

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Come and set aside extended time with God and journey together with your CG-mates. Sign up today at www.cefc.org.sg by clicking "My Account".

TODAY is the last day of registration.

Marriage BTW on 2 – 4 Jun
\$750 per couple

Men's BTW on 2 – 4 Jun
\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

Women's BTW on 26 – 28 May
\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

IDMC 2017 REGISTRATION

Early Bird has been extended! Sign up by 31 May 2017 to enjoy Covenanter special rate at \$60 (leaders) and \$120 (members) on <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg>

If you have already signed up for IDMC, serve the body of Christ together! Find out more on <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg>. For all enquiries, email info@idmc.org.sg

STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

Executive (Finance)

Human Resource Staff

Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>
Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 30 April.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer!

Come for our first introductory dinner,

Date: 19 April (Wed)

Time: 7 to 9.30pm

Venue: YMCA Orchard (1 Orchard Road, S238824)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Discovery Weekend is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him in all they do as His disciples. Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays!

Date: 22 Apr (Sat)

Time: 8.45am – 5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre Chapel (Level 3)

For enquiries, please email fic@cefc.org.sg

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

P.A.N.D.A. Champs is a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds. We need more than 10 volunteers to mentor these children.

Schedule: 6 – 22 Jun, every Tue and/or Thu, 9am – 1pm at Bukit Panjang

Training will be provided on 27 May, 2pm – 4pm at BPJ Centre Patience Room.

To sign up or enquire, contact Cai Aiwei (6760 0533; caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg) or Lewis Woo (9634 9457; lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg)

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 16 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS BARNEY LAU ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON & LILIAN SEOW

CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY! HE IS ALIVE!

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

Christ died for our sins ...
He was buried, and ...
He rose again the third day ...
– 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJV)

Today is Easter Sunday. For us Christians, this is the greatest celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The earth-shattering truth is that on the third day after He died and was buried, Jesus rose from the dead. The symbol of Christianity is an empty cross. The Bible's glorious message is that Jesus is alive today, having triumphed gloriously over sin and death. As C. S. Lewis put it: "Jesus has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because he has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation, a new chapter in cosmic history has opened."

Through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing eternal life for those who believe in Him.

Easter is not a memorial to a good religious teacher, but a celebration of the fact that Jesus, the Saviour, is alive today! I am a living proof, and so are the many Christians who celebrate Easter today.

... by being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself. – Romans 1:4 (LB)

Jesus died once for all (Rom 6:10; Heb 10:12) and rose from the dead. Three days after paying the penalty of our sins on the cross, the sinless Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave and breaking the power of sin. It was this final sacrifice of blood that opened the only way for us to have a relationship with God and to have a home with Him forever. If Jesus is who He says He is, will you start believing and following Him today?

Today, Jesus' tomb remains empty because He has risen. This is the assurance that those who believe in Him have been fully justified!

SERMON OUTLINE

Are You Looking for Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-10 ■ SERMON: BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON

Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest miracle in all of history.

There are two instructions given in this passage.

Come and See (v. 6)

Notice the response of coming and seeing. The women came to Jesus, clasped His feet and worshipped Him (v 9).

Go and Tell (v. 7, 10)

There are two different groups that were on a “go and tell” mission, one telling the truth, the other spreading a lie.

Lessons

1. Easter is an invitation, first of all, to come and see.
2. It is an invitation to translate theory into personal experience.
3. Easter is also a challenge to “Go and Tell”.
4. If we don't tell they will not know - personal evangelism and public apologetics.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

23 APR – REV TONY YEO (BPJ), PS ANDY LEW (WDL) AND PAUL SHI (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Facing Opposition II

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:6-23 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

When we walk with God and do His work according to His will, there will be opposition. But expect our faithful God to see us through.

Two insidious oppositions:

A. When Falsely Accused (vv.6-16)

“they lodged an **accusation** against the people of Judah and Jerusalem.” (v.6)

1. “Lodged an accusation” is used in the NIV translation, which means submitted, filed, or reported an accusation.
2. King Xerxes (NIV) is the Greek name for Ahasuerus in (ESV). The word “king” occurs 15 times in Ezra 4 referring to the four Persian kings (vv.5-7) as the most powerful human beings. Ezra 4 narrates the long opposition to God's work of rebuilding in post-exilic times.
3. Accusation is an allegation or claim of wrongdoing or crime. The accusations made were the following:
 - a. “A rebellious and wicked city” (vv.12,15,19)
True: Only in the pre-exilic period where they failed God enormously.
False: God has forgiven and restored them in the post-exilic period.
 - b. “They will not pay tribute, custom, or toll” (v.13)
The enemies were simply casting fear upon the King; this has not even happened.
4. Accusation refers to something that happened in the past that we cannot change and seeks to discourage, disable and destroy. Biblical examples of people who were falsely accused: Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus. Satan is the accuser of our brethren (Jn 8:44; Rev 12:10).
5. Illustration: Oswald Chambers falsely accused of sexual assault of a woman in his ministry.
6. Application: When falsely accused, entrust it to the Righteous Judge (1 Pet 2:23)!

B. When Forced to Stop (vv.17-23)

“**stop** work ... compelled them by force to **stop** ... came to **standstill**” (vv.21,23,24)

1. God's work **came to a halt**, standstill and **stopped** by decree – order, summon (v.21); diligent follow through (v.22); force and power (v.23)
2. **Insight:** How can God's work in rebuilding the temple, which is according to His will, be forced to stop? A discipleship lesson: God's work can come to a standstill or a deadlock and even be stopped by the enemy, but eventually God's work is unstoppable.
3. Biblical examples of God's work facing a standstill but God's unstoppable work continued: Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Israelites in wilderness, Israelites in Babylonian exile, Jesus on the cross.
4. Illustration: Building of Woodlands Centre was stopped twice due to damaged retaining wall and water gushing from the granite rocks, yet it was completed in 2008.
5. Application: Is your life in a standstill due to some circumstances? Depend on God for strength to be renewed, faith to be reignited, courage to be restored, passion and joy to be rekindled and resources to be replenished.

Conclusion

God's work at the cross may stop momentarily, but God's unstoppable work continues eternally.