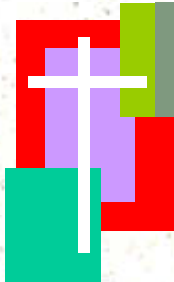


Christian Message



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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

&

1.1th Restoration Roundtable

Benchmarking

Best Practices of Meeting Doctrinal Differences

2.30-4.00pm

Tuesday August 31, 2010

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
- BY BEING A SOUL-WINNER- STEVEN CHAN

At Hand

By Richard Lee

WHAT IS IT TO YOU IF GOD DECIDES TO CHOOSE THIS PHRASE, "AT HAND" AND APPLY IT TO MEAN 3 YEARS, 300 YEARS, 1000 YEARS OR MORE.



In Matt 3:1-2, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In Matt. 4:17, the bible states, "From that time. Jesus began to preach, and to say, *Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" What is the meaning of this phrase, "at hand"?

Apparently this phrase "at hand" brings about the idea of "coming soon, close, near, something or some events about to take place." From the big picture, we know that the kingdom of heaven was established not long after Christ died. This is evident from Col. 1:13 where sinners were translated into the kingdom of his dear Son. We know that no one can be translated into the kingdom if it does not first exist.

Also given this understanding that the church of Christ (Rom 16:16) is also the Kingdom of God/Heaven (Matt. 16:18-19); which is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:223) or the bride of Christ (Rev. 21:9), we can safely say that though the terms used for the church are different, it is referred to the one and same - God's spiritual abode for converted sinners on earth. The different words used are to bring about different applications (eg. Pastors, Elders and Bishops and others). And this entity was established on Pentecost as recorded by Dr. Luke in Acts 2:38-41, 47. Some THREE years after it was announced by John and Jesus. THREE years is relatively a short time. It is about the time needed to get a degree from the university. But you may say that it is a long wait espe-

cially when you are waiting to welcome a new face in the family after your marriage. But THREE years is 1095.75 days irrespective of what you think or how we feel.

The phrase was used in Isaiah 13:6, "the day of the Lord is at hand". Here, Isaiah prophesied the fall of Babylon in about 740 BC. But it was not until 539 BC that this prophecy was fulfilled. Some 200 years later, the head of gold (Daniel ch. 2) and his kingdom were taken over by the breast of silver. Further in the same chapter, verse 17, the Medes (*the silver*) were mentioned. Medes-Persian alliance against Babylonian territory took place before and after the death of Alexander the Great and the final thrust against Greece which led to their fall in 331 BC.

What can we learn from this phrase, "at hand" from the above scriptures? I think, one of our major problems is - we often read the scriptures and like to place the dates/time from our human perspective. What is it to you IF God decides to choose this phrase, "at hand" and apply it to mean 3 years, 300 years, 1000 years or more. It is HIS prerogative and not ours. HE is our God Almighty. If one day is to the Lord as 1000 years (2 Pet 3:8), then we should not limit God's time to 3 years or 300 years or 1000 years but rather let the context speaks for itself.

Some scriptures that further helps us in our understanding of the above phrase, "at hand" can be found in Rom. 13:12 which means that it is time to 'wake' up from slumber, lukewarmness, inactivity, walking in darkness and so on; In 2 Tim. 4:6 referring to Paul remaining lifespan on earth - it may refer to a few months to a few years (?); Phil. 4:5; 2 Thess 2:2; 1 Pet. 4:7; Rev. 1:3 and 22:10 and other similar scriptures use the same phrase but each may mean different time duration as per context. We should not take "at hand" out of context and apply it to suit our teachings or doctrines. May God bless us as we ponder over His blessed words in awe and reverence.

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

July 16, 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Guest of Tan Ern Shern)

July 18, 2010

- Michael Ng
- Rose
- Ong Jae Wen (Tan Ern Shern)
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Dr & Mrs Cheong Weng Hoon (Chuan Lek)

VISITING BRETHREN

July 16, 2010

- Sean Lim (Jurong)

July 18, 2010

- Sean Lim (Jurong)
- Oh Boon Chin (K.Kemuning)
- Lawrence Chong & Family (K.Kemuning)
- Kanni Santiago (Auckland)
- Amalah Santiago (Taiping)



Services This Week (July 25, 2010)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Wedding Feast (Mt 22:1-14)
Teacher: Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: Noah's Salvation & Ours
Preacher: Steven Chan

Helpers

Communion: Joanna Quek & Lai Cheng See
Floral Display: Julie Ong

Statistics for week July 16 - 18, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	64
Sunday Bible Class	-	85
Sunday English Worship	-	109
Children in attendance	-	29
Mandarin Worship	-	18
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	156

Services Next Week (August 1, 2010)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Wise & Foolish Virgins (Mt 25:1-13)
Teacher: Ng Yeow Kong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: By Being a Christian who does Good Works
Preacher: Koay Chuan Lek

Helpers

Communion: Ashley Quek & Suzie Rathgeber
Floral Display: Karen Lum

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 August

03	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
04	Building Renovation Fund	
06	Offering Praise of Our Lips/Prayers	Richard Lim/John Quek
07	Home Fellowship at Bukit Kuda	Koay Chuan Lek
09	Monthly Review Meeting	Steven Chan
17	Home Fellowship Meeting at Kota Kemuning	Ong Eng Boon
21	Home Fellowship at Klang Jaya	Khoo Kay Yeow
31	21st Restoration Seminar	Subang Jaya Church of Christ

Sunday Sermons in August

Theme: **How to be a Growing & God-Glorifying Christian**


01	By Being a Christian who does Good Works	Koay Chuan Lek
08	By Being a Christian who Grows unto Maturity	Rick Kirk
15	By Being a Christian who Glorifies God	Richard Lim
22	By Setting his Affection on the Things Above	Ng Yeow Kong
29	By Being a Soul-Winner	Steven Chan

Sunday Bible Class in August

01	The Wise and Foolish Virgins	Ng Yeow Kong
08	The Talents	Richard Lim
15	The Growing Seed	Ronnie Lee
22	The Two Debtors	Rick Kirk
29	The Good Samaritan	Adrian Koay

Youth Bible Class in August

01	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
08	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
15	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
22	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan
29	Building Blocks of Our Faith	Steven Chan

 **CONDOLENCES**
 We extend our deepest condolences to sis. **Olivia and Saroja** on the passing of their brother, Selvaraj Daniel, on July 17.

Please remember them in your prayers.



Monthly Review Meeting
August 9, 2010
8.00 pm
Annex Room A



Friday, August 6, 2010

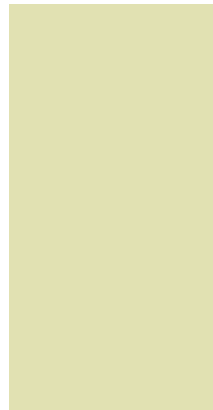
Refreshment:

Clean Up:

Cheng See	John Quek
Catherine Chirng	Raymond Chirng
Jacine Yee	Ashley Quek
Jacqueline Tan	Simon Yee
Gan Leh Wah	Peter Tan
Olivia Daniel	Randall Chirng



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

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



- **Bro Han Seng** (Ipoh), who has been diagnosed with brain tumour, and urgently needed treatment as operation is impossible. His vision has been affected, and is undergoing treatment at the Nilai Cancer Center
- **Bro Ong Eng Boon's** sister-in-law, Jasmine Kuek, to recover fully from a major operation
- We extend our condolences to **Sis Olivia & Sis Saroja**, whose brother, Selvaraj Daniel, passed away last Saturday.

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 2010

- 02 Annie Yu
- 03 Reuben Chirng & Koay Ching Li
- 05 Alfred Edwin
- 06 Rick Kirk
- 07 Tee Wan Cheong
- 12 Sue Woo
- 18 Lim Ai Kee & Kenneth Lum
- 19 Ling Chi Kong
- 23 Wong Yu Kong
- 28 Chin Ah Soon & Mary Stanley
- 29 Samnas & Ong Eng Boon
- 30 Lim Ai Ai

