



16 July 2023

DOES LOVING GOD MEAN SERVING OTHERS?

When I was serving in the mission field in Thailand, a non-believer friend and I spoke about the difference between Christians and non-Christians. Our discussion centered around this – since all religions are “good” and do good works, and we often see religious groups engaged in community service and social justice movements, what made Christianity different?

The Christian distinctive is that we have the gospel. It displays God’s great love in giving His Son to die for our sins (1 John 4:9-10), and thus we love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

There are many ways we can express this love to one another. But as popularized by the five love languages, one of the most visible ways is through acts of service. While other religions may serve out of self-effort or for personal reward, Christians, compelled by God’s love in the gospel, do good and serve one another.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

As we think about why we should serve, perhaps we could first consider, what does the gospel mean to us? Have we believed in the Gospel and experienced His grace? If so, how do we live out what it demands – to work out this gift of faith with fear and trembling, for such a great salvation we’ve received?

Jesus models this for us. The King of kings knelt down with utmost humility and compassion as He washed the filth from the disciples’ feet. And He calls us to go and do likewise (John 13:15).

Again and again, we see Jesus exhorting in Scripture, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). He calls us to love God and one another. And it is by this that we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. Whoever says ‘I know Him’ but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in Him (1 John 2:3–4).

Do we know Jesus? Does it show in our love for one another in service, and do we serve with humility and compassion? Let us be eager to do so, lest we find ourselves ashamed at Jesus’ haunting question, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” (Luke 6:46).

As we love through acts of service, in giving of ourselves, our time, and resources, may we do so out of the overflow of a heart filled with God’s love, and being motivated to grow in Christlikeness. Let us serve sacrificially and joyfully, knowing that whatever we do, we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:23–24). And as we do so, may all people know that we are His disciples, if we have love for one another (John 13:34-35).

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Children’s Ministry Shepherd



• BLOCK VISITATION

Join us for our community Block Visit to invite residents to our Mid-Autumn Carnival in September 2023. Our goal is to cover 27 blocks around the Kadaloor LRT area. Rally your friends, family, CG and DG members to walk the ground over 2 weekends.

Dates: Fri, 18 Aug & Sat, 19 Aug and
Fri, 25 Aug & Sat, 26 Aug

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/43oc02b>.

Registration closes Fri, 4 Aug.

• DELIGHTFUL REUNION – A MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL

Come and join us for a wholesome and delightful reunion for the family with food, games, learning journeys, competitions and performances for kids, youths, adults to seniors.

Date: Sat, 23 Sep

Time: 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

We target to attract at least 800 participants to our 25 food stalls, 5 game stalls, balloon sculpting, caricature, pouch making, lantern making, lantern riddles and children art.

Performances will include Praise Dance, Opera, Recorder Duet, Ukulele and Sing Together.

Rally friends, colleagues, family, CG and DG members to set up stalls or volunteer. Join us for a briefing on Sun, 30 July at 1:00pm in the Shine Auditorium to find out more!

• LEGAL ADVISORS

This is a call for lawyers in our midst to volunteer of their time to form a panel of legal advisors for Gospel Light Christian Church. For those who are keen to volunteer or find out more, kindly email shine@gospellight.sg. The Church Committee will get in touch with you thereafter.

• YOUTH CAMP 2023 - SAVE THE DATE!

Date: 18 - 21 Dec. Registration starts in Nov.

• KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2023 - SAVE THE DATE!

Parents of P1 - P5 children, you won't want your child to miss this! Two full days of fun & games, friends & fellowship, and most importantly hearing the good news!

Date: 23 – 24 Nov (Thu & Fri day camp)

Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

Camp & Volunteer registration begins in September 2023. More details will be shared soon!

• 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 - 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.



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 18 July 2023, we will study John 1:29-34 and learn about the Lamb of God who is taking away the sin of the world. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 18 Jul

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

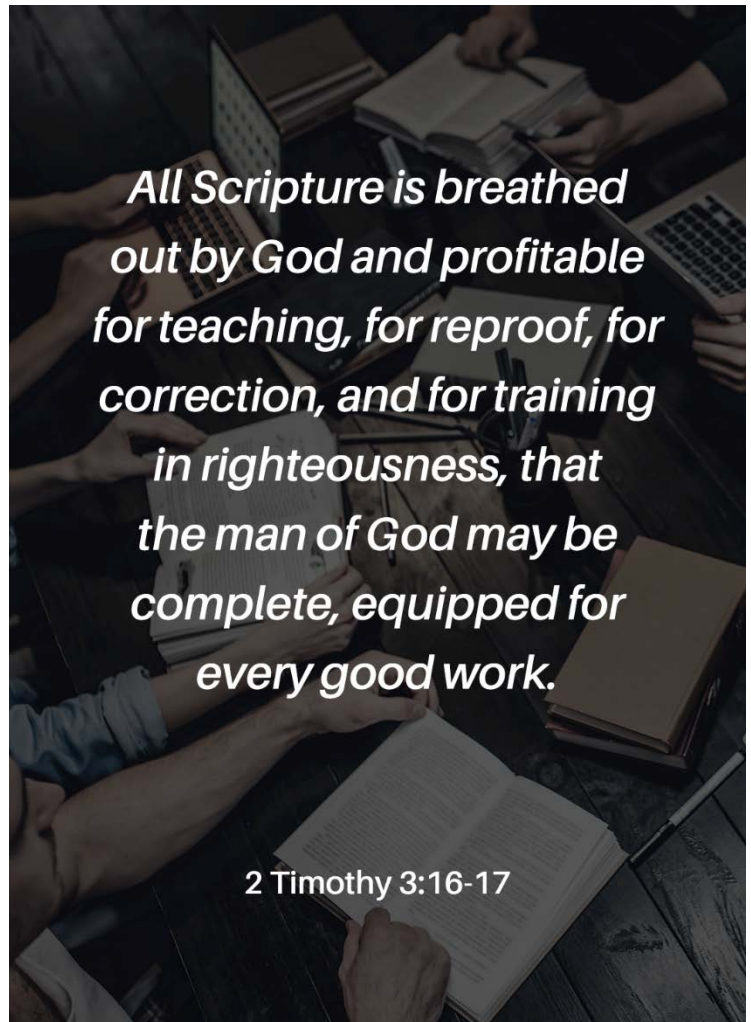
Conversational English is starting another season. We welcome your folks, helpers, neighbours or friends to join us (Basic Level).

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.





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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