

## » 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](mailto: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](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg) if you are interested or would like to know more STM opportunities.  
\*Dates are flexible.

## » 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](http://www.newlife.org.sg) and email to [hr@newlife.org.sg](mailto:hr@newlife.org.sg). For more information, call 6892 7191.

## » 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.**

## » BAPTISM &amp; 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.*

## » SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

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

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## Where Are You in the Journey?

BY: REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTOR

**O**ur 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.



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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 TONY YEO**

### Introduction

“He (*autos*) himself is our **peace** ...” Jesus is not simply a peacemaker; He Himself embodies the peace.

What kind of peace (vv.14,17) did Jesus bring to us?

### A. Peace with Each Other

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

1. Historical context: There was deep animosity between Jews and Gentiles.

#### 2. How?

a. “has broken down ... the dividing wall of hostility.” The word “wall” used refers to “dividing wall” (*mesotoichon*) which literally means “middle wall”.

b. “by abolishing the law of commandments” – *katargeo* (abolish) means to nullify, invalidate, make ineffective or powerless, rather to eradicate or to eliminate. Laws alone cannot make us righteous nor save us. Only Jesus can save us and make us righteous in Him! (Gal 3:28-29).

3. **Why?** To make us “one” (mentioned four times) – oneness (unity) in Christ. The Greek word used for “new” is *kainos* (quality, character and value, never existed before) rather than *naos* (not old, second hand, not used before)

4. Illus: 15-year-old Steven Saint was baptised by Auca Indians who killed his father. He said: “I couldn't hate them as they are my brothers.”

5. Application: Who do you need to make peace with today? Move from hostility to harmony.

### B. Peace with God

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

The greatest dividing wall of hostility is between man and God (vertical relationship).

1. Sinful man are now reconciled to a Holy God (vv.16-17).

a. “Reconcile” (*apokatallasso*) – compound verb for restoring broken pieces to its original state (Eph 1:10). Illus: *Kintsugi* – Japanese method of joining together broken pieces

b. “Killing the hostility” – Jesus' enemies put him to death on the cross, but His cross became the instrument for putting hostility to death.

c. The greatest wall between the holy God and sinful man is a 6 inch thick, 60 feet high and 30 feet wide veil with fabric of 72 twisted plaits of 24 threads curtain separating the Holy place from the Holy of Holies (Matt 27:51).

d. The price – Jesus became our peace “in his flesh” (v.14) and “through the cross” (v.16).

e. “Preached (*euangelizo*) peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near” – “preached” combines *eu* (good) and *aggello* (to proclaim or tell), involves pronouncing the Good News.

2. Sinful man now have access to God (v.18).

a. “Access (*prosagoge*) in one Spirit to the Father” (v. 18) – “access” (*prosagoge*) was used to speak of access to high officials. Used three times in the NT (Rom 5:2; Eph 3:12) for access to the Heavenly Father. Illus: Son having access to his father.

b. Application: Intimacy with God – Draw near! Don't take our peace with God for granted. Intentional missions for God – B.L.E.S.S., New Life, missions

### Conclusion

He is my Peace. Cherish the gift of peace and pass it on!