



CHRISTIANITY IN A POST-COVID WORLD

These are unprecedented times. By all accounts, COVID-19 is not going away this summer. In fact, experts now predict that COVID-19 could even be with us for another few years. Even if a vaccine were to be produced within a year, the manufacturing and distribution challenges to meet the needs of the entire world will be significant.

Singapore is vulnerable in a time like this: for many years, we have eked out our living on the back of free trade and open economies. However, the world that we have known may be permanently changed post-COVID. Lives and livelihoods look certain to be impacted in the months and years ahead.

Against this backdrop, as Christians, we must ask the question: "how should we then live?" I would like to offer 3 suggestions.

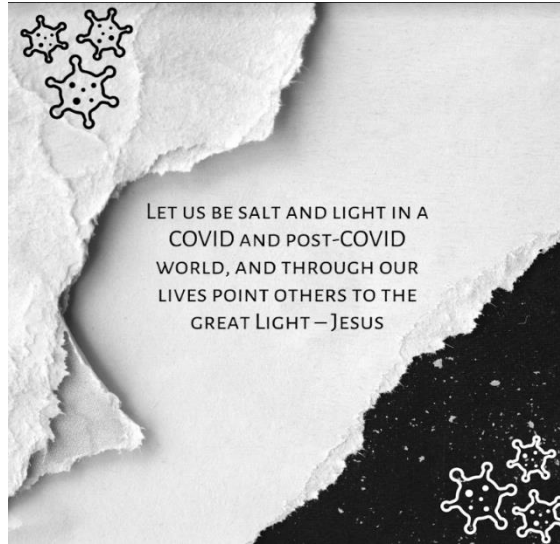
1) Spiritual Perspective: As Bible-believing Christians, we know that God is sovereign over all things, even troubled times like these (Isa 45:7-9, Prov 16:33). He has His purposes, sometimes inscrutable from this side of Heaven, in allowing things to come to pass. This same perspective, in helping us to interpret the events around us, should also undergird our appreciation of the events happening to us. (Rom 8:28, Matt 10:29-31, Isa 43:2).

2) Spiritual Purpose: This is a time to have a renewed appreciation of our spiritual missions, and (re)discover our callings. Why has God put us on this Earth? Why has He placed us where He has, in our homes, at our workplaces, in society? God says that He knows the plans that He has laid out for us (Jer 29:11). Our job is to discover His will, and then to do what He wants us to do. As the song goes: "there is no peace no joy no thrill, like walking in His will; for me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

3) Spiritually Productive: In the midst of darkness, a Christian can shine brightest (Matt 5:16). Let us be salt and light in a COVID and post-COVID world, and through our lives point others to the great Light – Jesus (John 1:9). Whether it is to help those in need with our time or resources, or to make a stand for what is right and true in a world that is disrupted, or to shine the light of the Gospel, let us be productive. Remember the Parable of the Talents. We will all be called to account for how we have lived, on that final day.

May our good Lord guide and guard us in a post-COVID world. May He find us faithful.

Blessings,
Elder Frederick Chew



GENERAL NOTICES

• ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held via Zoom. Members will receive the Zoom meeting details separately.

Date: **Sat, 1 Aug**

Time: 10am - 12pm

Only members with unique Identification Number and Name will be admitted for the meeting.

• SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY!

Where can I find lasting happiness? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God truly exist? There is a God-shaped hole in everyone's heart and only the Bible has the answers to fill it. If you are exploring Christianity, sign up today.

Date: **23 Aug to 27 Sep** (6 weeks)

Time: 1:15pm - 3:15pm

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect**

> **Events or scan the QR Code.**

Registration deadline: 9 Aug



• THE BEAUTIFUL BOOK

The Beautiful book online series by Pastor Paul Choo will help you approach God's word with greater clarity and confidence. With his decades of experience in bible teaching and missionary work, Pastor Paul brings a unique perspective to unpacking God's word. Now with lessons covering all of the Old Testament, Gospels and Epistles. Start your adventure through the word of God today. Visit gospellight.sg > **Resources** > **The Beautiful Book**

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY: 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

Jesus is coming back! What will His coming be like? What about the sufferings, afflictions and persecutions we face daily? What about those who caused us all these pains? How is God just and righteous in all these circumstances? How then should we (re)order our lives in the light of Jesus coming back? Join us for a series of Bible Study sessions on 1 & 2 Thessalonians to learn more! We will be using the Precept New Inductive Study Series, "Standing Firm in These Last Days". Cost for study materials is **\$12.00**.

Commencement date: **Starting Mon, 3 Aug**

(Course Duration: 12 weeks)

(Please note there will be no class on 10 Aug due to Public Holiday)

Time: **7:30pm - 9:30pm**

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Events**

Registration deadline: 26 Jul

• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

God wants to guide us by making us wise! This is so that we don't need to make decisions that depend on extraordinary events, or hunting down elusive answers as we surrender our decisions to Him and align it with His word. In our new CEP Series: Blueprint "Finding's God will", you will find out how we can be the anxiety and regret-free decision-makers that God wants us to be.

Date: **Every Saturday**

Time: **8pm**

Series Name: Blueprint (Finding God's Will)

Speaker : Pastor Seethor Chee Keen

25 Jul: Case Study (Part 1)

1 Aug: Case Study (Part 2)

Join us on [Facebook Live](#)

CEP Q&A Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2yAjeH>

Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829

Password: **CEP**

• MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3dMA1Xy>

Zoom ID: 893 9733 5138

Password: **Pastor**

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

We will be revising what we have studied so far in 1 John. We will also start on a new passage in 1 John 5:11-15. In verse 11 John states what the witness of God involves whereas verse 12 states the contrasting results of these opposite reactions to the Son of God. In verse 13, John declares that his basic purpose in writing is to assure his readers that they have eternal life through faith in the Son of God. In verses 14-15, John enlarges upon the results of that assurance in relation to the believer's practice of prayer and intercession. We encourage as many of you who are available to join us online to learn these important truths. **Class starts at 8pm SHARP.**

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, **21 Jul**

Time: **8pm**

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR>

Zoom ID: 262 770 7942

Password: **GLCCESB**

CLASSES AND TRAINING

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership Class 1 (English) starts on Saturday, 1 Aug. Attendance for both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. For queries, please contact shine@gospellight.sg or 91176000.

English

Date: **Sat, 1 & 8 Aug**

Time: 9am – 10am

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 16 & 23 Aug**

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Each couple will need to purchase one copy of the book "**Ready or Knot**" from the church before the start date. The book costs **\$18**.

Dates: Sundays starting **9 Aug** (Course duration: 4 weeks)

Time: 2pm-3pm

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

Closing date of registration: **2 Aug**

For more inquiries, contact Jeffrey Pang at khiakei@hotmail.com or 98429764.

Course will be conducted via Zoom.

WAYS TO HELP DURING THIS SEASON

To volunteer for class facilitating roles, befriending roles and/or transporting of items, please email shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000.

(A) Migrant Workers Support

(1) Telugu Brethren housed in Tuas dormitories

- Assistance to transport these items to the dormitories

(2) Touch International

- Provide assistance to transport items to various sports halls

(3) Conversational English for Migrant Workers

- Assist in facilitating Zoom classes for the Migrant Workers Outreach.

(B) Connecting with Seniors

- Befriending Senior Gospelers and reaching out to them via phone calls to provide spiritual and emotional support

SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS

English Service - Sunday 9am: <https://bit.ly/33X72MN>

Chinese Service - Sunday 9am: <https://bit.ly/3akSf0v>

Filipino Service - Sunday 2pm: <https://bit.ly/3dABVen>

Telugu Service - Sunday 7pm: <https://bit.ly/2xma2WL>

- Bahasa services will be suspended until further notice.
- Youth services will be suspended until further notice. (Youths will gather in CG every Saturday. For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)
- Young Adults (19-25 y/o) – Sunday 2pm (Topic – *Philippians: What is Gospel Fellowship?* For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm: <https://bit.ly/35HS8uy>

(Zoom ID: 812 885 158) Password: Wednesday

Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am: <https://bit.ly/3drPHPn>

(Zoom ID: 858 855 0326) Password: Sunday

Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm: <https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3>

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

EVENTS FORECAST

July	August	September
Expository Bible Study	Annual Congregation Meeting	Expository Bible Study
New Believers Class	Expository Bible Study	Inductive Bible Study
Small Group Bible Studies	Inductive Bible Study	New Believers Class
Christian Education Programme	New Believers Class	Seekers Class
	Small Group Bible Studies	Marriage Prep Course
	Membership Class	
	Seekers Class	
	Christian Education Programme	
	Marriage Prep Course	

For details. Please refer to gospellight.sg > Connect > Events > 2020 Calendar

GIVING ONLINE

With the suspension of church services, you may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State IFL or Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN: **S88SS0082AGF1**

2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate IFL or Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
 - Punggol IFL Repayment - **015-902803-8**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.