



18 Oct 2020

#### FORGIVENESS IS AN ATTITUDE OF THE HEART

One afternoon at the Filipino Resource Center, a few women were seated in a semi-circle as I taught them about how to receive God's forgiveness, and forgive those who had sinned against them. Sitting stoically, one lady blurted out, "Pastor, I can't forgive my employer for what she did to me. I have no choice but to be angry at her." Her eyes were moistening as she tried to hold back her emotions.

Her hurt was overwhelming. Thus, she had felt that she "can't" forgive. But, forgiveness is volitional, is it not? It's a choice to forgive as much as not to forgive. The attitude of being forgiving



or remaining bitter is like unlocking or locking a prison door, respectively. But the door can't open and close by itself. We either choose to forgive or not.

Peter might have thought it was commendable to forgive an offender seven times. Perhaps, he was surprised to hear from Jesus that one has to forgive his offender, seventy times seven. Simply put, one must forgive any offender, regardless of their offenses, an unlimited number of times. This is only possible if we choose to forgive in the 'heart' [Matt 18:35].

Once forgiveness becomes an attitude of the heart, it is then granted whether or not the offender asks for forgiveness. Why did Jesus shout while He was on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." [Luke 23;34]? While being stoned, why did Stephen pray, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." [Luke 7:60]. Apart from absolving the sins of their oppressors, both the Lord Jesus and Stephen did not express hatred or a vengeful spirit.

Sadly, we live in a fallen world where people are hurting and imperfect. Thus, advertently or inadvertently, we regularly offend and are offended. May God through His grace help us to cultivate an attitude of forgiveness in the heart.

Pastor Sinon

Time: 8:00pm Topic: Forgiveness

# Join us for the new CEP series on "Forgiveness"Speaker: Pastor SinonJoin us on Facebook LiveDate: Sat, 24 OctCEP Q&A Zoom Link: https://bi

CEP Q&A Zoom Link: <u>https://bit.ly/2yAjjeH</u> Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829 Password: **CEP** 

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

#### RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

Gospel Light will resume on-site services for some congregations with effect from 18 October 2020. The Lord's Supper will also be observed on a weekly basis.

#### **Sunday Services**

Worship Service	Timing	Location	<b>Registration Link</b>
English	9am	Shine Auditorium – Level 4	<u>https://bit.ly/2SvNREO</u> Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm
Chinese – Will only resume on 25 October	11am	Shine Auditorium – Level 4	<u>https://bit.ly/3ljdvc8</u> Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm
Bahasa	11am	Hall 3 - Attic	Nil
Telugu	5pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	<u>https://bit.ly/33DksP</u> Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm

#### Saturday Service

Worship Service	Timing	Location	<b>Registration Link</b>
Youth – Will only resume on 7 November	4.30pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/2HYp5Lm Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Thu, 1pm

Children Service and Filipino Service **will not** resume on-site service. Their current online service remains.

**Register** to attend our worship services. For registration and more details, pls click on the **above link**.

#### • CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Migrant Workers Outreach through Conversational English is looking for volunteers to serve as facilitators to help migrant workers build confidence in spoken English @ Workplace.

Classes will be conducted via zoom on weekdays and Saturdays from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. Those keen to explore please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 for more details.

#### • LOVE OFFERING

We are collecting our annual love offerings for overseas mission workers and local church staff from 1- 30 November via our General Fund account (Account Details are given on the overleaf). You may give in the following ways:

i) Internet banking - Paynow and Internet transfer to indicate
"Love Gift" or "LG" at the bill reference section
ii) Cheque - Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" on the reverse of the cheque

If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

For overseas mission workers, to indicate "LG overseas"
 For local church staff, to indicate "LG local"

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Forgiving is not difficult. Forgiving is impossible. We struggle with forgiveness because we think forgiving helps those who hurt us. Our spiritual poverty makes us unable to accept the wrong done to us. In our next 4 Part CEP series, we'll examine why forgiveness requires supernatural grace. Because Jesus alone can restore and heal what was taken from us, when we let it go.

### Series Name: "Forgiveness"

Speaker: Pastor Sinon

Date: **Sat, 24 Oct** Time: **8:00pm** Topic: **Forgiveness** 

#### Join us on Facebook Live

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#### • TRANSITION FOR PRIMARY 6 STUDENTS TO YOUTH MINISTRY!

We would like to invite all parents of P6s to meet the Youth leaders for a time of connection and sharing of the Youth Ministry.

#### Date: 25 Oct

Time: **10:15am to 10:45am** Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/3np2GHI Meeting ID: 659 128 5331 Password: **Gospel** 

#### • MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Date: **Sundays** Time: **10:30am to 11:00am** Click Zoom link: <u>https://bit.ly/2SMySH4</u> Meeting ID: 836 428 872 Password: **Pastor** 

#### • WEEKLY MEETINGS

Access the following weekly meetings at gospellight.sg > visit > <u>weekly-meetings</u>

Meet Your Pastor
 Prayer Meetings (Wed & Sun)
 Christian Education Programme Q&A Segment



#### • EXPOSITORY STUDY – MARK

We have just completed the three epistles of John and will have a recess of 4 weeks. Expository Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, 17 November, with the study of the Gospel of Mark. We encourage you to join us online to study God's Word. Newcomers are also welcome. By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, **20 Oct** Time: **8pm** Click Zoom link: <u>https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR</u> Zoom ID: 262 770 7942 Password: **GLCCEBS** 

## WAYS TO HELP DURING THIS SEASON

To volunteer for the following roles, please email shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000.

#### (A) Migrant Workers Support

(1 Facilitators for Conversational English - Help migrant workers build confidence in spoken English @ Workplace.

## SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS

- English Service Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/33X72MN
- Chinese Service Sunday 11am: <a href="https://bit.ly/3akSf0v">https://bit.ly/3akSf0v</a>
- Filipino Service Sunday 2pm: https://bit.ly/3dABVen
- Telugu Service Sunday 5pm: <u>https://bit.ly/2xma2WL</u>
- Youth Service- Saturday 4:30pm 6:30pm: https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3

(For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)

- Bahasa services will be suspended until further notice.
- Young Adults (19-25 y/o) Sunday 2pm Topic – Kings and Prophets (1 & 2 Kings) For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)
- Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8pm: https://bit.ly/35HS8uy
- Sunday Prayer Meetings 8:15am: <a href="https://bit.ly/3drPHPn">https://bit.ly/3drPHPn</a>
- Youth Prayer Meetings Saturdays 3pm: https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3

(Zoom ID: 858 855 0326) Password: Sunday (Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

(Zoom ID: 812 885 158) Password: Wednesday

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email <a href="mailto:shine@gospellight.sg">shine@gospellight.sg</a>

### **EVENTS FORECAST**

October	November	December			
Expository Study, Mark	Expository Study, Mark	Youth Amazing Race Outreach			
Inductive Bible Study	Inductive Bible Study	Christmas Outreach			
Small Group Bible Studies	Small Group Bible Studies	Christmas Service			
Membership Class	Church Anniversary				

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) **PavNow** 

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:

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#### (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.

