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SPOTLIGHT: PBC ORANG ASLI MINISTRY



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introductory video of the ministry*

The PBC Orang Asli Ministry supports the physical, economical, and, more importantly, spiritual welfare of the Orang Asli community — one of the most marginalised communities in Malaysia. To date, we have reached out to many villages across various tribes.

The pandemic has devastated many and our Orang Asli friends were among those hit worst. Many are still struggling to survive and get through this turbulent time. Let us come together as one church and one body in Christ to reach out and journey with our fellow Malaysians. Share The Life.

PARADOX OF PRIDE

By Ong Hwee Soo



In my last two devotionals in December 2021, I highlighted the paradoxical teachings of Jesus that are counter-intuitive and counter-cultural, contrasting the difference between worldly values and His kingdom priorities. In those two messages, we have seen that the last is the first, the least is the greatest, and giving is getting.

In today's text, Jesus reinforces an object lesson He had taught His disciples earlier in 18:1-4, "**Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**" This echoes the wise sayings in Proverbs such as, "**Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honour.**" (Proverbs 18:12)

In his book 'Pride, Humility & God', John Stott writes, "*At every stage of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is the greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.*" Pride not only appears as the earliest sin (Isaiah 14:13); it is at the core of all sins. "*Pride is more than the first of the seven deadly sins, it is the essence of all sin,*" Stott adds.

The Bible is replete with evidence that pride is the most offensive sin to God. Both James and Peter allude to Proverbs 3:34 when they remind us, "**God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble**" (James 4:6 & I Peter 5:5), and admonish us "**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**" (James 4:10 & I Peter 5:6).

"We need less egomania and more humility and servanthood in our churches today," says Randy Alcorn, author of 'The Truth and Grace Paradox'. In what ways can you think less of yourself, and more importantly, think of yourself less?

Let me close with Paul's exhortations, "**I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,**" (Romans 12:3) and "**in humility count others more significant than yourselves.**" (Phillippians 2:3).

PBC SUPPORTS FOOD4U

By PBC Welfare Ministry



PBC Welfare Ministry recently supported a food aid NGO, Food4U - a non-profit organisation that supports and provides food and basic needs for the orang asli communities in peninsular Malaysia.



Food4U kicked off the new year by forming a convoy of 6 Toyota Hilux 4WD to 8 villages in Pahang where 140 families in the orang asli community were provided with groceries, toiletries, face masks, new and secondhand clothes, baby milk powder, and medicine.



RENEWED DAY BY DAY

By Michael Lim



Poh Eng & Michael

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

When I was diagnosed with Osteopetrosis in 2010, little did I know that I would go through so much pain and suffering. I was hospitalised for two weeks in November 2011 due to a fractured pelvis; and thereafter I began to use a walking stick to move about.

When my haemoglobin count dropped to 6.6 in 2015, I began to go for blood transfusions at University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC) on a regular basis. I was admitted to UMMC three times in 2019. It all began with a high fever, cough, and flu; followed by profuse nose bleeding and removal of abscess from my legs.

In spite of the limitations of my outer self wasting away, I take comfort in 2 Corinthians 4:16 as Paul says that my inner self is being renewed day by day. And thankfully, I was able to pull through all these ordeals by His grace and the continuous prayer support of the PBC congregation.

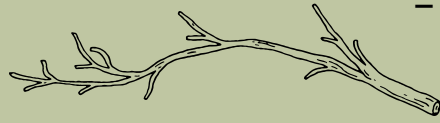


WHY ATTEND BIBLE CLASSES?

By Deacon Abraham Verghese

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

- 2 Peter 3 : 18



Opportunity for Believers to Receive the Whole Counsel of God

- Allows for believers to receive teaching from books of the Bible and topics that are not covered or addressed by the preacher on Sunday sermons.
- Allow for believers to be taught by a multitude of gifted/trained/qualified teachers (**read James 3:1**)

Get the Bible stories and facts right

Does the Bible record that
1) the fruit that Eve ate in the garden of Eden was an apple?
2) Three wise men from the East visited Jesus shortly after His birth?

The answer to both is **NO**

There may be a better way to spend your Tuesday evenings rather than working, watching TV, or other worldly activities — attending Bible class!

(**read Acts 17:11**)

Bible Classes by the PBC Biblical Education Committee

Time: 8pm, every Tuesday

Register here: <https://pbc.my/seminars>

Doctrine of church and membership

MARCH

- 1** The Concept of Church / *George Tee*
- 8** Baptist History (Intro and World) / *George Tee*
- 15** Baptist History (Asia and Malaysia) / *Pr. Mark Tan*
- 22** Baptist Distinctives / *Pr. Mark Tan*
- 29** Membership in Baptist Church / *Pr. Mark Tan*

Christ and Salvation

APRIL

- 5** The Deity of Jesus / *Wong Yoke Ming*
- 12** The Humanity of Jesus / *Wong Yoke Ming*
- 19** The Need for Jesus / *Wong Yoke Ming*
- 26** The Nature of Atonement / *Tong*

WHAT'S UP NEXT?



with Ecclesiastes and 1 Peter

As we journey through the year 2022, the theme to “Share the Life” was very much in the minds and prayers of the Pulpit Committee. Questions such as “**How do we project the blessed hope of God in the midst of the suffering around the world?**”, and “**What does the Bible say about the Life we share that makes the Gospel stand out above the realities of this world?**” With these questions, we went before the Lord while seeking His exhortation in His Word. We give thanks to God, that He is not silent and gives us Ecclesiastes and 1 Peter for this season.

For Ecclesiastes and 1 Peter, both books address the questions above with great specificity and soberness. At the same time, these two books remind us that hope is beyond what’s “under the sun” (Ecclesiastes), and in the Son who is our Cornerstone (1 Peter). We look forward to having you join us on this journey as we remember our Creator in Ecclesiastes and being ready to give an answer for the hope that we have according to 1 Peter.



Sermon Topics for March & April 2022

MARCH

- 6** An Appeal to Reconciliation (Philemon 1) / *Pr. Palan*
- 13** The Importance of Fearing God (Eccl 5:8-6:12) / *Pr. Mark Tan*
- 20** A Common Destiny for All (Eccl 9:1-10) / *Pr. Soong*
- 27** Right Value in Life – Wisdom Superior to Folly (Eccl 9:11–10:15) / *Pr. Wallace Ong*

APRIL

- 3** The Value of Diligence (Eccl 10:16-11:6) / *Pr. Mark Tan*
- 10** Remember Your Creator (Eccl 11:7 – 12:8) / *Pr. Wallace Ong*
- 15** Good Friday / *Dn. Shaun Ling*
- 17** Easter / *Pr. Mark Tan*
- 24** The Whole Duty of Man (Eccl. 12:9-12:14) / *Pr. Isaac Yim*

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