

# BETHANY

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CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

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## MEDITATION

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Text: Galatians 4

## "AN HEIR OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST"

### A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF OUR SALVATION

The Epistle to the Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul to help the church understand the significance of salvation in Christ. We have a good summary of this in Galatians 4.

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1. The sending of the Son of God
  - a) God sent the Lord Jesus Christ      Galatians 4:4
    - i) Born a human son
    - ii) Born under the law
  - b) His purpose and goal      Galatians 4:5
    - i) To redeem all under the Law and more
    - ii) To give them the adoption as sons of God  
(Cf. John 1:12)
2. The sending of the Holy Spirit      Galatians 4:6
  - a) The Spirit of God is sent to all true children of God
  - b) He indwells our heart
  - c) He teaches us to relate to God as Abba, Father
3. An Heir of God      Galatians 4:7
  - a) We are not slaves
  - b) Our new status is "sonship"
  - c) And as sons we are considered "an heir of God"
4. Through Christ      Galatians 4:7
  - a) The Person who made this possible is the Lord Jesus Christ
  - b) Thus, we celebrate Christmas with great joy, remembering why He came

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## HUMAN ANALOGY

The Lord Jesus Christ taught this great truth that was recorded in the Gospel of Luke.

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! Luke 11:13*

### 1. Human parents

- a) We give good gifts to our children
- b) Our children are our heirs
- c) This is natural

### 2. Our Heavenly Father

- a) How much more would He provide for His children!
- b) He will give us His Spirit
  - i) Not just to indwell us
  - ii) But also, to fill us

### 3. Our part

- a) To understand and believe what it means to be heirs and sons of God
- b) To ask and to desire to be filled with the Spirit of God

Let us seek to understand what it means to be children and heirs of God!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us, either physically or virtually! May all hearts be blessed!



## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2020

*30 November - 4 December 2020*

*"The LORD looks at the heart"*

1. A time of refreshing
2. A time of learning
3. A time of growing

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!



## CHRISTMAS 2020

A Christmas gift for all our Seniors! Christmas is well-associated with giving. Our Seniors will be remembered as well. Thank God for gracing our Church with Seniors. May we learn how to honour them well!



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## **Psalm 118:19-21**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will go through them,

*And* I will praise the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD,

Through which the righteous shall enter.

<sup>21</sup>I will praise You,

For You have answered me,

And have become my salvation.

### 1. The gates of the LORD

a) They are characterized by righteousness

b) Let the righteous enter through these gates into the presence of God

### 2. Praise given to the LORD

a) May there always be praise on our lips

b) Let the praise stem from our hearts

### 3. Reasons for praise

a) Answers to our prayers

b) The salvation God gives

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 8 November 2020**

*Text: Galatians 3:29 Heirs according to the promise*

*And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

1. Our salvation in Christ

a) We become "Abraham's seed"

b) We become heirs according to God's promise

2. Our challenge

a) To grow in understanding and appreciation

b) To treasure our status as heirs of God

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 15 November 2020**

*Text: Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons*

*And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father."*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## AN HEIR OF GOD

How wonderful to receive Salvation;  
This is cause for great celebration!  
Christ Jesus came to redeem the lost;  
He was prepared to pay the highest cost!

His Salvation includes "the adoption of sons;"  
It is not a result of something we have done.  
In this sonship given, we become heirs of God;  
We are blessed to be given this gift from the LORD.

The Holy Spirit of God was sent to dwell in our heart;  
From us, the Holy Spirit would never depart!  
He will teach us to call God, Abba Father, gratefully;  
Our part is to treasure this relationship deeply.

How wonderful to know that we are heirs of God!  
There are deep truths to learn about the LORD.  
Our challenge is to grow in spiritual understanding;  
May the Spirit of God also grant great empowering!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Galatians 4:4-7

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## Jesus, Our Mediator

Jesus Christ is the priceless gift from the Almighty God;  
He was the perfect offering that was acceptable to the Lord.  
Sprinkling of the blood of bulls and goats accompanied with lip worship,  
Became abominations that could no longer be endured and wearied His Lordship!

With His grace and mercy, to earth He sent His Son;  
As the mediator of the new covenant Jesus died to atone for man's transgressions;  
That He would lay down his life for sinners is love so true;  
Where believers can be reborn and begin lives anew!

Worship of God is in vain if it is not from the heart;  
When we trust Christ as our Saviour, upon us the Lord imparts.  
A great honour to be adopted as children into His family,  
Through Jesus, believers are reconciled with the Father lovingly!

Jesus makes us righteous and acceptable in the Lord's eye;  
The Lord extends the same love for His Son to believers whom He justifies.  
As sons of God we are heirs to His wealth and riches!  
What a mysterious plan from eternity for his chosen to be joint heirs with Jesus!

Jessie Quek

(Inspiration: Titus 3 :3, Isaiah 1:13-15, Hebrews 9: 13-15)

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Christmas will be celebrated differently this year,  
But it can still be full of meaning and cheer.  
We remember the Son of God became flesh,  
How wonderful it is to consider this afresh!

To bring us salvation, Jesus Christ was sent,  
He manifested God's kindness and love to man.  
We are full of sin and unrighteousness,  
Yet in God's mercy, He offers forgiveness.

God pours out His grace into our lives,  
We are justified through faith in Christ.  
There is hope of eternal life in the Lord,  
We are joint heirs with the Son of God!

Thank God for His promise given in Christ,  
To us, this glorious truth must come alive.  
As we look forward to celebrating Christmas,  
May His promise bring hope and gladness!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Titus 3:4-7

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group		Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor	
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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