

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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 16 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

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

Christ is Risen!

SCRIPTURE: I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 ■ SERMON: DR ROLAND CHIA

Introduction

A. THE _____ OF THE RESURRECTION

B. THE _____ OF THE INCARNATION

C. THE _____ OF THE RESURRECTION

Conclusion

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 DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

After three chapters of success (the Jews' return and rebuilding the Temple), we encounter a whole series of opposition in chapter 4. We are reminded that God's work will be opposed because there is a Kingdom conflict (Rev 12:7, 17). The good news is that He wins (Rev 21:1 – 4). He can use what's intended as opposition for the growth and strengthening of His children (Isa 61:3a). The Jews at the time of Xerxes and Artaxerxes faced opposition in terms of false accusation and the forced stoppage of their work by the king. What we can do:

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

1. The people of the land started with an accusing letter to Xerxes (Ezr 4:6). Then we have the transcript of a whole group of officials in the land who wrote a similar accusing note to Artaxerxes claiming to be serving the king wholeheartedly. They reported on what the Jews were doing and added fear that if they succeeded in the rebuilding, they would not pay taxes to the king (merely a future conjecture) and that the king would lose all territories in the trans-Euphrates (exaggeration).

2. False accusation can come in public form. Often this is difficult to defend because anything that comes from us will seem defensive. In any case there is a place to defend ourselves, but ultimately allow God to vindicate us – if not in this world, then certainly justice will prevail in the coming new world (Isa 50:8).

3. False accusation can also come in private form from the evil one who is called the accuser of God's people (Rev 12:10). While public accusation may not be true, private accusation often is because we have all sinned and fallen short of God's standard. Let's turn these demonic accusation into declaration of the power of the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins!

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

1. Ultimately king Artaxerxes chose to side with the accusers and commanded the Jews to stop their rebuilding of the city wall (Ezr 4:21). What can we do when the authority of the land demands we cease certain activities?

2. We can **appeal** to the authorities (Dan 1:8 – 16). Daniel did not wish to defile himself with the king's food so he appealed to the authority over him. His appeal and test worked and he was spared from the defilement.

3. We can certainly **appeal** to God through prayer. God reminds us that our real enemies are spiritual ones (Eph 6:12). Therefore all the more we must appeal to Him to grant us victory over these evil forces.

4. We may have to **act** courageously (Dan 6:7 – 10). The enemies of Daniel wanted to trap him by forcing him into a situation where he won't be able to pray to God. The law was unjust but was not reversible once determined by the king. Daniel decided that he would not concede to it and continued to pray to God. In doing so, he certainly put himself and against the law and in harm's way. God delivered him from the lion's den (Dan 6:31). But history also records for us many others who have made such stands and had to pay for their faith with their lives.

Conclusion

We, however, are not alone in being accused and prevented from doing God's work. Our Lord Jesus Himself faced such accusations (Matt 27:12) and eventually, paid the highest price of dying on the cross. Yet God took His Son's death and turned it into payment for our sins – eternal life through the death of God's son! God specialises in turning around oppositions to give life!