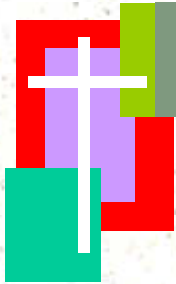


# Christian Message



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## The Power to Become

The Transforming Power of the Gospel

By Steven Chan



**In** John 1:12, the Bible testifies as follows: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"

The gospel of Jesus Christ is able to transform lives as it gives the power to become the children of God. In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the apostle Paul reminded them of their changed status: "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and

strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ...Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." (Eph 2:11-13, 19) What an incredible blessing! This wonderful transformation of our status should be greatly appreciated: "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1) No longer a nobody; in Christ, we are children of God!

With this changed and privileged status, comes also the power to overcome. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."(Rom 8:37-39). In the earlier part of his letter, the apostle Paul

### Sermons in August : "How to be a Growing & God-Glorifying Christian"

- BY BEING A CHRISTIAN WHO DOES GOOD WORKS - KOAY CHUAN LEK
- BY BEING A CHRISTIAN WHO GROWS UNTO MATURITY - RICK KIRK
- BY BEING A CHRISTIAN WHO GLORIFIES GOD- RICHARD LIM
- BY SETTING HIS AFFECTION ON THE THINGS ABOVE - NG YEOW KONG
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wrote thus in Rom 8:26-28: “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” We have the power to become because the strength is not from within us but comes from God.

The apostle Paul urged us: “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”(Eph 6:10) and in 2 Cor 12:9-10 he testifies of God: “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” According to 2 Cor 13:4: “For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you”. That’s

why Paul could declare thus: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”(Phil 4:13).

Our changed status empowered by God’s grace enables each one of us to become useful vessels of honor to God: “Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.”(2 Tim 2:21). Paul was no longer the same person: “He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.” (Gal 1:23). The runaway slave of Philemon, Onesimus was a transformed person: “who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.”(Philemon 11).

Brethren, what great blessings we have from God. We should be rejoicing every day for what God has done for us and what He has promised to do for us and the great hope that awaits us all: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”(1 John 3:2-3) Let no man rob you of this precious promise that awaits us at His Coming: we shall be like Him!

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## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Website

Last Sunday, a young couple attended our Mandarin service as a result of our website. We are much encouraged by the effort that brethren such as Bro Yew Chong, Sis Julie Yee, Bro Ronnie Lee, Bro Simon Yee, Bro Rick, Sis Win Win, Bro Tze Wei and many others, have expended to maintain and update our website. May the Lord bless our effort to reach out to the community via the internet. Our Youth Blog has also been very frequently accessed - thanks to Justin, Ern Shern, Daryl and all the youths. You may refer your friends to our websites: <http://www.klangchurchofchrist.org/> and <http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com/>



### Sunday School Recruitment Drive

We are much encouraged by the good responses to our recent effort to recruit new students for our Sunday School programme via advertising banners strategically located in the new housing estates in Klang. Thus far many new students have been recruited and some of their parents are also attending our services. Please continue to pray for more to respond to this opportunity.

## Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



### VISITORS

August 13, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Guest of Tan Ern Shern)

August 15, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Tan Ern Shern)
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Chin Yao Han (Yeow Kong)
- Michael Ng
- Joseph & Garion Choy

### VISITING BRETHREN

August 13, 2010

- Koay Chiang Ling (Kuching)
- Tan Yin Yin (LAP, Singapore)

August 15, 2010

- Robert & Irene Ong (Malacca)
- Tan Yin Yin (Lim Ah Pin)
- Sean Lim (Jurong)



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## Services This Week (August 22, 2010)

### Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Two Debtors (Lk 7:41-43)  
Teacher: Rick Kirk

### Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith  
Teacher: Steven Chan

### Worship

Lesson: By Setting His Affections on the Things Above  
Preacher: Ng Yeow Kong

### Helpers

Communion: Lily Tan & Tan Sze Yin  
Floral Display: Lily Tan

### Statistics for week August 13 - 15, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	55
Sunday Bible Class	-	72
Sunday English Worship	-	94
Children in attendance	-	18
Mandarin Worship	-	18
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	130

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)

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## Services Next Week (August 29, 2010)

### Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37)  
Teacher: Adrian Koay

### Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith  
Teacher: Steven Chan

### Worship

Lesson: By Being a Soul Winner  
Preacher: Steven Chan

### Helpers

Communion: Gan Leh Wah & Tan Win Win  
Floral Display: Linda Leong

Subang Jaya Church of Christ  
21st Restoration Seminar

Restoring The Bible Practice of  
**Contending For  
the Faith** (Jude 5)

9.00am-1.00pm

Tuesday August 31, 2010

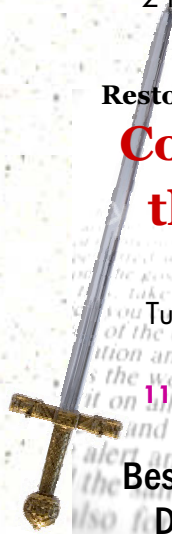
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**11th Restoration Roundtable  
Benchmarking**

**Best Practices of Meeting  
Doctrinal Differences**

2.30-4.00pm

**Tuesday August 31, 2010**



*3rd Annual Four  
Seas Lectureship*

*Maturing in  
Christ*



**Lectureship:**

Dec 1-5 (Wednesday-Sunday)

**Gospel Meeting:**

Dec 1-4 (Wednesday-Saturday)

For details of schedule and speakers,  
visit [www.fourseas.edu.sg](http://www.fourseas.edu.sg)

*Singspiration  
Workshop*

with Bro Paul Goh  
September 4, 2010

Register with Richard Lee  
at 012-3307763



**WELCOME HOME**

We welcome back Bro Daniel Ooi from Sheffield, UK. He will be back for his vacation until Sept 29, 2010. We rejoice with Bro Chis Ooi & Sis Helena as well as with Bro Daniel over his excellent performance in Sheffield. Daniel topped his class (in Mechanical Engineering) and was awarded a scholarship by Sheffield University to pursue his doctorate in wind turbine engineering - which will require another three years of studies there.



**Church Extension/Renovation Plan**

Bro John Quek, our resident architect, has posted on the Notice Board the planned extension to our church building. He will be conducting a briefing for interested brethren immediately after service next Sunday (i.e. 29th August, 2010) on the proposed extension. We encourage brethren to attend the briefing session so that you will know what is being planned and if you have any suggestions, you may make them to Bro John and his team before we commence the extension work that will join the two buildings together and increase our seating capacity. We record our thanks to Bro John, Bro Yew Chong and their team for heading this important effort.



**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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Visit the Sunday School Blogsite at  
[www.ahadschool.blogspot.com](http://www.ahadschool.blogspot.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sis Tan Yin Yin has arrived in Chicago safely.
- Our young ones who will sitting for various examinations:-
  1. UPSR - Leow Huey Li, Julius Koh, Calvin Preamsath, Edward & Cheah Ya Nan
  2. PMR - Daryl Kirk, Heng Jiao Faye, Kayita, Leow Huey Jean, Erica & Lim Chia Chin
  3. SPM - Bithiah, Leow Huey Shien, Ong Ee Ren, Isaac Samnas, Tan Ern Shern, Ong Jae Wen
  4. STPM - Lee Tiong Lay

Please continue to pray for:

- **Bro Han Seng** (Ipoh)
- **Sis Rose Zaccheus**
- Krishnan aged 23, (a friend of **Sis Shirley Lee**), who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and is receiving chemotherapy in the University Hospital.