



2023

LOVING BEYOND | BOUNDARIES

BLESSED SUNDAY!

We are glad to worship God together with you! May we continue to be a light and blessing to one another and others beyond boundaries!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eld Daniel Ang	Dns Clarissa Leong
Yap Foon Lyn	Ng Peiyi
Sharon Tan	Bernard Yim
Janet Ang	Josh Lim
Arnci Amor	Ivy Leong
Jonathan Chua	
Chen Jinling	
Emmanuel Ong	
Brendan Toh	
Adrian Koh	
Hazel Chiang	
Shalynn Koh	
Marcus Ong	
Dn Jonathan Foo	

NEXT WEEK

Is This How Your Story Ends?
2 Kings 18
ATP Joseph Tee

Lead Ps Wendell Chua

9027 7465

Ps Lawrence Ong

9146 8277

Assis-to-Ps Joseph Tee

9088 0077

Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

9862 4390

Read (pg 8-9)

The Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson
(Book Circle Review)
By Lau Wah Ming

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Relationship with Christ*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

What's your religion?

2 Kings 17:24-41

Ps Wendell Chua

Holy Communion

The Bread and The Cup
The Apostles' Creed

Pray to Him

Pastoral Prayer

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Closing Hymn

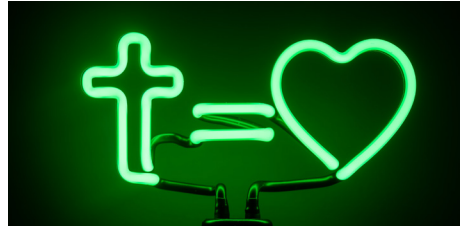
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

What's your religion?

2 Kings 17:24-41



I. Introduction

II. Religion or Relationship?

- a) Coping Religion (vv 24-28)
- b) Creative Religion (vv 29-33)
- c) Covenant Relationship (vv 34-40)

III. Conclusion - What's your greatest treasure?

Are you a religious person? What's religion to you? More specifically, how do you see Christianity, the religion of people who believe in Jesus Christ? Our passage shows us that at the heart of the Christian faith is an exclusive relationship with God. Doing all kinds of religious things and adding all types of creative content simply will not do. Loving Jesus is at the heart of it all.



Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Fellow Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS) Churches: Zion Bishan B-P Church

- » Pray for a favorable quote for their renewal of land from Singapore Land Authority (SLA).
- » Pray also for them as they work out their new “Next Lap Vision” over the next couple of years.

Cebu Mission Trip (2 - 7 Sep 2023)

- » Thank God for the opportunity to spend time & develop deeper relationships with our mission partners at Grace Doctrinal Christian Fellowship (GDCF) in Cebu this September.
- » Pray for the mission team (Ps Wendell Chua, Ng Peiyi, McPaul Wee, Esther Ng & Arcci Amor) as they prepare to lead a worship conference on the Biblical theology of corporate worship.
- » Pray for a meaningful time of learning, sharing & fellowship amongst both sides.

Family Ministry: Enhancing Parent-Child Workshop (18 July, 8:30pm; 22 July, 10am over ZOOM)

- » Praise God for the opportunities for parents and grandparents to gather to talk about communicating with their (grand)children.
- » Pray for our chief facilitator, Muru Nagaraju, as he leads the discussion on both dates.
- » Pray for the families in our church to be biblically equipped with the skills for being Christ-centred in their lives.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NEW! Catechism Class

commences 22 July, 11am
@ Chapel 3

Those who are seeking baptism, transfer of church membership, re-affirmation or profession of faith are required to attend.

For details & registration, please contact:

Olga Amor @ 6284 1987

Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

Family Sunday Worship

resumes next Sun 23 July!

There will be no Sunday School on 23 July. Children are invited to join the church family for corporate worship and children's sermon.

Zion Serangoon Prayer Month

There will be a special focus on prayer in **August 2023**. Stay tuned for more details!!!

Prayer Fellowship

**PF takes place every Wednesday except on public holidays or as announced!*

19 & 26 July

Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church: <http://tiny.cc/zionPF2023>

Meeting ID: **865 4863 7670**

Passcode: **017541**

For queries, please contact
Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

16 July, 11.15am

@ Chapel 1

Thy Kingdom Come (Book of Revelation)

by Eld Lee Soon Tai

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!
Please register with SAF reps:
Roland Chan @ 9338 8054
Joanne Tharm @ 9780 8641

Schedule of Classes

2023: 16 July, 20 & 27 Aug

29 Oct, 12 & 26 Nov

3 & 10 Dec

2024: 7 & 14 Jan, 25 Feb

3, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 28 Apr

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Family Ministry Workshop Conversations that Matter: Enhancing Parent-child Communication

18 July, 8.30pm & 22 July, 10am
over ZOOM



In this parenting workshop, fellow Zion members will come together to share their experiences, insights and practical tips for good communication with our children. These sessions will be facilitated by our Zion member **Muru Nagaraju**, a fellow parent and experienced educator.

Join us on **Tues night (18 July)** or **Sat morning (22 July)**, or even both! Open to parents and grandparents of all ages!

Register here:

<http://chms.zionserangoon.org.sg/eventmodule/registration/30/module>

ZS Choral Ensemble

Resuming at the end of August!

Love to sing
or play an
instrument?



Join us as we prepare for the
Christmas season!

Children aged 7 and above are
specially invited to be a part of
the group.

Sign up by **30 July**:

<https://forms.gle/uQVzt5cDcS7EszxDA>

For queries, please contact
Peiyi @ 8598 5967

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Cebu Mission Trip 2023

2-7 September

This September, the church will be sending a team (Ps Wendell Chua, Ng Peiyi, McPaul Wee, Esther Ng, Arcci Amor) from the **Mission & Worship Clusters** to visit our mission partners at **Grace Doctrinal Christian Fellowship** in Cebu.

The purpose of the mission trip is not only to develop deeper relationships, but also for a time of sharing and equipping one another with a Biblical theology of corporate worship. As the team prepares, your **prayer support** is much needed and appreciated! May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen in our preparations.

2-7 SEP 2023

CEBU MISSION TRIP

OBJECTIVES

- To spend time with our mission partners Grace Doctrinal Christian Fellowship, CEBU (GDCF) and develop deeper relationships
- To equip them with a Biblical theology of corporate worship
- To spend time worshipping God together

Members: Ng Peiyi, Arcci Amor, Mc Paul Wee, Esther Ng, Ps Wendell

*Note: This is a closed trip. Please pray as PHC deep dives and develops areas of further partnership with GDCF and in Philippines, for our church members' to participate in future trips



Ps Lawrence Ong is away this morning (16 July) preaching at Horeb B-P Church.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	183
2MS	103
ZES	50
Total	336
Sunday School	56

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

16 July	Lawrence & Margaret Poon	Thanksgiving
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund
(Received 03 July - 09 July)

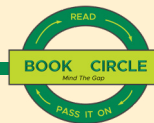
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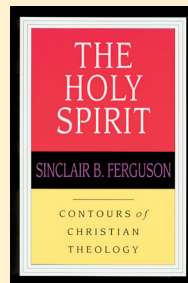
BOOK CIRCLE REVIEW



The Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson

(Extract of review by Lau Wah Ming on 28 May 2023)

In the book “**The Holy Spirit**” (*in the Contours of Christian Theology series*), author **Sinclair Ferguson** explains in great detail: What or rather **Who** is the Holy Spirit, **Where** does he come from? **What** is his role? **Why** is he important to us individually and to the church? and **How** must we respond? His approach is a systematic study, as he traces the revelation of the Holy Spirit from the perspective of Bible-centred theology and the history of redemption. It gets rather technical but is worth the effort of reading it.

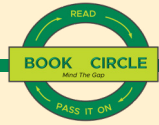


Below is a **summary of the key conclusions**:

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. **Ferguson** traces the Spirit’s activities from Genesis 1:2 through the Old Testament and shows how the Spirit has been with Jesus from the beginning, and with the people of Israel in the wilderness (Isaiah 63:10-11). **Ferguson** illustrates with many biblical texts that the Holy Spirit had a role to bear witness that Jesus was the Son of God. The Holy Spirit was revealed in the Old Testament but not fully. The Holy Spirit is fully revealed to us, Christians, only **in and through** Jesus Christ. The Spirit was the constant companion of the Son (Romans 8:9-19). The Holy Spirit’s central function in the life of the Christian believer is to reshape us to be like Christ, from one degree of glory to another (See 2 Cor 3:17-18).

Why then the events at Pentecost? **Ferguson** reviews various perspectives and concludes that the Pentecost is a historical event that will not be repeated, but it is a necessary part of the redemptive work of Jesus, and a continuing task to bring born-again Christians to glory. The Spirit’s coming inaugurates a communion with Christ in which the Spirit who dwelt on Christ, now dwells on and in each believer, you and me (1 Cor 15:45). Having the Spirit in us is the equivalent of having Christ indwelling in us; we are united with Christ just as Christ is united to God the Father. It is this Holy Spirit that gives us, each believer, the resource to attain holiness, little by little, even though we are humans.

BOOK CIRCLE REVIEW CONT.



Perfection will only come at glorification when we see Christ face to face. We are therefore a work-in-progress, to use modern terminology, as we are being transformed by the sanctification process in this life. In Phil 1:6, Paul in effect tells us: **Perfection “Is Coming”** at the eschaton, the final event in God’s plan.

***If you are sufficiently challenged by now, do invest time in reading Ferguson.
What will your response be?***

Note: Sinclair B Ferguson is senior minister at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, and serves as professor of systematic theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Dallas USA. This book is now available at the Book Circle.

“Nurturing in each gardener a heart with a thirst to seek after Him”