



Fidelity

Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

3rd September 2023

HoF Testimonies Exhortations by 5 of our Men



This month we are treated to an heartfelt personal testimony by 5 of our men who will share their faith and how they came to Christ. We will not only be exhorted, but get to know them and their families in a more personal way. Below are a brief introduction of the speakers in order of delivery each Sunday:



Alfred Poon will start this series tonight. He has been a Christian since his teens and has been active in many activities, especially that of personal soul-winning. He takes charge of the worship services.



Paul Poon is an outstanding young Christian who serves as the Youth Care team leader and regular songleader. He was baptized at the first worship service of the Household of Faith.



Andy Cheang and Ramesh Dhanabalan are long-time Christians and serve the Lord in many activities.

Eric Yeo, like Paul was baptized at the Household of Faith, together with his wife, Kang Hwei.

September Birthdays



Goh David	08
Dhanabalan June	17
Cheang Doreen	20
Goh Jonathan	27



Fidelity is published weekly by the Household of Faith meeting every Sunday @6pm at block 67, #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent, Singapore 139950. Postal address: as above. Website: hofsg.com. Facebook group: Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends. Minister, Henry Kong at henry.kong@yahoo.com. Mobile: +65 9326 0669.



Scan this QR Code if you wish to contribute via Scan To Pay ----->

SCAN TO PAY



Welcome to the
Household of Faith
3rd September 2023

My Journey: How I Became A Christian

A period of uncertainty

- Born in a period of paganism in the early 60s
- Hardship everywhere , where Singapore was a Least Developed Country
- Politically still unstable with riots and strikes.



HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

HIS GRACE at work.(Ephesian 2:8-10)

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Our young hearts, keen to know who this God is
- God made the impossible, possible (Matt 19:26 / Mark 10:27)
- 3 of us (Alan, Alicia and Alfred. Ages ranged from 10-13)
- looking for NT church



The Tanglin Halt Days (Queenstown)

- Great challenges for us to search for a New Testament church.
- Nearby, a Catholic church and a Lutheran church
- By His Grace, my sister was the first one to spot a banner advertising a Gospel Rally held at the multi-purpose hall above the coffeeshop at the Tanglin Halt "old market"
- 3 of us attended the Rally daily without our parents' knowledge.

Proverbs 8:17,19

*I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me
My fruit is better than fine gold, what I yield surpasses choice silver.*



Who influenced my decision?

- o On the Road towards Christ
Our eldest sister, Melinda and 3rd sister, Winnie.
These two sisters faced much persecution from my father.
He chased after my Winnie with a hot charcoal iron.

Proverb 8:21 *bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me and making their treasures full*

- o Finding ways to avoid head on conflict with our father as we searched for God and His church

By His Grace we were able to avoid head-on persecution.
We befriended Loh Kok Seng and the late Grace Chow.
They preached to us for over a year, like Priscilla and Aquila

On 29th Nov 1975 I pledged total surrender and was baptized by immersion and was added to the Lord's church at the Queenstown Church Of Christ. (Acts 2:38)

Why did I choose Christianity ?

The influence of my eldest sister – her courage and faith!

We sought opportunities to study His word

Confusing with many denominations like the Baptists and Lutherans.

John 4:23

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

John 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Why did I choose Christianity ?

- o Wanted to be eternally saved in Christ.
Romans 6:3-5
*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.*
- o Creation around us.
I could not accept the theory of Evolution which we studied in school.



What I profess is important

- (a) Important to be on the right side of history
Don't you want to be like the Christians in Smyrna and Philadelphia Matt 7:21
- (b) Foolish testimonies - (Matt 7:26) *But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.*
- (c) Importance of the Great Commission – Matt 28:19 must be seen in your life.
God gives the increase.
- (d) Don't omit some of His teachings. Instruct His disciples in all things
Matt 28:20 A commandment we tend to take lightly.

What I hold dear in my heart

- o His Grace makes me worker harder
1 Cor 15:11 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me (Alfred) was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.*
- o We will be raised together with Christ in end days
2 Cor 4:14-16 *because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the Glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

I came to my senses and weighed what was important

To be spiritually victorious

2 Tim 2:23-25

Don't have to anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone able to teach, not resentful.

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his (Satan's) will.

My final words!

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Run the good race & fight the good fight

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Heavenly Father,
Into your
Hand,
I place my worries,
cares and troubles.
Into Your
Wisdom,
I place my path,
my direction
and my goal.
Into your
Love
I place my life.





Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Next Week: Testimony by
Paul Poon

BACK PAGE NEWS



10th September 2023

God's Hand Over Me During My Recent Surgery



Two months ago, I went for a routine blood test with my cardiologist, and the results showed an unusually high PSA scores. PSA is a blood test that measures a protein that is produced by prostate cells.

June and Lilian with me during the biopsy



A subsequent biopsy revealed what I feared the most - a tumour that was fast growing. Although the doctor said it was rare for someone my age to undergo surgery, it was necessary to prevent further spread.

I believe it was no mere coincidence that Sister Lee Mee Geok works at the Operating Theatre of the hospital, and was able to schedule me for a date quite soon. She visited me in the ward, and gave me assurance and good tips from her many years of nursing experience.



Mee Geok guiding us on the steps to take

I was admitted to Mount Elizabeth on 30th August at 5:30am. I was wheeled in 10 minutes before 8am, and Mee Geok was there to pray with me. The last words I heard were "The surgeon is here".

June stayed with me throughout my hospitalization and Sister Lynda Wee visited frequently with tips and medications on how to cope with the recovery. My sister took care of Nat while I was hospitalized for 3 nights and stayed on for additional days while I recovered at home.

I am thankful for those who prayed and fasted for me, especially my family in Singapore and Australia, friends of June and Christians from all over.

I am not completely out of the woods, but on the road to recovery, thanks to God's protection over me and the support and concern of the team of prayer warriors.

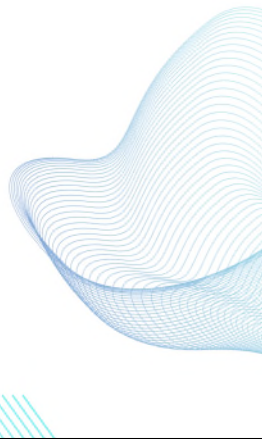
I am grateful to have the promises of Rapha, - the God who heals to cling to in times like this. *"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."* (Exodus 15:26 NKJV)





CHRISTIANITY: A TESTIMONY

Paul Poon



ABOUT ME

- 19 years old
- Christian of 6 years
- Attended Church since 6 years old
- Became a HOFSG member at 13.



HOW DID I BECAME A CHRISTIAN?

- Environment
 - Was raised Christian household
 - Went to church since young
- Familial & Peer Influence
 - Dad
 - Aaron & John
- Personality



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

A Christian is someone whose behavior
and heart reflects Jesus Christ.

John 14:23
(NIV)

"Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'"

Luke 9:23

"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"

MY ENVIRONMENT

Very fortunate to be raised by God-Loving parents who care very much for their children.

Proverbs 22:6

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

- Brought to church, also very lucky to have met the right peers and friends.



CATALYST



Baptism of a close friend encouraged me to pursue Christ further!

PERSONALITY

Open-mindedness

Introverted

Not as judgmental

James 1:19

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

SELF-REFLECTION

At some points, I questioned my own faith because of the inconsistency of my actions.

Have I repented?
Is my faith weak?
Am I a good Christian?

1 John 1:8-10

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

James 1:2-4

"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. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

MY FAITH

Why do I believe in God?

How has God helped me?

Why Christianity?

1

Good vs. Evil

The co-existence of both forces confirms it. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8

2

Wisdom & Knowledge

Proverbs 1: 7 ~ "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

3

His Love

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

KEY VERSES

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Matthew 10:16

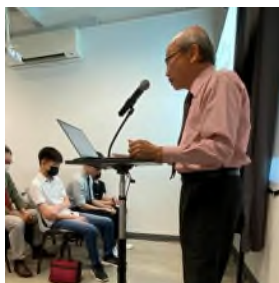
"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Proverbs 26:4-5

"Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes."



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Next Week: Testimony by
Andy Cheang

BACK PAGE NEWS





Fidelity

Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

17th September 2023

How to Acquire a First-hand Knowledge of the Bible



In my years of ministry, I have come across individuals and churches who are passionate about the truth. Yet, instead of going to the Bible, these individuals rely on brotherhood materials, by people they regard as faithful brethren. To me, this is no different from what established churches are doing with their creed books.

Jesus warns us in Matthew 15:9, *"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."*

The Bible is very clear in encouraging us to go to the *fountain source - directly to the word of God*. *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* - 2 Timothy 2:15.

When we study the word of God, and use it as the foundation of our faith, we will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. And as we become firmly rooted, we become more noble, like the Bereans of Acts 17:10-11 - *"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These 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."*

The Bible declares in Romans 3:4, *"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar."*

There is no shortcut to understanding the word of God. It requires much study. It demands a teachable heart open to the Spirit's pleading. Most of all, we need to have the integrity to examine our lives and adjust it in accordance

to the word of God. When I was growing up, I observed how my grandmother fed my baby sister. She would take a spoonful of porridge, chew it in her mouth, then spew it on the spoon and feed that mush to her. Christians who never read the word of God for themselves and rely on others to tell them what God teaches are like such an infant.

The Bible is not hard to understand. The more you read it, the Bible says that you will be more skillful with it. *"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."* Hebrews 5:14.

Insights will come as you return again and again to the word.

In today's Internet world, it is easy for anyone to google the web and find religious teachings that agree with any and every viewpoint. Without reading the Bible and owning a first hand knowledge of the Bible, we not only do not know what the Bible teaches, but become easy prey for false teachers as Ephesians 4:14-15 so well illustrates - *"that we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into him..."*



Fidelity is published weekly by the Household of Faith meeting every Sunday @6pm at block 67, #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent, Singapore 139950. Postal address: as above. Website: hofsg.com. Facebook group: Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends. Minister, Henry Kong at henry.kong@yahoo.com. Mobile: +65 9326 0669.

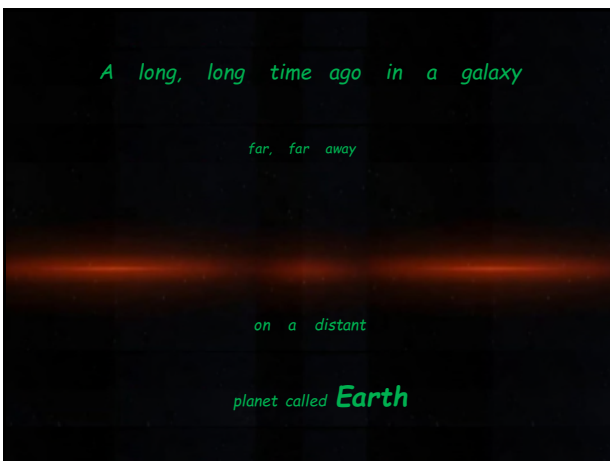


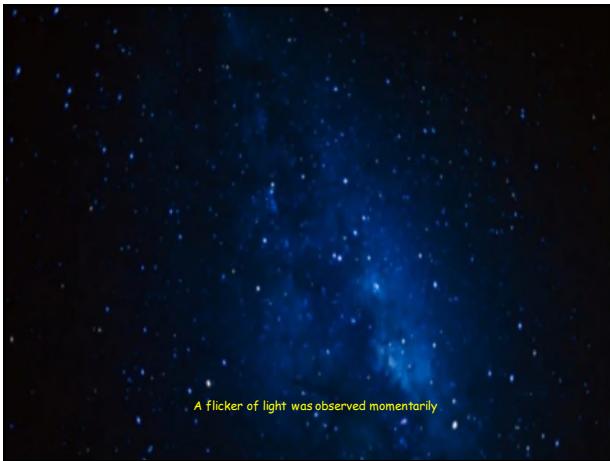
Scan this QR Code if you wish to contribute via Scan To Pay ----->

SCAN TO PAY










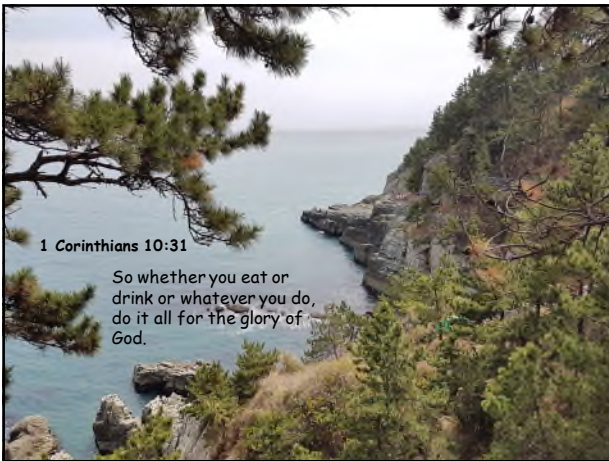




My Journey **on** Earth

- Emmaus Bible School
- Jesus Saves Mission
- Catholic Church
- Presbyterian Church
- Methodist Church
- Taoism/Buddhism
- PP Church of Christ









- Call to Worship
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- Congregational Singing
- Communion & Giving
- Exhortation
- Invitation
- Announcements
- Closing Prayer



Next Week:
Testimony by Eric Yeo



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Stay behind
and join us for our
Agape fellowship meal



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Pick up a copy
For October to December



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



BACK PAGE NEWS



24th September 2023

2-Page Photograph of 17th September Assembly



Above: Ladies, men and youth Care Teams
Men to serve getting ready
Below: Tng Huat leading communion





Weekly In-person Worship

Welcome to the Household of Faith
24th September 2023



My Testimony

Scope

- Why a Testimony
- My journey
 - How it all began
 - The wondering years
 - GOD is patient
- Reflection



Why a Testimony?

- In Acts 26 1-18 Apostle Paul testified before King Agrippa
- Purpose of telling my story is not about me; it's about God

1 Peter 3:15 - "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Psalms 66:16 - Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul



3/8

Where it all began...

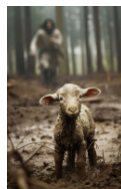
- Followed Mum to Church
- Stopped at age 10 (I think...)
 - WRONG PRIORITIES
 - Church was not a priority for me
 - Was a place I went if there was nothing else
 - SHALLOW FAITH FOUNDATION
 - No one explained to me what it really means to follow Jesus
 - Strong biblical tone
 - Mark 16:16 - Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned



4/8

The wondering years

- Sunday was just another day
- Nothing changes
- Somehow GOD was still with me



Psalms 176 - I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.

Isaiah 30:18 - Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

5/8

GOD is patient

- Happened somewhere at late 30s
- Someone decided it is time
- Everything fell into place
 - Kang Hwei asked
 - We started looking for a place to worship
 - Mum shared about Household of Faith
 - The rest is history...



2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

6/8

Reflection

- GOD is always around
- Have I changed?
- Impossible to see, the future is...but am sure faith is with me

Acts 17: 26-27 – and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might feel around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

7/8

Isaiah 30:18

The LORD waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for him to help them.

8/8



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Next Week:
Testimony by Ramesh



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Stay behind
and join us for our
Agape fellowship meal



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
Announcements
Closing Prayer



Start each day with
Power for Today

Continued from page 1...



Clockwise: Andy preaching; September birthday babies; Members enjoying the agape feast; Dishing out birthday cake; Lovely spread of delicious food...