



1st November 2020

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I created the Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends Facebook group as a platform for people all over the world to support and contribute to the new congregation. When the number of members passed 800, I realised that many ministers from our mission fields in Asia and graduates of Bible colleges are interested in learning how to start and grow a new congregation.

Under the **albums** section of our Facebook page, I uploaded each Sunday's newsletter and sermon slides right from day one. Here you will find every weekly newsletter and sermon since the beginning of the Household of Faith's worship services in July 2017 till mid October 2020 (see screenshot on the right).

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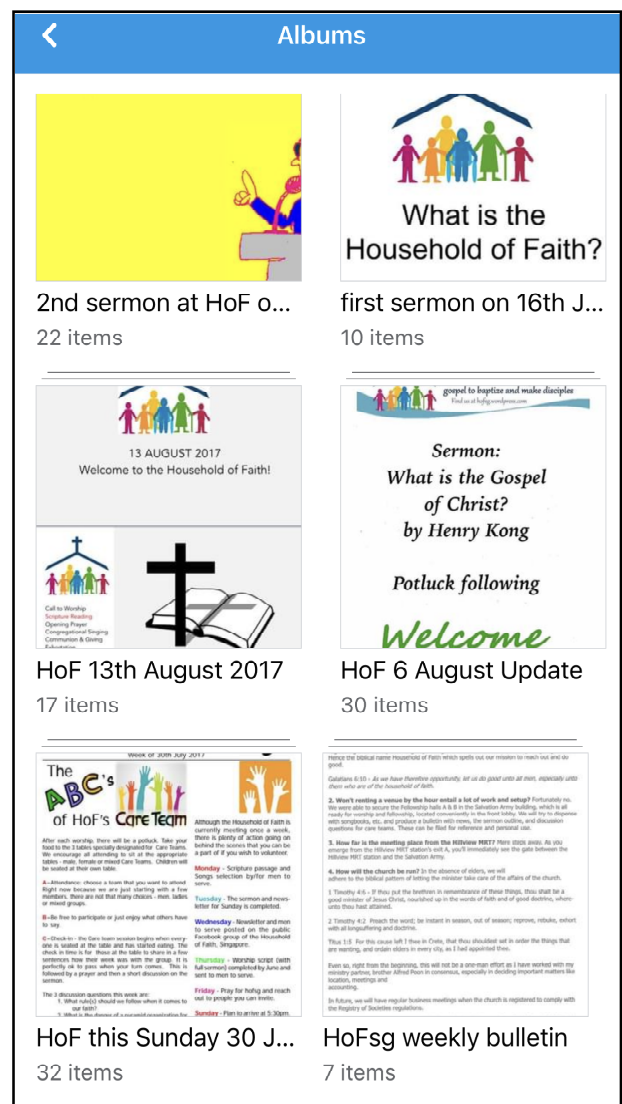
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Albums

We now have a nifty mobile-friendly website with lots of storage, where you can find all future Fidelity newsletters and sermon PowerPoints.

So to find 'historical' sermons and newsletters from July 2017 - October 2020, go to our Facebook group. Take a look to see how the Lord has blessed us during the past 3 years of our existence.

To find newer sermon PowerPoints and newsletters from April 2020 onwards, go to our website at www.hofsg.com > publications.



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Welcome to the Household of Faith!
 1 November 2020



Love + Joy + Peace

	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Introduction</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23 <i>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</i></p> <p>Galatians 5:19-21 <i>Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.</i></p> <p>Fruit or Fruits of the Spirit?</p>
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2 Peter 1:5-7 Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love.

8 vs 9; in order so as to achieve

Common – Love, Faith, Self Control, Patience

Similar

Moral Excellence = Goodness or virtue

Brotherly Affection = Kindness

Add: Knowledge, Godliness

Fruit: Joy, Peace, Gentleness,



Introduction

Love

Top of Peter's Growth in Grace

First fruit of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 *If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing. If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.*

James 1:27 *Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*



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Love

John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

James 2:15-16 *And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled;" and yet you didn't give them the things the body needs, what good is it?*

1 John 4:8 *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

Colossians 3:14 *And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*



Introduction
Love

Joy

It is so good that the first thing we get from the Holy Spirit is love because the result of love is joy

Look at any grumpy old man

Mother Theresa: "Joy is a sign of generosity. When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone."

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope*

1 Peter 1:8, 9 *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*



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Love
Joy

Life is so unpredictable

No joy except in the Lord - Nehemiah 8:10
"The joy of the Lord is your strength"

James 1:2-3 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

John 16:22 *So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*



Introduction
Love
Joy

Peace

So much we can say about Love, Joy and Peace


Hymn: It is well with my soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

Just as joy is not the absence of troubles,
Peace is not the absence of grief




Introduction
 Love
 Joy
 Peace

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, give I to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16 *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*

Philippians 4:7 *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 12:18 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*



Introduction
 Love
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 Peace

Conclusion

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
 It's the only thing that there's just too little of
 What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
 No not just for some but for everyone

Of the past 3,400 years of recorded history, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them.

When we come to terms with love and peace, there will be great joy

Psalms 30:5 *Weeping may stay for the night, But joy comes in the morning.*



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 Opening Prayer
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News & Notes

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was free, limited and not very mobile-friendly. I decided to use Facebook instead, and under the **albums** section, I uploaded each Sunday's bulletin and sermon right from day one. Under this section, you will find every bulletin

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Fidelity
And let us not be weary in well doing: for in doing so we shall reap, if we faint not. - Galatians 6:9

18th October 2020
Our Hope is based on the Resurrection of Christ

Two disciples were returning from Jerusalem with their heads hung low and sadly making their way home to Emmaus. As they discribed with disbelief how their Master, Jesus was crucified, they were comforted as they lost hope in their Messiah, thinking His death is the end of their faith.

A stranger joined them on their journey and asked what they were discussing. When night fell, they invited their companion to a meal before they part ways.

Luke 24:32 tells us that these two finally recognised Jesus and said one to another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"

Instead of continuing on their journey to Emmaus, Luke 24:33-35 tells us that "they rose up that very hour, returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them... They related the things that happened along the way, and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread."

What a difference the resurrection of Jesus made! Instead of returning home and abandoning all hope, they returned to Jerusalem to join the remaining disciples!

As we read the New Testament, Jesus died but rose on the third day. For 50 days, the Bible records the appearances of Jesus until he was taken to heaven in the presence of His apostles, who were all witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus. They preached the

Most assuredly, we say with Hebrews 13:6, "so that with good courage we say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"

Our hope is based on the resurrection of Christ. Here is how the apostle puts it in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19:

"Now if Christ is preached, that he has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised."

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain. Yes, we are found false witnesses of God, because we testified about God that he raised up Christ, whom he didn't raise up, if it is so that the dead are not raised."

"For if the dead aren't raised, neither has Christ been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable."

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Birthdays this month

Chen Sunny 8th November
Yeo Eric 13th
Tan Tracie 16th

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Week of Sunday, 26th September 2020

A Look at our Sermon Videos

Ever since we started our weekly sermon PowerPoint delivery (now on its 12th delivery), recipients have been requesting for audio or video versions as well. An example of such a request came from Chitra Lata, "I have put me in your weekly sermon delivery broadcast list. Really appreciate the Household of Faith providing their message. Would you have a more recording of your sermon for me along with the PowerPoint to complete the lesson?"

We were unable to follow up the suggestion at that time but the opportunity came this year when we began to live stream our worship. Since March, we had built a library of over 20 sermon videos, with one added every week.

These half-hour sermons are easily accessed from our website at the Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group on Facebook. It is easy to follow these lessons as actual PowerPoints are available for download/delivery.

Every lesson is complete by itself, although some series last for one to four weeks. The 4-part series on Mid-year Reflections and God Call are the longest. Others like the Life of Christ are covered in 3 weeks. The 2-part series are talking with Jesus and 20 Things You Can Give That Do Not Cost Money.

Sermons are prepared a month in advance, and the PowerPoints are prepared on the weekend. You can sign up via email to receive it or you can wait for the sermon to be presented on the coming Sunday.

When you need a pick me up, being over to view hofsg.com and read what is video for positive, biblical and helpful lessons for life.

Send us an email at newsletter@hofsg.com and we can add to our list back at the Household of Faith. We will be happy to provide you with a copy of the sermon PowerPoint and audio version. We will be happy to have your comments and suggestions.

September 2020 Compilation

August 2020 Compilation

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Week of Sunday, 26th July 2020

OUR NEW MOBILE-FRIENDLY WEBSITE
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Full month of July with Sermon PowerPoints

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July 2020 Compilation

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It is time to turn our attention to our annual Missions Sunday - coming on 13th December 2020 when I will share a Missions sermon. The Household of Faith was born out of our passion for missions and sharing the word of God.

Currently, our Missions Fund stands at \$22,660 and we look forward to increasing this on Missions Sunday this year. Like everything we do at the Household of Faith, contribution to our Missions Fund is freewill.

This year has been a difficult year for many, with some facing financial struggles due to the pandemic. God is good, has preserved our health and even enabled us to reach out to more people through live streaming.

We are thankful for our faith and well-being, and are blessed with the opportunity to pass it on during Missions Sunday.

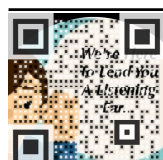
The Bible gave us a wonderful example of the Christians in Macedonia in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 *Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of Macedonia; how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. For according to their power, I*

testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty to receive this grace and the fellowship in the service to the saints. This was not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God.

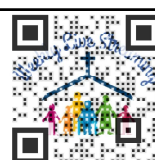
What a splendid example! Here we observe that despite their circumstances they demonstrated these 8 qualities so that they could serve the needs of Christians in Jerusalem:

- in much affliction
- abundance of joy
- deep poverty
- riches of their liberality
- according to their power
- beyond their power
- of their own accord
- first gave of their own selves!

Please pray with us as we look forward to the coming Missions Sunday 2020 in just over a month's time. ☐



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Introduction

Last Sunday first 3 segments of the fruit of the Spirit

Love + Joy + Peace – all internal

Tonight 3 more slices

Patience + Kindness + Goodness – all external

Last week: Love, Joy, Peace

Patience

Lord, give me patience, and give it to me now

Forbearance, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, longsuffering, and slowness in avenging wrongs. Long passion

Colossians 1:11 - *We are "strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience..."*

Ephesians 4:2 - *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient bearing with one another in love*

1 Timothy 1:16 - *But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.*

Last week: Love, Joy, Peace



Last week: Love, Joy, Peace
Patience

Kindness

Moral goodness, integrity, usefulness, and benignity. Also gentleness e.g. gentleman who behaves properly, with moral integrity and kindness.

Ephesians 4:32 *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you.*

2 Corinthians 6:6-7 - *We should live "in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left"*



Last week: Love, Joy, Peace
Patience
Kindness

Goodness

Uprightness of heart and life, goodness, and kindness. Goodness is seen in our actions, not only being good, but also doing good things.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power*

Ephesians 5:9 - *For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth*



Last week: Love, Joy, Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness

Conclusion

This week's fruit of the Spirit is something we can develop and grow

Qualities of a good Christian

Internal:
love, joy and peace

External:
patience, kindness, goodness

Spiritual:
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control



The Household of Faith maintain close touch with members and preachers all over the world, especially in Asia, through the Facebook group, *Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends* with over 800 members. Here are some countries that we have helped in the past 3 years.





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And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. - Galatians 6:9

15th November 2020

Sermons for the Rest of the Year (Past Sermon Videos are on our Website)



Although we were not able to assemble during most of 2020, and it is unlikely that we will be able to do so any time soon, we were able to keep on worship and listen to sermons uninterrupted, throughout the year.

When the Metropolitan YMCA was not available, we live streamed from the home of the Alfred Poon for several weeks until the number of worshippers permitted was reduced to 5.

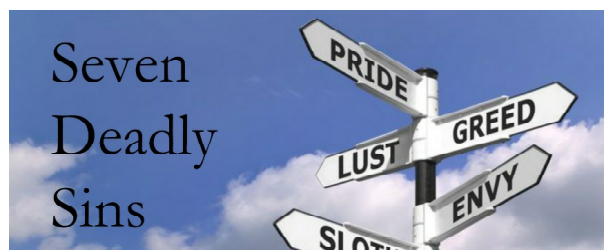
We then moved the live stream to my office at the Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang. During the Circuit Breaker period, the number was further reduced to allow only a bare bones crew, so I carried out the entire broadcast - from call to worship, scripture reading and opening prayer to presiding over the Lord's Supper, collection, sermon to announcements and closing prayer with technical assistance for the broadcast.

We are now allowed up to 10 persons, but my office can only accommodate 9 persons due to the safe distancing regulations. We are happy to have a regular team comprising members like Paul Quek, Paul Poon, Alfred, with Andy and Eric joining us from time to time.

3 Kinds of Givers



Next week, in preparation for our coming Missions Sunday, I will share from the Bible, 3 Kinds of Givers. This is a positive lesson on how you can "abound in this grace (of giving) also" (2 Corinthians 8:7).



Seven Deadly Sins

On the last week of November, I will speak on what is commonly known as the "7 Deadly Sins". It will surprise you how prevalent they are in today's world.

ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH

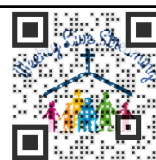
On the first Sunday of December, I will speak on making our calling sure on "Established in the faith, followed by our Missions Sunday sermon on 13th December (below).




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Introduction

Last 3 slices of the fruit of the Spirit

Love + Joy + Peace – internal

Patience + Kindness + Goodness – external

Faithfulness + Gentleness + Self control – spiritual



Faithfulness

Faithfulness = dependability + trust

Isaiah 25:1 - O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name; for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things; things planned long ago

Ephesians 3:16-17 - I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.



Love, Joy, Peace
Patience, Kindness,
Goodness
Faithfulness

Gentleness/ Meekness

Meekness = Baker's Evangelical Bible Dictionary explains, "Meekness does not identify the weak but more precisely the strong who have been placed in a position of weakness where they persevere without giving up e.g. animals that are tamed

Matthew 11:29 *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **gentle and humble** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Numbers 12:3 *Now the man Moses was very **humble**, above all the men who were on the surface of the earth.*

Ephesians 4:2 *Be completely humble and **gentle**; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*



Love, Joy, Peace
Patience, Kindness,
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness

Self-control

Self-control is the opposite of the works of the flesh that indulge in sensual desires

Ability to control one's body and its sensual appetites and desires – particularly moderation in eating and drinking

Galatians 5:16 - *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh*

2 Peter 1:5-7 - *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love*



Love, Joy, Peace
Patience, Kindness,
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

Conclusion

The Spirit is the holy presence of God

The Greek word πνεῦμα (pneuma)

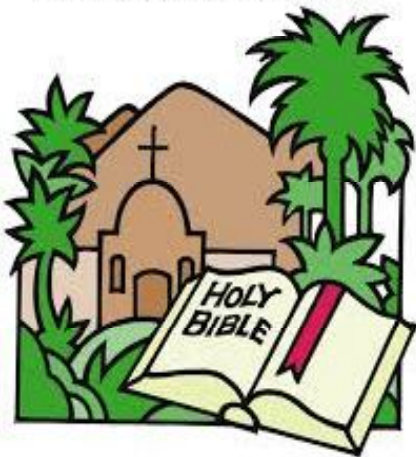
Fruit of the Spirit indicates a relationship with Christ.

The Holy Spirit is a deposit that guarantees our relationship with Christ

Ephesians 1:13-14 *in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory.*



REMEMBER OUR Missionaries



Our 3rd Annual Missions Sunday is just round the corner - 13th December. Remember the 3 Ps:

1. Prepare by setting a part of your income for missions. We often quote 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 in the giving section of our worship. To be more accurate, Paul was referring to missions rather than church maintenance in this passage.

2. Pray for missionaries and the gospel that it will not be hindered - "Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ" - Colossians 4:3-4.

3. Provide willingly, cheerfully and bountifully - 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.*

This is the
season

This is the
reason



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On December 20th, I will discuss the Keeping of Days and how we can use the festive season to reach out for the Lord instead of dismissing it for its pagan roots.

Romans 14:5-6 *One man esteems one day as more important. Another esteems every day alike. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks. He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't eat, and gives God thanks.*



My final sermon for the year is one on Thanksgiving. With the pandemic and its accompanying gloom and doom, God is still in charge and there are so many things to be thankful for. The best reason of course is that we are able to read this - alive and kicking!

Colossians 3:15-17 *"And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*



22nd November 2020



We have committed 3 weeks this November to the study of the Fruit of the Spirit. In contrast to what we see around us in this world, Christians are to live in the Spirit and exemplify the fruit thereof.

We read in Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Works of the Flesh

To fully understand the fruit of the Spirit, we must first contrast it with the works of the flesh. The Bible lists these in a few verses before listing the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

To make it very clear, the Bible concludes this list by saying that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

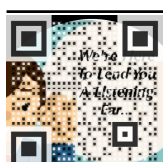
On the other hand, those who produce the fruit of the Spirit will find, that against such things there is no law. This means that those who practice these spiritual traits are obeying the Law. They fulfill the Law without even thinking about it at times, because the fruit of the Spirit comes out of their lives naturally, so they are not doing it to satisfy a legal imperative.

Let us sum up the fruit of the Spirit in 3 categories of three.

Love, Joy, Peace


The first 3 qualities that adorn a person living in the Spirit are love, joy and peace. These are the characteristics of a contented person because these are inner qualities of the heart. Jesus says in Matthew 15:19-20 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, and blasphemies. These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands doesn't defile the man.

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- Acts 5:1-2 *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*
- The unnamed rich man of Luke 16:19-20 *"Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was laid at his gate, full of sores*
- The successful but foolish farmer of Luke 12:19-20 *I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." "But God said to him, "You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared--whose will they be?"*




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4. Luke 18:22-23 *When Jesus heard these things, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, and distribute it to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich.*






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- Giving what you have - 2 Corinthians 8:12 *For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.*
- Giving from deep poverty - 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 *Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of Macedonia; how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. For according to their power, I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty to receive this grace and the fellowship in the service to the saints.*




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3. Giving extravagantly - John 12:3-6 *Mary, therefore, took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.*

4 Giving all she had - Luke 21:1-4 *He looked up, and saw the rich people who were putting their gifts into the treasury. He saw a certain poor widow casting in two small brass coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them, for all these put in gifts for God from their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on."*



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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.*

No greater love - John 15:11-13 *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

Matthew 26:38-39 *Then he said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here, and watch with me."*

He went forward a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; nevertheless, not what I desire, but what you desire."



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1. God has given us everything - Philippians 4:18-19 *But I have all things, and abound. I am filled... My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

2. It is up to each one of us to do whatever we want - Acts 5:4 *While you kept it, didn't it remain your own? After it was sold, wasn't it in your power?*

3. No one should tell us what to give - 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.*

4. 2 Corinthians 8:7 *But as you abound in everything, in faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in your love to us, see that you also abound in this grace.*



Coming next week is an 8-page special colour edition of Fidelity where we will display photographs of our first 2 Missions Sundays. This is especially significant since we are unable to assemble in a similar way to celebrate our 3rd Missions Sunday.

Still, we can all prepare, pray and provide for Missions as we purpose in our heart.



Fruit of the Spirit

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It is so important that every Christian search his heart and ascertain that there is love, joy and peace within.

Patience, Kindness, Goodness

The next 3 qualities that adorn a person living in the Spirit are patience, kindness and goodness. These are the characteristics of a caring person because of the actions that we bestow on one another.

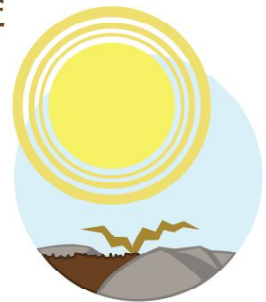
The Household of Faith recently completed a short series on "One Another". Fifty-nine times in the New Testament, we are exhorted to intentionally look away from our own needs and to care for one another.

Galatians 6:2 puts it so clearly - *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control

The last 3 qualities that adorn a person living in the Spirit are faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the characteristics of a devout person because these are spiritual qualities that we offer to God.

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



So few Christians remain faithful. Like the parable of the sower, so many allow the seed of the word of God to be taken away.

This is why we need self-control, like we do when we go for our physical exercises because so many things get in our way and distract us from doing our daily devotions and church services.





Only 2 Weeks to our 3rd Annual Missions Sunday



As we look forward to our 3rd Annual Missions Sunday, we present selected photographs taken at our first two occasions since this year, we will not be able to assemble together like previous years.

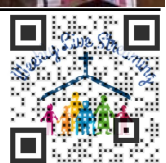


Our first Missions Sunday was conducted on Good Friday, 30th March 2018. It was a morning event with breakfast and lunch fellowship.

Guests from 3 countries graced the occasion - Malaysia, Indonesia and China.



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First Annual Missions Sunday in session at the Metropolitan YMCA at the Cassia conference room.

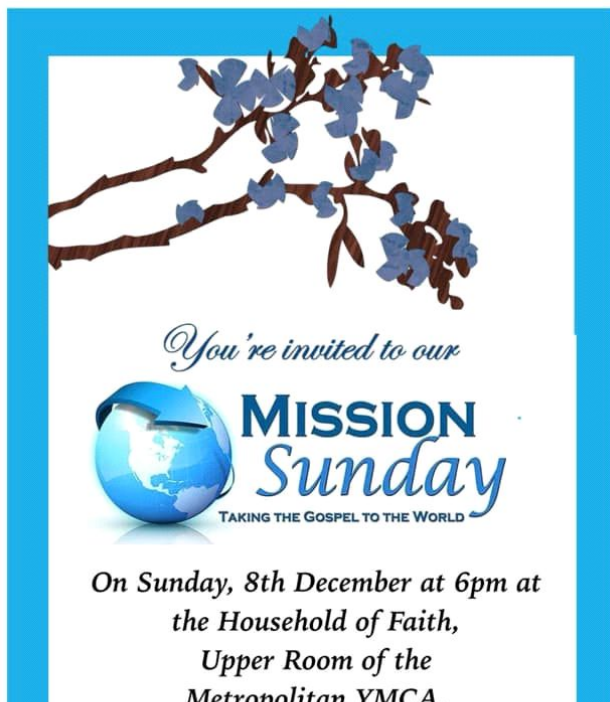




Brothers Michael from Beijing, Simon from Malaysia and Winston from Indonesia exhorting the participants.



Brother Wang Qi, minister of the congregation in Beijing introducing the church. Lunch and dinner fellowship with participants.



The Second Annual Missions Sunday was celebrated during our regular Sunday worship, making it more accessible to many more people who are already attending.

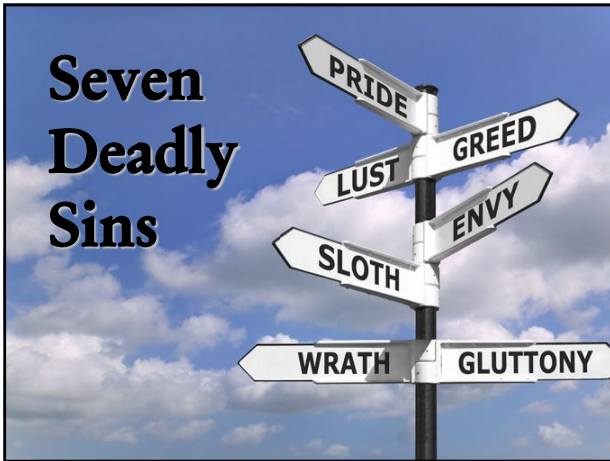


It's the time of the year when we wind up the work of the past 12 months, look forward to a vacation and receive our 13th month bonus. As we do so, let us take a moment to think of the work of the Lord that others are doing in their countries and take the opportunity next week to support and encourage them in their ministry. These are the four countries that the Household of Faith has helped this year and the preachers labouring in the field.




Clockwise: Jhunma from the Philippines; Arthur Tatara from PNG; Stephen Sang from Myanmar; Jojo Ramos from the Philippines and Joe Swamy from India.

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Seven Deadly Sins



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Mankind has had a problem with sin from the very beginning

Adam and Eve, Cain

By Genesis 6 - Genesis 6:5 *Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Today's world has advanced, but sin is still a problem e.g. Computer viruses

Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things which Yahweh hates; Yes, seven which are an abomination to him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood; A heart that devises wicked schemes, Feet that are swift in running to mischief, A false witness who utters lies, And he who sows discord among brothers.*




1. Lust

2 Timothy 2:22 *Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace*

1 John 2:15-17 *Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's. The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.*

James 1:13-15 *Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But 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.*

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2. Gluttony


Unhealthy preoccupation with food

Sometimes purging through self-induced vomiting and laxative abuse.

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2. Gluttony


Psalms 78:17-20 *Yet they still went on to sin against him, To rebel against the Most High in the desert. They tempted God in their heart By asking food according to their desire. Yes, they spoke against God. They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed out, Streams overflowed. Can he give bread also? Will he provide flesh for his people?"*

Philippians 3:18-19 *For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, as the enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who think about earthly things.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

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3. Greed

Exodus 20:17 *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.*

1 Timothy 6:8 *But having food and clothing, we will be content with that.*


Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'*

James 5:3 *Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days.*


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Even an animal named sloth



Sloth taken at the Singapore zoo

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4. Sloth

Excessive laziness – boy on a journey


Proverbs 6:6 - *Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise.*

Matthew 25:24-25 *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.*

Proverbs 31:15-17 *She rises also while it is yet night, Gives food to her household, And portions for her servant girls. She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She girds her loins with strength, And makes her arms strong.*

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5. Wrath

Not just anger – deep seated, e.g. rage

Matthew 5:22 *But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment*


Ephesians 4:26 *"Be angry, and don't sin." Don't let the sun go down on your wrath*

Titus 1:7 *For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain*

Romans 12:19, - *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'*

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6. Envy

Envy is wanting what someone else has

Proverbs 14:30 *A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.*


Psalms 37:1 *Don't fret because of evil-doers, Neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness.*

Job 5:2 *For resentment kills the foolish man, And jealousy kills the simple.*

James 3:14-16 *But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed.*

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7. Pride

Jeremiah 9:23-24, *Let not the mighty man boast of his might...but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me*

1 Corinthians 13:4 *Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud,*

Philippians 3:4-8 *circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the assembly; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. Yes most assuredly, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ*

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This year's Missions Sunday envelope will be enclosed in the Fidelity mailing this week.

According to your ability and gratefulness to God, we encourage every member and supporter to give generously and cheerfully for the task of helping to bring the gospel to many countries outside Singapore.

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Second Missions Sunday (concluded)

Good attendance at our second Missions Sunday with a good response of gifts for missions of over \$15,000 on 8th December 2019.

