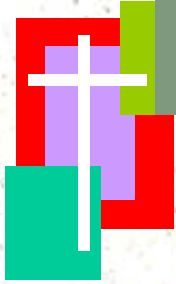


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Pride and Prejudice

By Leow Yew Chong



No, I am not writing a review of Jane Austen. Haven't read that book despite it being more than 200 years old now. I'll probably add it to my bucket list. I chose the title because of a few incidences that had occurred to me these few months that caused me to reflect on my own pride and prejudices in relation to Jesus and His mission.

Not too long ago, I attended a lunch where I was placed in the same table with a divorcee. It came as a shock and surprise for me to see her there, and it created a discomfort to me. Prior to that encounter, my attitude towards her was "unpleasant". I couldn't understand why the need for her marital break-up nor her refusal to bear with her husband. In my mind, the examples of the following

Biblical couples came out strongly; Abigail & Nabal, Hosea & Gomer, Job & his wife. Furthermore, another incident in that couple's life had caused me to doubt her "Christian" reasons for divorce.

Hence at the lunch, I had to do some quick soul searching whether to sit at the same table or move out, bearing in mind 1 Cor 5:11. In the end, I didn't change table nor move out. It was a judgment call where I applied the thinking of the lesser of two evils. There was also a small chat at the end where inquiries were made of her ex-husband situation. Sounds very hypocritical and very earthly of me?

Recently, I attended a talk by a transsexual who explained and clarified his need to do a sex change, the challenges she now faces, and the prejudices she encountered and is continuing to encounter. It was an eye opener to hear from this person, and the society's attitudes towards her.

One of the things said which caught my attention was religion. He grew up as a devout Catholic and spent a lot of time in the church. He hid his sexual orientation from the church. He was not a gay though he couldn't understand why he had stronger feelings for man versus woman. Hence, when he completed his surgery and informed some members of his church

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- THE BLESSING OF AN INHERITANCE - RICK KIRK
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- THE BLESSING OF FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT - STEVEN CHAN

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of the changes in him, there were shock and surprises which were expected. However, the thing that caused her to distance herself from the church or any other religious organization since then was because outwardly they appeared supportive and understanding, but behind her, lots of unkind words were said that hurt her and her family.

When the talk was over, I approached her to shake her hand and thank her for the talk. It was a great challenge for me because I felt he had betrayed God who created mankind according to His image and also of 1 Cor 6:9-11 where I felt he was not “man” enough nor did he gird up his loins like a man in facing up to his issues. My refusal to listen to her caused a barrier!!!

Those two incidences above show you how much prejudices I have and pride in me. It was so much easier for me to talk and approach a person who has massive bodily disfigurement and accept her for who she is. It didn't cause me to doubt myself nor to despise the person. It is so much easier to visit the sick and orphans in their hour of distress by comparison, as my heart doesn't hurt so much.

When I read John 8:2-11, I find myself very pale and extremely distant in comparison to our Lord Jesus. The phrase “love the sinner, hate the sin” while not of biblical origin, summed up Christ's action. Yet, if and when we are confronted with that

woman caught in adultery, in the very act, how we will react? Have we given it any consideration? I didn't give much thought to John 8 until the above lunch. In Bible class, we are taught and so I also teach that we mustn't be too judgmental. Well, like they say, the hammer on the other person finger is painful but when it is on your own finger, it is exceedingly extremely painful.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating homosexuality or alternate lifestyles or liberalism. The focus of my article is how we will react when such a person appears before us? Where is Christ in our line of reasoning? Read Col 3:1-10 and see how each of us fares when we place ourselves next to it.

A final paragraph, how do we explain the Gospel truth with members of the denominations when they want to join us for Sunday worship, and wish to partake the Lord's Supper? Priscilla and Aquila shows us how tactful they were in dispensing truth to Apollos by taking him aside and explaining the way of God more accurately. Similarly, when Paul was in Areopagus, he didn't blatantly accuse the Athenians of idol-worship but took the time to share with them the unknown God. In preaching and correcting, an attitude of humility must be part of us and in us, as otherwise our pride and prejudices will surface to ruin any possibility of restoring both our hearers and ourselves to our good LORD.

Singspiration
Workshop
with Bro Paul Goh
September 4, 2010
Register with Richard Lee
at 012-3307763

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Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

August 20, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Guest of Tan Ern Shern)
- John (Daniel Ooi)

August 22, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Tan Ern Shern)
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Dorothy (Cousin of Olivia Daniel)
- Serene Ng

VISITING BRETHREN

August 20, 2010

- Daniel Ooi (England)
- James Tan

August 22, 2010

- Sasha & family (Malacca)
- Abby Ong (LAP)
- Daniel Ooi (England)



Services This 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

Statistics for week August 20 - 22, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	59
Sunday Bible Class	-	76
Sunday English Worship	-	101
Children in attendance	-	24
Mandarin Worship	-	21
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	144

Services Next Week (September 5, 2010)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Friend at Midnight (Lk 11:1-13)
Teacher: Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: The Blessing of Being Accepted by God
Preacher: Koay Chuan Lek

Helpers

Communion: Chong Siu Hua & Tan Hong Loon
Floral Display: Yeo Mee Eng

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)

Church Program in September

03	Offering Praise of Our Lips/Prayers	Richard Lim/John Quek
04	Singing Workshop	Richard Lee
04	Home Fellowship at Bukit Kuda	Koay Chuan Lek
05	Building Renovation Fund	
06	Monthly Review Meeting	Steven Chan
07	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
18	Home Fellowship Meeting at Klang Jaya	Khoo Kay yeow
21	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
25	Examination Techniques	Kota Kemuning
24-26	Mandarin Gospel Meeting (Kwan Tai Choom)	Ong Eng Boon

Sunday Sermons in September

Theme: **Receiving All Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

05	The Blessing of Being Accepted by God	- Koay Chuan Lek
12	The Blessing of an Inheritance	- Rick Kirk
19	The Blessing of Being Strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might	- Richard Lim
26	The Blessing of Filled with the Spirit	- Steven Chan

Sunday Bible Class in September

05	The Friend at Midnight (Lk 11:1-13)	Leow Yew Chong
12	The Rich Fool (Lk 12:13-21)	Ng Yeow Kong
19	The Barren Fig Tree (Lk 13:6-9)	Richard Lim
26	Taking The Lowest Place (Lk 14:7-11)	Ronnie Lee

Youth Bible Class in September

05	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
12	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
19	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
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AWAY

- Sis Sherlyn Ho has gone to Singapore to continue with the medical checkup
 - Sis Alix Tay is Penang on a business trip. She is expected to return on 1 September 2010
- Please remember them in your prayers



Monthly Review Meeting

September 6, 2010
8.00 pm
Annex Room A



Friday, September 3, 2010

Refreshment:

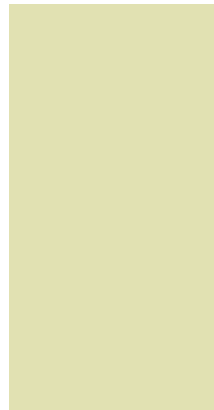
Claire Lee
Linda Leong
Koay Ching Li
Shirley Lee
Joanna Quek

Clean Up:

Ng Yeow Kong
Koay Chuan Lek
Jerry Cheah
Tan Ern Shern
Khoo Tze Wei
Tan Sze Yin



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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)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bro Goeh Soon**, of PJ Section 17, who is recovering from an eye operation.
- Our young ones who will sitting for various examinations:-
 1. UPSR - Leow Huey Li, Julius Koh, Calvin Premasath, Edward & Cheah Ya Nan
 2. PMR - Daryl Kirk, Heng Jiao Faye, Kavita, 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.

**BIRTHDAYS
SEPTEMBER 2010**

- 01 Joyce Gomez
- 03 Khoo Kay Yeow
- 06 Khoo Yen Nee
- 08 Karen Lum
- 09 Alix Tay
- 15 Ang Siew
- 17 Ooi Chai Bee
- 18 Tan Ern Shern
- 19 Claire Lee
- 20 Amelin Teo
- 23 Heng Mon Sing
- 24 John Quek
- 25 Heng Hui Theng
- 28 Lim Lee Hua
- 29 Leow Yew Chong

