



ROMANS 5:8

**GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT
WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR US.**

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

[MORNING]

Worship in Songs: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder; Blessed Assurance;
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-21 (ESV)

Message: The Grace of this One Man

Response Hymn: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Holy Communion: And Can It Be

[AFTERNOON]

Worship in Songs: Mighty, Mighty Saviour; Grace Awaiting Me; His Mercy is More

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:9-21 (ESV)

Message: Life in Christ: The Reign of Grace

Response Hymn: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Holy Communion: It was finished upon that Cross

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Sunday Services at a glance

8.30am Mandarin Service

9.00am Hokkien Service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English Service

10.30am Mandarin-English Service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin Service

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups – to join via Zoom, register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only upon request, via Zoom*

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Khoo

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Pm Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	(on Sabbatical)
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	dev
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	jtlm
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor	(on Sabbatical)
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	vernon
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	zhiwen
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien/Mand)	paul
Rev Ebi Mohan, Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)	ebi
Rev Chris, Asst Pastor (Tamil)	christopher
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	emily
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	june
Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	hira
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries	sharon
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	danny
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff	tzeming
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry	jacqueline
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry	vanessa
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	joel
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	timothy
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Grace of this One Man

Romans 5:12-21

Can One Man Impact So Many

Through One Man, Ruin for All

Through One Man, Salvation for All

O the Grace of this One Man...

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. After meditating on this passage (Romans 5:12-21), what do you appreciate about this one man, Jesus our Lord?
2. How is your life different, now that God's grace reigns in it?
3. "For from His fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace" (John 1:16). Take a moment to say a prayer to Jesus, thanking Him for his abundant grace.

Life in Christ: The Reign of Grace

Romans 5:12-21

Recap: The Justified Life (5:1-11)

The Reign of Sin & Death – Adam’s Family (5:12-14)

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (3:23)

... whether under the law or not (2:12)

The Reign of the Righteous – Christ’s Family (5:15-17)

God’s free gift of making us right > Adam’s trespass that brings death (v.15)

God’s free gift makes us right ... Adam’s trespass brings condemnation (v.16)

Christians can prevail (reign) over ongoing sin-struggles now in this age of grace! (v.17)

The Reign of Grace till the very end (5:18-21)

Christ’s righteousness and obedience -> our righteousness (5:18-19)

The Christian life = abounding grace covering all sins until we meet Jesus again (v. 20)

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What is “grace” and how does Romans 5:12-21 help you grasp it?
2. How often do you as a Christian still feel like your life is ruled by sin and death? Why?
3. What does Paul mean that Christians can “reign in life” (v.17) over our sins through Christ now? How is this true (or not) for you in this season?
4. How much do you believe that God’s overflowing (abounding) grace always covers all your sins? Why?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Malta Trip (2-11 April) – Malta, being a strategic crossing point between Africa & Europe, has seen many desperate crossings end in drownings for various refugees and migrants. For this trip organised by Interserve, pray for the team comprising 3 of our members along with members from other churches, as they spend time running programs with partner NGOs, the local church, and an international school there. Pray that it will be a time of learning and bringing God's light to those who are suffering.

A&A Building Project – Pray for the consultants as they finalise the tender drawings and documents that God's wisdom be upon them to complete this phase with effective design solutions and detailing. Pray also for smooth application process to the authorities and for approval to be granted speedily. May the Lord use this A&A project to increase our capacity to help more and more individuals know Christ in the years ahead

Our World

Myanmar – BBC news reports that the death toll as of Monday (31 Mar) since last Friday's powerful earthquake in Mandalay as 2000 persons. However, since then the death toll has been rising as more bodies are found. Hospitals were damaged and are overwhelmed. In fact the smell of death is permeating the streets, with Myanmar declaring a week of mourning. Pray for relief aid to be able to reach those affected as soon as possible as this is hampered by damaged roads and bridges and the ruling military government restricting access. Our partners from 2 church groups based in Yangon are trying to help where they can by working with partners in affected areas. Pray that they will have adequate resources for their relief efforts. They request particularly for prayer for a nation already traumatised by a pandemic, a brutal military coup, civil war, floods and now their worst earthquake in recent history.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	13	
English Service 8:30am	189	\$1,257.00
English Service 10:30am	559	
English Service 4:30pm	230	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	97	\$1,274.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	71	\$468.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	55	\$1,254.00
Hokkien Service	51	\$2,332.00
Tamil Service	9	\$49.00
DHF	25	
TOTAL	1306	\$6,634.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$73,056.38
Weekly Total	\$79,690.38

Weekly Offering to meet estimated expenditure for 2025/26: \$94,181

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,750.00
Weekly Total	\$4,750.00
Total General Projects Fund:	\$5,695,754.90

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Abraham Lee & Michelle Leong, as they entered into holy matrimony on 5 Apr 2025!
2. Ps Zhiwen will be overseas at a Conference on 8 - 11 Apr.
3. Congratulations to our staff Quek Tze-Ming, upon his graduation from Cambridge University, UK! He has received his PhD in New Testament Studies after many years of labour! Indeed, we thank God for gifting us with such Biblical scholars.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

General Projects Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 11 Apr

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 12 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 13 Apr

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am
& 4.30pm**

Romans Series

13 Apr – Romans 6:1-14

Ps Vernon Quek

20 Apr – Romans 6:15-7:6

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30 pm)

27 Apr – Romans 7:7-25

Mr Danny Chua (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30 pm)

11 May – Romans 8:1-17

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

(8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30 pm)

Your Response

Thank you for joining us today!
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

You may find our response form at zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Or email us at

office@zionbishan.org.sg

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

What Paul does not say about Abraham in his Letter to the Romans ...

Paul doesn't say anything about Abraham's Obedience. Isn't it curious that Romans 4 repeatedly discusses Abraham's faith/trust in God, but never once mentions Abraham's *obedience*?

After all, it's quite natural to associate Abraham with obedience. Abraham leaves Haran for Canaan, "as the LORD had told him" (Gen 12:4). Abraham undergoes circumcision, and circumcises the males of his household, "as God had said to him" (Gen 17:23). Abraham shows he is willing to sacrifice Isaac his son on God's command (Gen 22).

Unsurprisingly, most later interpreters of Abraham's story do focus on his obedience to God. Here are some examples, from writings just before the time of Jesus:

[Abraham] kept the law of the Most High, and entered into a covenant with Him (Sirach 44:20).

Was not Abraham found faithful when tested, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness? (1 Maccabees 2:52; doesn't this language sound familiar?)

In this context, where lots of other Jewish writings praise Abraham for his obedience, Paul's silence here on Abraham's obedience is quite striking.

Paul doesn't (quite) say that Abraham is an Example to Follow. Paul does tell the story of Abraham as an example of justification by faith, but he doesn't actually say that Abraham is an example *for people to follow*. This is interesting because Paul often does explicitly tell his readers elsewhere that they should imitate someone (see Phil 3:17; 1 Thess 1:6-7, etc.). Romans 4:12 is the closest Paul gets to that, when he says that Abraham is the Father of non-Jews who walk in his footsteps of faith. But Paul still doesn't quite say, "Therefore, believe like Abraham believed," or "Abraham is an example of faith."

Now, of course it is true that Abraham is obedient in many areas of his life, and Abraham's faith is indeed a worthy example for us to follow (e.g., Heb 11:8ff). But here in Romans 4, these two things that Paul *does not say* is quite revealing of Paul's emphasis throughout this chapter. In Romans 4, Abraham is an example of ***what God has done and what God is doing***, not so much of Abraham's character or conduct.

What Paul does say: We remember that the great issue at this point of Romans is: "How can sinful people be justified or declared righteous before God?" Paul's answer is: Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God is the One who calls into being Abraham's family, who are a justified people from both Jews and non-Jews. By describing God as the One who justifies the ungodly (Rom 4:5) and "the One who gives life to the dead and *calls into existence the things that do not exist*" (Rom 4:17), Paul is depicting justification and resurrection as God's act of creation. In so doing, Paul wants to say that Abraham's family is not self-deriving. Abraham's family exists not because of its own godliness or goodness but purely by God's creative act. Abraham's family contributes as much to its justification as the raw material of the world contributes to God's mighty act of creation in Genesis – nothing.

Therefore, all boasting in religious achievements is excluded. All Abraham and his family do for justification, is to trust in God and his promises.

This reminds us that justification by faith in Christ is Good News. Because it is based on God's grace and power, it liberates us from BOTH pride and presumption ("look how well I've done my religious duties"); AND anxiety and despair ("how can I ever do enough to be accepted by God?").

One final takeaway. Notice how Paul thinks through this problem of an ungodly people. He doesn't try to apply some human-centred patch, or come up with the obvious thing for people to do ("just try harder!"). What Paul does first is to focus on God: What is God up to? What has God done in Jesus? What does Scripture say? What does that teach us?

That is a good reflex that we should follow, as we read through both Scripture, and our lives with God.

Announcements

ZB WhatsApp Channel

We are moving to the official ZB WhatsApp Channel for all our church announcements and bulletin updates.

This will replace the current WhatsApp broadcasts. Telegram Channel will remain the same, and we will continue sending updates there as usual. This switch is only for WhatsApp.

After 31 May 2025, all WhatsApp announcements will only be sent through the new WhatsApp Channel.

Join our new Channel:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/whatsapp

Chinese Service Parent's Day Gospel Rally

10 May 2025 (Sat) 4.30pm, Sanctuary
Speaker: **Rev Peter Chng**

Do invite your non-Christian family or friends along!

Sign up with **Dns Stella @ 85220601**

Zion Bishan Chinese Services Camp

Zion Bishan Chinese Services (ZBCS) is hosting their camp this year from **June 13 - 16 at Desaru Amerald Resort Hotel.**

The speaker for the camp will be **Rev Yong Teck Meng** from Reformed Evangelical Church (Singapore).

If you're unable to attend the English church camp or have Mandarin-speaking parents or friends who would like to join, feel free to sign up [here](#).

Cookmania!

WOZ is organising a healthy cooking session on **26 Apr (Sat) 10am - 1pm** at our church fellowship hall.

Come to learn simple healthy cooking & have fellowship over lunch. The cost per participant is \$10.

Kindly sign up with **Lydia @ 83383982** by **16 Apr.**

Maundy Thursday Evening Service

17 Apr, 8 pm – 9.30pm @ Sanctuary

A reflective Evening Service with Holy Communion.

BPCIS Combined Good Friday Service

18 Apr 2025 (Fri) 10.30am
ACS (Independent), Auditorium 2

EMBRACING THE CROSS OF JESUS
Speaker: **Rev (Dr) Yap Kim Sin**

Note that you will need a physical ticket to attend the service. Register at <https://bit.ly/ZBgoodfriday> before 12 Apr. **Last day** for ticket collection at fellowship hall booth **next Sun, 13 Apr.**

Coach transportation from and back to Zion Bishan provided only upon sign up.

Easter Sunrise Service

20 Apr 2025, 6.30am
MacRitchie Reservoir
near Lim Bo Seng Memorial

Sweetest Sound on Easter Morning
Speaker: **Pastor David Wong**

Organised by Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore