

HOW TO DISCERN THE WILL OF GOD

As God's children, our chief concern is to know Him and to do His will, isn't it? Yet, many of us grapple with how to discover and ascertain His will. As a sailor experiences difficulties in adjusting his sail to the right wind, we also struggle to discern God's will in today's sea of competing voices.

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The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.



Paul declared that "We walk by faith and not by sight." Likewise, Solomon exhorted, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Does this mean we are blind followers of God? Definitely not! God has not given us mental faculties for nothing. As Solomon said, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

Primarily, God does guide us through His words. "His word is a lamp to our feet"⁴, think of a person holding a lamp and traversing through the dark night. Unlike a flashlight, the lamp only helps him to see his next step. But by taking one step at a time, he will surely arrive at the destination. Thus, let's not be concerned about His will for us tomorrow or next month as much as today.

Furthermore, there must be an ample time of waiting on the Spirit's leadership, through worship and prayer. Take for

example how God's guidance to Paul and Barnabas was manifested when they were called for mission work. While they [Antioch church prophets and teachers] were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

It should be noted also that at times His revealed will may appear nonsensical to our limited minds. It's understandable for "His ways are higher than our ways." Despite this, let's submit and obey God as Mary did wholeheartedly, though she didn't understand how a virgin like her would become a mother. Peter, too, had reason to doubt when tasked by Jesus to launch the fishing nets into the deep in broad daylight. Yet, Peter said, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." The rest is history.

Definitely, we will not miss God's will if we live a surrendered and worshipful life unto God. That is, by the mercies of God, we should present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship. And, let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of our mind, that by testing you and I may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.¹¹

Pastor Nazario Sinon Filipino Congregation

¹ 2 Cor 5:7; ² Prov 3:5,6; ³ Prov 16:9; ⁴ Psa 119:105; ⁵ Matt 6:34; ⁶ Acts 13:1,2; ⁷ Prov 11:14; ⁸ Isa 55:9b; ⁹ Luke 1:38; ¹⁰ Luke 5:5; ¹¹ Rom 12:1,2



• KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2022 - GREAT BIG STORY

The bible is full of fascinating stories, amazing miracles and epic battles. But what is the Bible really about? What does it all have to do with me? Why should I read it? Come join in the excitement of discovering the answer at Kids Bible Camp (KBC)!

KBC is the perfect way for kids to spend their school vacation. With two days of interactive activities, games, quizzes and prizes to be won. Your children will have an incredible time of learning with our volunteers.

Invite your unchurched friends! You don't want to miss this opportunity for their children to hear the message of the gospel in an immersive and memorable way.

Date: Thur - Fri (24 - 25 Nov 2022)

Time: 8:30am to 5:30pm Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

Fees: \$20* (inclusive of Lunch/ Teabreak/Camp

materials)

Register: https://bit.ly/2K4G5ee
*Registration closes on **Sun, 30 Oct**

For more information, email: children@gospellight.sg

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KBC 2022!

Kids Bible Camp (KBC) is Gospel Light's annual two-day kids holiday camp. We want to serve the unchurched children in the community and engage believing kids in church. We need volunteers to help us with facilitation, running games and supporting the daily activities.

Date: Thur - Fri (24 - 25 Nov 2022)

Time: 7:30am to 6:30pm Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

Register as a volunteer: https://bit.ly/3gil7Pi

For more information, email: children@gospellight.sg

BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized.
Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite.
Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Register and download application forms via our website at https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw.

Registration closes on **Sun**, **9 Oct**.

*Registrants must be fully vaccinated.

Classes are conducted on-site.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 16 Oct Time: 12:45pm Venue: Light 1 (L3)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 16 Oct Time: 12:45pm Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

<u>Baptism Date: Sun, 18 Dec</u> Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)



• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 18 Sep 2022 Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm Venue: Gospel Auditorium, L2

To register, please visit https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF

*Registration closes Sun, 11 Sep

Stay tuned for more details!!

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

YOUTH CAMP 2022 – SAVE THE DATE!

Calling all youth from P6 to Poly and JC. Gospel Light's Youth Camp is happening this year.

Date: Tue - Fri (20 - 23 Dec 2022)



• CHURCH CAMP 2023 - SAVE THE DATE!

Church camps can be huge catalysts for change. Studies show that convictions for change happen best in environments away from day-to-day life. A 4-day camp can possibly reignite your spiritual flourishing more than just months of church attendance.

Date: Wed - Sat (7-10 Jun 2023) Venue: Four Points Sheraton, Desaru Registration begins in January 2023. More details to

follow.

• SHINEKIDZ EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg. Details of the job position are available via our website at Careers.





CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

There are two children's services at 9am and 11am for: (i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and (ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic

Preschool (3-6yrs)* will remain @ 11am due to a lack of volunteers

*If your child is born in 2019, but not yet 36mths of age, a caregiver must accompany the child for the duration of the service.

VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children are precious to Jesus and they must be precious to the Church. Our Children's ministry is in urgent need of committed and devoted volunteers. Apply today or find our more by contacting Hannah at children@gospellight.sg.

YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 15 Sep | Time: 9pm - 10pm Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

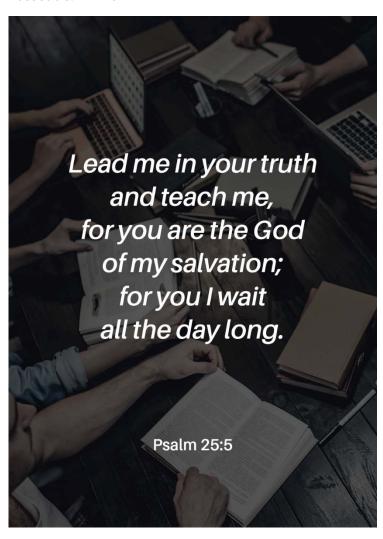
This Tuesday, 13 Sep, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 9:30-33 and learn that God's choice of means cannot be set aside. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, 13 Sep 2022

Time: 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://bit.ly/3TOI1xR Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



WORSHIP SERVICE

- No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- Free seating, no zoning required.
- 29 Aug 2022 onwards, the mask-wearing requirement for indoor religious activities will be removed. Worshippers are encouraged to continue exercising responsibility and caution, such as wearing masks when in crowded places or when visiting or interacting with vulnerable persons.
- On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.
- Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch).

(A) Worship Services for **Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)

- Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:
 - o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
- o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days
- From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.
- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.

(B) Worship Services for <u>Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Worshippers</u>

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 4 of this bulletin.

⇔ WEEKLY MEETINGS

• Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

• Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

- Our weekly Meet the Pastor has ended. But do check back here for future Q&A sessions with Pastor Jason Lim. For further questions about, the Church, God and the bible, please drop us an email at shine@gospellight.sg
- Varsity Ministry Sermon Series Exodus: Freed to Follow
- If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

骨 GIVING ONLINE

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 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:

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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 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
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.