

Household of Faith fidelity



"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,
especially unto them who are of the household of faith." - Galatians 6:10

Week of Sunday, 6th September 2026

Q&A 3/5 How to Study the Bible?

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" - Titus 2:1

1. Study the Word of God firsthand: The best way to understand the Bible is from our own study of the word of God. This is why the apostle Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15 to "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*".

2. Be careful to check against the source: I do not believe that anyone deliberately preaches what he knows to be false in order to deceive others, when he may join his audience in hell. But be careful, to check against the source. Be like the Christians in Berea, whom Acts 17:11 tells us were "*more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*".

3. Own your doctrine, don't copy & paste another's: Since the Bible is our roadmap to heaven, we cannot take any chances by simply accepting another's doctrine, no matter how sincere or well-meaning he may be. I love Jesus' encounter with the unnamed Samaritan woman in John 4, especially at the point in John 4:42 when her friends *said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this*

is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world".

Every generation of Christians has to re-examine the doctrines that we pass down to them and make it their own. Because if all we do is to blindly accept the faith of our fathers, when the time of testing comes, we will not have a strong foundation.

4. Grow and be willing to change if necessary: I want to have the mind of Christ, to be a person after God's own heart, and to do what might honour and please Him. Life on earth is brief, but heaven is forever. I want to give up my rights so that I can give my honest answer to God in judgement, as every man must. In time, as I continue to grow in grace and the knowledge of God's word, so my interpretation may change.

The Bible tells us in Acts 18:24-26 of a preacher called "*Apollos, knowing only the baptism of John... whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly*". Like Apollos, we all can grow as we study the Bible together.

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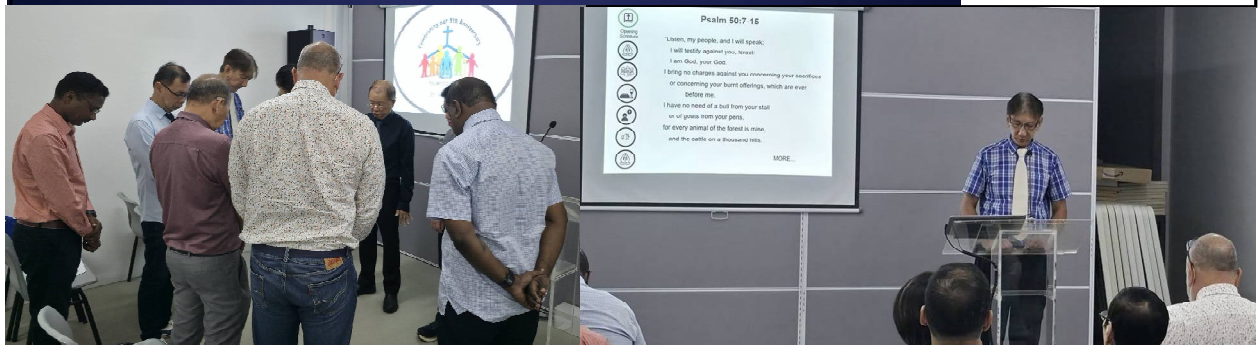
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Clockwise: Men getting ready to lead in worship; David, Selvarajah, Paul serving; Mark preaching; June and Henry with guest from China, Star Duan. Thanks to Annie for nasi lemak lunch and grass jelly dessert.

September Birthdays



David Goh 08 June Dhanabalan 17
Jonathan Goh & Floyd Low 27



Welcome to the
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6th September 2026



Our Relationship With God: Love or Fear?

Fear God? Or Love God?

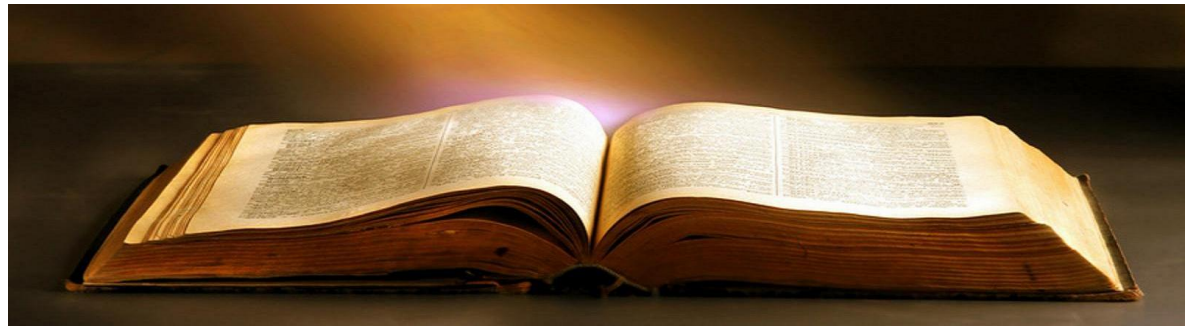


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How do we describe our relationship with God?

Do we love God or fear Him?

We think that the fear of the Lord means that something bad will happen to us if we don't read our Bible, pray or go to church



Fear God? Or Love God?



Example of Job

Job 1:1 - *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and **one that feared God**, and eschewed evil.*

Job 1:5 - *And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, **It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.** Thus did Job continually.*

Job 3:25 - *For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*

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Matthew 25:24 - *"He also who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.'*

Hebrews 11:7 - *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

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Hebrews 12:28 *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear*

2 Corinthians 7:10 *For godly sorrow brings repentance to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorry brings death.*

Psalms 36:1 *The transgression of the wicked say within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

Ephesians 5:21 *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

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2. What Bible Says

Romans 3:11ff

*There is none that understand, There
is none that seek after God;*

*They have all turned aside, they are
together become unprofitable;*

*There is none that doeth good, no, not,
so much as one*

*With their tongues they have used
deceit...*

*There is no fear of God before their
eyes.*

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Luke 23:40 *But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation?*

1 Peter 2:17 *Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.*

Psalms 34:11 *Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

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3. How to Fear God

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

Psalms 111:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures for ever.*

Psalms 86:11 *Teach me your way, O LORD; I will walk in your truth: unite my heart to fear your name.*

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4. Blessings in Fearing the Lord

Psalms 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy

Psalms 34:9 O fear the LORD, all his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

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Genesis 22:12 *He said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*

Philippians 2:12 *So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

