

Theme: The Purpose of Christ Comes Again.
Text: Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

Introduction: If we want to ask, what is the last and most important message of the Bible? That must be the message of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will come again to bring us all to the Father's house. (see John 14.3: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.") Understanding the purpose of Christ's return will help us to prepare ourselves for God's mission. When we look forward to the coming back of this King of kings and the Lord of lords, what does the Lord Christ ask us to do as his beloved people?

1. The Evidence of Christ's Return

2. The Signs of Christ's Return

3. The Purpose of Christ's Return

The Bible prophecies about Jesus and every bit of each was fulfilled, except His return. So we can see that from the Bible, the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus have all been fulfilled one by one, which makes us feel more confident to believe Christ's coming again. The return of Christ, according to God's guidance and implementation, some people think He is delaying His return. He continued to forgive human beings and gave the world the chance to believe in the Lord, for He would not allow that any should perish, but that all should repent and be saved by believing the Gospel of Christ. (refer to 2 Peter 3:9)

DISCUSSION:

1. What is the purpose of your coming to church today?
2. What can we do after today while waiting for the day when the Lord comes again?



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The Church of The Good Shepherd
Weekend Worship Service: **08 DEC 2019**



Message from Our Senior Priest



Last week, we were looking at the whole issue of Christ's second coming. This should be an issue for every born again child of God with Christ in your heart. Every disciple of Christ should be very clear with the truth that Christ will come back again (see Matthew 24.27, 30, 37, 39; Mark 13.26; Luke 21.27; John 14.3; 18). Do not be deceived and misled by some false teachers who claimed Christ had already come (see **2 Thessalonians 2.2**).

But it is more important to know what would be the purpose for Jesus' return! All should be well informed and know what the Bible says about the purpose that Christ's second coming. The most comforting truth is that He comes to bring us all to the Father's house (see **John 14.3**: "I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come back and take you** to be with me that you also may be where I am.") However, remember the context is from John 13. Jesus was speaking to His 12 disciples then. In other words, the promise of Jesus returning to bring us home are meant for all who live our lives that are according to God's will (see **Matthew 7.21**)! The so call home coming are meant for God's people who love & obey God!

Besides that, Paul gave another aspect of Christ's coming again. It is a judgment day for all people - both non-believers and believers. As for the non-believers, Paul clearly said it will be an eternal destruction & total cut off from God's presence when Christ comes to judge (see **2 Thessalonians 1.8-10a**)! As for the believers, Paul clearly said it will be a time where God will determine our rewards accordingly (see **1 Corinthians 3.12-15; 2 Timothy 4.8**). For all believers are to give an account on that particular day of the Lord (see **Matthew 25.14-30**) so He will rewards us accordingly (see **Revelation 22.12**)!

It is also significant to know Christ's status when He comes again! His second coming is not the same as the first coming. The Bible also tells us that He will come as the King to judge & reign (see **Revelation 19.11-21**)!

The above note is just a brief overview of the purpose of Christ's coming again. It should drive us to process further on the implication. How would we prepare ourselves to fulfill God's destiny & purpose today? What does the Lord requires of us as His beloved people to do as we continue to anticipate the coming of the King of kings & Lord of lords? Maranatha!

Canon James Lee

COGS Vision

To Be like Jesus (Rom 8.29) so to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat 28.18-20) by obeying the Great Commandment

(Mat 22.37-39) with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8) in Sandakan & beyond.

Worship Services

Saturday:

7:30 pm (Hakka 1), Church

Sunday:

7:00am (Hakka 2), Church

9:30am (Eng), Church

9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30pm (Mandarin), Church

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Revd F C Chong

Revd Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Ps Chin Yock Len

ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee

Eng Adult- Canon James Lee

BM Adults - Revd Timothy Jerry

MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (Advent 2)

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

REVD & MRS CHIN KAH JIN are on vacation in Sydney.

Date: 03 - 12 Dec 2019



CANON JAMES TO PENANGAH

Date: 07 - 08 Dec 2019

Purpose: St. John's Mission Parish 56th Anniversary.
Will return today.



COGS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 07 Dec 2019 (Saturday)
An overwhelming of over 500 children attended the celebration yesterday. Praise God for that.



SIC 2019 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 08 Dec 2019 (Tonight)
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: Sandakan Town Padang



CHRISTMAS T-SHIRTS

The seasonal T-shirts are still available for sale at COGS Resource Centre.
Cost @ RM30.00 each.



ENG/CHI CAROLLING

Dates: 09 - 11 Dec 2019

* 9/12: Please gather at the church portico, 6:30 pm.



COUNSELLORS (ENG/CHI) TRAINING & BRIEFING FOR 24 DEC

Date: 16 Dec 2019 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Grace Hall, Level 2

Person in-charge: Rev Timothy Jerry

YOUTH CAMP (CHI/ENG)

Date: 19 - 20 Dec 2019

Venue: Wisma COGS

Fees @ RM40/pax



Pastor In-charge : Ps Wong Hyen Tze
Catering for youth between ages 12 & 13.
Topic: "Character Development"

ENG/CHI YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 21 Dec 2019

Venue: Grace Hall

Time: 7:30 pm



BAPTISM (CHI/ ENG)

Dates: 21 & 22 December 2019

Sat - 7:30 pm (Chi)

Sun - 9:30 am (Eng)



CHRISTMAS EVE (ENG/CHI/BM)

Date: 24 Dec 2019 (Tuesday)

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga



- ◆ Please invite new friends by buying an invitation card @ RM10.00/pax
- ◆ Invitation card are for sale after weekly church services.
- ◆ Invitation card is exchangeable for food from the food trucks.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (ENG/CHI/BM)

Date: 25 Dec 2019 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga



ENG/BM COMBINED SERVICE

Date: 29 Dec 2019 (Sunday)

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: Church

Note: Hakka & Mandarin Services remain as usual.

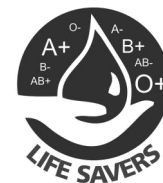


BLOOD DONATION

Date: 29 Dec 2019

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Barrett Hall



Pray for the sick:

Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.



Intercession:

- Pray for our world - CONGO, Central Africa. Population: 87 million.
 - ◆ Economy: For management of its immense economy of diamond, mineral and agricultural resources.
 - ◆ Politics: For peace and stability.
 - ◆ Churches: Turning to Christ has been massive. 92% of the populations are Christians.
- Pray for Malaysia - BORDER SCOUT.
 - ◆ For border scout in northern Malaya, and East Sabah to be vigilant.
 - ◆ For Government support of all active military activities in our borders with other nations.
 - ◆ For peace with neighbours, and for security.
- Pray for our Diocese - GEREJA ANGLIKAN SUMUR HIDUP, KUALA PENYU.
 - ◆ Revd Alexander Jabong, Evg Roland Marcus,
 - ◆ For their Christmas preparations & homes visitation.
 - ◆ For their members to grow spiritually.
- Pray for our Parish — LOGOS Zone.
 - ◆ Dr T M Thian and his team leaders.
 - ◆ For their Carolling teams visit to non-members' homes.

30/11 & 01/12/19 Attendance / Communicants		COGS Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 1 7.30pm	221 / 186	Children (BM)	65	Discovery Club	-
Hakka 2 7.00am	206 / 174	Children (Mawar)	43	B B (Jr & Snr)	-
Eng 9.30am	155 / 132	Children (Labuk-Chi)	-		
BM 9.30am	203 / 174	Children (Labuk-Eng)	-		
Mandarin 2.30pm	50 / 44	TOTAL	108	TOTAL	-
		BM Youth		Cell Group Attendance	
		Inspired Youth		Chi	-
		Impact Youth		Eng	-
		Tadika COGS		BM	-
TOTAL	835 / 710	TOTAL		TOTAL	-

Order of Service	Advent 2 (08/12/19)	Advent 3 (15/12/19)
Introit Hymn	Come, We That Love The Lord (HOP 9)	Holy, Holy, Holy (HfTC 7)
Greetings	Elizabeth Kho	Dr T M Thian
Praise & Worship	Evelyn Soo	Timothy K B Wong
Collect for Today		
Bible Reading	Romans 15: 4 - 13 Jimmy Kho	James 5: 7 - 12 Ng Kong Hin
Nicene Creed		
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3: 1 - 12 Dr T M Thian	Matthew 11: 2 - 11 Jus Ng
Message	The Purpose Christ Comes Again Ps Wong Hyen Tze	Is Christ Really King ? Canon James Lee
Response Hymn		
Intercession	Chia Khen Sang	Stephanie Chin
Confession		
Offertory Hymn	I Need Thee Every Hour (HOP 255)	While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks ... (HfTC 94)
Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal		
Thanksgiving Hymn	Now I Belong To Jesus (HOP 377)	I Love To Tell The Story (HOP 334)
Serving One Another :		
Group Leader	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)	LOGOS 1 (Dr Arthur Chung)
Welcome Team	Mr & Mrs Dennis Chong Ku Mu Jin, Mercy Chong	Dr & Mrs Arthur Chung Eddie Wong Ngo Su Hian
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Lena Wong	Eng Li Fah, Angela Hon Ku Mu Jin, Hee Pui Lee
Server	Terry Chan	Foo Chee Hiong
Prayer Ministry	Monica Ho Lue Fui Hua	Steven Chung Annie Liu
Offertory Count	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong Margaret Ho, Hee Pui Lee	Yee Chee Hong (C) Mr & Mrs Christopher Kwan, Melissa Ong Francis Voo, Cindy Liew
Washing up	Monica Ho Elizabeth Kho	Anton Ngui Hee Pui Lee

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