

» ALPHA: HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha **this Wed, 4 May, 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard**. Registration is free but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>. For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

» SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS (STM)

CG members, sign up and be a blessing to the nations!

- **Tokyo, Japan*** on 14-21 Aug or 22-29 Oct
Outreach and evangelism to college students
Estimated cost: \$650 (without airfare)
- **Hanoi, Vietnam*** on 21-27 Aug
English exposure camp to vocational school students
Estimated cost: \$350 (without airfare)
- **Yunnan** on 25-31 July
Evangelistic children's camp
Estimated cost: \$1700 (airfare included)

Email missions@cefc.org.sg if you are interested or would like to know more STM opportunities.
*Dates are flexible.

» BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class

Date & Time: 15 May (Sun), 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Venue: WDL Centre

Membership Class

Date & Time: 14 May (Sat), 9.00am - 4.00pm
Venue: ACKCentre

Sign up at the Information Counter.

» FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Stanley Peck and Stacey Tay in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

» MANDARIN PARENTS' APPRECIATION

Appreciate your family members, especially the pre-believing ones through an eight-course lunch cum special programme with a message in Mandarin.

Date & Time: 14 May (Sat), 11.30am- 2.00pm
Venue: Joy Garden Restaurant SAFRA Jurong Club, 333 Boon Lay Way

Speaker: Rev Dr Caleb Soo (Senior Pastor of Singapore Life Church)

Grab your tickets **today** at the foyer at \$38/pax or \$380/table. For enquiries, call Chris at 68926811.

» MEN'S SUMMIT

Keep Watch: Mind Your Health

Come with your CGs to hear Dr Ko Soo Meng, a sought- after Christian psychiatrist give perspective on *An Angry Spirit, An Unforgiving Heart* **this Fri, 6 May, 8.00pm -10.00pm at BPJ Centre. Dinner starts at 7pm.**

» SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Have you always desired to worship and serve the Lord through dance? Register at cefdance@gmail.com. Auditions will be held on Tue, 3 May, 8.30pm at ACKCentre.

» SERVE IN NEW LIFE

We are hiring! Positions and requirements:

Social Workers: Degree in social work/ counselling/psychology and at least two years of relevant working experience in the social service or youth sector

English Childcare Teachers: Diploma or degree in early childhood

Download the application form at www.newlife.org.sg and email to hr@newlife.org.sg. For more information, call 6892 7191.

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Where Are You in the Journey?

BY: REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTOR

Our spiritual life is about knowing where we have come from, where we are now and where we are headed.

The Past must give us a sense of **Providence**. As a result, we can be grateful! All that we are and have is a result of the grace and mercy of God.

The Present must give us a sense of **Progress**. As a result, we can grow and become! If we only want to keep the status quo, then life can become stagnant and mundane. For growth to happen, there has to be some necessary pain.

The Future must give us a sense of **Peace**. As a result, we can be rested and confident! If our peace is tied to our jobs or bank account, then we might be going on a roller coaster ride all the time.

This week's devotion in Ephesians 2:19-21 calls us to mark our spiritual milestones, to know where we are in the pilgrim's journey.

Ephesians 2:19 " ... fellow citizen with God's people and also members of his household,"
In other words, we have a spiritual family – a place where

we believe, belong, and battle together. No longer acting like lone rangers and aliens in this spiritual community. It's time to step into a covenant community and not remain as an outsider. It's time to give of ourselves to love and care.

Ephesians 2:20 "built on the foundation ... with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."
With all that we've been shown and taught by God's chosen instruments, and all that we've been instructed and inspired to make Jesus our Life and Lord, we are to grow and progress in our faith. It's time to labour and dig in, to make time for what we believe is important.

Ephesians 2:21-22 " ... joined together built together ... "
We are meant to live and work together in the household of God. There may be differences and even disagreements but there should be no disengagement. When people look at us, they will see God living in us.

In this journey together, may we help each other see God's providence, enter into God's progress and experience God's peace.



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



A CERTAIN KIND OF COMMUNITY

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 2:19-22** Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. What Is the Essential Nature of a Biblical Community?
2. Three significant highlights – A Biblical Community Is.....

A. A COMMUNITY WHERE YOU REALLY BELONG (v.19, 21-22)

“...no longer *strangers and aliens*...” (v. 19)

B. A COMMUNITY WHERE TRUTH REALLY MATTERS (v.20)

“...built upon the *foundation of the apostles and prophets*...” (v.20)

C. A COMMUNITY WHERE CHRIST IS REALLY HONOURED (v.20)

“...Christ Jesus Himself being the *corner stone*.” (v.20)

Conclusion. Living in God's Community!

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
8 May **Sharon Fong** (BPJ) and **Sandra Chi** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



He Is My Peace

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 2:14-18** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

Introduction

1. “For He himself is our **peace**...”

The movie *Jungle Book* has a particular scene in which animals come together to drink without being fearful of being attacked by predatory animals. That place was called “Peace Rock”. Today, the world needs a “Peace Rock”.

2. Ephesians 2:14 - For He himself is our **peace!** Emphasising that Jesus is **the peace**. If we have Christ, we have the peace.

Two very important kinds of peace we need in our lives:

A. Peace with Each Other

... *who has made us both one* ... (vv.14-15)

1. What is this “wall of hostility” that Paul is talking about in verse 14? In this context, it's the wall of hostility and separation between Jews and Gentiles. Historically, Jews look down and despise anyone who is not a Jew. In their temple worship in the latter days, Gentiles who venture beyond their court will be put to death. In 1871, archaeologists discovered a stone slab with these words inscribed: “No foreigner may enter within the barricade and enclosure around the Sanctuary. Whoever is caught will render himself liable to the death penalty.”
2. How did Jesus break down this wall? Verse 15: “By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances.” Literally “the law of the commandments in decrees” means all the OT Mosaic ceremonial, religious, dietary, legal and moral laws have been abolished. It cannot bring us true righteousness. But Jesus can!
3. Finally, why did Jesus break down the wall of hostility and invalidate the requirements of the laws? End of verse 15: “That he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace.” The idea of Jews and Gentiles being **one new man** is completely stunning. It is total new in quality and value (*kainos*) – a whole new creation and humanity of God! Story of Steve Saint who was baptised by Auca Indians who killed his father: “I couldn't hate them because they are my brothers!”

B. Peace with God

and might reconcile us both to God ... (vv.16-18)

The greatest divide in our world is not among human beings; it's between human beings and God. Let's look at this tremendous work of reconciliation between God and man:

1. Sinful man can now be reconciled to the Holy God.
Apokatallasso, the Greek word for “reconcile” is an unusual compound word that gives us a picture of “something that was disrupted or broken but now has been completely restored to the original design”. Remember this reconciliation is not just reuniting man to God from hostility to neutrality, but a restoration to complete and permanent harmony with God. The temple curtain was torn (Matt 27:51).
2. Sinful man has free access to the Father.
Prosagoge, the Greek word for “access”, conjures up the scene in an oriental court when subjects are granted an audience with the king or emperor and are presented to him. We not only get to connect with a Holy God, but with the Holy Father (Eph 3:12).
Application: Intimacy with God and reaching the lost

Conclusion

Don't carelessly lose what He has so sacrificially gained for us on the cross!