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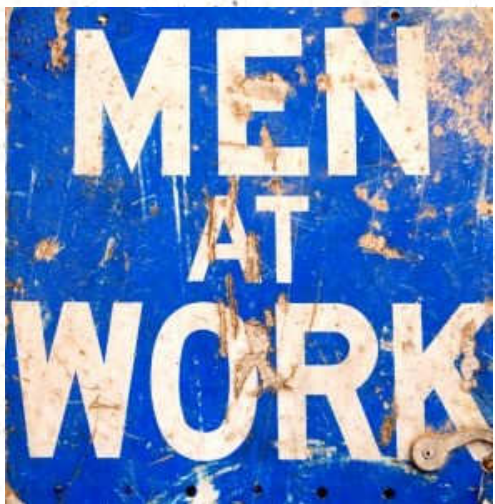
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Christians - Co-Workers With God

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The scriptures said that the Lord adds one into the church upon his / her willingness to fully obey the gospel (Acts 2:47) and thereby begins the journey of enjoying all the spiritual blessings found in Christ (Eph 1:3).

Apostle Peter further encouraged his readers that the blessings are indeed unique and of great value. In 1 Pet 1:3,4, he described those blessings as "a living hope.... incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" and "by

which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises." – 2 Pet 1:1-4

Indeed Christians are the most blessed individuals walking on the face of this mighty earth, having the knowledge and faith that something very exciting and precious awaits us on the other shore of life's horizon. However, enjoying all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus is only one part of the large jigsaw puzzle God had in mind.

In 1 Cor 3:9 and 2 Cor 6:1, Apostle Paul reminded us that we are also **God's fellow workers**. Yes brethren, as members of the church, we have jobs to do, duties to perform and responsibilities to fulfill... with God. And no wonder, our Lord asked His disciples to pray for more laborers and workers as the harvest is truly plentiful but few workers.

In Matt 20:1-16, Jesus taught one aspect of the kingdom of heaven, "it is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw

Sermons in March:

- HOW MAY CHRISTIANS BE ONE IN CHRIST - STEVEN CHAN
- "I ALONE AM LEFT; AND THEY SEEK TO TAKE MY LIFE." - RICK KIRK
- THE GREAT SALVATION - MARK LIM
- THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT - RICHARD LIM

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God gave the increase (1 Cor 3:6)

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others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go your way.

I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

While this parable is often referred to when emphasizing the same rewards given to faithful vineyard workers no matter what time they came in, yet we cannot ignore the clear teaching that we ARE workers in God's vineyard, especially in the area of saving souls.

Apostle Paul understood this point very well when he chided the saints in Corinth -1 Cor 3:5-9 - "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building."

To help us learn more from Paul, Dr Luke narrated the very interesting account of the conversion of Lydia in Acts 16:11-15.

"Therefore, sailing from

Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 **Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.** 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us."

Truly an outstanding example for Christians to learn and follow, learning to be co-workers with God, learning to make the first move. God IS powerful, the Gospel IS powerful and Christians CAN be powerful too by taking the first step and action to share Christianity. Christians are to GO FIRST... TEACH FIRST... with the assurance that the Lord WILL BE working alongside us.

May the good Lord help us to be better and more courageous workers in His vineyard.

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

26 February 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)

- Maniam (Naidu)
- Selvamoney (India)
- Jacob (India)

28 February 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)
- Dr & Mrs Cheong Wen Hoon (Koay Chuan Lek)
- Quake Kuan Hock (Margaret Khoo)
- Vincent Paul, Vneetha and Aaron

VISITING BRETHREN

28 February 2010

- Stephen Tan (Perth)
- Richard, Priscilla and Eunice (Cheras)
- Eusuraj & Stella Mary (KL)



Services This Week (March 7, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Lessons from the Seven Churches - Pergamos
Teacher: Ng Yeow Kong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: James Chapter 5
Teacher: Justin Chan

Worship

Lesson: How May Christians be One in Christ?
Preacher: Steven Chan

Floral Display Caroline Kok

Helpers

Communion: Evelyn and Khoo Hooi Ling
Greeters: Joel Kirk, Daryl Kirk, Bryant Lee, Jerry Cheah

Statistics for week February 26 - 28, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	59
Sunday Bible Class	-	71
Sunday School		
Teachers	-	8
Students	-	20
Sunday English Worship	-	105
Children in attendance	-	33
Mandarin Worship	-	17
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	155

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 (March 14, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Lessons From The Seven Churches - Philadelphia
Teacher: Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Increasing Our Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: "I Alone Am Left; And They Seek To Take My Life"
Preacher: Rick Kirk

Floral Display Catherine Chirng

Helpers

Communion: Krystle Chan and Doris Chiam
Greeters: Randall Chirng, Lee Tiong Soon, Ong Ee Ren, Tan Ern Shern



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)

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<http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com>

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



Monthly Review Meeting
March 8, 2010, 8.00 pm
Annex Room A



CONCENTRATED BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

Sign Up NOW! Contact Bro John Quek.
Study program of the New Testament that will yield much spiritual benefits.

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** as she recuperates from a fall recently.
- **Sis Donna Campbell** who is recuperating from a badly broken leg.



AWAY

- Caroline Kok, Julie Ong, Shirley Lee, Rajandran (KL) and Janice from M'cca are working with the brethren in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia in the Campaign for Christ there. They reported three baptisms from their studies thus far.
- Bro. Stephen Tan has returned to Perth, Australia for his studies.