commit sin is the servant of sin."



Declare Your Sin

Joshua 7:19 Joshua said to Achan, My son, please give glory to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and make confession to Him; and tell me now what you have done; don't hide it from me.

David was a man after God's own heart, he constantly examined himself

Psalms 19:13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. Then I will be upright, I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

We may hide it from our family and friends. Even convince ourselves and others that we have not sinned, but you cannot mock God.

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper, But whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.



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Erase all Sin

The only way to deal with sin is to rid of it completely. Do not leave any residue behind to fester.

In Psalms 51:2, the Psalmist cried to God to "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

Psalms 51:11 "Don't throw me from your presence, And don't take your holy Spirit from me."

Luke 11:26 Then he goes, and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man becomes worse than the first.



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Fight the Good Fight

When we have decided to deal with the sin in our life, let us get back into the Christian race by making it our goal not to sin

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set be

It is so important that as we do, we put on every single piece of the entire armour of God Ephesians 6:13 "Wherefore take unto you the whole

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We need to stay alert, watching and praying Mark 14:38, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

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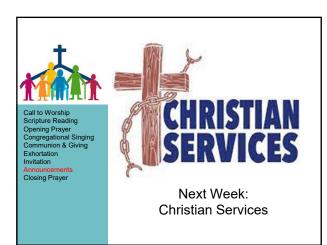
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Harden not your heart Hebrews 3:15 Today if you will hear his voice, Don't harden your hearts, as in the rebellion."

Do not get in bed with the devil Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and don't sin." Don't let the sun go down on your wrath

There is no need for anyone to remain in sin.
Christ offers us forgiveness and continuous cleansing in our walk with Him

I John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all





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Clockwise: Kenneth leading praises at worship; Delicious Mother's Day Pandan cake by Iris; Members enjoying Mother's Day Biryani treat from June; Mothers given a rest from cooking and priority to the abundant spread of food at the fellowship Dinner.





28th May 2023



6 Weeks To Go... HoF's 6th Anniversary



It is hard to believe that in 6 weeks, we will be celebrating our 6th anniversary. Here is a brief summary of our short history...

First year: We started the only evening service among the churches of Christ at the Salvation Army at Hillview next to the MRT. We had good support from members of many congregations including Filipinos, Indians and SIBI students.

Second year: With new members from the east, we moved to the more centrally located Metropolitan YMCA next to the Stevens MRT. The congregation had an average attendance of over 30 with many visiting members from overseas attending.



As a mission-minded congregation, we hosted our first Missions Retreat with participants from Malaysia, Indonesia and China pictured above.

Third year: We best remember 2019 as the year when the Covid-19 pandemic hit

us. It was no longer business as usual. As an unregistered church, we were no longer allowed to rent the Y and had to meet at my office at the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ, live streaming each Sunday.

Fourth year: As rules regarding the pandemic eased, we returned to in-person worship. Although we have lost a family and a member during the uncertain period of the pandemic, God has blessed us with many more new members.

Fifth year: As we needed a larger place for proper worship and fellowship, the Household of Faith was officially registered. Attendance has picked up and now all activities have resumed.

God blessed us with 4 new members and we are looking forward to reaching out to our families and friends with the gospel. Through thick and thin, the Lord has watched over us, our members have stayed together, and God has given us the increase.

Invite Your Family and Friends to our weekly worships at 6pm



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Keep on Keeping on:





Introduction

The call of Christ is a call to service.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

- Deny self
- Take up his cross
- Follow me





1. Attendance

Be regular at weekly Sunday worship assembly.

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Make time for Care teams: - Review sermon

- Ask questions
- Bond and support fellow Christians

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.

1 Samuel 20:18 Then Jonathan said to him, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.



2. Giving

Psalms 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?





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Psalms 116:13-14 I will take the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of Jehovah. I will pay my vows unto Jehovah, Yea, in the presence of all his people.



2. Giving

The early church were great givers - Acts 4:34-35 For neither was there among them any who lacked, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made to each, according as anyone had need.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the assemblies of Galatia, you do likewise. On the first day of the week, let each one of you save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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3. Hospitality

Open our homes, take visitors out and contribute to our agape feasts - Romans 12:13 Contributing to the needs of the saints; given to hospitality.

Matthew 25:42-46 for I was hungry, and you didn't give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?'

or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?'
"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most assuredly I tell you, inasmuch as you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



4. Support the Church

As Jesus loved the church and gave His life for it, we encourage all to support the church - Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, even

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We should not allow the distractions of this life to prevent us from seeking first the kingdom - Matthew 6:33 But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:19-20 "Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal



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5. Do Good to All

Matthew 5:16 Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:42 Whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, most assuredly I tell you he will in no way lose his reward.

James 4:17 To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is sin.

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith



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6. Share the Gospel

Not everyone can serve the Lord full-time, but like Aquila and Priscilla, we can be tentmakers.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

God has placed you where you are to reach out to

- Your family
- Your extended family/relatives
- Your friends and colleagues
- People you interact with

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect



Conclusion

Change of lifestyle - Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.

Change of priorities - Matthew 6:19 Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and

Serve humbly - Luke 17:10 Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have done our duty.'

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