



Can We Really Trust This Book?

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We live in a world drowning in voices—news feeds, influencers, podcasts, and endless opinions. In all this noise, how can we find a voice we can trust completely?

Belief in the Bible's divine origin is fading.

Many treat it as helpful wisdom, not God's true, authoritative Word. Even Christians can read it only when convenient. As success and skepticism rise, fewer think God speaks through Scripture—and when its authority is lost, so is its transforming power.

That's why the doctrine of inspiration matters. To say the Bible is inspired means it is God-breathed—His very voice to us.
Understanding that changes how we read, obey, and treasure His Word.

The Source—God's Breath, Not Man's Idea

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is breathed out by God". The Bible didn't arise from human imagination or moral reflection. Its source is divine—God Himself.

Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet 1:21). Like sailors steering a wind-driven boat, human authors wrote while the Spirit supplied the power—so every word was what God intended.

"When you open Scripture, you are hearing the voice of God".

The Bible is therefore both human and divine —written by people, yet breathed by God. Its authority rests not on the writers' wisdom but on its divine Author. When you open Scripture, you are hearing the voice of God.

The Mode—God Worked Through Real People

God didn't dictate Scripture like a stenographer. He used each writer's voice— Moses as Moses, David as David, Paul as Paul—while the Spirit guided them so their words were fully God's.

This gives Scripture both depth and diversity—law and poetry, prophecy and letters, history and vision—yet all tell one unified story: God's plan to redeem humanity through Christ.

Inspiration is not mechanical but miraculous. The Bible is not just a record of people searching for God; it is God revealing Himself to people.

The Extent—Every Word Matters

How far does inspiration reach? Paul says all Scripture is God-breathed—not just the comforting parts or the teachings of Jesus, but every word from Genesis to Revelation.

Jesus Himself said, "Not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished" (Matt. 5:18). Every letter, every detail carries divine weight.

Our culture likes to pick and choose what to believe, but if only some of the Bible is trustworthy, then none of it truly is.

Because all of it comes from God, all of it carries His authority.

The Purpose--To Transform, Not Just Inform

God gave us the Bible not merely to fill our minds with knowledge but to shape our hearts and lives. Paul continues in 2 Timothy 3:16–17: Scripture is "profitable for

teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness".

It teaches truth, exposes lies, corrects our direction, and trains us to live rightly. The goal is maturity—"that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work". Therefore, every time we open it, God equips us for life and godliness.

So What?

If the Bible is truly the breath of God, we must treat it as such. We don't stand over it as judges; we sit under it as disciples. We don't pick and choose; we listen and obey.

John Calvin said, "The Scriptures obtain full authority among believers only when men regard them as having sprung from heaven".

So, dig deep. Read it daily. Meditate on it. Obey it. Build your life on it. Because when Scripture speaks, God speaks—and His Word will stand forever.



(17-20 DEC): YOUTH CAMP 2025

IN A WORLD THAT FEELS LIKE A
BOX OF LIMITS AND PRESSURE,
YOU'RE INVITED TO MARK YOUR
[X] AND STEP INTO HOPE.

WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO CHURCH OR GROWING IN YOUR FAITH, JOIN A COMMUNITY OF SEEKERS CHOOSING FREEDOM TOGETHER THROUGH MEANINGFUL SESSIONS, TEAMS, AND STORIES.

REGISTER TODAY!

CALLING ALL HUSBANDS INVITATION TO YEAR-END DINNER FELLOWSHIP

Calling all Husbands! Family Life Ministry is organizing a year-end buffet dinner event. Join us for an evening of makan and male fellowship. The event is free of charge.

Date: Tue, 2 Dec

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)

Registration required — <u>Register</u> now!

YEAR-END LOVE GIFT – FOR OVERSEAS MISSION WORKERS

- Collection **Start Date**: Sun, 26 Oct Collection **End Date**: Sun, 9 Nov Note: Love gifts received after 9 Nov will be considered as a church offering.
- i) Internet banking PayNow and internet bank transfer. Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" in the reference section.
- ii) **Cheque** Indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" on the reverse of the cheque.
- iii) Offering boxes Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" on the front of the envelope.

EAPIIS MMIN (CLASS OF 2026–2027)

- REGISTRATION OPEN!

APIIS :Asia-Pacific Institute of International Studies), GLCC's training ministry offers **free 21st-century training** for Christians.

Join the 2-year online Master of Ministry (MMin) to "master your ministry".

Format & Commitment

- *a ~15 hrs/week self-study + weekly quiz
- 2-hr Zoom discussion each week
- TChoose Mon 8–10pm or Tue 8–10am (GMT+8)
- ✓ Who's it for? Pastors, ministry leaders, and any Gospeliter hungry to grow.
- **←** How to register

Register now or contact:

<u>registrar@apiis.org</u> | +65 9070 2809 / +65 8014 2581

<u>apiis.org</u> | Pracebook: APIIS MMin Program

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 Nov

Time: 11.45am - 12.15pm (Welcome and intro leaders)

Lunch: 12.15pm - 1.15pm (Lunch fellowship)

7 Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Connect with us − <u>Register</u> now! Registration closes on Sun, 9 Nov.

If you want to find out more, connect with Sue at **9776 1377** or **email**.

SERVE OUR SENIORS — 3 WAYS

1) AST Luke's Residence (Nursing Home) — Saturdays, 3.00pm-5.00pm

What to expect? Small, home-like group (≈20–30).

Roles:

- Worship leads/musicians
- Devotion sharers (screened) ·
- Befrienders.

Occasional: help at Christmas/Easter/NDP.

2) St Luke's Eldercare — Fridays, 10.00am-12.00pm

What to expect? Centre-wide outreach (many pre-believers).

Format: Worship · Word · Prayer.

Roles: Sefrienders (post-service chats) ·

Chinese-speaking especially welcome.

3) NTUC Nursing Home (Pasir Ris) Last Sunday, 2.30pm-5.00pm (bi-monthly)
Role: Befrienders for regular visits and conversation.

Keen to help? WhatsApp us@9753 7964

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

OUR MINISTRY IS GROWING-HELP US POINT LITTLE HEARTS TO JESUS!

YOUR IMPACT? EVERY ADULT VOLUNTEER = +5 PRESCHOOLERS OR +10 PRIMARY KIDS WELCOMED.

- ROLES (PICK ONE)
- SMALL GROUP LEADER (MEMBERS)
- TEACHING ASSISTANT
- FRONT DESK / OPS
- ACTIVITIES TEAM (WEEKDAY)

EXPLORE FIRST — 30-MIN CM TOUR

- SUN, 19 OCT, 10.30AM TO 11.00AM
- SUN, 2 NOV, 10.30AM TO 11.00AM

SIGN UP

- APPLY OR TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS ABOUT ROLES
- CAN'T DO SUNDAYS? SERVE AT OUTREACH EVENTS

GOT QUESTIONS? (2)

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
29 Oct	No Gathering on 5 th Wednesday
05 Nov	Seniors Sports Game Day

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

We will take a break and class will resume on Tue, 18 Nov. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 18 Nov

Time: 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



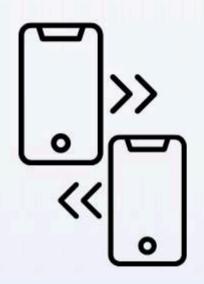
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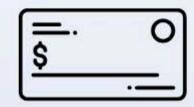
Scan With Your Bank App

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.