



The Cup We Could Not Drink

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A Question of Greatness

"Are you (both) able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" (Matthew 20:22) This was Jesus' response to the mother who wanted her sons to be great in His kingdom. Jesus then explained what true greatness looks like—not striving for power but **stooping down** to serve. Greatness in His kingdom is not about commanding many but about **being a servant**, which Jesus Himself modeled.

As His crucifixion loomed, Jesus prayed: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from

me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39) Here, we get a clearer picture of the **cup** Jesus had previously spoken of. This cup is directly tied closely to **the cross**.

The Cup of Wrath

John gives us a clearer picture in Revelation 14:9-10: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger." This passage helps us understand that the cup Jesus drank was the full wrath of God—the punishment for the sins of the world, poured out on Him at the cross.

The cup of **God's wrath, meant for us, was** taken by Jesus so that we could receive:

- Favor instead of wrath
- Adoption instead of rejection
- Life instead of death

The Cup of Blessing

Paul too writes of a cup in 1 Corinthians

10:16: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" With this cup we are invited to have participation or fellowship with Christ. A reminder of the new relationship that we have with God – fellowship, not wrath. It is also a reminder of Jesus' example of servanthood.

What Does This Mean for Us?

#1 Reflect on the Meanings of the Cups

As Good Friday approaches, let us take time to:

- Consider Jesus' sacrifice
- Reflect on its significance for us
- Meditate on our new standing before God

Don't let this season pass without letting your mind consider it. Don't let this season pass without letting your hearts be moved by it. Grab your friends, grab your wife, grab your kids and exhort one another with this truth! (Hebrews 3:13)

#2 Follow Jesus' Example of Servanthood

Jesus calls us to **live as He lived**. In your daily life, ask yourself:

- How has **Jesus' servanthood** shaped my relationships at **school, work, or home**?
- Does my life reflect the servantheartedness of Christ?

If we have been impacted by **Jesus' sacrifice**, it will flow from **our minds**, to **our hearts**, and into our actions.

HUSBAND'S GROUP: EASTER FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Men, God has called us to be more than just providers—we are to be spiritual leaders, loving husbands, and godly fathers who reflect Christ in our homes. This dinner is a time to connect, grow, and be encouraged as we explore what it means to lead our families with strength, humility, and faith.

Come enjoy great food, meaningful fellowship, and biblical wisdom that will equip you to build a stronger marriage and family. Let's welcome Easter together!

Date: Tue, 6 May

©Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

RSVP to Jeremy on WhatsApp at 9679 1169 today and take the next step in becoming the husband and father God has called you to be!

MISSIONS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to equip children with English skills while sharing the love of Jesus? We are seeking dedicated online volunteer teachers to make a meaningful impact on displaced community children in our neighboring country. Training will be provided.

Contact Lena via WhatsApp 9677 6812 to learn more.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLOSURE

Children's Ministry will not be operating on Sun, 30 Mar. We encourage parents to accompany your child to the main English or Chinese worship services. Streaming of the English services will continue at Hall 3 (Attic level) and L1 Foyer.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Calling all kids, invite your neighbours and friends! Come and hear the good news of Jesus Christ who came to rescue us from sin!

Date: Fri, 18 Apr

©Time: 9.00am or 11.00am

Venue:

Primary kids @ Light Auditorium (L3) Preschool kids @ Eshkol Valley (Attic)

GOOD FRIDAY: A TRAGEDY TURNED GOOD

Why do Christians call the crucifixion of Jesus "Good" Friday? Betrayed, falsely accused, and condemned to die—Jesus' suffering seemed like the ultimate injustice. Yet, in the darkest moment of history, God's plan was unfolding. Jesus endured it all, not as a victim, but as a Savior!

This Good Friday, invite your unchurched friends and family to hear the powerful message of the cross—the ultimate act of love that turned tragedy into triumph.

Join us and experience why the worst day in history became the best news for all.

Date: Fri, 18 Apr

Time: 9.00am or 11.00am (English and

Chinese services run concurrently)

Venue:

English service @ Shine Auditorium (L4) Chinese service @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY EVENT

Ladies, You're Invited!

Join us for an enriching afternoon as we explore how principles of biblical submission can bring peace, purpose and strength to our daily lives.

Topic: Submission at Work and at Home

Date: Sat, 3 May

Time: 2.00pm - 4.15pm (inclusive of tea)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Don't miss this time to fellowship and learn with other sisters-in-Christ!

Register <u>here</u>. Registration closes on 18 April 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier.

For more details, contact women@gospellight.sg.

Stay in the loop! Click here to join our WhatsApp Community for updates on Women's Ministry related matters. This is NOT a registration link for our events.

Save these dates!

- Sat, 02 Aug 2025: 10.00am 12.00pm (Followed by another scrummy lunch!)
- Sat, 1 Nov 2025: 2.00pm 4.15pm (Yes, more tea!)

As we get this ministry rolling, our priority will be all the wonderful ladies (18 years old and above) who are currently worshipping with us at Gospel Light, so let's come together to grow, support each other spiritually, and have a blessed time!

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, 20 Apr 2025

Time: 11.45am - 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

Connect with us − <u>Register</u> now!
Registration closes on Sun, 13 Apr 2025.

If you want to find out more, email Sue.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7-13 YEARS-OLDS!

In today's fast-paced world, kids grow up quickly—but as parents, we can make a lasting impact when we lean on God's Word and step out in faith. At this pivotal age, children seek role models and face peer pressure. How can we guide them in their choices? Why do some embrace the Gospel while others turn away?

Join us for an engaging, hands-on session hosted by the Family Life and Children's Ministries, equipping you with practical biblical insights. Last time, 48 parents attended and found it invaluable—don't miss this opportunity!

Date: Sat, 5 April

©Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: Light 1 & 2 Auditorium (L3)

DON'T MISS YOUR FULL-TIME MINISTRY CALLING!

Your journey starts here.

Step into a life-changing season of growth and discovery with Gospel Light's Internship Programme—designed for those with a heart for shepherding, pastoral care, and kingdom service. Walk alongside experienced pastors, shepherds, and operations leaders, gaining hands-on church ministry experience, spiritual mentoring, and a deeper understanding of God's calling for your life.

If you're standing at the crossroads of your future, take this opportunity to explore where God may be leading you. Your calling is worth discovering.

Find out more and take the first step, register today.

SERVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!

We're building a welcoming, inclusive Children's Ministry where every child can hear the gospel and grow in faith. As we integrate children with special needs into our programs, we need trained individuals—but if you have a heart to help, we welcome you too! No experience? No problem! We'll provide the training and support you need.

Date: Sunday, 4 May

Time: 12.00pm - 1.30pm

Venue: Light 1 Auditorium (L3)

Join our briefing session to:

- Catch our vision for an inclusive ministry
- Learn how you can serve
- Discover training & support available
- Get your questions answered

Come and make a difference!

SIgn up <u>here</u>.

Questions? children@gospellight.sg.

CLUB 39 (YOUTH CLUB)

Come hang out with your friends in Club 39 (youth club). Play Pool, Pickle Ball, Table Tennis, Rummikub, Catan, X360, Nerf shooting or just study or do homework.

Join us on Fridays in Hall 1 (L2) from 2.00pm.

Looking for young and older adults (especially ladies) to come guide / supervise and provide oversight of our club activities. Drop us a message via the CE Hotline to find out more at 9753 7964.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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. Register here. Registration closes on Sun, 30 Mar.

English

Date: Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

Time: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support. Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

mDate: Every Wed of the Month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way. Register to join us!

Date	Programme
2 Apr	Healthy Minds for Healthy Lives (Bilingual) (From 9.30am to 1.00pm)
9 Apr	Rummikub Game (From 9.00am to 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 1 Apr, we will go through John 19:28-42 to learn about the death of Jesus, Jesus' side being pierced and Jesus being buried. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 1 Apr

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
IS PERSONAL, BUT NOT
PRIVATE. WE NEED ONE
ANOTHER IN OUR
JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

TRUE CONNECTION
AND VULNERABILITY
ARE FOSTERED IN
SMALL GROUP
SETTINGS, ALLOWING
FOR DEEPER
RELATIONSHIPS





COME AND EXPERIENCE
THE WARMTH AND
FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD'S
PEOPLE IN A SMALL
COMMUNITY TODAY.

Prayer Meetings

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16





NOTICES.



Prayer List
WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Saturday at 4.30pm
Subscribe to our announcement channel on
WhatsApp or Telegram.



Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
of the month
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(36 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Join our <u>Whatsapp community</u> for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



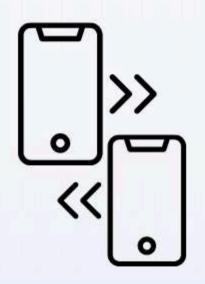
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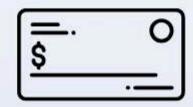
Scan With Your Bank App

All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque
Make Payable to:
"Gospel Light Christian Church"
Write "Offerings" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

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