



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



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Times

Biblical Understanding of Church as Community (Romans 12)

Some churches comprise members who have strong relationships with other members of the church. However, some members do not have close relationships that allow them to share prayer items, personal needs, sins, and struggles.

What is God's design for every one of our lives in the church? The church is God's household, and it should be a community with strong connections among the leaders, across the ministries, between the leaders and members, and between the older and younger generations. Romans 12 gives us a good picture of what biblical community looks like; it is a picture of the body of God's chosen people honouring and loving one another with the love of Christ. Paul tells us in Romans 12:9 that love has to be genuine (Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good).

In Romans 12:10, Paul reminds us the world struggles to get honour for itself. Christians should strive to gain honour for each other and outdo one another to give the highest honour to someone else (Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves). This passage gives us an extraordinary picture of what human society should look like, and only the church can possibly achieve it. However, it often fails to do so. The word here used for affection indicates *family love*. It reminds us that the church is not a religious club nor a society; the church is a family. When we picture the church as a family, we envisage the responsibility to care for the family members around us.

Romans 12:16 and 18 addresses an area that the enemy uses to trip us up, causing division and strife within the church. It is an area that sometimes exists even in the biological family; this is the area of bitterness and forgiveness. This area is so important that Paul mentions it twice, first in Romans 12:16 and

During this unusual time when we cannot come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our pre-recorded worship service at this website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.

Welcome!

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplinarians.

again in Romans 12:18, “Live in harmony with one another” (v. 16) and “.... live at peace with everyone” (v. 18).

Paul is talking about people both inside and outside the church. People will abuse you; people will say wrong things about you. Paul says to live at peace with them. When we have the right attitude toward others, both to our friends within the Christian church and to our enemies outside, and when we love one another as a family in the church, we will glorify God as our Father in the world. The gladness of the family reflects the glory of God the Father. When a family lives in a relationship with one another, this is a reflection on the Father.

~~ Rev Dr Henry Wong ~~

THE BONDAGE OF THE WILL

Rev Keith Lai

Relationship Between Original Sin and Human Free Will

The Root Issue of the Reformation

1Cor 2:6-8, 2Cor 4:3-4

GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithing and Offering.

TITHING



Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 025-905375-8

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

OFFERING



Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :

*“E” for English Service
“C” for Chinese Service
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 033-016873-0

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church

UEN no. **T12SS0164D**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ The Chinese worship service will resume from **1 Nov 2020 onwards**, with all the necessary safety measures in place. The service will start at **9.00am** instead. For registration details, please refer to our church's website, <https://cplink.org.sg/>
- ✚ Kindly note that effective from **2 Nov 2020 onwards**, Mondays are designated as the off day for all Pastoral and Admin staff, the Church office will be closed on Mondays.
- ✚ The English worship service has resumed on Sundays at 11.30am (broadcast of the worship service is also at 11.30am only). We seek your cooperation to follow the guidelines for onsite worship service to ensure everyone's safety and the smooth running of the service.
- *Please pre-register in advance via church's website; <https://cplink.org.sg/>, it is on a first come first serve basis up to max of 50 pax.*
 - *If you are currently on a Stay Home Notice (SHN) or there are people in your household under SHN, please DO NOT attend the onsite service.*
 - *The church will be open for entry **only 30 mins** before the service starts.*
 - *Level 4, including the creche, as well as Sunday School, will be **closed**. Parents can still bring your children but they have to be with you at level 3.*
 - *As we cannot mingle in the church compound as per the government guidelines, you are encouraged to fellowship outside the church, for eg. at a makan place of your choice before or after the service.*

A DAY ALONE WITH THE LORD RETREAT

Join us for the next
A Day Alone with the Lord
Retreat. Please scan this QR code
to register here for one or more
refreasts on these Saturdays -
Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 26.



Your Retreat Facilitators: Rev Keith & Mui Fong Lai



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Sri Lankan Service

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Rev Abel Lee / Pr Chin Yoke Fen

CareWorks Community Services

Rev Dr Henry Wong

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Michelle Tan

Ministry Team Leaders

Creche

Kong Soh Lian

Children

Pr Lionel Neo

Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)

Rev Abel Lee (ad interim)

Aruneeporn Ng

Audrey Wong

Young Working Adult & Young Married

Rev Dr Henry Wong

Adults & Seniors

Rev Keith Lai / Ps Lai Mui Fong

Hospitality

Jenny Ho

Worship

Arthur Lim

Missions

Ho Chung Tat

Prayer

Rev Dr Henry Wong

Freedom & Wholeness

Alfred & Jenny Koay

GB / BB

Pr Lionel Neo

Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

Pr Chin Yoke Fen

Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong