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FINISHING WHAT HE CAME TO DO (JESUS' FINAL WORDS)

In a restless culture driven by productivity, millions of people wake up to the need to complete tasks. Whether it's ticking off to-do lists, submitting essays before deadlines, or even completing house chores, we are constantly motivated to be productive. Yet, we also live in a reality in which tasks can remain unfulfilled. Procrastination, poor time management, and unforeseen circumstances are common culprits.

Scripture speaks of a man who never failed at what he came to do. No, he wasn't a productivity guru who wrote bestsellers on having excellent time management. He was Jesus, a carpenter's son, who diligently obeyed the mission given by his eternal Father.

Every year, during Good Friday and Easter week, we recall the final moments of his life. And this was when he cried these profound words: "It is finished" (John 19:30). In many ways, this was an odd statement. Because for those familiar with Scripture, the work of Jesus did not end here. We know that he would be resurrected. He would ascend. And he would be exalted. So what did he really mean?

Recall an earlier conversation Jesus had with his disciples. Having been offered physical food, Jesus replied emphatically: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work (John 4:34)." From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was a man on a mission. His mission was clear. He was here to accomplish the work commissioned by the Father (cf. John 17:4)

And how would he go about accomplishing it? The Father purposed that it would be by sending Jesus into this world. Jesus was sent to earth, born of a virgin, to give people the right to become the children of God (John 1:12-13) by his eventual death on the cross. To this end, Jesus' death signalled the conclusion of his earthly ministry. So when Jesus cried out, "It is finished", it was his way of saying, "My work here is done."

As we reflect on the significance of Good Friday, we are greatly reminded that Jesus' earthly work was not left unfinished. In fact, this is great encouragement. What assures us that we have been totally forgiven? How can we be sure that our salvation was done according to God's will and in God's way? How can we have hope in a life eternal with God in the new heaven and new earth? Only because Jesus did not leave his task unfinished. This is what commentator Leon Morris said.

"Jesus died with the cry of the Victor on his lips. This is not the moan of the defeated, nor the sigh of patient resignation. It is the triumphant recognition that he has now fully accomplished the work that he came to do."

Beyond the celebrations of a long weekend, hot cross buns, and Easter bunnies, let us celebrate the accomplishment of one man, who finished what he came to do and to do the work that only he could do.

Hanniel Sinon
Assistant Shepherd



• FAMILY DAY 2023

Being a Christian is about being part of a bigger church family. A family that cares and invests time in one another. But as a church grows in size, relationships can shrink in depth. Gospel Light's Family Day is an event for everyone! Jump into the excitement as we bond over a program of non-stop fun for all ages.

Activities: Bouncy Castle, Movie Screening, Handicraft, Talent Show, Games and prizes, Baking Class, Flea Market, Dinner!

Date: Sat, 27 May

Time: 3:00pm to 8:00pm

Registration starts Sat, 8 Apr to 5 May

• GOOD FRIDAY 2023

Why is the focus of Christianity the suffering and degradation of its God? Why is the cross the unifying symbol of the Christian faith? The message of the cross is not an inherently attractive message. Onlookers see weakness, irrationality and hate, but the scandal of the cross is the key to the most important message in history. Come join us as we celebrate the message of Good Friday.

Date: Fri, 7 Apr

Time: 8pm

English Service: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

• 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, 30 Apr 2023

Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Venue: Shine auditorium (L4) followed by lunch at foyer (L3)

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Kd9015>

*Registration closes Sun, 23 Apr

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

• COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MINISTRY FAIR 2023

Not all of us will cross the seas with the gospel, but all of us can cross the street with the gospel. The church is a body of believers and Christ is our head, but for the body to function, every believer has to embrace their role to serve and bless one another with their gifts.

We're excited to bring back our Community Engagement and Ministry Fair! Discover how you can be part of Gospel Light's mission to bless the community with Christ-centered service. Also, meet the volunteers who are part of our weekly Sunday Experience, and find out about their passion for service and the many areas of ministry your talents can be used for God's glory.

Date: Sun, 30 Apr

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)





CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• REFORMATION TODAY CONFERENCE (WITH DR JOEL BEEKE)

There is a chasm between what we know as Christians and what we practice as Christians. But this chasm is not uncrossable. For the Christian, through all of life's circumstances and ever-changing conditions, growing in grace is our priority.

The Reformation Today Conferences with Dr Joel Beeke will inform your mind and warm your spiritual affections. Come and be transformed by the Spirit's grace as we plunge into the wealth of the doctrines of God in key areas of Christian living.

Dr. Joel Beeke is President and professor of systematic theology and homiletics Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Pastor of Heritage Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. And author and co-author of over one hundred books.

Dates: 13 to 17 Jun

Admission: Free

Registration opens 15 Mar and closes 30 May.

Conference synopsis and registration:

<https://ferc.org.sg/ReformationToday>.

• JOB RECRUITMENT

1. ShineKids Executive

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](#).

• 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!

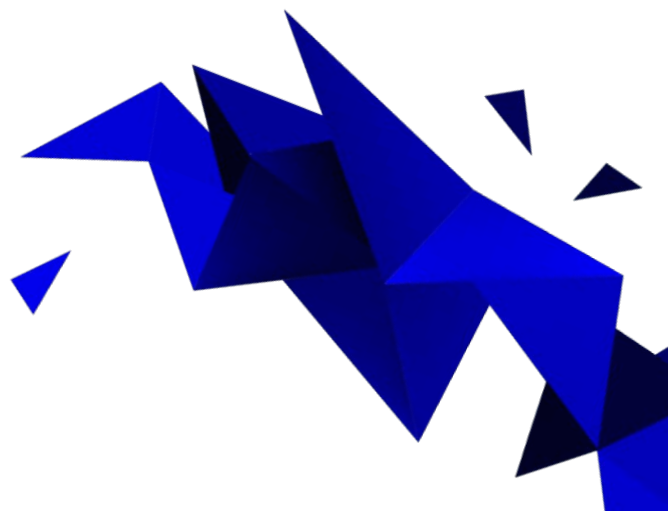
Date: Thu, 6 Apr

Time: 9:00pm to 10:00pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ>

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) – 1 & 2 SAMUEL (FOR MAN ONLY)

1&2 Samuel might seem like a historical record of Israel, of Samuel the Seer, of Saul the first king, and of David a man after God's heart. But theologically the book is about the LORD who *will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed... Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.*

Join us as we study 1&2 Samuel inductively and unpack the theme of the kingdom and the new covenant in Jesus Christ.

Cost: \$15/- for the study guide and study materials.

Date(s): Wednesdays, starting 17 May 2023

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at <https://bit.ly/42K8obu>.

Registration closes Sun, 7 May.

• 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. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>.

Registration closes on Sun, 2 Apr.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 9 Apr

Time: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 9 Apr

Time: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 28 May

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 7 & 14 May

Time: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 7 & 14 May

Time: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3TaiYeb>.

Registration closes on Sun, 9 Apr.



• **EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY –
BOOK OF ROMANS**

We will take a break on 28 Mar and 4 Apr. Class will resume on 11 Apr.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 11 Apr

Time: 8:00pm

• **SEEKERS CLASS: GROUP STUDY**

Have you been seeking after God but He feels far away? Have you wondered if God really cares about you? Don't all religions teach you to do good to get to heaven?

Perhaps these questions and others have been bugging you. Why not discuss this in a group setting by enrolling in the Seekers class?

Start date: Sun, 9 Apr

Time: 1:15 pm Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

Register at <https://bit.ly/3SZlihy>.

Registration closes on Sun, 2 Apr.





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A) Worship Services

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)
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	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

All children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

- (i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3.
- (ii) Preschool* (3-6 yrs) at Attic.
- (ii) Playgroup (12 mths till 3yrs) at Hall 3 @ Attic.

*Preschool are for children age 36 mths to 6 yrs.



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.

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