



9 July 2023

HOW SHOULD WE VALUE WORK?

As the redeemed people of God.

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It is not surprising to hear many expressing complaints about their jobs - a difficult boss, toxic environment, odd hours, or unfair treatment. The list could go on and on. The truth is that after the fall of Adam, humanity has had to grapple with *'thorns and thistles'* in life to survive.

Did God curse work after Adam failed? Definitely not. When Adam sinned, God did not annul His command for him *'to multiply and replenish the earth.'* Theologians termed this as the *'cultural mandate'* to Adam. He had to support his family, only that the *'ground is cursed'* for him. As a result, he had to endure pain and hard labor to eat. Hence, what should we expect from a group of men corrupted by sin working together? Ugly jostling and jockeying for self-promotion is common, is it not? Indeed, the trouble in this *'rat race'* society is that even if one wins, he is still a rat.

But this shouldn't be true of us, the redeemed people of God. We are exhorted that *'whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.'* Paul gave a similar injunction in his letter to the Colossians, writing, *'Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.'* Apparently, it's not the type or kind of

work that makes one holy and acceptable before God. Are those serving in full-time Christian work better than the vast majority among us working in the offices and marketplaces? Is the preacher holier than the mechanic?

We should have a paradigm shift in our value of work because of the gospel. As recipients of God's mercies, Paul pleaded with us *'to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship'*. Hence, we should not perceive work either as a means to an end or as an end in itself. That is, we don't work just to pay the bills, for a retirement pension, for our kids' future, to support the church's ministry or even for personal fulfilment. All these are important, but we have a much nobler goal. It is for God and His glory, first and foremost. In short, it is the work as a whole, not just the result of it or what it can do.

Is there a dichotomy between secular and sacred? Having been bought with a price, our bodies belong to God entirely, and are even referred to as *'temples of the Spirit'*. Hence, every aspect of our being must be dedicated to His glory. This makes sense. Why? *'For from him [Christ] and through him [Christ] and to him [Christ] are all things.'* This prompts us to value all work we do as holy work.

Pastor Nazario Sinon
Pastor (Filipino Congregation)



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• COFFEE CONNECTS

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on Sun, 16 July. We look forward to serving you on Sun, 23 July.

• RACIAL HARMONY CARNIVAL 2023

Gospel Light will be participating in the annual Pasir-Ris Punggol Inter Racial and Religious Harmony Parade on Sat, 29 Jul this year.

We'd like to invite volunteers to support our outreach to residents at our event booth.

Date: Sat, 29 Jul

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Venue: Punggol 21 CC, 80 Punggol Field

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3bS7xzl>.

Registration closes Sun, 16 Jul

If you would like to find out more please email: community@gospellight.sg.

• 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, 16 Jul

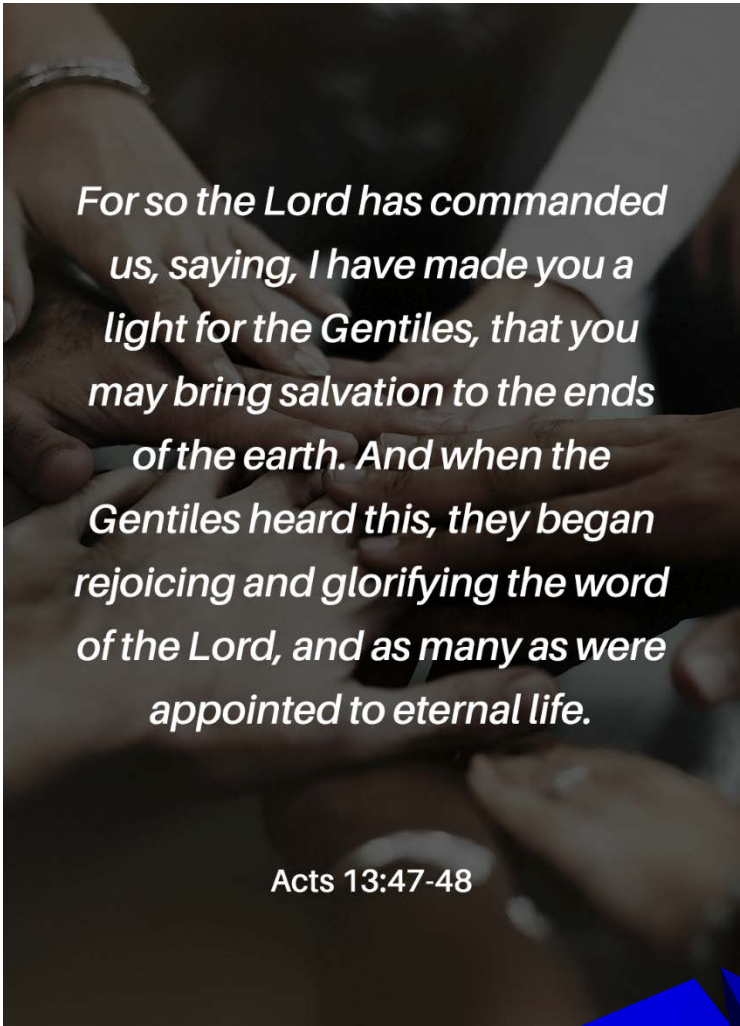
Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

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

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

Registration closes Sun, 9 Jul

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



For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life.

Acts 13:47-48



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English is starting another season. We welcome your folks, helpers, neighbours or friends to join us (Basic Level).

Date: 4 Aug - 13 Oct, Fridays (10 sessions) *no lesson on Fri, 1 Sep

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Attic Level, Hall 3

Please contact Sue @ 97761377 to register and for more details. Registration closes on 23 Jul 2023.

• NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

Beginning a new life as a Christian is about growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Start your exciting journey of faith by learning and understanding from the Bible what the glorious life Jesus intends for us is all about. Commencement date:

Sundays starting 16 Jul

Time: 1:15pm – 3:15pm

(Course duration: 13 sessions)

Venue: Attic, Hall 3

Homemakers *for ladies only

Thursdays starting 20 Jul

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

(Course duration: 13 sessions)

Classes will be conducted via Zoom

Register at <https://bit.ly/463vgo4>.

Registration deadline: Sun, 9 Jul

• 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, 13 & 20 Aug

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 13 & 20 Aug

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

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

Registration closes on Sun, 16 Jul.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 11 July 2023, we will study John 1:19-28 and learn about the testimony of John the Baptist. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 11 Jul

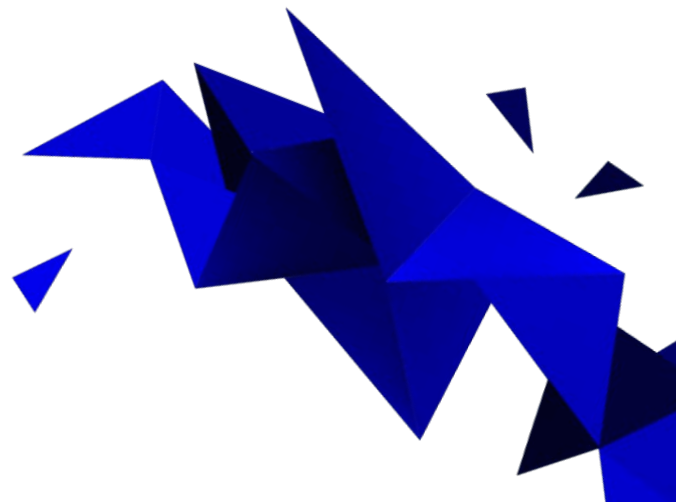
Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





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 No service on 4 th & 5 th week	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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