

Arise!

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Editorial

The Singapore Bible-Presbyterian (B-P) movement started with the planting of Life B-P Church in January 1955. This year, she will celebrate her 67th anniversary.

67 years is not a very long time, but long enough for the present generation to forget the heart and spirit of fundamental B-Pism.

It is safe to say that the fundamental Christianity in Singapore was birthed in tandem with the rise of the Singapore B-P movement in the 1950s. Significantly, fundamental Christianity in Singapore was raised against the tide of the growing global influence of liberal Christianity in the form of the Charismatic Movement, Neo-evangelical Movement and the Ecumenical Movement (World



Council of Churches) in the early 20th century.

God raised the fundamentalist standard in Singapore by first raising a man. The Singapore B-P movement was started not long after the “Singapore Pentecost” during the evangelistic campaigns of Dr. John Sung who came to Singapore seven times in the late 1930s. Amongst those saved was a young boy named Timothy Tow, who would later become Rev. Timothy Tow – the founder of the Singapore B-P movement. His testimony of salvation was published in the last issue of this newsletter.

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Through the pioneering work of Rev. Timothy Tow, God subsequently raised the B-P church and the Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC) as a fundamentalist standard for Christendom in Singapore, the far east, and possibly the world today.

By God's grace and providence, the B-P movement has survived the deluge of false doctrines and doctrinal attacks in the spiritual battlefield over the past 67 years. These 67 years of spiritual warfare has resulted in many casualties and unmasked many traitors. Many have also completed their tour of duty and have earned their deserved rest, and been welcomed home by the LORD's appointment. What about us today?

In this respect, the Singapore B-P movement has a good name, for it is synonymous with historic, fundamental Christianity. But are B-P Churches in Singapore today merely fundamental in name but not in practice?

Are the fundamentalists still standing today?

"...I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." (Revelations 3:1b).

The Lord Jesus Christ's indictment of the church of Sardis is a sobering warning for us today. The church of Sardis had a distinguished past and many glorious achievements. But those were in the past. By the time John wrote the book of Revelation, it was dead.

A rudderless ship will be tossed to-and-fro and sail nowhere, and a tree with a dead hollow trunk will soon be hewn down. The rudderless ship is useless if it cannot get anywhere, and a dead tree will only produce rottenness and decay. (Ephesians 4:14, Matthew 23:26-28)

“Therefore, it is essential to know why we believe what we believe, and know why we do what we do.

It is the same for the Christian religion and any Christian denomination, including the B-P movement. It is easy to maintain a semblance of fundamentalism in form without real conviction of heart and spirit.

Therefore, it is essential to know why we believe what we believe and know why we do what we do. It is important to learn and re-learn, lest we forget. Otherwise, all that we do in the name of Christianity or as B-Ps will merely be liturgical rites and forms without any spiritual reality in our lives.

The biblical pattern of learning is to **hear and see, learn and receive**, as well as **teach and do**. And we must never stop learning. Learning is done by hearing

and seeing. This means teaching has to be done by communicating verbally, i.e. teaching and exhorting (so others can learn by hearing), and by doing, i.e. by presenting an example in one's life (so one others can learn by seeing).

*“And the things that thou hast **heard** of me among many witnesses, the same **commit** thou to faithful men, who shall be able to **teach** others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2) (Emphasis added)*

*“Those things, which ye have both **learned**, and **received**, and **heard**, and **seen** in me, **do**; and the God of peace shall be with you.” (Philippians 4:9). (Emphasis added)*

In this issue, we have several feature sections (‘Walk with Wise Men’, ‘The

Old path and the Good Way’, and ‘The Christian Home’) in addition to the regular section (In Understanding Be Men).

We will also learn (and re-learn) one of the B-P distinctives — Premillennialism — and continue to attempt to ignite the flame of the Singapore B-P spirit in our hearts as we read of God’s hand in calling Rev. Timothy Tow to the full-time ministry. We trust that the sections on biblical counsel regarding the sin of adultery, as well as the high calling of Christian fathers, will be a blessing to you, your family, and those around you. ✂

As always, feel free to email to Dn Simon chuahanyong@gmail.com or Dn Adrian hiswayisperfectforme@gmail.com for any feedback, sharing, or testimonies.

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

1 Cor 16:13-14

Mission

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

Mission

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

1. Be skillful 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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Stay Tuned for our upcoming Messages

24 Oct 2022 All things with Charity
(Colossians 3:14)

A new series in 2023

Our Sanctification

Renewing minds, Reforming hearts and Transforming lives

2 Jan 2023 Sanctify yourselves!
(Joshua 7:6-26)

29 Apr 2023 Our Sanctification - the work of Jesus Christ
(Hebrews 13:9-16)

29 Jul 2023 Our Sanctification - the work of the Holy Spirit
(1 Peter 1:1-12)

13 Nov 2023 Our Sanctification - the work of Scripture
(John 17:6-19)



Painting by John Rogers Herbert, 1847

In Understanding Be Men

(1 Corinthians 14:20b)

Theology - the study of God - brings the mortal mind into the contemplation of the Divine.

The result of a sincere pursuit of God in the Holy Scriptures ought to bring every high-minded creature to our knees as human pride is drowned and swallowed up in infinity.

The vast immeasurable expanse of this great subject of Deity is one that the finite mind cannot grasp or comprehend. What does the eye see beyond which it can see, and what can the mind understand beyond that which can be measured? It is higher than the highest of sciences and loftier than the loftiest of philosophy and imagination.

The glorious triune God is immeasurable. He has no beginning and no ending. The self-existent

LORD JEHOVAH is infinite. And He changes not — immutable. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. This reduces the best of men to the realisation that he is but man at best.

However, theology does not merely humble the mind, but will also enrich it! The mind is enlightened, and the soul is refreshed and made wise.

The 4th question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism considers a profoundly simple question: What is God? The answer we read today was provided by God Himself through the humble prayer of George Gillespie - the youngest member of the Westminster Assembly of divines in 1643.

WSC Q 4: What is God?

A: *God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.*

There is an inspiring story behind the WSC Q 4 told in William M Hetherington's *History of the Westminster Assembly of Divines*, 360-1.

There is one anecdote connected with the formation of the Shorter Catechism, both full of interest and so very beautiful that it must not be omitted. In one of the earliest meetings of the committee, the subject of deliberation was to frame an answer to the question, "*What is God?*" Each man felt the unapproachable sublimity of the divine idea suggested by these words; but who could venture to give it expression in human language! All shrunk from the too sacred task in awestruck, reverential fear. At length it was resolved, as an expression of the committee's deep humility, that the youngest member should make the attempt. He modestly declined, then reluctantly consented; but begged that the brethren would first unite with him in prayer for divine enlightenment. Then in slow and solemn accents he thus began his prayer:— "*O God, thou art a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,*

in thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." When he ceased, the first sentence of his prayer was immediately written by one of the brethren, read, and adopted, as the most perfect answer that could be conceived— as, indeed, in a very sacred sense, God's

own answer, given to prayer and in prayer, descriptive of himself. Who, then, was the youngest member of the committee? When we compare the birth-dates of the respective members of the committee, we find that George Gillespie was the youngest by more than a dozen years. We may, therefore, safely conclude that George Gillespie was the man



George Gillespie
David Scougall (c.1610-c.1680)

who was thus spiritually guided to frame almost unconsciously this marvellous answer. ✂

Source:



Jeffery Khoo. *Fundamentals of the Christian Faith. A reformed and Premillennial Study of Christian Basics*. Far Eastern Bible College Press.

He Being Dead Yet Speaketh

(Hebrews 11.4b)

The providence of God is at work every moment. To the atheist, he can only attribute the things he sees in around him as nothing more than luck. But to the child of God, he sees and hears and smells of the providence of God at every turn.

To many, the mighty sound of thunder is the fearsome roar of nature that heralds the inconvenient rain that will follow soon after. But to a child of God, it is the sweet sound of the voice of his Heavenly Father whispering His care and providence in the rain that will soon come to water and nourish the earth.

The book of providence is an open book for all to see and read, but having a right perspective is essential. Otherwise, providence will be reduced to luck or chance, and nothing more than a mere random statistical occurrence that is conveniently swept under the carpet by the modern intellectual.



The providence of God is a comfort to God's children because we know that nothing is left to chance, and every turn of our life is ordained and ordered by the good hand of God.

God leads and directs us as we obey His decrees and His precepts. God's will works in perfect synchrony with the minutest details and the seemingly mundane issues of everyday life. Our Heavenly Father is the perfect Conductor that orchestrates the entire symphony of our life, making every atom and electron cooperate to make all things work together for good in our lives. Our duty is only to trust and obey as we both actively pursue and patiently wait for

God's perfect will to be accomplished in our lives.

The examination of any biography or history must be scrutinized under the lens of faith and in the light of Scripture. Only then might we see and understand the wonderful workings and will of God. In this respect of understanding God's will for our lives, Rev. Timothy Tow's presentation in the figure of a clock is plain and simple to grasp: the mechanism inside the clock is complex to the layman but not to the Clockmaker. But this is a topic for another time.

“Mother's going to heaven before me was a matter of course. As for me, why, I must go and conquer the world!”

In this section, we take a short walk through the lens of Rev. Timothy Tow as he recounts his calling to the full-time ministry, and shares his thoughts, evaluations and responses to the circumstances and events in his life.

Early next morning, a telegram messenger came pounding on the door downstairs. When we opened the door and tore open the envelope,

it read, “Mother went home to the Lord last night. Come back immediately. (signed SIEW AI)”

Mother, my beloved Mother, who gave me to the Lord, had contracted influenza for a short five days. On the fifth night, she suddenly departed in the presence of Father and Sister, who were attending to her illness. When asked by bosom friends in the Lord what she had to say to her children, she said, “Tell them to serve the Lord with all their heart.” Saying this she exclaimed, “Angels have come to receive me. I can hear piano music, I can hear piano . . .” and at that she closed her eyes forever. (Yes, Mother loved music, and best of all the piano. She had bought a piano as soon as Father could afford it and she got all her children to learn pianoforte during the Japanese occupation when there was no other subject to study save Nippon-go.)

Mother's passing at her prime of fifty-five came like a bombshell not only to all of the Tow Clan, but also to the whole church. Father spent many days lamenting her, but strange to say, I was little affected. Though I had sorrowed with the whole family, because I was all booked for London, my heart had become hardened. “Mother's going to heaven before me was a matter of course. As for me, why, I must go and conquer the world!” So

*persevered grimly I myself within,
but I was far from the Lord.*

**“ I, who was
adamant as rock
all this while,
readying myself
to resume my
London journey,
suddenly wilted.**

By now the cargo boat on which I was booked had sailed. And in view of the fact that the school term in England would not start until the Fall, i.e., September, Father was in no hurry to let me go. (About this time Mr. Lee Kuan Yew was also applying to Middle Temple. He managed to get a berth in a British troopship which brought him to London in October, one month late.) So I stayed behind to keep him company while Nancy and children returned to Singapore instead. Since I had resigned from the Supreme Court and London was far away, I was caught on the horns of a dilemma. I was obliged to help Father again as dispenser, while marking time.

Mother died on March 9, 1946. Five weeks later I received

another telegram, this time from my wife in Singapore! “Baby Lilyn in hospital. Operation today. Come immediately.” Taking leave of Father the early morning I received the shocking news, for Lilyn was only seven months old, I left for Singapore by express taxi without delay. Arriving back in Tiong Bahru, I proceeded to take the bicycle out of the stairway. As I bent to clip my trousers, a procedure needed in cycling, a vial of Erasmic perfume I had brought for Baby slid out of my shirt pocket, and crash! It broke in pieces, spilling the fragrant drops on the ground. “Ahhh!” Did I believe this to be another bad omen? I surely do! But I am not superstitious.

At the Kandang Kerbau Hospital, as I entered the Babies Ward, I saw the grim spectacle of Nancy becoming hysterical. In a torrent of tears, she kept pinching Baby’s cheek, in an effort as if to bring her back to life. Baby had been operated on some hours before for intussusception of the intestines. As the Lord would have it, there was no way the surgeon could bring her round. Second Uncle’s wife and Siang Hwa stood around in sombre mood. I, who was adamant as rock all this while, readying myself to resume my London journey, suddenly wilted. “Man’s life’s like morning dew”, that old Chinese

adage melted my heart. In the twinkling of an eye, I felt a fainting sensation and an overwhelming darkness. I felt all defeated and shattered. I was like the rich young ruler in the Bible story who went away from Jesus sorrowful. I felt like being relieved of five hundred thousand dollars from each hand, now cold and clammy. I saw myself passing out of this world. All the glories of fame and power that I was seeking after became a smouldering rubbish heap to a dying man. "For what shall it profit a man, if he

**Lord, save my soul.
If you will give me
back my life, I will
serve you forever.
Amen.**

shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). Then began I to pray with faint trembling lips, "Lord, save my soul. If you will give me back my life, I will serve you forever. Amen."

Suddenly, my pale face and limp body slumped in an armchair, returned to life. As I drank a cup of rabbit soup Second Uncle's wife had brought, I brightened. I shone like a new bulb switched on. I said to Nancy and to all around, "Praise the Lord, I'm not going to London. I am now returned to serve the Lord." I recalled Mother's vow. I knew I could not get out of it. In one of my prayers before this, I tried to ask the Lord for thirty years' leave before I would really serve Him! He did not answer.

When we saw Second Uncle on our way home and I gloriously explained to him



my new determination, he was dumbfounded. But I was praising the Lord. So did Siang Hwa show a brotherly sympathy. On April 12, 1946, little Lilyn's body was laid to rest at the Bidadari Christian Cemetery, Upper Serangoon, a stone's throw from the old E. P. Mission Church where Grandpa was pastor.

Now that I was turned one hundred and eighty degrees around to my consecration at the John Sung Revival, back to Mother's vow since the day I was born, I must learn how to serve Him. With Miss Leona Wu's (吴静聆) good advice and by writing Dr. Marcus Chen (陈崇桂), principal of Chungking Theological Seminary, who visited Singapore before the War and whom I had contacted, I was all set to enter theological training in China. Meanwhile Third Aunt Alice, who had all the War years been serving as an independent missionary in Fukien Province, welcomed me to her Yung Chun "hideout" (the Japanese stopped short at Amoy in their invasion of Fukien Province). And so we planned to sail to Amoy where she would meet us, November 1946.

Like Abram called out of Ur of the Chaldees to a land he knew not where, I took Nancy, John, Leahia and Shen Pan, our three children, with fourteen pieces of luggage to



Amoy 1933 (Present day Xiamen 厦门)

go back to China. We took leave of good old Singapore from the ancient landing steps down New Bridge Road. We gingerly loaded our precious cargo onto a motor sampan. Sadly we waved goodbye to Sister and one or two others who saw us off. The motor sampan wove us through the congested Singapore River to the outer roads, to an old China steamer called "Anhui". When we all got on board, how wonderful it was to meet with Quek Kiok Chiang and his pastor father, who had booked on the same slow boat to China. They would be disembarking before us at Swatow. Our destination was one port beyond—Amoy, ahoy! 🚢

Source:



Timothy Tow. *Son of a mother's vow*. Far Eastern Bible College Press



22 cyclists met to cycle from church to Ghim Moh Market. Thank God for the study of His word, for preserving the weather, safety and fellowship with brethren.

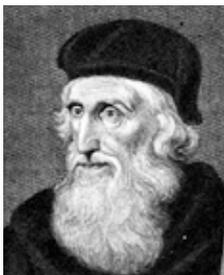


CYCLE. FELLOWSHIP. BRUNCH

1st RMG Meetup Event
on 11 Jun 2022



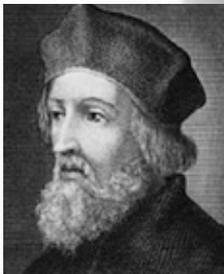
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SERMON for the DAY

Earnestly Contend for the Faith

Without the truth that Christ alone saves, all are doomed to hell. This gospel of truth must be defended at all costs!

May the new series, commencing on 8 September, re-invigorate you to stand against apostasy and share the unadulterated gospel with someone today.

A sermon will be broadcast each weekday, Monday to Friday, over Telegram.

Listen to a sermon a day and be spiritually enlightened.



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TESTIMONY

*“Bear ye one another’s burdens,
and so fulfil the law of Christ.”*

Galatians 6:2

Dn Simon Chua

Today, I recall the blessings of God upon the RMG ministry in her inaugural Meet-Up event the was held on 11th June 2022.

The lunch fellowship after the usual services is sweet and meaningful, but too short in duration for the brethren to know one another better. For this reason, we decided to organize Meet-Up events. A sub-committee was formed to plan the 1 st event, and we proposed the activities of cycling and brunch; this was announced during the RMG service on 2nd May 2022.

The Lord granted us the perfect weather despite the forecast, warning of thunderous showers. He also moved the hearts of brethren to attend. Eld Chew spoke from Psalm 20 on the theme of “Trusting in Chariots”, and we were reminded through God’s Word to trust in

Him only. Words alone cannot describe the joy in our hearts as we stand before God in awe and gratitude for making this 1st Meet-Up event possible.

Dearly beloved, brothers, will you join us for the subsequent Meet-Up events? The weather doesn’t matter. The activities don’t matter. What matters is that we get to know our fellow brothers better, so that we can pray with knowledge one for another. And in so doing, we serve our Lord and we please Him. There is joy in serving Jesus; there is blessing in serving others. ✚

*“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to theflesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”
(Galatians 5:13-14).*

Bro Henry Ko

Thank God for this opportunity to testify of the Lord's blessings to me through the RMG ministry.

In July 2021 - we were in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic and everyone was going through much restrictions to physical movements and travel.

Physical worship & fellowship were restricted as WFH and WorshipFH were the new norm.

Online meeting and fellowship via Zoom while useful, were at the same time both uncomfortable and distracting.

I remember it was awkward worshiping from home over YouTube livestream. In the church sanctuary, we could enjoy the quiet peace and sanctity of worship.

At home, much as we tried our best to reverence God in worship, we also had to contend with distractions while trying to adapt to worshipping at home.

Our attention could be distracted by noises from traffic downstairs, or food delivery that arrived earlier than the scheduled time slot.

All this made me look forward to the resumption of physical congregational worship back in church.

At the same time, I was concerned about the impact that these disruptions would have on the spiritual wellbeing of my family and myself in the longer term.

Thank God for the timely inception of this new ministry - RISE UP Men of God.

THE CALL TO RISE UP aptly quelled all my concerns!

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ... A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;" (Ecclesiastes 3:1,3)

Yes, amidst these unusual times, to us believers, it is the Time to Build, Time to grow, Time to Step up to strengthen our faith in the Lord. More so as a husband and a father who leads the family.

I was filled with great joy, knowing that God is watching and showing He cares for the Spiritual Wellbeing of the church.

He is giving wisdom and direction to our church leaders in caring for the flock.

God's plan was unfolding before my eyes in the raising up of this ministry where men could come together and learn from God's Word.

I was blessed by the series of messages based upon the theme verse taken from

"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)

It reminds me of what is needed to be built in order to be strengthened for the Lord's purpose.

Oftentimes, the devotionals posted regularly via the RMG Telegram channel

help me examine how I'm labouring for the Lord.

It raises my awareness in my daily spiritual battles so that I can guard against spiritual attacks.

In turn, it helped me in leading my family and to overcome the many spiritual battles we must face as we serve the Lord.

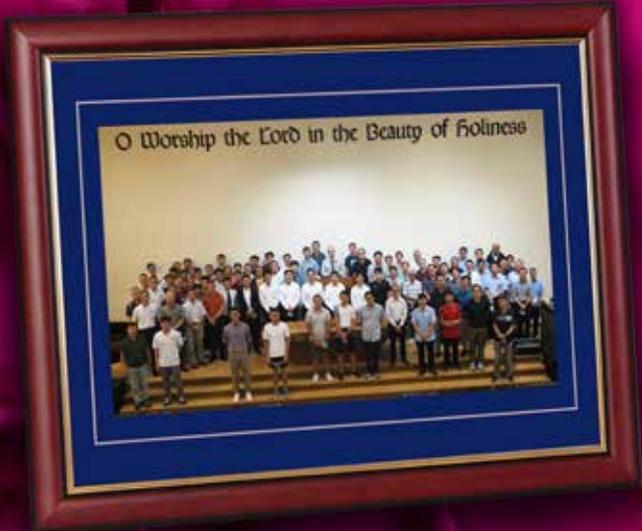
Together, let us glorify God by seeking His wisdom in His Word with much prayer so that we can all be better man of God.

It is my hope and prayer that, through this ministry, with the help of God, that more men will answer the call to rise up to build the household of faith

– in our own homes and in the church at Calvary Pandan - in brotherly love and unity.

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" (Philippians 2:2-5)

Amen! ✠



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We thank God for
His faithfulness
and His goodness
towards His people,
and all the blessings
that we received out
of His good hand.



The Old Path and the Good Way

“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”

Jeremiah 6:16

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) was born out of biblical separation from the liberal Presbyterian Church of USA in 1936.

The Bible-Presbyterian (B-P) Church in USA in turn came out of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church because of differences regarding the issues on **doctrine** (Premillennial position), **mission** (Cooperation in missions) and **morals** (Total abstinence) in 1937.

The Singapore B-P Church was founded in 1955. Her doctrines and position were aligned with the B-P Church in USA. After all, Dr. McIntire was the teacher, and Rev. Timothy Tow was the student.

The Bible-Presbyterian history and theology must be retold and recounted, lest they become diluted and forgotten, or worse still, erroneously re-written. In this

day of convenience and easy-believism, it becomes doubly important.

In this issue, we examine one of the doctrinal distinctive of the B-P church – Premillennialism.

**The original lecture delivered by Pr. Joshua Yong at the Far Easter Bible College Daily Vacation Bible Class in 2019 has been redacted for easy reading for the uninitiated.*

Introduction

The Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore (and the Far Eastern Bible College) is Reformed in her system of theology, but one of her unique theological distinctive is her pro-Israel premillennial view in eschatology.

From the very beginning, premillennialism has always been an important theological distinctive of the B-P Church in Singapore. This doctrine is specifically stated in her church's Constitution.

Pro-Israel Premillennialism

The term "*millennium*" means 1,000 years (Rev 20:1-7).

"Premillennialism is the view which teaches that Christ will return before the millennium. Christ must return to judge His enemies, restore Israel, and rule over the whole world from Jerusalem for a thousand years." (Tow and Khoo, *Theology for Every Christian*, 431).

This *pro-Israel premillennial* position not only recognises the literal one-thousand-year rule of Christ on earth, it also sees a distinction between Israel

and the Church in God's eschatological programme.

Where soteriology is concerned, we believe that God has only one plan of salvation for both OT and NT believers – redemption through the perfect obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ. But where ecclesiology and eschatology are concerned, we believe that God has different and unique plans for both Israel and the Church. Nevertheless, these plans are not disunited, but they fall under the same covenant framework.

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This differentiates us from the *historic premillennial* position. While historic premillennialists accept the literal reign of Christ in a literal kingdom on earth, they do not see God's plan for future Israel as a nation during the millennium. They hold that Israel will be assimilated into the Church during the millennium. They do not interpret Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel literally.

In contrast to historic premillennialism, a *pro-Israel premillennial* position

recognises God’s future plan for Israel as a distinct nation.

Premillennialism and the Singapore BP Movement – Rev. Timothy Tow Recounts

Rev Timothy Tow recalled learning this doctrine when he was a child.

“Historically speaking, I had received the Premillennial doctrine from Dora Yu, China’s first woman evangelist who converted Watchman Nee in the nineteen twenties. I received this even as a little child from my parents, singing such hymns as ‘When Jesus comes to reward His Servants’ from Dora Yu Revival Hymnal.” (Timothy Tow, *Son of a Mother’s Vow* [Singapore: FEBC Bookroom, 2001], 422).

“What I would like to stress about Dora Yu is her bringing into our family the Doctrine of the Premillennial Return of Christ. This she perpetuated by a new Revival Hymnal she had compiled. One of the hymns on the Second Coming whose tune I learned by heart at that young age, was ‘When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants’. Another hymn was ‘The Gospel Bells Are Ringing’. Mother often sang these hymns to us, and told us about Christ’s soon coming and the need of our readiness to meet Him.” (Timothy Tow, *Story of My Bible-Presbyterian Faith*

[Singapore: Far Eastern Bible College, 1999], 12-13).

Rev Timothy Tow later received this doctrine through the ministries of Dr. John Sung and Dr. Chia Yu Ming.

“The next person I received the Premillennial teaching is John Sung, through his exposition of Daniel and Revelation at the Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.” (Timothy Tow, *Son of a Mother’s Vow*, 422).

“When Dr. John Sung brought Pentecostal Revival to Singapore in 1935,



Ms Dora Yu 余慈度



Dr. John Sung 宋尚節

he was most articulate in preaching the soon Return of Christ. He spoke on Israel’s Restoration and the part she would play in the Golden Millennium. This he emphasised by teaching Revelation and Daniel in his “spiritual nurture” sessions. A poster depicting Nebuchadnezzar’s statue in Daniel for a backdrop to his teaching at the Telok Ayer Methodist Church where the revival meetings were held, substantiates what I say.” (Tow, *Story of My Bible-Presbyterian Faith*, 13).

“In 1935 Singapore was visited (August-September) and revisited (October) with a Pentecost whereby 2,000 nominal Christians were soundly converted through the ministry of Dr John Sung... From Dr John Sung our founding fathers were introduced to the doctrine of the Premillennial Return of Christ” (Timothy Tow, *The Singapore B-P Church Story* [Singapore: Life Book Centre, 1995], 15).

Rev Timothy Tow studied in Faith Theological Seminary where he *also*

preeminence during our Lord’s reign on earth for a thousand years. I learned this doctrine under Dr. Allan A. MacRae, Dr. J.O. Buswell and Dr. R.L. Harris. Dr. Harris said to the class, ‘I believe we are nearest to the truth.’” (Tow, *Story of My Bible-Presbyterian Faith*, 15).

“One decade after the establishment of the Bible Presbyterian Church, USA, and Faith Theological Seminary... the founding pastor of the B-P Church, Singapore, entered Faith Seminary as a student... Being Reformed and



Dr. Allan A. MacRae



Dr. J. O. Buswell



Dr. Carl McIntire

learned the doctrine of premillennialism under Dr. James Oliver Buswell and Dr. Allan MacRae.

“Last of all, I learned it from Faith Seminary under Dr. Allan MacRae and Dr. J.O. Buswell. And I have been imparting this doctrine since I became your pastor and since I became principal, Far Eastern Bible College, 1962.” (Tow, *Son of a Mother’s Vow*, 422).

“One of the outstanding courses taught in Faith Seminary was Israel’s part in the Second Coming of Christ and her

premillennial he imbibed the teaching of Faith Seminary, under Dr Allan A MacRae and Dr J O Buswell, which was also Reformed and premillennial, with delight.” (Tow, *The Singapore B-P Church Story*, 51).

In 1937, Dr. Carl McIntire broke away from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) and founded the Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) in America because he could not agree with OPC’s amillennial position, amongst other issues.

“Because of the amillennial position of the old denomination being adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, McIntire and his friends, like Dr. MacRae and Dr. Buswell, seceded to form the Bible Presbyterian Church which is avowedly Premillennial.” (Tow, *Story of My Bible-Presbyterian Faith*, 16).

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“Now, the leadership in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Westminster Seminary being amillennial and holding the position of Christian liberty in matters of smoking and drinking, it found opposition from those who were premillennial and held to the separated life. The two issues resulted in a group withdrawing from the infant Orthodox Presbyterian Church to form the Bible Presbyterian Church, and from Westminster to establish Faith Seminary, taking with them the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions.” (Tow, *The Singapore B-P Church Story*, 34).

When the BP synod in America was founded, a document entitled, “Articles of Association of the Bible Presbyterian Fellowship” was drawn up. One of the articles included a statement on their decision to amend the Westminster

Confession of Faith to include their premillennial position.

“... We reaffirm our faith in the system of doctrine set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms in the form in which they stood in the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the USA in May, 1936. We propose to amend these standards in any particular in which the premillennial teaching of the Scriptures may be held to be obscured...” (Tow, *The Singapore B-P Church Story*, 36).

Importance and Implications of Premillennialism

Since the birth of the B-P Church in Singapore, the doctrine of Premillennialism has always been a core distinctive. The new B-Ps[†] have attempted to undermine the importance of this doctrine by labelling it as a “non-essential” and dismissing it as “secondary” and “peripheral.”

The doctrine of Premillennialism is not a non-essential doctrine and has serious implications. (rephrased)

It *impacts* how we interpret prophecies in the Bible. If one does not hold to a premillennial position, then one has to spiritualise or explain away the prophecies and promises concerning the future restoration of Israel, which will be inconsistent with reformed hermeneutics.

Prophecies make up about 25 percent of the Bible. One’s hermeneutics in relation to prophecy will have a big impact on his understanding of God’s

Word. “According to ‘The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy’ by J. Barton Payne, there are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 prophecies in the New Testament for a total of 1,817. These prophecies are contained in 8,352 of the Bible’s verses. Since there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, the 8,352 verses that contain prophecy constitute 26.8 percent of the Bible’s volume.” (Jack Kelly, *How Much of the Bible is Prophecy?* [<https://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/much-bible-prophecy/>] accessed April 2019).

It *also* impacts how one understands the relationship between Israel and the Church.

A premillennial position affirms God’s faithfulness to His people. There are prophecies concerning Israel still unfulfilled. The doctrine of the faithfulness of God is an important tenet

of covenant theology. If one does not hold to a pro-Israel premillennial position, one will have difficulty explaining how God will fulfil His covenant promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob concerning the nation of Israel.

It also has implications upon practical Christian living. Premillennialists understand Biblical prophecy as a warning that the world will become more and more wicked culminating in the rule of the Antichrist. Christians must therefore recognise the signs of the times. The comfort and assurance is that God is in sovereign control over all things. ✠

Source:



Far Eastern Bible College.
*Bible-Presbyterianism,
History & Theology.* Far Eastern Bible College

† The New B-Ps

The new B-Ps are a deviant group of neo-evangelicals who attempt to distort and re-write the history of the Singapore B-P Church. They do so in order to confuse newer generations of B-Ps into believing damnable lies and heresies through pernicious ways such as registering themselves as the B-P Church in Singapore (BPCIS) and producing a book full of untruths entitled ‘Heritage & Legacy’. The BPCIS is supposedly a 10-chapter member church registered with the Registry of Societies (ROS) and Commissioner of Charities (COC). They are liberals in the B-P cloak and disguised with fundamental cosmetics to hide their evil intentions. Their worship is contemporary, the Bible they use is the NIV and they have a clearly ecumenical spirit. This is not B-P, but the new B-Ps. They are of another spirit.

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Walk with Wise Men

Adultery refers to all manner of sexual sins. God commands us not to commit adultery in the 6th commandment. The 10 commandments are apodictic - there can be no reason or justification for committing adultery.

We are living in the last of the last days. In these last days, sexual sins of all sorts abound. Nudism, voyeurism, pornography, fornication, homosexuality, bisexuality, bestiality, etc. are all pervasive in the society we live in today. They are all acceptable and accessible today.

The Lord Jesus Christ had already forewarned us:

“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood

came, and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:26-27).

Women, money, and power are the Achilles' heel of all men. As men of God, we must be very careful to guard our heart and mind (and eyes!), for anyone can commit adultery in their minds without committing the actual act of adultery!

Rev. Tow dispenses pearls of wisdom from God's Word in this regard. Christian men will do well to take heed to God's Word for our protection, and that of our family.

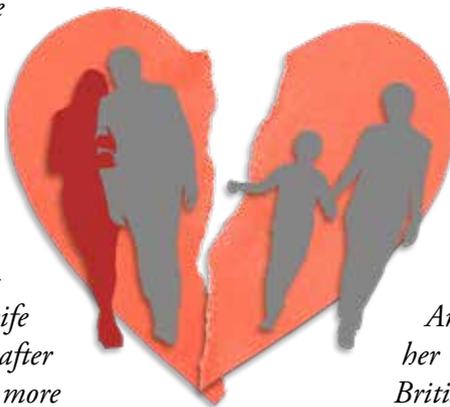
“ A loving wife can suddenly run after another man, but more often it’s the men.

Proverbs 5:1-23

Speaking like a father to his son Solomon from his own experience of succumbing to strange women when he was already happily married, says in v.18,

“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.” It is a sad story to hear even of Christian couples developing a triangular relationship. A loving wife can suddenly run after another man, but more often it’s the man. These are a pastor’s burden for marrying them.

“Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe (as expressed by artists); let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?” (v.20).



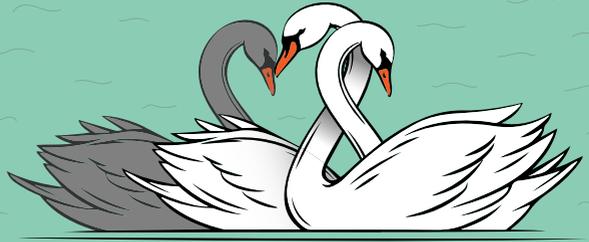
When a married man is carried away by the charm of a strange woman, not only by a non-Christian but also by one of the same faith, he can only plead guilty before God and suffer all the consequences of his sin. (vv.21-23).

The power of the opposite sex is so strong that it can topple a king’s crown. First is Solomon as it is recorded of him. So he is able to warn others from his miserable experience.

The most notorious case is King Edward VIII of recent history. Being bewitched by Mrs. Simpson a n American divorced woman,

King Edward VIII could keep his throne but for a month. For the love of a woman the Monarch of the British Empire had to abdicate.

And so he married her against not only the British Constitution that governs kings but also the Holy Commandments of the Lord. The couple faded into eternal bliss as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, but did they? Outwardly yes, perhaps for the honeymoon period. As the wages of sin is death, the couple lived a miserable life as revealed in a book written of them.



The saddest part of it all is that history repeated itself in the life of Prince Charles his nephew who married Diana when he was in love with a married woman.

“ The way of salvation is simply to keep her at arm’s length, yea, to flee from her door.

As the wages of sin is death, the double triangles formed from their marital infidelity resulted in the sudden snuffing out of Diana’s life.

How do “strange” women work to bewitch unsuspecting men? First by flattery. “A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin” (Prov. 26:28). “A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a

net for his feet” (Prov. 29:5). This is the strange woman’s honeycomb lips. But the end is bitter as wormwood and cuts like a razor-sharp two-edged sword. The result is death and hell. Her dealings are simply treacherous, deluding its victim.

The way of salvation is simply to keep her at arm’s length, yea, to flee from her door. “Out of sight, out of mind,” is the saving recipe. To yield to her ends in the robbing of your money and savings, and the consuming of your body and physical powers. When one is thus consumed it would be too late to regret one’s folly in not listening to one’s teachers and instructors. ❧

Source:



Timothy Tow. *Pearls of Great Wisdom - A study of the Book of Proverbs*. Far Eastern Bible College Press



A Job called Father

“Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. For I was my father’s son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.”

Proverbs 4:1-5

The father of a believing household has a task not given to other fathers.

He is God’s appointed head over that particular community and on him rests the authority and responsibility to see that the family be nurtured, instructed, guided and led in the ways of God. We have not forgotten the role of the pastor, but the man on the spot to administer the rule of God from day to day is the father.

The family is a God-ordained unit of society and belongs to a theocracy of believers. Over this unit is our Lord God Creator who has vested His authority in the father. How can the believing father live up to the expectation assigned to him? Naturally, he must have the necessary knowledge to perform the many roles thrust on him:

a) **Father is pastor.** He must be equipped with sufficient elementary knowledge of Basic Bible Doctrines. As John the Apostle puts it: you have known Him that is from the beginning. He must be able to impart such knowledge simply to his family. He must assume responsibility for the spiritual well-being of its members, and lead them in worship both in the home as well as in Church.

b) **Father is example.** He must be what he aspires to see in his children. He will fail miserably if he adopts the attitude of “Do as I say but don’t do as I do” Like father like child is a law which he cannot ignore. His best assurance of success is to strive his uttermost to be like the Master: just, impartial, kind, compassionate, pure, honest, loving, wise, self-sacrificial, forgiving, merciful.

c) **Father is provider.** Count the cost and make wise provision for the family’s needs. Naturally, this calls for diligence and honest hard work.

d) **Father is protector.** He is responsible for the safety of the family: safety from physical harm and threats from outside, as well as safety from spiritual attacks and subversion by false Christian sects, from apostate movements, etc.

Only a Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled, Spirit-led man can successfully undertake the job called father. ✨

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