



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 15 February 2015

Theme for the Year: "Out of Myself and into the Savior" (Ezekiel 14:4-6)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	489 - <i>Glory to His Name</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 98
Hymn	87 - <i>Joy To The World</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 1:1-19
Hymn	179 - <i>Holy Bible, Book Divine</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Word of the Lord"
*Closing Hymn	268 - <i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
*Benediction & † <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
Announcements	† <i>Inside cover of hymnal</i>

**Congregation standing*

Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm
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Remember Lot's Wife (Part II)

Being in the church, we have a lot of privileges - we hear the Word read, preached, prayed, and sung; we enjoy the company of the saints. But we may be like Lot's wife, who being in the visible church, was not a member of the true church. JC Ryle continues...

(continued...) There is much to be learned in all this. I see a lesson here which is of the utmost importance in the present day.

We live in times when there are many people just like Lot's wife. Come and hear the lesson which her case is meant to teach.

Learn, then, that the mere possession of religious privileges will save no one's soul.

You may have spiritual advantages of every description. You may live in the full sunshine of the richest opportunities and means of grace. You may enjoy the best of preaching and the choicest instruction.

You may dwell in the midst of light, knowledge, holiness, and good company. All this may be, and yet you yourself may remain unconverted, and in the end be lost for ever.

I dare say this doctrine sounds hard to some readers. I know that many fancy that they need nothing but religious privileges in order to become decided Christians.

They grant that they are not what they ought to be at present. But their position is so hard, they plead, and their difficulties are so many.

If only they had a godly husband, or a godly wife... If only they had godly companions, or a godly master... If only they had better preaching of the

gospel... Give them privileges, and then they will walk with God.

It is all a lie. It is an entire delusion. It requires something more than privileges to save souls. Joab was David's captain. Gehazi was Elisha's servant. Demas was Paul's companion. Judas Iscariot was Christ's disciple. And Lot had a worldly, unbelieving wife.

These all died in their sins. They went down to the pit in spite of knowledge, warnings, and opportunities. And they all teach us that we need more than privileges alone. We need the sovereign grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us value our religious privileges, but let us never pin our hopes entirely upon them. Let us desire to benefit from them in all our movements in life, but let us never put them in the place of Christ. Let us use them thankfully, if God gives them to us, but let us take care that they produce the fruit of faith and repentance in our hearts and lives.

If they do not do good, they do positive harm. They sear our consciences. They increase our responsibility. They aggravate our condemnation. The same fire which melts the wax hardens the clay.

The same sun which makes the living tree grow, dries up the dead tree and gets it ready for burning. Nothing so hardens the heart of man as a sterile familiarity with sacred things.

Again I say, it is not privileges alone which make people Christians; it is the sovereign grace of God in Christ Jesus. Without that, no one can ever be saved.

You who attend a sound ministry—mark well what I am saying. You go to Mr. A's or Mr. B's church. You think him an excellent preacher. You delight in his

sermons. You cannot hear anyone else with the same comfort. You have learned many things since you attended his ministry. You consider it a privilege to be one of his hearers.

All this is very good. It is a privilege! I would be very thankful if ministers like yours were multiplied a thousandfold. But, after all, what have you got in your heart? Have you yet received the Holy Spirit? If not, you are no better than Lot's wife!

You children of Christian parents—mark well what I am saying. It is the highest privilege to be the child of a godly father and mother.

It is the greatest advantage to be brought up in the midst of many prayers. It is a blessed thing indeed to be taught the gospel from our earliest infancy, and to hear of sin, and Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and holiness, and heaven, from the first moment we can remember anything.

But, oh, take heed that you do not remain barren and unfruitful in the sunshine of all these privileges. Beware lest your hearts remain hard,

impenitent, and worldly, in spite of the many advantages you enjoy.

You cannot enter the kingdom of God on the credit of your parents' faith. You must eat the Bread of Life for yourself. You must have the witness of the Spirit in your own heart.

You must have repentance of your own, faith of your own, and sanctification of your own. If not, you are no better than Lot's wife!

I pray God that all professing Christians in these days may lay these things to heart.

May we never forget that privileges alone cannot save us. Light and knowledge, faithful preaching, abundant means of grace, and the company of holy people are all great blessings and advantages.

Happy are they that have them! But after all, there is one thing without which privileges are useless.

That one thing is the sovereign grace of God in Christ Jesus. Lot's wife had many privileges. But Lot's wife did not have God's grace.



Westminster Confession of Faith XXI - Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day

1. A lawful oath is part of religious worship,¹ wherein, upon just occasion, the person swearing solemnly calls God to witness what he asserts, or promises, and to judge him according to the truth or falsehood of what he swears.²
2. The name of God only is that by which men ought to swear, and therein it is to be used with all holy fear and reverence.³ Therefore, to swear vainly, or rashly, by that glorious and dreadful Name; or, to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred.⁴ Yet, as in matters of weight and moment, an oath is warranted by the Word of God, under the New Testament as well as under the old;⁵ so a lawful oath, being imposed by lawful authority, in such matters, ought to be taken.⁶

1. Deuteronomy 10:20

2. Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12; 2 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Chronicles 6:22–23

3. Deuteronomy 6:13

4. Exodus 20:7; Jeremiah 5:7; Matthew 5:34, 37; James 5:12

5. Hebrews 6:16; 2 Corinthians 1:23; Isaiah 65:16

6. 1 Kings 8:31; Nehemiah 13:25; Ezra 10:5

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (15.2.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (22.2.15)</i>
Speaker	Ronald Nugent	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Edward Lim	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Jonathan & Esther Ong
Offering Stewards	Philip Orchard, David Ong	Kim Leow, Jonathan Ong
Usher	Joyce Ng	Esther Ong
Kitchen Duties	Jesslyn Leow*, Jackie Hong Julian Poon	Eileen Tay*, Nancy Lim Jenni Budiman
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>18 February 2015</i>	<i>25 February 2015</i>
Speaker	Johnson Lim	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Jacob Woo	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Wendy Gong

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "God Rewards Us in His Time" (Esther 6:1-4).
3. Pastor will be away from 3 to 19 February. For pastoral care, please contact Mr Philip Gardiner, Pastor of Perth Free Presbyterian Church, 0459 693 339.
4. The Adult Bible Class on the Westminster Confession of Faith resumes next Lord's Day.
5. Church Anniversary Dinner. Venue: North Lake BBQ Restaurant (406 North Lake Road, Bibra Lake) Date: Sunday, 12 April 2015. Time: 7 pm. Subsidised cost: \$20/adult, \$15/child (4-12 years). Registration will commence next Sunday.
6. Shepherding a Child's Heart Parenting Conference. Speaker: Dr Tedd Tripp. Dates: Monday, 13 - Wednesday, 15 April 2015. Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Venue: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Bull Creek). Please register at www.covenantbpc.org.au/shepherding. Like and share it at www.facebook.com/shepherding.perth. Additional flyers are available at the foyer.

Appointments for the Week

WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 99
FRI	7:45 pm	JF and Parents' Group
SAT	4:30 pm	YPG
SUN	2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,389.25. *Missions Fund* - \$270.00 (#453 - \$500.00). *Building Fund* - \$200.00 (#199 - \$200.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$2,859.25. Attendance - 125.

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