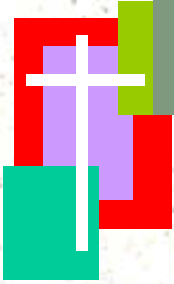


Christian Message



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Why would a Christian want to be a member of the Baptist Church?

By Steven Chan



Recently the newspapers reported the story that the former independent prosecutor of Bill Clinton's indiscretion while in office said that he is now prepared to join the Baptist church as he accepts the position of the President of Baylor University - the biggest Baptist University. It was also recorded that leading brethren from his former employer, Pepperdine University (a university affiliated with the churches of Christ) congratulated him and wished him well! If you read the story you will find that he had lost his biblical faith long time ago - it inevitably started with the question of the non-use of instrumental music (which tells us that he did not appreciate or agree with the biblical approach

to ascertaining Bible authority in all that we do and teach) - and eventually that led him to even jettison the biblical teaching on the purpose of baptism.

We need to learn from his unfortunate journey from faith to fable and ensure that we do our best to teach or explain to our children very clearly and carefully why we respect Bible Authority and HOW the Bible wants us to ascertain or determine Bible Authority in all that we teach and practice. It is sad indeed when many brethren are not able to explain clearly, unequivocally and with conviction why we do not have instrumental music in worship. Added to that is the teaching of some intellectually-enlightened graduates from our Bible Colleges that the only reason why we do not use instrumental music in worship is because of our tradition - and implicitly they are in effect saying that the non-use of instrumental music in worship is not based on bible authority. Others of them say that it should not be a big issue as it is not a part of the core teaching of the bible. But brethren, once we abandon the biblical approach of ascertaining Bible authority (i.e. ascertaining by direct statements or command of the Scriptures,

Sermons in April:

- THOU HAST HOLDEN MY RIGHT HAND- STEVEN CHAN
- FROM SURVIVAL TO VICTORY - ENG KIM LENG
- HEART OF COMPASSION - KOAY CHUAN LEK
- WORK AS FOR THE LORD - QUAY CHEW SOON

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Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. 2 So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. (Lev 10:1-2)

“ IT IS THE ATTITUDE OR MINDSET THAT MAKES US WANT TO USE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC THAT IS THE PROBLEM ”

Christian in Baptist church?

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by indirect or implied statements of the Bible (i.e. by necessary inference from the scriptures), or by Bible approved precedents or examples which implies an underlying biblical command or requirement) and thereby embrace non-bible sanctioned innovations into our worship and practices - then in due course, it does not really matter whether we baptize for the forgiveness of sins or whether we should be members of the churches of Christ - as evidenced by the brother having no compunction accepting the position as President of the largest Baptist University and agreeing to join the Baptist church!

Brethren, let us not be duped by our so-called enlightened brethren (with string of titles such as Masters or Doctorates from Theological Colleges) who teach falsely that the use or non-use of instrumental music is of no real consequence to our faith and acceptable worship to God. The instrument is NOT the main problem; it is the ATTITUDE or MINDSET that makes us want to use instrumental music that is the problem. Recall that Moses in Numbers 20:7-12 was punished by God and not permitted to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land when he struck the rock instead of doing what God said - to speak to the rock - no big deal with the action of striking the rock as in Exodus 17:6 when Moses was told to strike the rock and water flowed from it - but in the instance of Numbers 20, it was Moses' attitude of not respecting what God had specifically said

(i.e. to speak to the rock) that resulted in him not being permitted to lead the people into the Promised Land. Num 20:12: "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Was it a big deal to God? No - according to our enlightened brethren - it is not a core matter of faith! But God said to Moses, his action constituted "believed Me not" and failure to "sanctify Me". Listen to Rom 3:4: "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar".

Brethren, we need also to be careful when we send our children to study or work elsewhere in the world that they should assemble with the brethren of like-mindedness - and not with the denominations. You will note that this particular brother attended the McLean Bible Church (not of the fellowship of the churches of Christ) from 1978-2004 - and that definitely has a deep influence on him - he calls it his "home congregation" - that church subscribes to this tenet: "Where the Bible is clear, we will be emphatic. Where the Bible is silent, we must allow people freedom" (<http://www.mcleanbible.org/uploads/WhyWeDopt1.pdf>). It sounds like what we believe in but it is the latter part that leads one astray. They do not respect the silence of the Scriptures in that one should not act where there

is no Bible authority to do so. The principle of not acting without God's authority is clearly enconced in Lev 10:1,2: "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Jehovah, which he had not commanded them. And there came forth fire from before Jehovah, and devoured them, and they died before Jehovah." (ASV). As Paul exhorted in 1 Cor 4:6: "in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other." Allowing people freedom to act or teach where God has not spoken is a principle that will lead to the unbridled freedom to introduce many things because the Bible does not expressly speak on many things - such as the Bible does not expressly say that one cannot have a pope or an arch-bishop or a nun or a person with multiple wives in the church - so presumably all that would be okay. Listen to what God said in Deut 18:20: "But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die." We cannot speak where the Bible does not speak. We cannot allow freedom to act or teach where the Bible does not so authorize.

Let's be ever vigilant in contending for the once for all delivered faith (Jude 3).

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

19 March 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)

21 March 2010

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- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Quake Kuan Hock (Margaret Khoo)



Services This Week (March 28, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - Introduction
Teacher: Rick Kirk

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Foundation Principles of our Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: The Great Salvation
Preacher: Mark Lim

Floral Display Celine

Helpers

Communion: Olivia Daniel & Joyce Gomez

Statistics for week March 19 - 21, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	65
Sunday Bible Class	-	71
Sunday School		
Teachers	- 7	
Students	- 17	95
Sunday English Worship	- 98	
Children in attendance	- 26	
Mandarin Worship	- 23	
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	147

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Services Next Week (April 4, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Defining the Kingdom of Heaven
Teacher: Adrian Koay

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: Thou hast Holden My Right Hand (Ps 73:23)
Preacher: Steven Chan

Floral Display Koay Chai Bee

Helpers

Communion: Heng Hui Teng & Lim Ai Kee

Church Program in April

02	Offering Praise of Our Lips/Prayers	Richard Lim/John Quek
03	Home Fellowship at Bukit Kuda	Koay Chuan Lek
04	Building Renovation Fund	
05	Monthly Review Meeting	Steven Chan
06	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
17	Home Fellowship at Klang Jaya	Khoo Kay Yeow
20	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon

Sunday Sermons in April

04	Thou Hast Holden My Right Hand	Steven Chan
11	From Survival to Victory	Eng Kim Leng
18	Heart of Compassion	Koay Chuan Lek
25	Work As For the Lord	Quay Chew Soon

Sunday Bible Class in April

04	Defining the Kingdom of Heaven	Adrian Koay
11	Parable of the Sower	Leow Yew Chong
18	Parable of the Wheat & Tares	Ng Yeow Kong
25	Parable of the Mustard Seed	Richard Lim

Youth Bible Class in April

04	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
11	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Sis Sherlyn Ho** whose biopsy test could not be effectively carried out. So her doctor will need to monitor her health condition closely.
- **Sis Joyce Gomez** and **Sis Donna Campbell** to recover completely.
- **Vneetha** who has not been well for the last three weeks. She is the wife of Vincent Paul, a regular visitor.

PRAISE OF OUR LIPS



Friday, April 2, 2010

Refreshment:

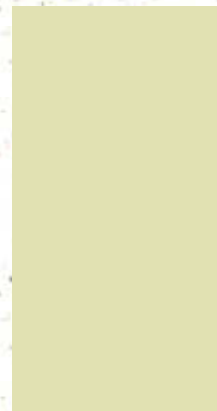
Teh Chong Foo
Christina Lim
Caroline Kok
Khoo Hooi Ling
So Lee Choo
Sherlyn Ho
Tan Hong Loon
Annie Yu

Clean Up:

Khoo Kay Yeow
Krystle Chan
Ong Ee Ren
Steven Chan
Ong Eng Boon
Khoo Yen Nee
Naidu



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Speak where the Bible speaks. Be silent where the Bible is silent.

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The Klang Church of Christ seeks to glorify its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18; Col 1:18), by proclaiming salvation on the same terms stated by Jesus in Mark 16:16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved".

Having been born again (John 3:3-5) through baptism in water (Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 3:21; Rom 6:3-5), we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, that "Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal 2:20). Thus, like the apostle Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

We appeal to all believers to be united in love as desired by the Lord (John 17:20-23; 13:34,35) and that all may "speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor 1:10).

Denominationalism does not feature in God's plan. We urge all to leave denominationalism and to be united in One Body (Eph 2:15-17) on the basis of what the Bible says (and to leave aside the teachings and traditions that are man-made as these are the cause of division among believers). "The churches of Christ greet you". (Rom 16:16)

We're on the web. Visit us at <http://www.klangchurchofchrist.org>

Visit the Youth Blogsite at
<http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com>

Visit the Sunday School Blogsite at
www.ahadschool.blogspot.com



Monthly Review Meeting
April 5, 2010, 8.00 pm
Annex Room A



AWAY

- Bro Koay Chuan Lek is preaching in Subang Jaya this morning.
- Bro Richard Lim and Bro Leow Yew Chong in Kuantan.
- Bro Ng Yeow Kong in Malacca.
- Bro Ong Eng Boon in Kota Kemuning
Please pray for their safe travel.

Inter-congregational Church Camp

Higher Ground
Speaker: Bro Charlie DiPalma

7-9 June 2010 at Genting View Resort
For details: Richard Lim, Klang CoC

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

- 02 Bryant Lee
- 05 Lee Su Cheng
- 07 Tee Ai Vee
- 15 Mah Yit Mui
- 17 Jaslyn Chan
- 24 Goh Bee Yong / Thong Sing How / Bobby Ong
- 25 Caroline Kok
- 26 Steven Chan
- 27 So Lee Choo
- 29 Jacine Yee / Jerry Cheah