



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 8 October 2017

**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	43 - <i>O Saviour, Precious Saviour</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Amos 9:1-15
Hymn	TP 98:1-4
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 15:12-22
Hymn	193 - <i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Resolving Controversy"
*Closing Hymn	472 - <i>O For a Closer Walk with God</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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## King Jesus Must Reign

1 Corinthians 15:25 - *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."*

This verse tells us that Jesus must reign. Part of the reign of ancient kings was to deliver their people from their enemies. This was their kingly duty.

So too, King Jesus delivers his people from their enemies - sin, self, Satan, and death. Only those who have Jesus as king - who call on the name of the Lord - can be saved. And those who are saved, have him as their king.

There are 4 things we can learn about King Jesus' reign.

### *Jesus Has Always Reigned*

Before Jesus took on flesh, before he was crucified, and before he ascended to heaven where he has all power and dominion; Jesus reigned.

The Bible says that all things were made through him, and that he preserves the universe by his Word (John 1:1-2, Hebrews 1:1-3).

This tells us that he has always had a kingly right over the created order. But when Jesus ascended into heaven, the nature of his reign became better.

Firstly, since he took on flesh, he rules not only as God but as Man.

Secondly, he was called the anointed of God - he fulfilled what all the other human kings could not - he would obey God, keep his promises, and rule his subjects perfectly.

Thirdly, he now reigns because he earned the right to reign. Many kings are kings by lineage. Although Christ's Father is God, he earned his reign by dying on the cross for his people.

Acts 2:36 says, *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

### *Jesus Reigns Now*

Some Christians emphasize that Jesus' reign is only future - at his second coming.

But while we affirm that he will reign fully in the future, we are told that *"he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."*

Firstly, Jesus is reigning now. He resurrected and ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1). He is on his throne.

The Kingdom of God does not begin at Christ's second coming. It is present. Luke 17:20-21 - *"...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."*

Secondly, it tells us that Christ's reign is characterized by warfare - Christ is reigning until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Christ's reign is not passive. He is not merely sitting in heaven but active and actively breaking down his enemies.

Thirdly, this tells us that King Jesus is going to win. He will build his kingdom and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). All power in heaven and earth has been given to him - that he should have subjects from all nations (Matthew 28:18).

Jesus is the King of all peoples of the earth. All are to turn to him.

### *Jesus Reigns Over Everyone and Everything*

We are told that he must reign till he has put ALL enemies under his feet.

Firstly, all have been King Jesus' enemies at one point or another. Those who submit to him and call Jesus king were once his enemies.

Romans 5:10 says, *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life"*

We were not God's people in the past, but having obtained mercy, we are now his people (1 Peter 2:10).

Secondly, King Jesus' reign extends to the heart and will of a person. Verse 24 says that Christ will *"put down all rule and all authority and power."*

This includes our authority. Matthew 16:24 says, *"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."*

Christ's subject must deny himself the right to live the way he pleases; he must die to self and admit his shameful sins; and he must surrender to Christ to follow him as his servant.

We are not saved to live for ourselves. We are saved to be surrendered to him.

But this also means that while we may have trouble dying to self, Christ will subdue our sinful selves - he will subdue everything!

And this should be a welcome thing for us. There will be no disease, addiction, fault, sin, weakness, tantrum, pride, self-pity, depression, disunity, jealousy, lust, greed, etc. Christ will destroy all of this.

And this is why, when the Christian fights the good fight of faith against these things, he knows that King Jesus is helping him!

*Jesus Must Reign*

*"For he must reign."* This is Christ's goal - he will not stop until he reigns over everyone and in the hearts of his people.

Firstly, Christ will save for himself a people to rule - they will come from every people, tongue, and nation.

Secondly, Christ will reign over his people whom he has saved. He works in their lives through the Word, the Spirit, and the Church - that they would be present perfect to him.

Thirdly, Christ reigns so that he can give his Father glory. Philippians 2:10-11 - *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Even Christ the King honors his Father by what he does. When the last enemy is destroyed and Christ has the victory; and when he is lifted up on high, it is the glory of God the Father that has final focus.

*He Must Reign in Your Life*

How is Christ reigning in your life? He is not merely your savior - but he is a saving king. We can't have it any other way. And if he is our king, our lives are to be completely submitted to him and his will - our wills and our hearts, our affections and aspirations.

King Jesus must reign. Is he reigning in your life?

~ Pastor



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 172. May one who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

A. One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity; in which case (because promises are made, and this Sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians,) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (8.10.17)</i>	<i>Next Week (15.10.17)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Mark Chen
Pianist	Valerie Ong	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Jansen & Eva Ng	Johnny & Lydia Orchard
Offering Stewards	Yen Fye Yap*, Rex Sriharan* Steven Lim, Chris Budiman	Vincent Chiu*, Ian Read* John Tan, Micah Chiang
Ushers	Josephine Austin, Joyce Ng	August Ng, Putri Harapan
Kitchen Duties	Sandy Chua*, Carmel Sriharan Vincent Chiu	Nancy Lim*, Mary-Anne Chan Eva Ng
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>13 October 2017</i>	<i>20 October 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Nancy 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: "Disseminating the Solution" (Acts 15:22-35).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "What It Takes to Be Clean" (Hebrews 9:1-14). Speaker: Jimmy Orchard.
4. 8th Annual General Meeting - 11.30 am sharp today.
5. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (October-December) are available in the foyer.
6. Presentation by Creation Ministries International on 20 October 2017, Friday at 7.30pm. Rod Walsh will speak on "Noah's Ark - Deluge of Evidence".

<b>Appointments for the Week</b>	<b>Last Lord's Day Tithes &amp; Offering, &amp; Attendance</b>
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$4,374.65 (*DD - \$1,450.00). Missions Fund - \$289.00 (#750 - \$29.00, #751 - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$600.00 (*DD- \$400.00, #563 - \$100.00, #564 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,263.65. Attendance - 143.
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

<b>Building Fund to Date &amp; Bank Account Details</b>			
Available Building Fund	\$83,101.82	General Fund:	
Last Week's Collection	\$600.00	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316942
Total	\$83,701.82	Missions Fund:	
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$390,000.00</i>	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316950
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$306,298.18</i>	Building Fund:	
		BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316969

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## Resolving Controversy

### Acts 15:12-22

How should one deal with controversy? Is it to preserve peace at all cost - to avoid the unpleasantness? Or should truth be asserted at the cost of false unity? Sometimes God's prescriptions are bitter tasting but needful. But when there's clear biblical truth, then true self-less love would rejoice in it (1 Cor 13:6). And those tempered by love will submit to that truth.

1. The Resolution Involved All the Presbyters
  - a. There was overall agreement in the presbytery
  - b. There was a moderator
2. The Doctrinal Resolution
  - a. Affirmation of the evidence from Scripture
  - b. The prophets predicted the Gentile's salvation
  - c. They do not need to be circumcised
3. The Pastoral Resolution
  - a. The instruction to the Gentiles and not the Jews
  - b. Keep away from idolatry

You are saved by grace not to live the way you want. Your life's pursuit shows your standing with Christ. You may say you are in Christ, but if you chase after idols, you may not be. Does this sound bitter to you? Is it hard to swallow? The truth of God often is a hard bitter pill to swallow. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Cling to Christ alone.

### Questions for Reflection:

1. When controversy is addressed and resolved, it is usually bitter for one party or all parties, when the truth of the Bible is brought to bear on the issue. Why is that? How can submission to that truth bring joy?
2. Can such resolution of controversy found in Acts 15 be practiced without a higher church body to be accountable to? What is the biblical answer to independency?

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