



COVENANT Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 28 June 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	448 - <i>He Ransomed Me</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 115
Hymn	TP 115:1-5, 9-13
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 4:11-13
Hymn	414 - <i>Am I a Soldier of the Cross</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Command to Enter into the Rest"
*Closing Hymn	TP 139:1-6,23-24
*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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How Do I Know I'm a Christian?

Next week, we are taking the Lord's Supper. It is important for us to prepare ourselves.

The Lord's Supper is only open to those who call themselves Christian, to those who know they are Christians, and to those who show that they are Christians.

They have professed faith in Christ and publicly acknowledged that they are sinners, and continue to live with faith and repentance.

We verbally fence the Lord's Supper and warn everyone, both members and visitors, to examine themselves.

One cannot partake of the Lord's Supper without an understanding of the gospel and surrender to the gospel.

The below article was written by Kevin DeYoung, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of America, to address that age old question - "how do I know I'm a Christian?"

This article is also useful, because we have been studying the book of Hebrews.

As you know, the book of Hebrews has a lot of warnings against apostasy, and urges the reader to make sure of his salvation.

Here are some ways to know if you are truly a Christian or not. ~ Pastor

Confidence or Condemnation?

Whenever counseling Christians looking for assurance of salvation, I take them to 1 John.

This brief epistle is full of help for determining whether we are in the faith or not.

In particular, there are three signs in 1 John given to us so we can answer the question "Do I have confidence or condemnation?"

The First Sign Is Theological

You should have confidence if you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God (5:11-13).

John doesn't want people to be doubting. God wants you to have assurance, to know that you have eternal life.

And this is the first sign, that you believe in Jesus. You believe he is the Christ or the Messiah (2:22).

You believe he is the Son of God (5:10). And you believe that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (4:2).

So if you get your theology wrong about Jesus you will not have eternal life.

But one of the signs that should give you confidence before God is that you believe in his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord (4:14-16; 5:1, 5).

The Second Sign is Moral

You should have confidence if you live a righteous life (3:6-9).

Those who practice wickedness, who plunge headlong into sin, who not only stumble, but habitually walk in wickedness-should not be confident.

This is no different than what Paul tells us in Romans 6 that we are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to righteousness and in Galatians 5 that those who walk in the flesh will not inherit the kingdom.

This is no different than what Jesus tells us in John 15 that a good tree

cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

So if you live a morally righteous life you should have confidence (3:24).

And lest this standard make you despair, keep in mind that part of living a righteous life is refusing to claim that you live without sin and coming to Christ for cleansing when you do sin (1:9-10).

The Third Sign Is Social.

You should have confidence if you love other Christians (3:14). If you hate like Cain you do not have life.

But if your heart and your wallet are open to your brothers and sisters eternal life abides in you.

One necessary sign of true spiritual life is that we love one another (4:7-12, 21).

These are John's three signposts to assure us that we are on the road that leads to eternal life.

These are not three things we do to earn salvation, but three indicators that God has indeed saved us.

We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God. We live a righteous life. We are generous toward other Christians.

Or we can put it this way: we know we have eternal life if we love Jesus, we love his commands, and we love his people.

No One of the Three Is Optional

All must be present in the Christian, and all three are meant to be signs for our assurance (see 2:4, 6; 4:20; 5:2).

John belabors the same points again and again.

Do you love God? Do you love his commands? Do you love his people?

If you don't, it's a sign you have death. If you do, it's sign that you have life.

And that means confidence instead of condemnation.



Westminster Confession of Faith XXIX - Of the Lord's Supper

7. Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements, in this sacrament,¹ do then also, inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally but spiritually, receive and feed upon, Christ crucified, and all benefits of His death: the body and blood of Christ being then, not corporally or carnally, in, with, or under the bread and wine; yet, as really, but spiritually, present to the faith of believers in that ordinance, as the elements themselves are to their outward senses.²
8. Although ignorant and wicked men receive the outward elements in this sacrament; yet, they receive not the thing signified thereby; but, by their unworthy coming thereunto, are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, to their own damnation. Wherefore, all ignorant and ungodly persons, as they are unfit to enjoy communion with Him, so are they unworthy of the Lord's table; and cannot, without great sin against Christ, while they remain such, partake of these holy mysteries,³ or be admitted thereunto.⁴

1. 1 Corinthians 11:28.

2. 1 Corinthians 10:16.

3. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16.

4. 1 Corinthians 5:6-7, 13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15; Matthew 7:6.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (28.6.15)	Next Week (5.7.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Jacob & Marilyn Woo
Offering Stewards	David Ong, Ian Read	Jacob Woo, Micah Chiang
Usher	August Ng	Hannah Chiang
Kitchen Duties	Merilyn Woo*, Putri Harapan, August Ng	Peggy Woo*, Hannah Chiang, Jenni Budiman, Victor Poon
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>1 July 2015</i>	<i>8 July 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Jimmy Orchard	LH Chua
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Ian Tay

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: "Jesus, Our Great High Priest" (Hebrews 4:14-16).
3. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship dinner.
4. Sunday School teachers for the month of June are: Eileen Tay, Sandy Chua, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman; Evelyn Lee, Carmel Sriharan; Joyce Ng; Sandra Tan; Valerie Ong; Elizabeth Huang; John Tan. Singspiration Leader: Jacob Woo. Pianist: Wendy Gong.
5. Perth Free Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School. Theme: "Rescue Mission Bible Club" Ages: *Kindy to Year 7*. Date: *13 - 15 July (Mon-Wed)*. Time: *10 am - 12 pm*. Venue: *10 Alexander Road, Padbury*. Contact: *Philip Gardiner - pcgardiner@hotmail.com, 0459 693 339*.
6. JF will be on recess until 24 July 2015. Friday prayer meetings commence on 10 July. Children are welcome to join.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
TUE 10:30 am Retirees' Bible Study	<i>General Fund - \$3,768.90 (#481 - \$800.00). Missions Fund - \$420.00. Building Fund - \$186,893.26 (#244 - \$1,000.00, #245 - \$350.00, #246 - \$25,000.00, #247 - \$150,000.00, #248 - \$1,405.00, #250 - \$9,138.26). Total Tithes & Offering - \$191,082.16. Attendance - 127.</i>
WED 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - Psalm 116	
SUN 2:00 pm Adult Bible Class/Catechism	
3:00 pm Worship & Sunday School	

Building Fund to Date		
Starting Fund	\$54,185.68	Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S
Pledges Collected	\$184,915.00	
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$94,805.27	
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	<i>\$333,905.95</i>	
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	<i>\$186,805.00</i>	
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$520,710.95</i>	

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.

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