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Editorial

This issue is especially meaningful as it marks the 10th issue of *Arise!* Five years have passed swiftly since the first issue was produced in 2021.

Truly, time passes by so quickly when measured against eternity, and the urgency of the hour has only increased.

It is only by the mercies and grace of God that this feeble effort—to share fundamental and godly Christian literature, and to encourage Christian men through the *Rise Up Men of God* (RMG) ministry in a simple and personal way—has been sustained by the LORD. If there has been any blessing and good that has come through these newsletters, it is not of man, but only the work of the LORD alone. May the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone be praised.

THE CHURCH EPOCH

We are living in the final chapter of the current period of the church's witness.

The Church of God stands at the threshold to conclude her final moments in this present epoch. But this is not a time for complacency in these last days. It is a time for sober reflection and spiritual urgency.

Although Christendom has largely fallen away, the Church of God today need not surrender to spiritual decline. We must still pray. We must continue to plead. We must persevere in seeking the LORD for revival!

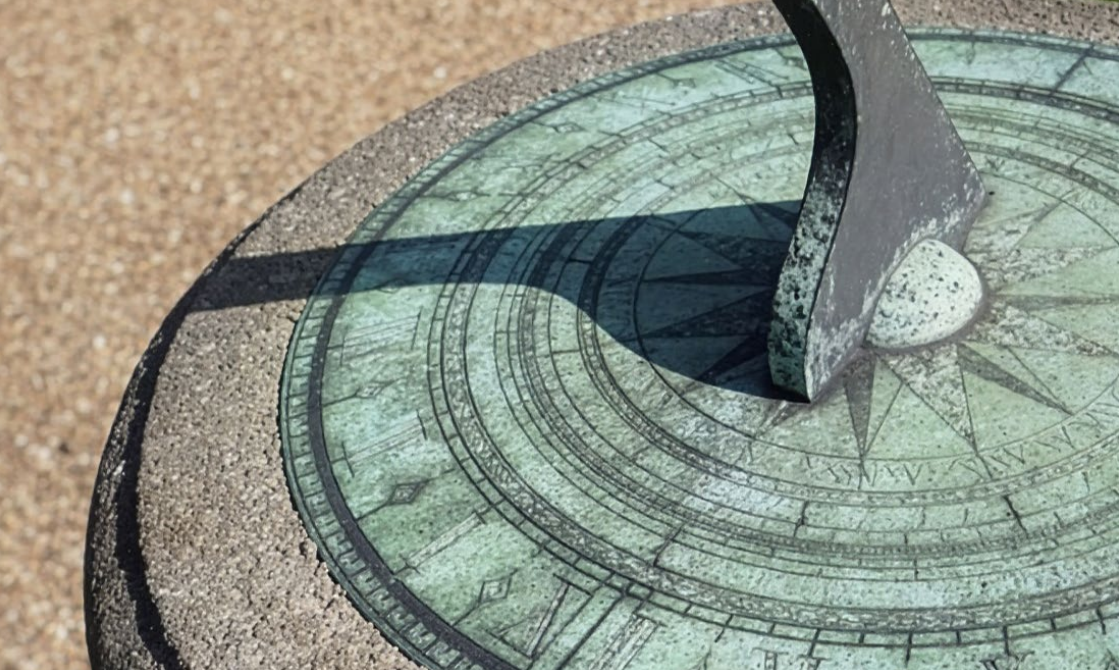
As the Church of God looks ahead to the blessed hope of her soon and certain rapture, we must also look back to her beginnings—when she was born through

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prayer, and the power and presence of God through the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Fittingly, the theme for this issue is **“Seasons of Refreshing”**.

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.” Acts 3:19

Let us make this unmistakably clear—times of refreshing do not come through programs and procedures, or methods and strategies, or human excitement and experience, or enthusiasm and emotion. True revival is never man-made.

Such seasons of refreshing can come only from the divine presence, for such

times of revival can only come from the face of the Lord alone.

The LORD has promised that this same Jesus, who was taken from the disciples into heaven, shall so come in like manner as the disciples had seen him go into heaven.

“And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11

The church witness began on the Day of Pentecost, seven days after the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, forty-three days after His crucifixion.

And the church witness will end when the Lord Jesus Christ returns for His Bride and the Church of God is raptured!

Today, we are waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ to return from heaven, just as the Apostles saw Him ascend!

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, He shall certainly return to judge the world and take His Church home to glory!

And Jesus shall surely return in like manner as the disciples saw Him go into heaven in His ascension—bodily, visibly and triumphantly—at Mount Olivet, in the presence of His saints and His angels, as He had promised some 2000 years ago!

REVIVING THE DEAD

Every day, lives are lost simply because breath is not restored in time.

In Singapore, there are about 5-10 cases of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest every day. One crucial factor to survival is timely bystander or first-responder Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

When the heart stops, and breathing ceases, death will ensue, unless life-giving intervention, i.e., CPR, is applied quickly.

CPR restores breath where it has ceased. Without breath, there is no life. But when breath returns, life returns. Breath makes the difference between life and death.

The same applies to the spiritual realm.

A man dead in his sin is spiritually dead and has no spiritual breath. He cannot

revive himself. Without divine intervention, he remains dead.

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.” [Emphasis added] Ezekiel 37:1-6

The Spirit of God carried Ezekiel to a valley full of dry bones—dry bones indicating that the flesh had completely decayed and death had occurred a long time ago. This means that resuscitation in this case is completely impossible in such deadness, without any shadow of doubt!

Judah and Jerusalem were destroyed and razed to the ground for their sins, and the Jews were scattered and dispersed abroad in Babylon amongst their enemies. In the face of such great discouragement and dire circumstances, it was nigh impossible that the people of God would ever come together again as a nation and be

revived. It seemed that they were in a deplorable condition beyond redemption—dead like dried bones!

But Ezekiel had an urgent duty to prophesy as the LORD had commanded. He had to bring the LORD's message and promise of their revival and restoration in the midst of despair, at a time when the national witness of both Israel and Judah had been obliterated by the Assyrians and Babylonians, respectively.

The LORD reminded Ezekiel that the Word of God can make alive that which has died beyond recognition! The LORD can cause breath to enter, and the dead shall live!

Deadness both physical and spiritual—requires urgent and immediate intervention!

In this issue, we consider several aspects of revival:

Seasons of Refreshing

The basis for revival

The Spirit of revival

Biblical revival

Revive thy church!

A testimony of revival

May God, in His mercy and grace, grant us seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

As usual, please do not hesitate to drop an email to Dn. Adrian Poh (hiswayisperfectforme@gmail.com) for any feedback or enquiries.

May the LORD bless you and your family, and may we be ready for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ! ■



RISE UP MEN OF GOD MINISTRY

*"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
Let all your things be done with charity."*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

MISSION

Building up godly and spiritual Christian men, husbands, and fathers in the LORD

OBJECTIVES

A Bible-based and Christ-centered ministry to help Christian men, husbands, and fathers to:

1. Be skilful in the Word of God and strong in their faith
2. Be godly heads of homes to lead their wives and children to follow Christ
3. Encourage, sharpen, and provoke one another unto love and good works

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The Call and Duties of Christian Men
Pastoral Instruction from 1 and 2 Timothy
for the Man of God

1 Jan 2026 (PH)

Called to be approved unto God!
2 Timothy 2 : 14-26

27 May 2026 (PH)

Called to live in perilous times!
2 Timothy 3 : 1-9

29 Aug 2026 (5th Anniversary)

Called to suffer persecution!
2 Timothy 3 : 10-17

31 Oct 2026

Called to keep the faith!
2 Timothy 4 : 1-22

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7 Mar 2026 (Sat)

4 Jul 2026 (Sat)

5 Dec 2026 (Sat)

Seasons of **REFRESHING**

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Acts 3:19-20

CONDITIONS FOR REVIVAL

“Repent ye therefore”

Revival does not begin with an outward change, but with inward repentance.

First, man must repent. Repentance is more than being sorry for wrongdoing. Judas was sorry for betraying Christ, but he did not repent before God in Christ. If he had repented, he would not have committed suicide. Repentance is a deep conviction before God that one has sinned against Him and needs to be forgiven by God in Christ alone.

Some think that repentance is merely the exercise of man's free will. It is arrogant to think they can repent whenever they want. They do not know that repentance is not natural to the carnal and corrupt nature of sinful man.

The absolute freedom of will was lost when Adam sinned. All are born depraved and in bondage to sin. In other words, man is in a state of condemnation the moment he begins to exist in his mother's womb, born a sinner. As such, man no longer has absolute free will. But that does not mean he is incapable of committing wilful sins. Every sin a man commits after he crosses the line of accountability, God holds him accountable.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

In the Sermon on the Mount, The Lord Jesus Christ preached the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes describe logically and not chronologically, from start to finish, what happens to a sinner when he receives

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

Ezekiel 33:11



salvation from God in Christ. Salvation begins with all who are "poor in spirit," i.e., beggarly in spirit. Christ described them as "blessed." To be considered "blessed" in God's eyes is to be happy because one knows he has a personal relationship with God in Christ. How does a person become beggarly in spirit? Through the preaching of the Ten Commandments, he realises he has committed innumerable sins against God. His heart is convicted that God will cast him into hell when he dies in his sin.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Upon realizing that he will be cast into hell if he dies in his sin, he mourns deeply in his heart. He does not want to be cast into hell. He does not want to sin against

God, but he has! He runs to God, prostrate to the ground like a beggar, pleading for forgiveness.

Without repentance, there can be no revival and no blessing!

"and be converted"

Biblical repentance is not merely lip service, where a person says "Sorry" or "Forgive me" or "Have mercy on me" while continuing in sin without the desire to stop sinning, for such an empty profession reveals the true condition of an impenitent and unrepentant heart.

Instead, genuine biblical repentance changes a man's entire nature and disposition. It involves godly sorrow, holy hatred for sin and forsaking sin.

One must be careful to interrogate the innermost recesses of one's own heart

and the depths of one's own soul as to the sorrow one experiences.

“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” [Emphasis added] 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

There is also a sorrow that accompanies the fear of earthly consequence, the fear of embarrassment, and the fear of earthly reprisal or punishment—such is “the sorrow of the world [that] worketh death”! Worldly sorrow transforms the outward man only. He remains a sinner within, even though he behaves rightly without.

“ And the work that godly sorrow does is true and sincere repentance before the Omniscient God, leading to salvation in Christ! ”

The Bible recorded, “*Judas, which had betrayed him [Jesus Christ], when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders*” (Matthew 27:3). Judas did the right thing to return the 30

pieces of silver he took from the Sanhedrin Council for betraying Christ. But he fell short of genuine biblical repentance; he did not repent before God by running to Him, pleading for forgiveness, crying out, and receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. He was sorry for his betrayal but still rejected Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah.

Alas, such worldly sorrow led Judas to men alone—the chief priests and elders, but not to the Almighty God as well, whom he had betrayed!

Judas' worldly sorrow and earthly repentance led him to confess before men when he said, “*I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood*” (Matthew 27:4a). He also made restitution for the ill-got money he had obtained when “*he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple*” (Matthew 27:5a).

In this ordeal, he did not confess his love for money, the very thing that led him to betray the Lord Jesus Christ—the root of all evil! Such false repentance out of carnal desperation and fleshly despair will not lead to salvation, but instead to destruction!

Tragically, Judas “*went and hanged himself*” (Matthew 27:5b). In the example of Judas Iscariot, God has warned us. We must take heed to thoroughly examine ourselves that we do not fool ourselves by the false sentimentalism of the pernicious type of worldly sorrow and false repentance that leads men to death and ruination.

But there is also a type of sorrow that “worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of”—such is the locomotive power of godly sorrow to work! And the work

that godly sorrow does is true and sincere repentance before the Omniscient God, leading to salvation in Christ!

Such is the grace of God on the penitent sinner in His sanctifying affliction upon those who would repent and mourn for their sins and turn away from them. True repentance changes the whole man. The sinner is turned from his sin and is converted! False repentance changes only the outward man.

We cannot love God and love sin. It is impossible to be lovers of holiness and carnality at the same time.

There are only two realities—we have either repented, or we have not. And if we have not repented and remain unconverted, then we are yet in our sins!

THE FRUIT OF REVIVAL

“that your sins may be blotted out”

God did not blot out man’s sin by ignoring it, as if it were a person sweeping dirt under a carpet. God blotted out man’s sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, who paid in full for all the sins man committed against Him. God’s divine justice demands that all sinners must die for their sins, unless they find a substitute to die in their place. God’s divine justice must be fully and eternally satisfied to blot out man’s sin permanently and forever.

The redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ procures the forgiveness of and the pardon for the sinners’ sins. The sinner is thus made holy and sanctified in Christ.

More than this, the sinners’ sins are not only blotted out—the righteousness of Christ is also imputed to the sinner, and he is legally justified in the sight of a thrice-holy God. The penalty of sin has been fully paid and accepted by God in Christ! God now sees Christ when He sees a Christian. God sees a Christian as one who has never sinned a single sin before in his life.

The sinner is thus received and adopted as a child of the Living God.

When a man is in Christ, he is born again. He is born again of water, i.e., the Gospel of Christ and of the Spirit—spiritual rebirth! For unless a man is born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

Such a man is a new creature in Christ. Old things are passed away—the old man is crucified and put away. Behold, all things are become new—there is a regeneration and a complete replacement of the old sinful nature with a holy nature, i.e., Christ’s nature. The sinful nature, where he was a slave to sin, has now been replaced completely by a holy nature where he is a slave to righteousness. The carnal spirit is replaced by the Holy Spirit, who dwells in him.

We must not be naïve to think that salvation in Christ is merely entails the forgiveness of our sins. It is so much more!

Consider the words of George Whitefield, who succinctly and elegantly described the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ in the lives of all His redeemed.

“If the benefits of our dear Redeemer’s death were to extend no farther than barely to procure forgiveness of our sins,

we should have as little reason to rejoice in it, as a poor condemned criminal that is ready to perish by some fatal disease would have in receiving a pardon from his judge. For Christians would do well to consider that there is not only a legal hindrance to our happiness, as we are breakers of God's law, but also a moral impurity in our natures, which renders us incapable of enjoying heaven (as hath been already proved) till some mighty change has been wrought in us. It is necessary therefore, in order to make Christ's redemption complete, that we should have a grant of God's Holy Spirit to change our natures, and so prepare us for the enjoyment of that happiness our Saviour has purchased by his precious blood.

Accordingly the holy scriptures inform us, that whom Christ justifies, or whose sins he forgives, and to whom he imputes his perfect obedience, those he also sanctifies, purifies and cleanses, and totally changeth their corrupted natures. As the scripture also speaketh in another place, "Christ is to us justification, sanctification, and then redemption." (George Whitefield, 'The Nature and Necessity of our New Birth in Christ Jesus', 1739, pages 19-20.)

We are cured of the terminal disease of sin by the Great Physician, and also received the pardon from the Righteous Judge—we shall not die! Neither by the death of sin nor the sword of the Executioner. More than that, we have also been purified and prepared for perfection in heaven's glory!

O, the fullness of salvation—our sins are blotted out!

"when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord"

Furthermore, as alluded to in the aforementioned section, the sinner is made alive when he responds by faith to the Gospel. The "times of refreshing" means "times of revival, i.e., to breathe again." Revival refers to one who is spiritually dead. Once he is revived, he is spiritually alive.

Jesus says, *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (John 3:3)

The breath of life enters where there was once death, and the sinner who was once dead in sin is now revived and born again in Christ!

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Once dead in sin, he is now alive in Christ and walks in newness of life! "If any man be in Christ" means that the sinner has died with Christ when Christ died on the cross. All sinners before God must die. God's divine justice was fully satisfied by the death of Christ. When the sinner identifies himself with Christ's death, he dies with Christ the moment he believes and receives Christ into his heart as his personal substitute. Christ saves him from his sin. He is now a new creature in Christ inside of him. Outwardly, he looks the same. But

inwardly, he is a new person, blessed with a new mind and a new heart.

Once he lived only for himself and the world; now he lives for Christ!

“ May the LORD awaken sinners to salvation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and awaken His church with a longing for His presence and the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ ”

Such a transformation is not an external reform like the formalist, nor a mere change of habit of the moralist.

The Pharisees would have been saved if formal religion could bring salvation to the sinner!

The Apostle Paul would also not have descended from his moral high ground to renounce his moral credentials and pedigree if morality could deliver him from his sin.

Salvation in Christ brings about regeneration—a complete spiritual transformation, restoration and rebirth—a change of nature wrought by the Spirit of God at

the point of salvation. He is a new creature in Christ and prepared for heaven!

ARE WE LOOKING FOR REVIVAL?

Can the Church of God be faulted if she were content with the status quo today?

Are Christians blameless if there is no holy dissatisfaction with the status quo? Have we settled into a comfortable Christianity that costs little and demands even less?

Spiritual indifference, apathy and lethargy are cardinal symptoms of spiritual decay. They reveal hearts that have grown dull and cold, and the church must be woken up out of her spiritual stupor!

It is concerning if supposedly spiritual people are satisfied with stagnation and more occupied with ease, leisure and earthly pleasure with no thought for holiness, prayer or spiritual growth.

May the LORD stir our hearts.

May the LORD awaken sinners to salvation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and awaken His church with a longing for His presence and the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The hour today calls for more than reflection—it calls for a response!

Let us humble ourselves before the LORD. Let us repent and seek His face urgently and sincerely today! ■

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The Basis of revival **Begins in** **JESUS CHRIST** The Promise of Revival!

THE WRONG BASIS

The basis of ministry in many churches today is on activity rather than the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reason for this is that people have an ear for the sensational and dramatic but have no ear for the Gospel.

Unregenerate men are *“stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, [and] do always resist the Holy Ghost”*. (Acts 7:51)

This wrong basis of ministry results in an undue and unnecessary focus on activity to generate interest, rapidly increase numbers and produce emotion to produce quick-fix ‘results’ and ‘achieve targets’—no different to how secular organisations run their businesses and manage commercial affairs.

This leads to the unfortunate and inaccurate notion that activity is spiritual growth and maturity. Tragically, we conclude wrongly when we measure wrongly.

Sadly, the world has broken through. Business principles and corporatisation,

with its efficiency drives and performance metrics, have overrun the church and turned the church upside down. Fundamental Bible-believing churches are also not spared.

There is much ado about organisation, operating procedures and methods of ministry, but little or no fervency in prayer. The Word of God is marginalised and merely cited as an appendix to legitimise the ministry as both biblical and Christian. Moreover, the vital ministry of the Holy Spirit is neglected and forgotten.

Numbers, activities, sensationalism and emotion erroneously define success in the ministry. Such emphasis is more on man than on Christ, and the church is more concerned about how man feels and the blessings that man can receive than for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in the work of the LORD.

It is no wonder that activities are misconstrued as fervour, that sentimentalism is mistaken for revival, and that any positive



emotion is misdiagnosed as spiritual renewal and restoration.

The purported spiritual refreshing and revival spoken of in many churches today is nothing at all like the revival experience described in the first three centuries of the early church witness and in the 16th Century Reformation, when it was met with the sweeping power of the mighty Holy Spirit's revival through God's Word in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with much prayer.

THE EARLY CHURCH IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

When we trace the early beginnings of the church witness, we will realise how far she has fallen today.

The Acts of the Apostles documents the history of the New Testament church. But it is not just a narrative of church history—it records far more than that.

The Word of God in Acts reveals the birth and growth of the New Testament church witness and documents the unseen Hand of God through the mighty working of the Holy Spirit.

There is no secret to the basis of true spiritual revival—it always begins and ends with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the chief cornerstone in whom all the building fitly framed together grow unto a holy temple in the Lord. (Ephesians 2:20-21)

A survey of the first three chapters of the Acts of the Apostles will reveal that the basis of true biblical-sanctioned revival is in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself alone!

BEGINS IN JESUS CHRIST!

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he

was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.” [Emphasis added] Acts 1:1-3

True spiritual revival begins primarily in the Person and Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke records the death (passion), resurrection (alive) and ascension (taken up) of the Lord Jesus Christ succinctly in the first three verses, which form the basis for the start of the church witness that was to follow.

Without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there will be no salvation and no church to speak of.

For *“if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain... And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins!”* (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17) There is no salvation apart from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thank God that *“now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20)

The Lord Jesus Christ *“shewed himself alive after his passion (death) by many infallible proofs”*. These convincing proofs of Christ’s death and resurrection can convince the eye and mind. Still, only the Lord Jesus Christ Himself can convince the hearts and souls of men—that He had indeed died and risen from the dead!

The start of the church witness was heralded by the 1st coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, while the end of the church witness will conclude with the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ. The church of God will bear witness to the testimony of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in between these two comings.

POWER FROM JESUS CHRIST!

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
[Emphasis added] Acts 1:8

These were the last words of the Lord Jesus Christ before He ascended to heaven—He promised the disciples that they would receive power.

The work and ministry of the LORD is not child’s play. It is not a walk in the park or playing seesaw in the playground. God’s children are to be deployed into the front-line and trenches of the hottest of battles ever known to man—the spiritual battle.

War always produces casualties and fatalities, and warfare invariably brings about misery. People cry out for peace, and we try our best to avoid conflict.

But this is one fight that the church of God cannot and must not avoid. It is a necessary fight! For it is a fight for testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as for the souls of men, women and children who are lost in sin and darkness!

The LORD calls us to “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12a). The way to fight is by faith, the way to win is by faith, and the LORD’s power is needed for the battle!

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” [Emphasis added] Acts 1:5

The instrument through which the disciples would receive the power that the Lord Jesus Christ had promised was in the overwhelming and mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

“The Lord Jesus Christ had clearly outlined the mission of the New Testament church: she ‘shall be witnesses unto me,’ i.e., a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Just as the Lord had promised, “they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). This power was needed for the establishment and evangelical work of the early church. The Holy Spirit filled the apostles, enabling them to speak languages they had never learned before to bring the Gospel of Christ to the Jews who had come from all parts of

the Roman Empire to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Not all the Jews spoke Greek or Hebrew. They came as unbelievers, but they returned home as believers in Christ, bringing the Gospel with them to share with their loved ones and friends.

The Lord Jesus Christ had clearly outlined the mission of the New Testament church: she “shall be witnesses unto me,” i.e., a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. He had also outlined the pattern of her growth—“in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”.

The church of God will march forward in her offensive to storm the grave to care for the dying and charge into “hell” to rescue the perishing—and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her! She shall receive power from God through the baptism with the mighty Holy Ghost as the Lord Jesus Christ had promised!

POWER IN JESUS CHRIST!

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” [Emphasis added] Acts 3:6

The lame man had been sitting daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, since he was born.

Many Jews walked by every day and took pity on him, giving him alms, but were unable to heal him.

The lame man got through the day with the few coins he had received in alms from devoted Jews who entered the gate

"Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father,
but by me."
John 14:6



Beautiful on their way to the Temple to worship. However, his fundamental needs arising from physical infirmity and unfor-given sins remained unresolved.

Today, the charismatics and the ecumenical movement also distribute alms through their social enterprises, community outreach programs, and social gospel initiatives. They hand out some meals and clothes, and dish out medication on medical missions, but the people continue to live in their misery and will die in their sins without Christ!

They speak of Jesus Christ, but not according to Scripture, and therefore are unable to deliver lost souls from their bondage to sin and condemnation and the curse of sin and hell.

Many of these modern-day 'evangelists' go overseas to show pity for the impoverished and donate money to the poor. They raise some money to build a house or two,

construct a bridge or some water pipes and even teach English and Math. These are well and good, but we must realise that social work and the social gospel do nothing to save souls!

Therefore, the lame man on that pivotal day of the history of the early church, *"who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms"* (Acts 3:3).

He was probably accustomed to doing so—begging temple worshippers for pity and some money daily. But little did the lame man know that his life and that of many thousands of other Jews would be eternally and completely transformed because of that one momentous event that was going to happen in his life.

In response to the lame man's request for alms, *"Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them"* (Acts 3:4-5).

Unlike the rest who walked by the lame man, Peter said, *“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”* [Emphasis added]

“ ... in the Name of Jesus Christ, sinners can find the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Him! There is power in the Name of Jesus Christ! ”

Peter did not have silver and gold. But he gave what he had to the lame man. And he had the LORD! He had the power of God in Jesus Christ to save him from his palsy and from his sins!

“And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.” Acts 3:7-10

The Apostles walked by and healed the lame man in Jesus' Name!

But Peter was deliberate and quick to downgrade the human instrument and

upgrade the LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ!

“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.” Acts 3:12-13

It was the Name of Jesus Christ that made the man who was born lame from birth, to walk again! And in the Name of Jesus Christ, sinners can find the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Him! There is power in the Name of Jesus Christ! The phrase “in the name of Jesus Christ” is powerful because it reveals Jesus' resurrection, for dead men cannot heal.

REVIVAL IN JESUS CHRIST!

Any true biblical spiritual revival is God-sent and certainly not the product of man's design or ingenuity.

And if the basis of any such revival is founded only upon the Lord Jesus Christ alone, then we must start preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!

“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;

but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

Baptism is given by God to all believers to obey after salvation. It is one of two sacraments practised in all Bible-believing churches since Pentecost. But it appeared that contentions had arisen in the Corinthian church over baptism, resulting in a divisive, partisan spirit amongst her members, one that was man-centred.

The Apostle Paul addressed this issue amongst the schismatic Corinthian Christians by reminding them about his principal calling, which the Lord Jesus Christ had sent him to do—preach the Gospel. Water baptism is the evidence of salvation, whereas the preaching of the Gospel is the key to salvation.

“ The basis, promise and power of revival is from and in the Person and work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! ”

The Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, reproved the Corinthians not to usurp the preeminence of Christ by redirecting them from the ministers of the Gospel back to the Christ of the Gospel and the cross of Christ.

The church of God cannot afford to be man-centred. She must be Christ-centred. The church cannot revere man more than Christ, no matter how godly and faithful

or how mightily they may be used of the LORD. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the body, which is the church, and must have the preeminence in all things—Christ-centric!

Likewise, the church of God today also needs an emphasis on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed in Scripture.

There is a need for Christ-centred preaching of the cross, not centred on man’s experience, human logic, carnal philosophy or worldly inventions.

Men of God, we need to speak of Christ at home. Speak of the Saviour at the workplace, at mealtimes, at outings, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere we go!

For it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that would believe. Would we not return to speaking of Christ and His Gospel and pleading with sinners to bring them to Christ?

Sinners dead in sin need to be revived—they need the Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lukewarm Christians who have left their first love for the Lord Jesus Christ, with little appetite for God’s Word and hardly any fervour for spiritual things, need to be revived from their spiritual stupor—their first love for the Lord Jesus Christ needs to be rekindled!

God regenerates and revives by the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The basis, promise and power of revival is from and in the Person and work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! ■

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The Spirit of Revival

HOLY SPIRIT

The Power in Revival!

We live in an age of Christianity where people come to God's house, meet with God's people, hear the message in the sanctuary, but may tragically and sadly never hear the Voice of God nor see the blessed face of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Word.

They may know the facts of the Bible. They may even understand and agree with the logic of substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ, and of justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. But they remain unmoved in their hearts and in their souls.

They leave church the same way they came in – unaffected, unmoved, unchanged and unrepentant.

The church of God today also needs the Hand of God and the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, just as in the days of Pentecost and the 16th-century Reformation!

There is no other cure to spiritual deadness, spiritual lethargy, barrenness and indifference apart from the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of men and women and children through the ministry of God's Word.

The Holy Spirit breathes life into deadness and death – He is the Spirit of revival!

THE DAY OF PENTECOST!

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4

The Lord Jesus Christ – the basis for any revival – was the Paschal Lamb that was crucified as the Passover sacrifice.

The day of Pentecost falls 50 days after Passover – it marks the firstfruits of the wheat harvest (Exodus 34:22). Pentecost was to be a holy day when the children of God were to assemble and bring their various offerings – sin, burnt, peace and thanksgiving offerings, including meat, drink and wave offering to the priest to

offer unto the LORD on that day. They were also reminded to leave some for the poor during this time of harvest, as the LORD had commanded them to do. (Leviticus 23:15-22)

The Feast of Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Weeks, is one of 3 major feasts when Jewish men would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to observe them. The other 2 are the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which starts immediately after Passover, and the Feast of Booths, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Jews must have been celebrating the Feast of Weeks as the Bible records “when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place”.

The filling of the Holy Spirit was the source of the power Jesus had promised, leading to the inauguration of the early New Testament church – and Pentecost was the mighty demonstration of the ministry and power of God the Holy Spirit, indeed!

Luke also wrote to remind readers that the mighty demonstration of the Holy

Spirit was also the fulfilment of the prophecy that the prophet Joel had prophesized when “*it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy*” [Emphasis added] (Acts 2:17-18, Joel 2:27-29)

THE PRESENCE OF GOD!

The presence of God at Pentecost with the filling of the Holy Spirit was marked by 2 visible and suddenly occurring phenomena – the sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind which filled all the house where the disciples were sitting and the cloven tongues like fire that sat upon each of them.

With the presence of God is the power of God - therein lies the secret to all spiritual power and success in any ministry of the LORD's work.



When the LORD works, He can turn hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. When the LORD works, sinners with hardened hearts of stone suddenly become saints whose hearts were made flesh.

Did not the multitude who had gathered to witness the disciples “*speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance*” initially mock them as men drunk and “*full of new wine*”? These were they whose hearts were not too long later pricked by the Apostle Peter’s sermon at the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit vehemently agitated their souls and thoroughly pierced their hearts in order to turn 3000 souls to Christ – all of whom were promptly saved by the LORD that blessed day. (Acts 2:4-6, 13, 37-47)

Years later, even Saul, the greatest enemy of the Gospel, was converted and became the greatest preacher and evangelist to the Gentiles in the uttermost parts of the world!

The visible presence of God was likewise seen in the Old Testament at the dedication of the Temple after Solomon’s prayer. Fire came down from heaven at the end of Solomon’s prayer of dedication and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

On the contrary, there is no power when the presence and the glory of the LORD departs. The children of Israel suffered a crushing defeat by the Philistines, and their enemies captured the ark of God which represented the presence and glory of God. Poignantly, Phinehas’ wife lamented this and thus named her son Ichabod, i.e., no glory, before her death. (1 Samuel 4:19-22)

Without the LORD with us, we are nothing and can do nothing. But if God is for us and with us, who can be against us!

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

A Witness for Christ

The Holy Spirit is a witness for Christ – the work of the Holy Spirit is to testify of Christ and draw men to Him.

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me : And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27 [Emphasis added]

A witness’ responsibility is to testify and provide factual testimony by telling



the truth. The truthfulness of a witness' testimony depends on several factors – the character of the witness, his knowledge, and the accuracy of his delivery.

“And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.” 1 John 5:6

The Holy Spirit is Truth because He is God – the third Person of the Holy Trinity. He uses the Word of God to witness for Christ to the spirit and heart of the believer. Therefore, His testimony and witness are perfect and faultless!

A Witness to Christians

The Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher who fills God's people to be used as instruments “*declaring unto you the testimony of God*” so that our speech and our preaching are “*not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*” (1 Corinthians 2:2b, 4b)

The world and the flesh without the inward ministry and indwelling of the Holy Spirit cannot receive this divine revelation which “*...God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*” (1 Corinthians 2:9b-11)

The natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God which the Holy Ghost teaches, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because these things are spiritually discerned.

But children of God have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God!

When God calls a man to salvation, He calls him by the outward call of the Gospel and the irresistible work of the Holy Spirit, taking the Gospel of Christ to bring conviction and conversion of hearts – to call him out of darkness into His marvellous light, by His grace!

Furthermore, the Spirit Himself bears witness with our own spirit, that we are the children of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit, we are the children of God. This is the blessed assurance of the believer's salvation indeed!

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.” [Emphasis added] Romans 14:17

In addressing the issue of Christian liberty and holy days, the Apostle Paul reminds believers that we are called to the spiritual kingdom of God. Some believe that they are more spiritual by what they eat and do not eat. For example, new Jewish believers may struggle with the Old Testament practice of eating only clean food permitted in the days of the national witness. They may not know that, as a church witness, God has permitted Christians to eat all food except blood and food offered to idols.

The Holy Spirit's inward testimony, in convicting hearts and converting souls, allows us both to partake of all spiritual

blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus in the kingdom of God. Also, it allows us to participate in the work of God as co-labourers together with God as God's husbandry and God's building.

A Witness of God's Power

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." [Emphasis added] Acts 2:38-39

In response to Peter's call to repentance, 3000 souls gladly received Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour (and the gift of the Holy Ghost), were baptised, and were added to the church that day.

This wonderful work of the Holy Spirit became the hallmark of the early New Testament church – for the Holy Spirit is the power of God in revival!

Today, men of God must also be filled with the Holy Spirit to have any power in the work of God.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14

The Holy Spirit leads the children of God - He leads us into the knowledge of God's will in God's Word to show us God's Way!

The Spirit of Truth leads God's children according to the Word of Truth. He leads us to Christ who is at the heart of the Scriptures!

If the Word of God does not lead you, then God is not leading you at all!

We must not be lulled into thinking that becoming a Christian or a child of God is simply mouthing the words of the sinner's prayer, writing some words of a testimony of salvation on paper, or coming to church and being involved in church activities but without first possessing a sincere saving faith in Jesus Christ, and without any desire to read God's Word, and without a true, sincere obedience in His Word – this is counterfeit Christianity!

The Holy Spirit leads God's people in the way of holiness and righteousness by leading us to God's Word to know God's will and God's way for us! Only then can men of God be strong spiritually and have power with God and with men!

The church of God is weak if men of God do not lead Spirit-led lives as Christian men, husbands, and fathers at home, in the church, and at our various workplaces where God has called us.

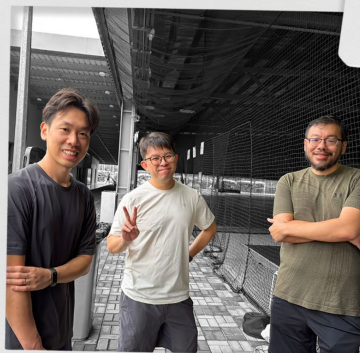
A Spirit-led Christian life is to be led by the Spirit of God. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

Simply put, a Spirit-led life is the life of a truly born-again Christian – a life of holiness and righteousness in Christ according to Scriptures.

May men who profess to be sons of God lead Spirit-led and Spirit-filled lives – for the Holy Spirit is the power of God in revival! ■



Breakfast



RMG Meetup Event



9am 29 Mar 2026



ActiveSG Sport Village @ Jurong Town



Devotion



Group Photo

Biblical Revival

HOLY SCRIPTURES

The Preaching in Revival!

Revival is not the work of man. It is also not the brilliance or eloquence of man.

At the same time, God also uses men as His instrument and means through which He revives His people and His church.

Every child of God has many tutors and instructors, as well as spiritual fathers in the faith.

The Holy Spirit can take the Word of God that is faithfully taught by these human agents, communicated in word or in writing, and apply it personally and powerfully to the hearts and lives of His children.

But first of all, the Holy Scriptures must be faithfully preached by preachers and also diligently studied by every child of God!

PREACH GOD'S WORD!

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words .” [Emphasis added] Acts 2:14

The Apostle Peter preached a sermon on the day of Pentecost to the crowd who were gathered in one accord on the temple mount. God’s servants were also filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them utterance.

When the crowd had heard Peter’s sermon, *“they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* (Acts 2:37)

There were, on the same day about 3000 souls who gladly received his words and were baptized – in response to Peter’s invitation to *“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”* (Acts 2:38).

These precious 3000 souls who were converted represented the first-fruits harvest of Pentecost, just as the feast of weeks celebrated the first-fruits of the wheat harvest in the Old Testament.

Peter’s Christ-centred expository preaching from the Scripture ought to be the prototype of every preacher. He



preached Christ and he preached the Holy Scriptures! Peter preached from a historical perspective because the Jews assembled did not participate in the crucifixion of Christ for they came from all parts of the vast Roman Empire. Peter's historical approach to sharing the Gospel was to authenticate to the Jews the legitimacy of Jesus' claim that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Christ.

He cited 3 passages from the Old Testament in Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11 and Psalm 110:1 to provide the biblical basis for the filling of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and provided a New Testament commentary of these Old Testament Scripture passages.

Furthermore, he drew the attention of the crowd to the Gospel of the Lord

Jesus Christ – which is the very heart and centrality of the Holy Scriptures.

The Apostle Peter's sermon at Pentecost can be simply summarised as Christ-centred expository Bible preaching! The Holy Spirit took the faithfully preached Word of God to bring conviction and conversion to 3000 Jews to the very Christ who had just been crucified as a 'criminal' that very same day the sermon was preached! The Bible cannot be removed from the equation in any biblical revival!

STUDY GOD'S WORD!

The Bible is a non-negotiable weapon against the spiritual forces of darkness if there were to be any biblical revival.

There can certainly be no revival if God's people are uninterested in God's Word, and are more enamoured by worldly psychology and human wisdom than the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We must be careful not to pay mere lip service to God and His Word.

When men of God spend more time on Tik Tok and Instagram, or find more interest in reading The Business Times or The Economist than reading God's Word – there will be no revival.

When we would rather play pickleball and go golfing or to the gym than to spend 10 minutes in private personal devotion in reading God's Word - there will not be revival.

The LORD expects the preacher to be responsible for preparing and preaching God's Word diligently, accurately and faithfully – this is vital in revival!

The LORD also expects men of God to be responsible in reading God's Word diligently and faithfully – this is also vital in revival!

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

Men of God ought to endeavour to labour to study God's Word earnestly and diligently. Effort is required for this personal labouring in God's Word. “To study” is to “spare no effort.”

There is no shame in labouring hard to dissect and thoroughly examine God's Word, for this is acceptable in the sight of

God. On the contrary, those who profess to be a child of God and would not do so ought to be ashamed instead! For if we would not labour, we shall not reap!

How do you think the statistics will look for Christian men who do daily devotion and quiet time?

Many have no qualms about spending hundreds of dollars, if not thousands, every month to hire private tutors for their children to improve their academic performance. But they cannot bear to spend just \$100 for a good and faithful Bible commentary or Christian book to tutor them in the Word of God, with much prayer for the LORD to help them grow spiritually.

GOD'S WORD - INSPIRED AND PERFECT!

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A breath is produced in exhalation in the cycle of respiration each time we breathe - when air is moved from our lungs through our trachea (windpipe) towards our nostrils and mouth to be exhaled.

Sound is produced at the larynx (voice-box) whenever we speak – as the laryngeal muscles move our vocal cords to cause vibration of the air molecules to produce sound waves.

God lovingly and patiently condescends to our finite estate in

anthropomorphic expression by describing how He speaks through Scripture by His own voice that is produced by the very breath of God – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God”! “Inspiration” – “Theopneustos” - God-breathed!

The wind section of an orchestra is composed of different instruments that each produce different qualities. For example, the French horn has a ‘warm, mellow and blended tone, while the trombone has a bright, powerful, and cutting sound’. And the flute is described as having ‘a bright, clear and singing tone, while the clarinet produces a rich, warm and deep tone’.

It is remarkable how each instrument produces different characteristics and sounds with the same breath of the same note from the same musical score! They sing the same tune and song, with distinct variations of sound quality. And all these qualities that play from the same score combine and blend in perfect harmony in the orchestra to sing the same song!

So it is with the Holy Scriptures! The Holy Spirit – Author of the Holy Scriptures - moves and produces to write

the Scriptures through human agency – each man with his own characteristic, but all by the same very breath of God! Every human writer of the Bible is moved by the Holy Spirit, who is responsible for every single note and detail produced, to every jot and tittle.

The Bible is a Living Book - we must not be naïve to think that the Bible *was* only God-breath” for the past generations. The Bible *is* also presently “God-breath” (and thus perfectly preserved) by God in the present – because it is the very same Voice of God that speaks out of heaven each time the Bible is read!

It is the breath of God through the Holy Spirit that speaks each time the Bible is read. And God continues to move and speaks to us through His Word today!

Therefore, we cannot expect any form of biblical revival unless we invest time, effort, and resources in preaching, reading, and studying the Bible! ■

Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church

CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17)

Every 1st Saturday of every month at 5pm
Main Sanctuary

Theme for 2026:

Loving One Another in the Church!



Revive thy church!

PRAYER

The Powerhouse of Revival!

TALK ONLY ABOUT PRAYING!

There are many books and sermons about prayer. Many Christians also frequently speak about prayer – expressing great confidence in its efficacy and power.

Much has been written and spoken about prayer. Yet I wonder whether there is much practice of prayer beyond these essays and conversations about prayer.

It seems the weekly church prayer meetings are sparse, and the echoes reverberate distinctly in the mostly empty church sanctuary each week.

The Lord Jesus Christ knows our weakness and frail composition, and exhorted us in the parable of the persistent widow and unjust judge “*that men ought always to pray, and not to faint*” (Luke 18:1)

The struggle to pray is not the figment of the Christian’s own imagination “*for we know not what we should pray for as we ought*” (Romans 8:26).

The disciple who, when he saw the Lord Jesus Christ praying, asked, “*Lord, teach us to pray*” (Luke 11:1), was very cognisant and honest about his own weakness in his struggle to pray.

Is the church of God today weak and impotent because she is ignorant and impotent in her prayer?

PERSEVERE IN PRAYING!

“And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day’s journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room [emphasis], where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.” [Emphasis added] Acts 1:10-14



**"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5:16**

The disciples, numbering 120, including the 11 Apostles and the women, returned from Mount Olivet to Jerusalem as Jesus had instructed them to wait after His ascension.

They had travelled a sabbath day's journey – about 2000 cubits or just under one kilometre and gathered in the upper room. The Bible records their earnest and persevering prayer as they continued to give themselves to fervent and united prayer – "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication"

The Lord Jesus Christ – their Saviour and Master who had always been with them, had just been crucified on the cross as a 'criminal' and now ascended to heaven, leaving them seemingly alone to fend for themselves without His bodily presence after 3.5 years.

It must have been perplexing for the disciples during these troubled and dangerous times, especially in Jerusalem, where they were seen as disciples of a crucified common criminal. But they responded to the situation by uniting in prayer and supplication before God – exemplifying what it means to be "*rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer*" (Romans 12:12)!

*"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him..... And when he [Peter] had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."
[Emphasis added] Acts 12:5, 12*

Another instance of the early church's corporate prayer meeting in the book of Acts was when the church prayed fervently and earnestly "without ceasing" for the Apostle Peter when he was in prison. Peter's arrest came immediately after Herod had murdered the Apostle James the brother of John.

In such difficult and dire circumstances, the carnal man will inevitably choose the carnal reaction to murmur and complain. But the response of spiritual people to calamity is in prayer.

Prayer is the believer's lifeline to the very throne room and presence of God where the thrice-holy and Almighty God dwells. Prayer brings the believer through the entrance beyond the veil right into the holy of holies - in and through the merits of the completed atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Oh, how we must prostrate in holy awe and reverence, and in full and complete submission and humility before the One True and Living God and Creator when we come before His presence in prayer!

POWER IN PRAYING!

Prayer is not making a speech or oratory to God – expecting the applause or adulation of men on earth or angels in heaven to give a standing ovation at the end of the speech (or 'prayer').

Prayer is also not a display of our eloquence or linguistics or showing off our high-sounding theology and doctrine before God – but a humble and contrite pleading with God at His Word because God is faithful as He has promised!

The ignorance and impotence of prayer can often be attributed primarily to our ignorance of God's Word.

For our prayers to be powerful, they must be functionally powerful, i.e., powerful in operation. It must avail much! It ought to bring about direct, divine intervention!

The key to power in prayer is for the prayer to reach the ear of God and be heard by God, that it may move the hand of God to intervene in the mortal affairs of men! What use are the words we mouth in prayer if they are only admired by men but merely evaporate before they even reach the ceiling of the building?

Believing prayer, dictated by the Spirit, and presented through Jesus Christ, is today the power of the church, and we cannot do without it. Some look at her active agencies and prize them, but they suppose that prayer might be dispensed with. You have seen the threshing machine going along the country road from farm to farm: in front there is a huge, black engine which toils along the road, and then behind you see the machine which actually does the threshing. A novice might say, "I will hire the threshing machine, but I do not want your engine; that is an expensive affair, which consumes coal, and makes smoke; I do not require it. I will have the machine which actually does the work, but I do not want the engine." Such a remark would be absurd, for of what use would the machine be to you if the motive power were gone? Prayer in the church is the

steam engine which makes the wheels revolve, and really does the work, and therefore we cannot do without it.

[Charles Spurgeon "The Special Prayer-Meeting" 25 July 1875 Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 21]

Charles Spurgeon described the prayer meeting as the engine room of the church. And if the engine room of the church were to be strong and roaring, the saints ought to plead the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God. For at the entrance of prayer is the blood of Christ poured out, and at the very heart of prayer lies the Word of God!

If men of God would not pray, the engine room of the church would not be started. And if the engine would not start, how would the church of God be moved?

The power and might of man are finite and vain. The church cannot do God's work in her own strength.

But the extent of God's power spans from the sun and moon in creation to the ordination of global superpowers and governments in high places. He rules over times and seasons of life, and directs every minute

detail of every situation to orchestrate all things under His divine and Omnipotent control perfectly.

If men of God were to have power, we must have power with God!

Therefore, men of God must pray in their closets. We also have to present ourselves at the church prayer meeting to pray! This is where we will have spiritual strength and power to do God's work, and make any progress in this great spiritual battle!

We must pray to God alone in private. We also have to come together to pray corporately with believers – to "continue with one accord in prayer and supplication," just as the early church was marked by God-sent revival!

May the Word of God convict the heart of any who would excuse themselves from the prayer meeting by thinking that praying to God alone is the same as coming to church to pray together with the saints!

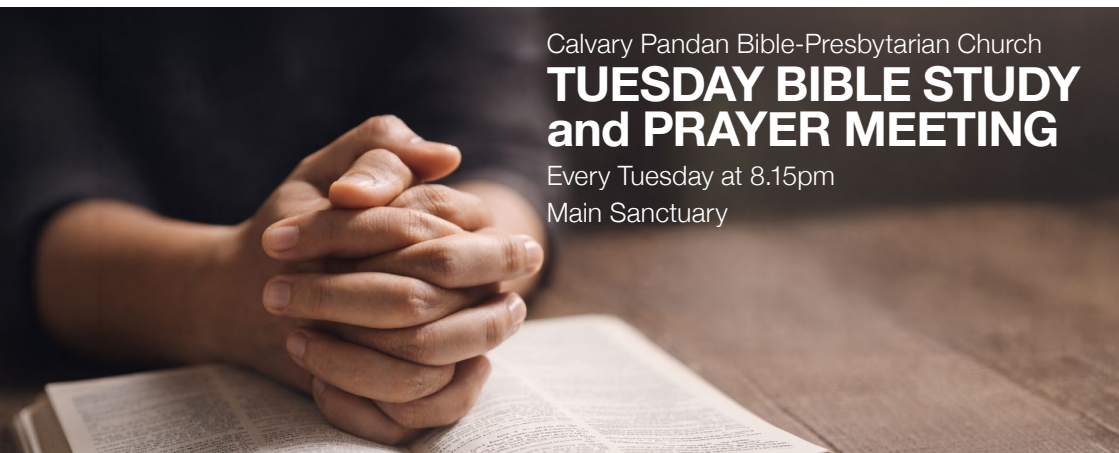
May the LORD revive the prayer life of the church of God – for the prayer meeting is the engine room and power house of revival! ■

Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday at 8.15pm

Main Sanctuary



Testimony of Revival

Excerpt from "Born Again in the Singapore Pentecost"

TESTIMONY OF DR. TOW SIANG HWA

I am what I am because of the blessed ministry of Dr. John Sung. During the Revival Meetings of 1935, I found salvation in Jesus Christ, and I gave my life to the Saviour. I learnt the blessedness of feeding on the Word, the power of Gospel choruses, and the power of corporate prayer.

Three sessions a day for 14 days, we sat at the feet of this man of God, feasting on the Word of life. John Sung brought forth the treasures from the Book, the mysteries of God's Word. His dominant theme was Repentance - out with sin; Sanctification - welcome to the Word and the Holy Spirit; Confession - confess Christ before men, testify of God's saving grace.

The meetings were never dull. John Sung made the Gospel alive, real and relevant. His preaching was simple, but simply powerful, Spirit-filled. No coaxing, no psychological conditioning, no mass choirs and persuasive music, no army of organizers and counsellors, no commercialism and mass media buildup. Only the pure Word of God spoken in power. And God's Holy Spirit worked at every meeting. Sinners openly repented in tears, confessed their sins, testified of their new birth with joy. Miracles of conversion were seen by the hundreds, day after day.

What a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. The crowds filled the Telok Ayer Methodist Church before each meeting and left with reluctance at the end. Everyone loved the Bible. Gospel choruses were commonly heard on the streets and in buses. Singapore saw revival.

My first memory of John Sung was the opening meeting. Early in the morning the hall was filled. Dr. Sung led us in the chorus:



Dr. John Sung

*Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by.*

His preaching was into the heart searching, pricking, convicting. His appeal brought instant response. No holding back when God's Spirit is working! This reaping of souls was seen at every meeting.

My last memory of Dr. Sung was the tearful farewell at Keppel Harbour. He led in the singing of "God will take care of you." Hundreds wept openly as the ship pulled

away. What a man. No social graces. Only God's grace! Fearing only God, he preached without fear. He never held back. He rebuked sin without compromise. Sinners repented. Lives were made new - by the thousands. Many continue to this day. He exposed and rebuked the modernists. They hated him.

I thank God for John Sung. He implanted the seed of love for the Lord in my heart. He led me to understand God's love and God's salvation.

He taught me to love the lost, to thrill at seeing souls saved. He set the example of

utter loyalty to the Word, and utter devotion to promoting the Gospel. Above all, John Sung taught me to hate sin and to love righteousness.

John Sung was a man of prayer and the Word. These filled his day, every day. His devotion to Christ was complete. His zeal was like a consuming fire. He burned out for his Lord. That is why he was called "Flame for God in the Far East" by Leslie Lyall of the OMF. Only Jesus, always Jesus - that was his theme each day. No social functions, no idle talk, no sight-seeing, no recreations, no welcome dinners.

*Only Jesus, always Jesus!
My heart will praise,
My song I'll raise.
Saved and healed me,
Sanctified me.
Glorious Lord,
Soon coming King!*

John Sung was a man of prayer and the Word. These filled his day, every day great achievement ! He knew the meaning of full surrender. He followed His Lord single-mindedly, relentlessly, resolutely. He cared not for self or for any other thing. Only Jesus, always Jesus! What is the spirit of John Sung?

Have you caught a glimpse of it? It is simply this: following Jesus everyday, regardless of consequences and all else. Following Jesus until the very end, to hear His "well done."

Elisha prayed for a double portion of the spirit of Elijah. What is your prayer today? As for me, this is my prayer: may just a portion of the spirit of John Sung fall on me. And not on me only, but on all who yearn to follow Jesus. May the Lord revive us all. Amen.



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