



CALVARY PANDAN BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Not to be ministered unto but to minister”

Theme: *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

(John 14:1)

Pastor: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

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My dear readers,

Answering Remaining Questions from Annual Church Camp 2024 (9)

1. *How do I tell a friend, who says he is a Christian, who says that the New King James Version (NKJV) is the same as the KJV that they are not the same? He says they convey the same message, but only the English is different.*

Based on the preface of the NKJV, we can see that the KJV and NKJV are not the same.

The NKJV translators explained the Hebrew texts used in translating the Old Testament —“Daniel Bomberg printed the first Rabbinic Bible in 1516-17; that work was followed in 1524-25 by a second edition prepared by Jacob ben Chayyim and also published by Bomberg. The text of ben Chayyim was adopted in most subsequent Hebrew Bibles, including those used by the King James translators. The ben Chayyim text was also used for the first two editions of Rudolph Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica* of 1906 and 1912. In 1937 Paul Kahle published a third edition of *Biblia Hebraica*. This edition was based on the oldest dated manuscript of the ben Asher text, the Leningrad Manuscript B19a (A.D. 1008), which Kahle regarded as superior to that used by ben Chayyim. For the New King James Version the text used was the 1967/1977 Stuttgart edition of the *Biblia Hebraica*, with frequent comparisons being made with the Bomberg edition of 1524-25. The Septuagint (Greek) Version of the Old Testament and the Latin Vulgate also were consulted. In addition to referring to a variety of ancient versions of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New King James Version draws on the resources of relevant manuscripts from the Dead Sea caves.”

The KJV used the Ben Chayyim texts, whereas the NKJV admits that they used the 1967/1977 Stuttgart edition of the *Biblia Hebraica* (i.e. the Hebrew Bible), the Ben Asher texts used by the modern twentieth-century translations.

The NKJV translators explained the Greek texts used in translating the New Testament – “In light of these facts, and also because the New King James Version is the fifth revision of a historic document translated from specific Greek texts, the editors decided to retain the traditional text in the body of the New Testament and to indicate major Critical and Majority Text variant readings in the footnotes. Although these variations are duly indicated in the footnotes of the present edition, it is most important to emphasize that fully eighty-five per cent of the New Testament text is the same in the Textus Receptus, the Alexandrian Text, and the Majority Text.”

The New Testament is only eighty-five per cent similar to the Textus Receptus, which is what the whole NT of the KJV is based on.

Before the invention of the printing press in the fifteenth century by Johannes Gutenberg, the powerful Roman Catholic Church had embargoed the Bible from the people for more than one thousand years. With the invention of the printing press, the costs of books became affordable to the general populace. Coupled with the Bible (written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek) being translated into the people's languages, especially the English translations, the Word of God spread across Europe which the devil could not stop. The translated Word of God was in the people's hands for the first time. Sacerdotalism within Christendom came to an end. The Word of God could be read, studied and obeyed, and doctrines based upon traditions rather than God's Word were challenged and rejected if they were not according to the Holy Scriptures.

The best way to stop the spread of God's truth was to drown the truth with translations of the Bible using spurious Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts. These spurious translations need not be full of errors, for the devil knows that the fewer the errors (i.e. the closer they are to the most accurate and faithful translation), the more acceptable they would be to the undiscerning and gullible. This ploy, with few errors in the translations, worked

marvellously from the end of the nineteenth century to the twentieth century A.D.

The KJV was translated and completed in 1611 A.D. This was the Bible's most faithful and accurate translation in English based on the perfectly inspired and preserved Hebrew and Aramaic texts for the Old Testament (Masoretic Texts) and the Greek Texts for the New Testament (Textus Receptus). By the end of the nineteenth century, the spurious texts of Westcott and Hort were used for its first modern translation, known as the English Revised Version, based upon a different Greek text. From that moment, all modern translations including the NKJV employed different texts from the KJV's trusted Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts.

Many professing believers think that it is not a big deal as long as “most” of the Word of God is found in any translation of the Bible and the gospel is present. They do not mind a few errors, further claiming that these errors (in some cases no more than 1% of the Bible) are only in numbers and names of people and places. There are 783,137 words in the KJV. 1% equals 7,831 errors! This is equivalent to the following books – 1 and 2 Thessalonians (1837, 1022 words), Titus (896 words), 1, 2, 3 John (2517, 298, 294 words), Jude (608 words), Philemon (430) – a total of 7902 words. How can any born-again believer accept one per cent of errors when it is certain he will refuse to accept a bowl of noodle soup that has a small fly in it?

2. *Are fasting and praying still biblical and practical when you need to make a request to God?*

Christ taught the doctrine of fasting in His sermon on the Mount. **Matthew 6:16-18**, “**Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**” Christians will fast as the word “when” indicates. A believer who fasts desires to spend a longer uninterrupted time in prayerful communion with God. When we examine our daily routine, we see that it is interrupted throughout the day by eating. The longest uninterrupted time we can spend with God in prayer is

about 3 to 5 hours, depending on our meal times. If a heavy heartfelt burden consumes the believer, instead of eating he will use the time to plead for God’s mercy, the way King David did when his son was gravely ill (cf. 2 Samuel 12:15-23). Fasting is not a mechanical exercise that is done ritualistically or routinely. It is a spontaneous desire to spend time with God in prayer because of a heavy burden and pleading to know God's will.

3. *Understand that we need to give 10% of our earnings as tithes to the Lord. How about remaining 90%? Is remaining 90% considered as "freewill offering" that require us to give in supporting rental of an auditorium for church services, full-time staff's salary, etc? What if the church has enough cash reserve for all these expenses?*

All that we have come from the Lord. The meaning of “tithe” is ten per cent. In Old Testament times, the firstfruits were designated for the priests and their families as the Israelites gave to the LORD. Tithes from the rest of the harvest were given to God, and designated to the Levites and their families. In this way, the priests and Levites could focus on studying and teaching God’s Word to the twelve tribes. In the New Testament, the tithes will be used to support evangelism (to extend God’s kingdom), to defend the Faith, and to support God’s people. The remaining ninety per cent is for the worshipper’s personal use, for his physical and spiritual well-being to help him and his family grow in the Lord, and to become better witnesses for Christ and more mature believers. The tithes will be carefully managed by the Board of Elders who are supposed to be the most spiritual people in the church.

There is no need for God’s people to give of their ninety per cent to help with church expenses.

The BOE (10%) and all believers (90%) will answer to the Lord on the Day of Judgement for how God’s tithes and offerings have been used. Hoarding is a sin because it is trust in Mammon and not in God.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service
Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, Pastor*

WORSHIP, ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

English Worship
(Today 10.30am)

Chairman:
Preacher:
Message:

Preacher Joshua Yong
Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
“God Glorifies the Son!”
(John 17:1-3)
(Live Stream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/mws>)
Elder Chew Chong Kiat

Elder’s Page

(Next Lord’s Day)
(Lord’s Supper)

Chairman:
Preacher:
Message:

Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
“Christ’s Glory, Before and After”
(John 17:4-5)

Sunset Gospel Hour
(Today 6pm)

Theme:
Chairman:
Preacher:
Message:

“THE FEAR OF THE LORD” (Book of Proverbs)
Elder Ko Swee Chay
Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
“Money or the Fear of the LORD?”
(Proverbs 15:16)
(Live Stream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/sgh>)

(Next Lord’s Day)

Chairman:
Preacher:
Message:

Elder Chew Chong Kiat
Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
“A Life Where Evil is Not a Visitor!”
(Proverbs 19:23)

Attendances
(1 Sept)

English Worship
JW Children
Sunset Gospel Hour
SGH Children
Mandarin Worship
Mandarin JW

939 (Church) 141 (Livestream)
146
319 (Church) 145 (Livestream)
13
134 (Church)
15

Offerings
(1 Sept)

English Worship
Sunset Gospel Hour
Mandarin Worship
Designated Funds:

\$66,454.05
\$6,071.60
\$7,957.60
\$3,309.88 (BDC \$50, BDC-Weerapong Harichaikul \$50, Peter Yoksan & family \$400, Siby BPC \$50+\$150=\$200, Siby BPC-Ling Soon Ing \$50, FEBC \$500, Sydney BPC \$50, CPBPC-Benevolent Fund \$50, CPBPC-RPG \$10+\$20+\$10+\$24.88+\$50+\$5+\$10=\$129.88, Ah Tu \$30+\$50=\$80, Joshua Yong \$100+\$50+\$50=\$200, Ko Ling Kang \$50, Lim Wee Chian Eric \$50, Quek Suan Yew \$50+\$40+\$50=\$140, Choong Sin Chun \$10, Yap Wai Ho \$100, Lee KS & Alicia Lee \$400+\$200=\$600, Fung Wai Kam \$50, Koh KH \$200, Tham Heng Loong \$150, Ng Hun Shen \$100, Others \$100)

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ACTIVITIES, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week

Sun	12.15pm	BBK CLASS (20 lessons) Lesson # 9 - "The Holy Spirit" N/W Lesson # 10 - "Baptism" Venue: JW Sanctuary, level 2	Pastor Quek SY
	12.15pm	ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (ABC) i) Study on 2 Timothy Venue: Rooms #02-05-07 (AV Studio). ii) The Book of Acts Venue: Back of the Main Sanctuary.	Elder Chew CK Elder Ko / Dn Yap
	12.15pm	YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP (YPG) Theme: The Kings of Judah Venue: Church Level 3 New Sanctuary	Pr Joshua Yong
	1.15pm	NS PRAYER MEETING Venue: Room #04-05 N/W: NS Meeting from 12.15pm to 1.15pm in the Level 3 cryroom. All NSFs, Pre-Enlistees, parents and siblings are welcome to join us.	
Tue	8.15pm	TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY-PRAYER MEETING "God will Not Hide His Truth!" (Genesis 18:16-22) Venue: Church (Live Stream: https://live.calvarypandan.sg/tbs)	Pastor Quek SY
Wed	1.00pm	LADIES BIBLE STUDY Book Study of Jeremiah Venue: Church Lounge #02-14	Pastor Quek SY
Sat	10.30am	GYF MONTHLY MEETING "Not Slothful in Business, Serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11) Venue: Church Level 3 New Sanctuary All are welcome. Please contact Dn Chia Chung Seng (9698 4418) or Dn Peck Thian Guan (9694 1760) for more information.	Elder Koh KH
	2.30pm	CALVARY MISSION TO CHILDREN (CMC) Venue: Church	
	5.00pm	YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (YF) "Let Thy Judgments Help Me" (Psalm 119:169-176) Venue: Church level 2, #02-05-07 (AV studio) Please contact Pr Joshua Yong (9190 4677) for more information.	Pr Joshua Yong
	5.00pm	ADULTS FELLOWSHIP (AF) "Encouragement in Weariness" (Galatians 6:6-10) Venue: Church Main Sanctuary For any enquiries, kindly contact Dn Saravanan at +65 9747 7594 or Eld Chew Chong Kiat at +65 9771 9440.	Rev Joseph Poon

1. GODS BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- i. Kelvin & Esther Hong for His gift of a baby girl Hong Ruixuan, Kayla on 25 August.
 - ii. Brian & Yeda Lim for His gift of a baby girl Anastasia Lim Tian Mi on 4 September.
- May God grant them much wisdom & grace to bring up their children in the fear & admonition of the LORD.

2. CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS DIRECTORY - Thank God for the completion of the photo taking sessions and contact details update. If there are any further queries, feedback or

updates, please contact Dn William at 9710 7955 or write in to members@calvarypandan.sg by end September.

3. **CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** is looking for One EL-Teacher (L2) with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and an Assistant Teacher. Please call the CPK office at 65603884 for more details.
4. **THE A4 SIZE NEWS WEEKLY COPIES (WITH HYMNS INCLUDED)** are primarily for the elderly worshippers to aid them in worship. Kindly give priority to them. Thank you for your understanding.
5. **E-COPY OF PANDAN WEEKLY** - Worshippers can download an E-Copy by scanning the QR code available along the pews. This will help to reduce printing wastage. Hard copies will still be available.

GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP RETREAT
(10 -12 October 2024, Changi Cove Hotel, Singapore)

Theme: Finding God's Strength in Our Infirmities (2 Cor 12:9-10)
Speakers include Pastor Quek, Eld Ko Swee Chay and Eld Goh Kee Tai

Retreat fees for church members and regular GYFers:

- Single occupancy (3 days 2 nights): \$320 per person
- Double occupancy (3 days 2 nights): \$240 per person

Half rate for those staying only one night

Please register with Lina Lee and Kam Luen during lunch in the Fellowship Hall
by 8 September (Sunday).

For more information, please contact
Dn Chia Chung Seng (9698 4418) or Dn Peck Thian Guan (9694 1760).

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR JW CAMP 2024

Dates: 3-5 Dec (3D2N camp)

Location: Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church

Age group: Primary 3-6 children currently attending Junior Worship

Parents, please sign up your children to attend the camp, where they will be edified and encouraged by God's Word and have fellowship.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHURCH CAMP 2025

Date: 16-21 June

Venue: Marriott Putrajaya

Do save the date and book your leave.

Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church
Links to Live Stream
(Scheduling in Singapore Time or UTC/GMT +8 hours)

Morning Worship Service: Every Sunday, 10:30 am

- Livestream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/mws>
- Weekly & Order of Worship: <https://go.calvarypandan.sg/weekly>

Sunset Gospel Hour: Every Sunday, 6:00 pm

- Livestream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/sgh>
- Order of Worship: <https://go.calvarypandan.sg/sgh-ofw>

Tuesday Bible Study/Prayer Meeting: Every Week, 8:15 pm

- Livestream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/tbs>

Church Bible Study: 1st Saturday, 5:00 pm (except Jun, Dec)

- Livestream: <https://live.calvarypandan.sg/cbs>
- Lesson Notes: <https://go.calvarypandan.sg/cbs>

It's time to bring out the larger shirt
It's ok to put on the wider skirt
For the sake of the cake
Take a break from the diet shake

15.9.24 – Bring Your Own Dessert

Dessert tables will be set up for contributions

Bring  Share  Fellowship

Same lunch, sweeter ending

We pray only to God, our Father in heaven. We may do so confidently and affectionately for ourselves and each other, yet with holy fear.

In the first petition, “Hallowed be Thy Name”, we pray that God will enable us and others to glorify him. Through His providence, God always glorifies Himself; and we pray that He may be glorified through us, for that is the chief end of our existence. “For of him, and through him, and to him, [are] all things: to whom [be] glory for ever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

In the second petition, we pray for the destruction of the kingdom of darkness, the advancement of the Kingdom of grace, and the swift coming of the Kingdom of glory.

In the third petition, we pray that “God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.” (WSC Question 103)

First, **we acknowledge that we cannot know and do God's will without His enabling and His grace:** “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13). How powerless we are! Yet, how great is God's power upon us, enabling His children to know and do His will. The things of God are spiritual and can

only be spiritually discerned through the Spirit of God, who dwells in us, enabling us both to will and to do His good pleasure. This is why we plead with God in this petition.

Second, **we can only know the will of God through His revelation and providence.** The Word of God is His revelation of His will to us. What God has written is for us to know Him and what He wants us to do. While we pray that God will reveal His will to us, we must search the Scriptures. God, who spoke through visions and dreams in times past, now speaks through His perfect, preserved, and sufficient Word. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, providing safety and blessings. Even in specific matters, such as choosing whom to marry, God's Word gives clear guidelines. We are to commit all matters to Him in prayer, trusting that He will direct our footsteps through His wise providence.

In Deuteronomy 29, Moses recounted “the words of the covenant” (v. 1) and urged the people to “keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do” (v. 9). The chapter ends with a reminder: “The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children

forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (v. 29).

It is our duty, therefore, to diligently search the Scriptures, and not be curious about matters on which the Bible is silent and of which we will know when we are in heaven. We do not need to know them now. God wisely provides the knowledge we need during our sojourn here.

The third lesson is that **God's will is always done**. If we play a part in fulfilling God's will, we are blessed. Even if we resist, His will will still be accomplished. God is not hindered by anyone's resistance. Even the wrath of man will be directed to fulfil God's will, and He can restrain the remainder of it (Psalm 76:10). Consider how the taking and killing of the Messiah by wicked men fulfilled God's plan of salvation and how He restrained men's hands from harming Christ's disciples until their work was done. God is sovereign and powerful! Let us not resist His will but obey it for our blessing. To Saul, God said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks" (Acts 9:5). How blessed was Paul when God turned him around to submit and do His will!

Let us not be like Jonah who obeyed unwillingly because he did not delight in God's will. His own will and prejudice blinded him to the mercies of God in saving the most undeserving. Sometimes we also resist God's will because we

have our own thoughts. But God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are His ways our ways; as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than ours, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9). This brings us back to the first point: we need to pray that God will make us willing to know His will.

Lastly, **let us strive to do the will of God as perfectly as the angels do in heaven**. They meticulously carry out God's will to every jot and tittle. Let us neither deviate to the left or right nor add our own thinking to what God has revealed. **Instead**, let us study to show ourselves "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). And when we have done God's will, we have only done what we ought to do. Yet God is so gracious that He will reward us. How rich are His blessings toward us!

Let us pray the third petition that "God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven."

Amen.

F/W: Preacher Joshua Yong

MY OWN NOTES

Date: 8 September 2024
Preacher: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message: “God Glorifies the Son!” (John 17:1-3)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
10.30am, 8 September 2024

Speaker / Chairman: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew / Preacher Joshua Yong
Pre-Service: Dn Milton Ang
Organist/Pianist: Johann Boi / Grace Chua

Pre-Service Singspiration: **RHC # 84 - Fairest Lord Jesus!**
RHC # 430 - Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship: **Revelation 5:11-12**

Opening Hymn: **RHC # 35 – To God Be the Glory**

Invocation & The LORD's Prayer

Gloria Patri

Responsive Reading: **John 17:1-10**

Memory Verse: **John 17:1** – “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:”

Hymn: **RHC # 108 – Christ Above All Glory Seated!**

Welcome & Announcements

Morning Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Hymn: **RHC # 377 – All That Thrills My Soul**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: **RHC # 360 – Sitting at the Feet of Jesus**

(Children to leave for Junior Worship)

Pastoral Prayer

Message: **“God Glorifies the Son!”**
(John 17:1-3)

Closing Hymn: **RHC # 83 – All Glory to Jesus**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence
before Him –
Keep silence,
keep silence before Him.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end,
Amen, Amen.

*Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance
upon you,
and give you peace,
and give you peace;
The Lord make His face
to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
be gracious,
The Lord be gracious,
gracious unto you.
Amen.