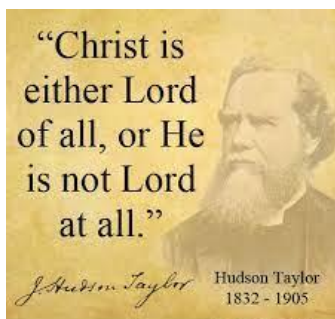


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Applying the Lordship of Christ in our Lives

The elect are all saved by the grace of God and chosen by him before the foundation of the world, without merit of our own. Many who call Christ their Lord may not be in actual fact serving and treating Him as their Master in their lives. What does it mean practically to have Christ as the Lord of our lives? The following practical thoughts came to mind.



Let Christ be the:

1. Lord of your Thinking

Our mental faculties ought to be subject to the word and will of God. Let him guard and guide us in what we think. Is Christ the Lord of your mind and do you subject your thoughts to his control?

2 Cor 10:5 says "*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*" and Paul in Phil 4:8 says "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*"



The battle is targeted at the mind today. The evil one bombards us with all kinds of defective or false information and distractions of the mind away from the Lord. That is how the cults operate and many have been misled by them. We need to be vigilant against such things and think rightly and biblically.

2. Lord of your Hearing

All of us have two ears and someone said we should hear twice as much as we speak. Our ears are meant to hear the word of God, and in edifying communication with others, and not for gossip and talebearing and half-truths. Are we attentive to the word of God when it is being preached to us and do we listen to the advice of others like our parents, teachers, pastors and elders? A humble and willing listener is often a wise and prudent person.



Let us be all ears to the word of God and let us use our faculties to gather sound information and prayerfully process it in our lives as he leads us

3. Lord of your Seeing

We are blessed with two eyes that give us awareness through sight of what is happening around us. Our eyes are designed to read God's word and to see where we are going and not to give attention to unedifying content and unsound games, movies or websites. Let us look to Jesus instead, as the



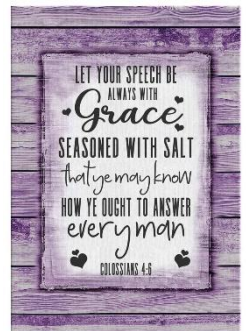
prophet exhorts us in Isa 45:22 *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."* We need to focus on the right person and His Word for holy living.

And Paul in Tit 2:13 says *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"*,

4. Lord of your Talking

The mouth is the key vehicle for our communication with others. Our lips or mouth are created to share Christ, to praise and magnify the Lord in worship and thanksgiving and do his will. Yet it can be capable of great evil. It is not to spread slander, gossip, lies and rumours or false accusations about others or murmur or complain against God or his word and his people (Jas 3:1-10).

Paul in Col 4:6 says, *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."* and also in Eph. 4:29 says *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*



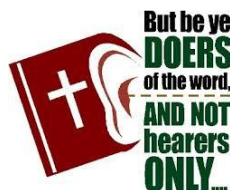
Let us choose and use our words carefully and prayerfully, as they can heal or hurt. Let us strive to exhort, encourage, edify, comfort and strengthen others in the Lord.

5. Lord of your Doing

With what we learn and know in the word of God, with our faculties, we have a duty to **DO** it and not simply know it. We can be involved in doing some activities daily. Our actions and demeanour are guided by the teachings of God's word and our conduct, dressing and propriety too. We need to apply what we know

Phil 4:9 says, *"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."*

It is not how much you know but how much of it is practiced in your life that counts.



6. Lord of your Going



We all have two feet that help us with our movement. Our direction in life is guided by the compass and map of His inspired Word and wherever we go we seek to the will of God and to glorify the name of Christ our Lord. The Great Commission given by our Lord requires our going to share the gospel of Christ. to the saving of souls as He leads us wherever we are.

Mat 28:19&20 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

There is a great need to evangelise the lost in these perilous times. Have you a burden for the lost or have you lost the burden? Never make the Great Commission your Great Omission.

Conclusion

If Christ is not the Lord of all, He is not the Lord at all. The Christian is to walk worthy of his calling (Eph 4:1) and our entire life is to be guided by His Word and His Will. Christ is not just our God but He is to be our Lord too in our daily lives. Let us live it out and not be just a hearer of the word only but a faithful disciple committed to the Lordship of Christ and be an effective doer of the Word.

Jack Sin

Sharing on the Sunday Evening Chinese Zoom Fellowship

On August 8, 2021, I accepted Pastor Jack Sin's invitation to participate in the online Chinese evening service of the Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church. Thank God for his leadership and his team. A total of 15 brothers and sisters in Christ from different parts of the world and Singapore attended this online service.

The chairperson of the meeting was Brother Shawn. We sang the first hymn "Recover in God" (Cantonese), then Brother Shawn prayed and entrusted the meeting to God. We sang the 2nd and 3rd hymns "Christ is the anchor" and "Jesus Paid It All." After that, Brother Shawn read to us the scripture passage Acts 6:1-8.



Pastor Sin shared on ***"The Priorities of a Growing Church"*** which are:

1. **Prayer** – corporate prayers earnestly.
2. **Preaching**- ie Expository Preaching of the Word of God.
3. **People** - care for the body of Christ .
4. **Paperwork/Administration**- the proper management and organization of the church.

In the early church, the number grew to 5,000 men. Acts 4:4 *"But there were many believers who hear the Word , and the number of men is about five thousand."* There were too many people that resulted in frictions and complaints, and some of the needs of the widows were ignored. The 12 disciples had too much to cope with. Therefore, the number of ministers in the church needed to be increased. Acts 6:2-3 *"The twelve apostles called all*

the disciples and said to them that it is not right for us to leave the word of God and serve tables ,So , choose seven people with good reputations, filled with the Holy Spirit, and wisdom from among you, and we will send them to take charge of this matter. "

Pastor also shared on the need to have proper organization of the church with committed co-leaders like deacons. The persons concerned who serves the Lord in the church must be a person with a honest report, full of the Holy Spirit, and of godly wisdom." Pastor Sin explained the prerequisites for a person with a honest testimony, full of the Holy Spirit, and sufficient godly wisdom. He gave an example of the commitment of a driving instructor who serves the Lord in the church as a faithful deacon and then became an elder, one who loves God and cares for the youths sacrificially.

There is to be goodness, justice and honesty in a steward. We need to be careful and be a wise man and understand what the Lord's will is. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We need to get in tune with God before the concert of the day begins. Hudson Taylor once said, "Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."

The Pastor and church deacons must have behind-the-scenes support from brothers and sisters in the Lord, just like the support of Moses' and Hur for Joshua in his battles. Pastor Sin shared that for Pastors to preach on Sunday for 45 minutes, the preparation time needed is multiplied. The scriptures and content of the preaching is important as it will affect and change people's thinking and life for good.

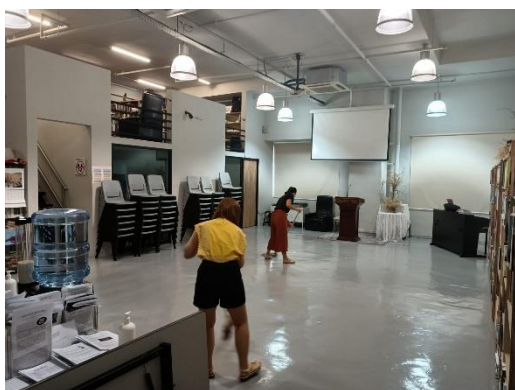
Expository preaching of the Word helps people understand, apply and accept the truth of God, and then they will have a deeper meditation of the Word. Pastor Sin shared that the examples of successful secular commercial organizations are not relevant or suitable for church to emulate. Finally, Pastor Sin shared that he believes that the book of Acts is an inspired guide for us to learn the proper priorities and the organizing of the church and we do well to study it.

After Pastor Sin shared, we had 30 minutes of discussion and sharing on:

- (1) How can church members and elected leaders contribute to and assist in the building of the local church ?
- (2) From a biblical perspective, what are the components of church growth?

Then Pastor Sin added: 1. Brothers and sisters in the Lord must have a spiritual burden and devotion to God . 2. The church is a hospital for spiritual treatment for the spiritual weak and sick too. 3. In the church, there is also the pareto principle of 20% serving 80% in the church. In his closing prayer, Pastor Sin interceded for the following: 1. Divine grace to rely and trust the Lord to run the race of life. 2. Be committed to the growth and ministry of the church. 3. The spiritual burden of the brothers and sisters to seek and serve the Lord. 4. For the safety and growth of newly established church (house churches. 5. The safety and for the effective ministry of the churches of our neighboring countries. Thank God. Amen.

Bro Kam Weng



Thank God for willing hands to keep the church clean after every Worship Service!

just married

We rejoice with Dr Kwong Leen and Chan Ping on the marriage of their daughter An Yan to Lawrence Poon on 7 Aug 2021. Pray for the newlyweds in their new life together in Queensland



FINISHING WELL THE RACE OF LIFE

Lord's Day Program from Jul - Sep 2021

JULY

- 4 The Power of a Sound Mind (2 Tim 1:1-7)
- 11* Hold Fast to Sound Words (2 Tim 1:8-18)
- 18 The Imageries of a Christian (2 Tim 2:1-14)
- 25 Study to be a Biblical Practitioner (2 Tim 2:15-19)



AUGUST

- 1 A Sanctified Vessel for God (2 Tim 2:20-26)
- 8* The Characteristics of the End Times (2 Tim 3:1-9)
- 15 Fruitfulness through the Word (2 Tim 3:10-17)
- 22 The Sacred Duty to Share the Gospel (2 Tim 4:1-5)
- 29 Perseverance in the Ministry (2 Tim 4:6-10)

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Faithful Coworkers Labouring Together (2 Tim 4:11-22)
- 12* Love and Truth in Action (2 John)
- 19 The Case Study of 3 Persons (3 John)
- 26 Consider God in Troubled Times (1 Kings 4:1-11)



Memory Verse

- 2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Bro Joseph Wee speaks today on “***Fruitfulness Through the Word (2 Tim 3:10-17)***”, the quarterly theme on “Finishing Well the Race of Life - The Epistle of 2 Timothy”.
3. Pastor is preaching this morning at the worship service of Gospel Light BPC.
4. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “***The Sacred Duty to Share the Gospel (2 Tim 4:1-5)***”.
5. The **Annual Congregation Meeting cum Elections** will be held on **Sun 29 Aug 2021. All members are to attend.** Nominations for office bearers are opened till today. Nomination forms are available from Dn Yue Kay.
6. Sunday School classes will resume on 22 Aug 2021:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - New Testament Survey – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Numbers – Dr Kwong Leen
7. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Aug prayer list is available in church.
9. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class that meets on the first Friday of each month in church on the study of 2 Samuel will next meet on **3 Sep 2021 (Fri) at 7.30pm.**
10. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
11. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
12. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**
