



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 19 June 2016

Theme for the Year: "What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	291 - <i>Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 8:1-21
Hymn	TP 25:4-5,8-10
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:9
Hymn	398 - <i>Follow On</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Method of Discipleship"
*Closing Hymn	337 - <i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

† 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.

†† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Repentance In the Life of King Saul and King David

To be a Christian, there needs to be repentance.

The first of Martin Luther's 95 Theses reads - "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said "Repent," he intended that the entire life of believers should be one of repentance."

And this repentance can be observed. The third says - "Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh."

Zacchaeus showed his repentance by giving half of his goods to the poor and to repay those from him he stole 4 times. After Zacchaeus had done all of this, he would have been a pauper. Yet, he was ready to do these things because he was repentant.

The Christian life is about repentance, not just a one-time experience but a continual and visible one.

We learn true and false repentance in the lives of Saul and David.

Repentance Is Required of All People

Repentance is required from all sorts of persons. God doesn't care who you are.

A person may be very religious and respectable, but he is in need of repentance just as much as a mass murderer.

Saul was the king of Israel. He was known to be a man that everyone liked. He was very well-liked initially. He was strong and powerful.

But when he sinned against God, by not obeying his word at Gilgal and by sparing King Agag, he was rebuked by the Prophet Samuel.

Samuel didn't mince his words. The prophet didn't spare Saul because he

was king. God didn't spare him from the requirement of repentance.

Similarly, David was the king of Israel. He was known to be a man after God's own heart. He was very spiritual in his youth and followed the commandments of God. But even he needed to repent when he sinned against God.

When he sinned against God by his sin with Bathsheba, he was confronted by the prophet Nathan.

The prophet didn't mince his words. The prophet didn't spare David because he was king. God didn't spare him from the requirement of repentance.

Repentance Is a Change of Inward Attitude

When King Saul was rebuked by Samuel, he did not respond with repentance.

In 1 Samuel 15, when he met with Samuel, he lied. He told Samuel that he kept God's commandments - he hadn't.

After Samuel rebuked him, he admitted his faults, but did not truly repent. His was a "reluctant" repentance.

He blamed the people for his mistakes. He blamed the people for not completely destroying their enemies. It was not his fault alone, but the people were involved.

This was very different from King David. When King David was confronted by the Prophet Nathan, he immediately confessed his sins.

He admitted that he sinned against God. There was no blaming of anyone or diverting responsibility to someone else.

David in Psalm 51 confessed his transgressions, iniquities, and sins - his inward acknowledgment was comprehensive.

Transgressions refer to his rebellion against God; iniquities refer to his crooked nature; and sins refer to the specific sins he had committed against God.

Repentance Is a Change in Outward Behavior

King Saul admitted his sins - yet he was not truly sorry. He "repented" to minimize the consequences of his sin.

He was not interested in the cause of the sin or its cure. In fact, he asked Samuel to forgive him quickly so that he could go on with his "worship" as though nothing had happened.

He even wanted Samuel to accompany him and to honor him so that he would not lose face with the people.

This repentance was not repentance - it was more of a damage control.

King Saul's repentance didn't last long either. Since there was no change in attitude or action, as soon as the pressure was off, Saul was back at his sins.

This can be seen in his many attempts at David's life. When he was caught, he

"repented" but he went back just as quickly to pursuing David.

On the other hand, King David's repentance was visible. Not only did he repent immediately and confess his sins, but he would not eat food, but sat in ashes.

He accepted the consequences of his sins. He was unlike Saul who wanted to minimize the effects.

David submitted and received all the consequences of his sins. His son with Bathsheba died. His son Amnon was killed by another son Absalom. His Adonijah was executed for trying to usurp the throne. Absalom also died for usurping the throne.

David stole Bathsheba and had Uriah killed. God was just in making David pay 4 times. But David received all of this with surrender.

Conclusion

When there is sin in our lives, let us not wait to repent. Let us know that God is gracious to grant us repentance. And that we should repent inwardly with grief and remorse, and repent outwardly with visible fruits. ~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 74. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

Q. 75. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (19.6.16)	Next Week (26.6.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Elizabeth Huang	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	Jansen Ng & Eva Chiu	Kim & Jessalyn Leow
Offering Stewards	David Lim*, Chris Budiman* Micah Chiang, John E Tan	Ken Hong*, Paul Butler* David Pang, LH Chua
Usher	Jerome Ng, August Ng	Joyce Ng, Cheryl Nannup
Kitchen Duties	Jackie Hong*, Eva Chiu Victor Poon	Grace Wang*, August Ng Lydia Orchard
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>24 June 2016</i>	<i>1 July 2016</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Eugene Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "The Picture of Discipleship" (Ephesians 4:15-16).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message - "God Blesses Despite Our Unfaithfulness" (Esther 2.1-20). Speaker - Jimmy Orchard.
4. Ladies' Bible Study. Saturday, 25 June 2016, 7:30 pm, at the residence of Mary-Anne Chan. For more information please contact Evelyn Lee at 0403 504 186.
5. Creation Ministries International. Why is there death and suffering in the world? Many reject God on the basis that he must be a cruel god to allow the terrible events and suffering that we see in the world today. Could you answer this? Find out how you can use this question, and more, as a powerful tool to reach others for Christ. Remember to bring a friend when you hear Dr Don Batten giving one of his dynamic messages *Creation: A Key to the Gospel* at 7.30pm on Friday 29 July 2016 at Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church. Please keep the date free.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting SAT 7:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study SUN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<i>General Fund</i> - \$2,426.50 (#577 - \$10.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$430.00 (#578 - \$150.00). <i>Building Fund</i> - \$105.00 (#378 - \$105). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$2,961.50. Attendance - 147.

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund \$81,595.47 Outstanding Pledges \$6,005.00 Last Week's Collection \$105.00 Total \$87,705.47 <i>Outstanding Loan</i> - \$430,000.00 <i>Amount Still Needed</i> \$342,294.53	Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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The Method of Discipleship
Philippians 4:9

1. Teaching and Modeling in Discipleship
 - a. Teaching
 - b. Modeling
2. The Method of the Master
 - a. Spontaneous
 - b. Adaptable
 - c. Discerning
 - d. Simple
 - e. Creative
 - f. Biblical
 - g. Practical
 - h. Purposeful

Questions:

1. If discipleship is modeled, must discipleship always begin with the Christian parents? What if the Christian parents are unable to disciple the child? Is it more important for the child to be disciplined or for the parents to be equipped to disciple the child?
2. Why do you think that the Christian world is looking so intently to methods for discipleship? What is right or wrong about this? What does this tell us about ourselves?
3. What are your fears in teaching others to be disciples of Christ?