



Imperfect But In Progress

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The Trouble with Perfectionism

Society often praises perfectionism as a virtue—something that drives success, sharpens thinking, and fuels achievement. But behind this ideal lies a burden: the nagging inner voice whispering, "You're not good enough... smart enough... good-looking enough..." Perfectionism, when driven by self or worldly standards, can be deeply damaging. But God calls us to a different kind of perfection—a holy perfection.

A Biblical Reality Check

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." (Romans 7:18)

The apostle Paul expresses a reality every believer faces—the ongoing battle between our sinful nature and our new life in Christ. This honest confession helps us adjust our expectations for the Christian life.

Sanctification is not instant. It's a **lifelong**process of becoming more like Christ.

Progress, Not Perfection

Because we live in a broken world and still carry a fallen nature, we will never achieve perfection this side of heaven. But that doesn't mean we're without hope. Scripture tells us we are being transformed "from glory to glory." Though we may stumble, true Christian growth is measured not by flawless performance, but by sincere, steady progression.

Hope for the Journey

True perfection will only come when Christ returns and fully redeems us—body and soul. Until then, we strive not for sinless perfection, but for sincere progression. So take heart: God is at work in you, even in your imperfections. Let His grace encourage you to keep moving forward in faith.

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 here. Registration closes Sun, 24 Aug.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 28 Sep

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 28 Sep

©Time: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 9 Nov

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

LOOKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE YOU CAN TRUST?

ShineKidz, our church-based student care centre, is hosting an **Open House!**

If you're a parent of a primary schooler—or know one—don't miss this chance to explore a caring after-school environment where kids thrive:

Our services include:

- Homework supervision
- Caring guidance
- Weekly Bible Teaching
- Seasonal events & fun-filled activities

Invite your friends, family, and colleagues to check us out!

- Date: Sat, 23 Aug
- Orientation 1 Time: 2.00pm 3.30pm
- Orientation 2 Time: 3.30pm 5.00pm
 - Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

If you want to find out more, <u>email</u> ShineKidz.

HELP BRING SOMEONE TO WORSHIP

Do you know someone with special needs who wants to attend church but faces mobility challenges? Whether it's a neighbour, friend, or family member, we want to help make it possible for them to join us in person for worship.

If you know someone who would benefit from transport assistance, drop us an email to make arrangements.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Calling domestic workers and their friends to join our annual health screening. We encourage employers in our congregation to release their helpers for the health screening. Appended are the details

Date: Sun, 31 Aug

Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)

Calling doctors, nurses and general volunteers for the event. To register please message CE hotline: 9753 7964

""BUILD UP!": KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2025

Join in the ultimate construction zone—where we're not just building skyscrapers or towers, but lives grounded on Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone! We'll discover how Jesus is the firm foundation we can trust, and anyone who builds their life on Jesus will never be put to shame (1 Peter 2:6). Come join us for some building fun!

**Date: 12 & 13 Sep 2025 (Fri & Sat)

©Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

∠Sign-up here

Registration closes Fri, 1 Aug (or until slots are filled)

For children in Primary 1 to 5

- > Highlights Include
 - Exciting games
 - Bible storytelling & small group huddles
 - Building friendships in a safe, welcoming space

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity for your child to learn about Jesus, make new friends, and have an unforgettable time! Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

KNOWING JESUS: EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY

Whether you're a seeker with doubts or a skeptic about Christianity, we're here to help! Exploring the faith may seem daunting, but we want to help you find hope in a world filled with brokenness and suffering.

Explore the truths of the Bible in a 4-part 1-to-1 series with a personal facilitator. Join a series that has helped many come to understand the evidence for God better.

For more information, <u>email</u> Sue or call **9776 1377**.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

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.

Date: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

Date	Programme
06 Aug	Know and Deal with False E- Information & Inappropriate Content
13 Aug	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

This Tue, 29 Jul, we will revise Luke 1:1-25, which we have covered so far. We will then proceed to study Luke 1:39-56 where we will study about Mary visiting Elizabeth and Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

mDate: Tue, 29 Jul

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761







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



Wednesday 8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)



Sunday 7.45AM | CRY ROOM SHINE AUDITORIUM LEVEL 4



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
NOTICES.



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 Whatsapp community
for regular updates

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



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



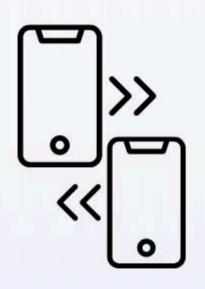
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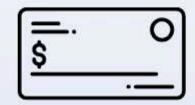
Scan With Your Bank App

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 "<u>Offerings</u>" 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.