

MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS

SERVICES	27 AUGUST	3 SEPTEMBER
CHILDREN'S CLASSES	SUI LIN, PAIK HUA & AUDREY	SUI LIN, PAIK HUA & AUDREY
USHERS	LIM YEW BOO & JENNETTE	ALVIN & AI FONG
SERMONETTE	FRANCIS Dead To Sin (Romans 6:2)	ENG WEN LIANG Peter Was Grieved (John 21:17)
BIBLE STUDY	YEOW The Church	YEOW The Church
SERMON	GUEST SPEAKER RAJENDRAN Who is Jesus? (Mt.16:13, 15)	CHARLIE What communion has light with darkness? (II Cor.6:14)
SINGING	WEN LIANG	ALVIN
OPENING PRAYER	ENG	EDWARD
SCRIPTURE READING	JOEL LEE	WEN LIANG
LORD'S SUPPER	LIM YEW BOO & CHRIS	CHRIS & JOVIN
COLLECTION	ALVIN	RENGA
ANNOUNCER	YEOW	RICHARD
CLOSING PRAYER	EDWARD	ENG
CHORES	LILLIAN CHAN	LILLIAN CHAN

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STATISTICS FOR 20 AUG 2006	
CONTRIBUTION	RM1,339
BIBLE STUDY	38
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	47
FRI - BIBLE STUDY (18 AUG)	20
MANDARIN WORSHIP	9
MANDARIN CONTRIBUTION	RM130

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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SUNDAYS:
9.30 AM
BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY SCHOOL

10.30 AM
WORSHIP

FRIDAYS:
8.00 PM
BIBLE STUDY

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of



CHALLENGING QUERY #424 How does an individual come to believe a false doctrine? Yeow Chin Kiong

To believe is to assent to the truthfulness of a proposition (which are basically statements such as "Baptism is necessary for salvation" or "Women should be silent during the corporate assembly of the saints, except when singing along with the congregation"). It is an individual's free-will act of choosing a position to agree with, presumably after some thought on the merits of the proposition.

Throughout our lives, we are exposed to the environment (aspects of which demand interpretation) as well as the thoughts of others (which requires acceptance or rejection). Our response to such inputs become personalized as our "views", constituting our "beliefs".

Beliefs have consequences, for they almost always color our actions, some of which affect other individuals. Most importantly, our beliefs are the basis of our actions towards God, - whether we fear Him and keep His commandments (Eccles. 12:13-14) or ignore Him. And our actions towards others and towards God will determine our present and eternal destiny (hence, Matt.10:32-33 and Luke 16:19-22,25-26) .

Any Christian is subject to error in his thinking about earthly or spiritual matters. The **ultimate cause** is his God-given freedom to act (including to believe) as he pleases (II Thess.2:11-12). He has the freedom to come to conclusions (such as "The universe does not require a Creator") which are unwarranted by the available evidence (in this case, see Ps.19:1), either because he chooses to ignore evidence contrary to such conclusions or because he resorts to perverse reasoning (Rom.2:20-21; II Pet.3:15-16).

The **primary cause** of believing in error is a detachment from reality, including a releasing from our moorings in Holy Scripture. The scriptures provide a sound basis for a godly, Christian life from the initial belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior (John 20:30-31) to the continued life of good works pleasing to God (II Tim.3:16-17). We leave these moorings to our sure peril (hence Luke 16:27-31, the sad conclusion to the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man). Hence, the paramount duty of sound brethren is to incessantly preach the truth to all and sundry so that men will have access to God's Word and not stray from that Word after they have obeyed it in conversion (II Tim.4:1-2).

Secondly, as II Timothy 4:3-4 tells us, belief in error comes about by a willful act of listening to teachers of error, resulting in a turning away from the truth. It is universally known that evil companionship corrupts good morals (I Cor.15:33). All the more damaging is exposure to false teaching in any media (voice and personality, print, electronic information) when there is a lack of discernment on the part of the Christian (Heb.5:14). When we put down our guard, we may end up believing any and every foolish thing taught by men.

Often, a Christian exposes himself to an entire environment suffused with error. For instance, he attends an institution of learning, the leadership and teaching personnel of which are committed to a particular set of beliefs which are contrary to God's Truth. Every teacher therein reinforces the same error, which is carried in all the institution's print or non-print media. Student academic performance is measured by faithful repeating of the mantras of error in tests and papers required of the student. Everything and everyone conspires to inculcate error into the impressionable student,- over the course of many years, no less. It takes a Christian fully-clothed with the armor of God, prayer, watchfulness and perseverance (Eph.6:10-20) to get out of such an environment

unscathed! It is glib and unprofitable to say that belief in false doctrines is caused by the existence of false teachers and other deceivers. That they exist is undeniable (II Tim.3:13; II John 7), but it is still the Christian's responsibility to abide in the things which they have learned from godly men (II Tim.3:14). Clearly, men are led away into error by their own double-mindedness; the external causes are merely there as an aid to their own gullibility.

SJ NEWS UPDATE

OUR VISITORS LAST WEEK:

Sun - Mei Yean (Malacca) * Sis Chang (Jurong) * KB Lee (Kuantan);

Mandarin worship - Alix Tay (Klang)

PRAYER REQUESTS: For the health of: Doris Chan (KL), Francis, Katherine, Leela, JC Choate, Mahiban, Sarojini, Gary, Mdm Pang (Bessie's mother), Mdm Tan Moy (Chong Foo's mum), Mr Chiah Tee Sang (Sis Tee's bro-in-law), Ah Ngen (Han's brother), Steven How (Daybreak printer) * Santhi and family * For Dr Ken Lee in Taipei * For The DiPalmas & their work in Tamil Nadu * The late Kallappan's family in Chennai, India* Napoleon's well-being * Restoration Seminar & Roundtable* PMR & SPM students

AWAY FROM US THIS MORNING: Richard preaching in Klang * Charlie on work assignment in Teluk Intan * The Khongs are back in Malacca

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- ♦ Eng's home fellowship @ 8pm, Tuesday, 29 August
- ♦ Chans' home fellowship @ 8pm, Wednesday, 30 August
- ♦ **17th RESTORATION SEMINAR and 7th RESTORATION ROUNDTABLE SEMINAR** : "*The Role of Women in the Church*", 9am to 4pm, Thursday 31 August 2006. An in-depth study of the scripturally-determined role of sisters in the Lord's Body,- a Christian woman's limitations, specialities and opportunities.
ROUNDTABLE: A critique of the changes that have been made to the Bible pattern of women's role in the church, with case studies drawn from "doctrinal papers" of some congregational elders. **We encourage all SJ members to participate since we are hosting this annual program.**

THANKSGIVING GATHERING AT THE TEES' HOME

6.30pm, Saturday, 2 September on the occasion of Amelia's academic success and her departure for Charles' University in the Czech Republic on 23 September to pursue a medical degree under a Public Service Department scholarship.

PROGRAMMES COMING UP

- ♦ **Students Counseling** - for the PMR and SPM students in preparation for their exams. At 3pm, Saturday, 9 September 2006 by our own Lee Paik Hua, a school counselor by profession. Printed flyers for distribution - please see Lillian and Paik Hua who are coordinating this program for the Ladies Fellowship
- ♦ **Talk on "Dental Care"** by our own Dr Rengarajoo organized by the Ladies Fellowship. at 3pm, Saturday, 14 October. This is a community service to the locality in and around Subang Jaya.