



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 2 April 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	TP 117:1-2
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Mark 15:25-39
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	138 - <i>It Is Finished</i>
Hymn	162 - <i>Thine Be the Glory</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 7:17-43
Hymn	TP 77:11-20
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Real Story of Moses"
*Closing Hymn	462 - <i>Be Thou My Vision</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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Can One Have Christ As Savior Without Having Him as Lord?

The short answer is no. A Christian cannot have Christ as Savior without having him as Lord.

This is because you can only have Christ as Savior if you have him as Lord. Why? Because there is no distinction between Lord and Savior. Christ is a Lord who saves.

A Lord Who Is a Savior

The Bible is filled with examples of a lord who is a savior. In fact the Bible knows of no savior who is not a lord.

Moses was considered the redeemer of Israel. But he was a ruler and judge over them.

Acts 7:35 - "...the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush." God sent Moses to be ruler and deliverer.

David was also king and savior to Mephibosheth, the lame son of Jonathan.

In 2 Samuel 9, when Mephibosheth was summoned by King David, he fell on his face before him - and David received him as a son and let him eat at his table.

This is the same with Christ. Anyone who wants Christ as Savior, must receive him as Lord.

Acts 16:31 says, "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

One must believe on the *Lord* Jesus Christ to be saved.

Romans 10:9 is even clearer. It says that if you confess that Jesus is Lord, and believe, you will be saved.

A saved Christian believes that Christ is his Lord.

The Christian Is a Disciple

Because Christ is his Lord, a saved Christian will follow him. He is a disciple.

Christ didn't call his followers Christians - but disciples. The New Testament apostles didn't call the disciples Christians - but they call them believers and saints.

It was only in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians. Acts 11:26 - "*And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*"

Therefore, believer, saint, disciple, and Christian are all synonymous. A Christian is a believer, made holy by Christ, and follows Christ as a disciple.

A disciple does not merely follow Christ for salvation - but he follows Christ full stop.

Jesus equated faith with discipleship. John 8:30-32 says "As He spake these words, many believed on Him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

These Jews believed on him through his words - whoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life!

And Jesus said that if they persisted in believing his words, they were his disciples. A proof of their salvation and discipleship was persistent belief.

Who is a believer? Someone who believes and persistently believes in Christ. He is also called a disciple.

Discipleship Requires Surrender to Christ

Christ told his disciples to follow him. And to follow him, they had to give up all.

Luke 14:33 says, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

To be a disciple required much sacrifice. Matthew 16:24 - "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."

Why does it require sacrifice and surrender? Simple. Because a disciple is not only going after Christ as Savior, but as Lord.

And remember, a disciple is a saved Christian. There is no distinction.

Marks of a Christian Disciple

There will be persistence. Luke 9:62 says, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

There will be fruits of salvation. Matthew 7:17 - "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

These fruits will include: a newness of life (2 Corinthians 5:17), spiritual fruit of changed character (Galatians 5:22-23), and good works of love and faith (James 2:14-26).

The disciple is not saved by these works, neither does he maintain his salvation by these works; but because he is saved and has dedicated his life to his Lord, his life is filled with these fruits.

Struggles of a Christian Disciple

Just because a person calls on Christ as Lord and Savior, and is saved, doesn't mean he will never struggle and sin.

The Christian can and will sin. However, since salvation leads to a changed life, a true Christian will not feel comfortable living in unconfessed and persistent sin.

There will be times when he may even sin grievously. There will be times when he will not follow his Lord. There will be times when he will even stumble in his faith. But God will always bring him back. He will never walk away from Christ.

But just because he has made Christ his Lord, doesn't mean he will never struggle against this.

Simon Peter denied Christ thrice. He was fearful of persecution. Thomas Cranmer also retracted his evangelical faith because he was fearful of death. But both of them repented.

Therefore, while the Christian struggles, he can never live in lifelong carnality, enjoying sin, and seeking to follow and glorify Christ.

Conclusion

Is Christ our saving Lord? He can't be any other. We have him as savior because we receive him as Lord. And if he is, how are we as his disciples?

~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 136. What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defence; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (2.4.17)	Next Week (9.4.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Ken Chong
Pianist	Valerie Ong	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	Jacob & Marilyn Woo	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Steven Lim*, Lye Heng Chua* Terence Lee, Ian Read	David Lim*, Vincent Chiu* Ken Hong, Chris Budiman
Ushers	Joyce Ng, Josephine Austin	August Ng, Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Jesslyn Leow*, Florence Orchard Aliza Chiu, Josephine Austin	Jemima Ng*, Debbie Blake Mary Loh
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Joel Chua
Prayer Meeting	7 April 2017	14 April 2017
Facilitator	Jimmy Orchard	Prayer Meeting in Recess
Pianist	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. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
3. Next week's message: "The Shortness of Life" (Psalm 90).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Living for Christ When There Are Problems" (Philippians 1:12-26). Speaker - Ken Hong.
5. Gospel Service. Good Friday, 14 April 2017, 10am. Speaker: Pastor Ron Nugent.
6. Men's & Ladies' Seminar. 22 April 2017, Saturday, 4.30pm. Speakers: Dr Bob Jones and Mrs Beneth Jones.
7. Church Anniversary Dinner. Saturday, 22 April 2017, 7pm. Please register with Jacob Woo.
8. Combined Church Youth Camp. Dates: 14-15 July 2017. Theme: "Living as a Christian in a Non-Christian World". Speaker: Pastor Ron Nugent. Cost: \$55. Age range: High schoolers to working adults. Registration closes 4 June 2017. Please register with Eugene Lim, Jerome Ng or Micah Chiang.
9. Pastor will be away 6-14 April. Please contact Elder for pastoral care.

<p style="text-align: center;">Appointments for the Week</p> <p>WED 10:00 am Craft Group FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF SUN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General Fund</i> - \$4,002.10 (#686 - \$800.00, #687 - \$50.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$325.00 (#685 - \$105.00). <i>Building Fund</i> - \$102.00 (#521 - \$102.00). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$4,429.10. <i>Attendance</i> - 155.</p>
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Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund \$83,333.93	Building Fund Account:
Last Week's Collection \$102.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Total \$83,435.93	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Outstanding Loan</i> - \$416,000.00	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Amount Still Needed</i> \$332,564.07	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
 Deacons: **Ken Chong** 0402 553 313. **LH Chua** 0435 601 373. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682.
Jacob Woo 0421 212 206.

The Real Story of Moses

Acts 7:17-43

Have you ever just not gotten it? You hear a joke, but don't get the punchline or watch a movie, but don't get the plot? The Sanhedrin knew the history of Moses but did not understand his significance. They had a nostalgic and romantic view of him, but forgot that Moses was hated by his contemporaries.

1. God Raises a Deliverer at the Right Time
 - a. Born during oppression
 - b. Moses was special
 - i. Chosen by God
 - ii. Highly educated
2. God's Deliverer Is Rejected by the People Who Needed Deliverance
 - a. He visited his brethren
 - i. He identified with the Hebrews
 - ii. He knew his purpose
 - b. He right wrongs and judged
 - c. He was initially rejected
3. God's Appointed Deliverer Is Always Opposed by an Ungrateful People
 - a. He was appointed
 - b. He was approved
 - c. He was always rejected
 - d. He was prophetic

Moses pointed to Christ. Christ was born at the right time, approved of God, identified himself with mankind, but was rejected. He was rejected by his own people. Do we reject his rule?

Questions for Reflection:

1. When we reject the Word, we reject Christ. When we do not his will and commandments, we resist his rule over us. In what way do we neglect or devalue the deliverance we have when we reject Christ's rule?
2. Why are people so quick to receive Christ's deliverance without fully submitting to his rule and judgment? Is there deliverance without submission? What do you think of the statement - we have him as savior because we accept him as Lord?