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Effective Evangelism & the Christian Gospel Witness in a Current Post-COVID World

The global health calamity over the past year or so has adversely affected gospel missions and local evangelism in many churches as we have not been able to travel freely since March last year. Even before this health crisis, ***the Great Commission was often the Great Omission of the church.*** Yet we know that the Word of God is replete with many injunctions of the dire need of biblical evangelism of the gospel of Christ to a dying world. How can an average believer give attention to this vital task of gospel propagation to the lost especially in these very difficult days? We shall deliberate on this subject together.



Firstly, personal witness must be appreciated as a duty. It is first a duty because it is a commission or an imperative command, not a suggestion. It is a clear clarion call or marching orders to Christian action (Matt 28:18–20), not an optional proposal. We are under instruction from the Lord of Hosts to bring the message of hope and redemption to those who have not heard it, peradventure they may be saved according to the sovereign will of God. We can still give a real or e-tract, invite



someone to church, send a WhatsApp gospel message or over a Zoom meeting. Last Sunday, we invited 2 new friends who attended the worship service, heard the gospel and were receptive. We are to be good and faithful soldiers to obey the orders of our Commander. It is a grave and sober responsibility to be carried out with great fervency and commitment.

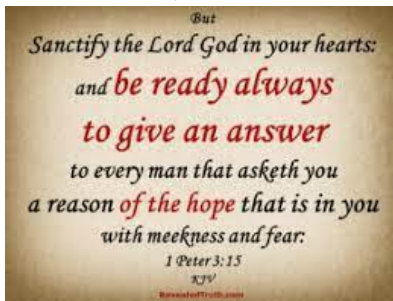
Secondly, it is also to be seen as a grand prerogative. It is a privilege because of the great importance of the message that we bring. What would you think of the special envoy sent by the Secretary-General of the UN to Iraq or Syria to bring a word of peace and conciliation or an emissary from the President of the US to China for talks to mend their strained relations? It is a great privilege for the person selected for the job. I have an announcement to make: We are all honorable ambassadors (2

Cor 5:20) including the children sent on a heavenly mandate to proclaim a glorious message of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Mark 5:19). But there is one complication. Sadly, most of these earthly ambassadors for Christ may not be doing their job very well. We fail to comprehend the immensity and gravity of the task committed to us. One day, we have to report and account for our actions at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:12). Let us be responsible and carry out our tasks honorably.



Thirdly, gospel witness is a matter of readiness and heart preparation.

The Apostle Peter puts it this way in 1 Peter 3:15, *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."*

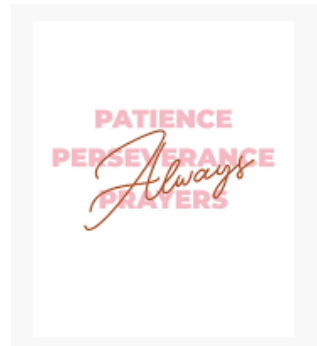


are called always to be ready to give an answer (*apologia*), a defence of the hope that is in us. That requires preparation and alertness. That behooves us to be watchful for opportunities of witness and gospel sharing in our office, camp, school, home and even in public places when asked upon. One morning while we were exercising, I gave a gospel tract and a Gideon New Testament bible to a foreign worker in the vicinity and he started reading it. You never

know the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit as the Lord wills. We are to be on 24-hour alert on all the time. We never know when opportunity knocks. So be ready all the time to answer the call of duty and witness for Christ.

Fourthly, sharing the gospel is a matter of patient perseverance and prayer.

Sometimes, we get easily discouraged when some people are not interested and we decided to stop the work of the gospel as though conversion has to be instantaneous and is dependent on our efforts. Know that God is sovereign in election and we need to pray, to persevere and to wait upon the Lord. Many waited for years to see the conversion of their friends and parents in God's own will and time. The author experienced prayerful waiting for more than 20 years before his parents came to saving faith in Christ in 2005 and were baptized. It took many years of prayer and outreach before his grandfather (who came from China) accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour at the age of 81 and was subsequently baptised. Heed Ps 27:4, *"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."*



Fifthly, sharing the gospel is also a matter of boldness and courage. We are often afraid to share for fear of embarrassment, rejection and repercussions. We are often afraid of what people will think of us. But God has not given us a spirit of fear but a sound mind. (2Tim 1:7) The author has given gospel tracts to pump attendants when there is an opportunity and even shared the gospel as the Lord allowed. One of them came to our Chinese service some years back and accepted Christ as his Saviour and Lord was baptized. Consider the good example of the Apostles Peter and John in Acts 4:20, *"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* We need a dauntless spirit, not a spirit of fear or timidity (2 Tim 1:7); but a valiant spirit to stand up and speak the truth in love and meekness. Pray for that holy boldness for the sake of the gospel in these last days.



Conclusion

Let us end with this poser. If a doctor or researcher has found a panacea for COVID19 or even a cure for end stage cancer (which is a top killer in Singapore) and he/she conceals it, how would you describe him? Cruel, selfish, inhumane—those would be appropriate adjectives. Wait a minute! What about us who knows the only cure for the remedy of sin which is the everlasting gospel. Are we any better than this doctor? ***Do you have a Burden for the Lost or have you Lost that Burden?*** Let us pray for and be ready for an opportune time to share the message of everlasting hope and dare to hand out the tract as the Lord moves. You never know what the Lord will do and who will read it. Let us do it before it is too late for the Lord is coming soon and some may be taken out of this world.



Jack Sin

Sovereign Hope BPC Chinese Ministry 1st Thanksgiving Anniversary

Last year during the circuit breaker in April 2020, we had the burden and were convicted to start a Sunday evening Zoom Chinese Fellowship to minister God's Word to Chinese brethren who could not go to church for worship. There were 6 of us, namely Jian Lian, Tang Shuai, Chen Xia, Ti Ying and Angie and I who commenced the first meeting on 19 April. We met at 7pm to worship the Lord with hymns, prayed and shared the Word of God prayer for about an hour. In due time, more brethren from SHBPC and country X joined and we had more structured fellowship meetings. At times, we had invited speakers to share the Word of God and subsequently included a series of church history lessons too.

By the higher hand of God, this ministry has grown to 16 brethren today from 5 countries: Country X, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore.



Below are personal sharing and thanksgiving from some who have attended the meetings over the past year.

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### ***By Bro Paul Kong, Singapore***

Times passes quickly like a white pony's shadow across a crevice... How time flies! Looking back to a year ago, when a city-wide circuit breaker was declared due to Coronavirus, churches were unable to have physical meetings. With the popular use of modern technology and social media, many churches adopted the online

video approach to gather believers on a virtual platform for worship. This is a necessary way to prevent the congregation from becoming indolent and alienated from the Lord who redeems and preserves us.

In response to this, Pastor Jack Sin decided to start the Online Mandarin Fellowship, which has been in existence for exactly one year now! At that time, I was very excited to hear about the establishment of this online Chinese fellowship and my heart was filled with gratitude, thinking that the current health crisis could be turned into a good time for God's sake! For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts (Isa 55:9).



Our plans and strategies, I believe, have the good pleasure of God (Mt. 11:26; Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 10:24). We never imagined that we would be able to have members of the Lord from all over the corners of the world, from east to west, from north to south, in different regions, but at the same time, singing together with joy and sharing together in spiritual fellowship (Phil. 2:1). I have had the opportunity to lead meetings and sing hymns in the online fellowship, and through the sharing of messages by Pastor Jack, Pastor Dong, Pastor Li, and Pastor Tian Min, and later a series of video lessons on church history by Pastor Su Wen Feng, and the casual conversations and exchanges of people after the meetings, we have all been edified and benefited! We look forward to more people participating in this online Chinese fellowship hosted by the English-speaking Sovereignty Hope Church in the future!

*“Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.”* (1 Chr 29:13)



### **By Du Jinxing, Country X**

I thank God for the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the night worship service of SHBPC as I recall with full of gratitude to God. Thank God for giving us this Zoom platform that we can use the Internet to bring our brothers and sisters from different countries and from all over the world who trust in the Lord Jesus together to

worship the only true God. Jesus, the holy and righteous one became incarnate for us, washed all our sins by His crucifixion and shed blood and sacrifice, buried and resurrected three days later, and ascended to heaven and is now seated at the right Hand of the Almighty Father. He will come again to judge mankind in the future, We thank Jesus for His great love for choosing us and He being the mediator between us and God. We are honored to be the children of God by faith in Christ.

Through the loving and orderly arrangement of Sis Angie, we have lessons on Church and Reformation history where I learned that the doctrines of Catholicism and Christianity are different. I am able to better understand the teachings of the Bible. John Calvin taught the teaching of justification by faith in the Reformed Church. The Reformed teachings play a very important role for me.

Thank God for giving us brothers and sisters and I look forward to the precious time of learning through Zoom. It is with grateful hearts to the Holy Spirit for giving us wisdom. May God continue to teach us godly wisdom and God's truth through His faithful servant, Pastor Jack. May He grant us hearts that will never abandon the great love for God. Let us trust in the Lord and move ahead! Amen!

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**By Bro Yue Kam Weng,
Singapore**

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Firstly, I would like to quote Psalm 121:7, *"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul."*

Thank God for the sharing of the Lord's message and the receiving of God's Word with brothers and sisters in the Lord at the Zoom meetings every Sunday evening during this period of interruption.

I remember that my first online fellowship was on 10 May 2020, and the theme was: Spiritual Wisdom. The Bible text preached was from 1 Cor 2:6-16. The speaker reminded us that Paul taught the Corinthian church to differentiate



1. 我们怎样才能 在敬畏神和远避邪恶之中成长?
How can we grow in the fear of God and avoid evil?

2. 我们应该如何鼓励那些正在受苦的人, 即使他或她与神亲密同行?
How should we encourage someone who is suffering even though he or she is walking close to God?

between spiritual wisdom and secular wisdom. No matter how much knowledge, learning, and wisdom a person has, without the Holy Spirit, he will not be able to unlock the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The brothers and sisters in the Lord who participated in the online service were: (1) Sis Poh Wee (2) Brother Jian Lian (3) Sister Han Kin Kheng (4) Sister Tai Yin (5) Brother Tang Shuai (6) Joseph (7) Rachel (8) Brother Paul Kong, the host of the fellowship (9) Pastor Jack Sin (10) Angie (11) Kam Weng (myself).

Thank God that during this time of the coronavirus epidemic (a bad thing), the Lord has formed this gathering of Chinese brethren for His glory through Pastor Jack and his wife, Angie. It has allowed me to grow in spiritual wisdom and able to understand both good or bad things through this weekly online fellowship with the brothers and sisters in the Lord from all over the world. I look forward to the fellowship on every Sunday evening, listening to and sharing and receiving the teaching of the Lord's Word. Amen.

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**Mark this date  
"1 May 2021"  
in your calendar!  
Come & Join Us!  
Register with Dn Yue Kay  
at 9745 0311  
by 22 Apr 2021.**

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# MAYDAY SEMINAR 2021

1 MAY 2021, SATURDAY 0930-1230  
160, PAYA LEBAR RD. #04-06, ORION @ PAYA LEBAR RD. S(409022)

## GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATION. THE LARGEST ORGAN IN THE BODY: THE SKIN

Speaker:  
Asso Prof Tan Bien Keam  
Senior Consultant  
Dept. of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery,  
SGH

Programme Director, SGH Skin Bank Centre

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF DEATH & BEREAVEMENT

Speaker:  
Rev Dr Jack Sin  
Pastor, Sovereign Hope BPC

Adjunct Lecturer,  
Myanmar Theological Seminary

ALL ARE WELCOME BUT REGISTER WITH DN TAN YUE KAY @  
97450311 BY 22 APRIL 2021 AS THERE IS LIMITED CAPACITY

## Memory Verse

*Ecc1 2:18*      Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun:  
because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor Jack speaks today on “***The Meaninglessness of Labour under the Sun***” (***Ecc1 2: 18-26***), the start of a new quarterly sermon series on “Lessons on Godly Prudence from a Wise King – Studies in Ecclesiastes”.
3. Pastor Jack speaks next Sunday on “***The Opportune Time for Everything***” (***Ecc1 3: 1-12***).
4. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
  - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
  - New Testament Survey – Dn Choo Siang
  - Studies in Numbers – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Come and rejoice with us in our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving tonight.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Apr prayer list is available from Dn Choo Siang.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in church on the study of 2 Samuel. Do come and join us for a time of learning God’s Word.
8. Join us at our **Annual May Day Seminar on Sat 1 May 2021 9.30am – 12.30pm**, “***God’s Wonderful Creation – The Largest Organ in the Body: The Skin by Assoc Prof Tan Bien Keem***” & “***Biblical Perspective of Death & Bereavement by Pastor Jack***”. Do register with Dn Yue Kay by 22 Apr.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at [sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com](mailto:sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com).
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

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