



Honoring our Pastor

With Rev Tang's glorious homegoing, our church has lost its pastor. At such times, let's remember that Christ is the Head of our Church, and He will lead us! While we wait for God to reveal His will, let's remember to **"do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."**

Galatians 6:10. Let us follow Rev Tang's example and greet people with a smile after service and look out for one another. And most importantly, let's pray for our church that we will grow in grace and in love. God will never leave or forsake us.

Mrs Edelweiss Ling



Hear Me When I Call Weak in Faith?

**"And the apostles said unto the Lord,
Increase our faith."**

Luke 17:5

In this verse, the apostles were confessing that their faith was not strong enough to live the kind of life that Jesus was talking about. They needed greater faith so they asked Jesus to increase their faith.

As a youth, I always felt that my faith was weak and it was the Lord that sustained me. Once in Secondary one, there was a major examination which I needed more time to prepare. I was tempted to absent myself from Sunday School that Sunday.



I thought of many excuses but deep in my heart, I knew I should honour God and go to church. I knelt down and prayed.

by Mrs Dorcas Ong



Dear Lord, please increase my faith. Help me to obey You to go to church to attend Sunday School. I trust that You will grant me wisdom and sufficient time to study and also to remember what I learned. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Tributes by our Sunday School Students



My Memory of Rev Tang Tuck Keong



I love gong gong very
much. I miss him.
He is a very good
and faithful man.

Roro



I miss him. I love him.
He was so good to me.
He helped me to be a good girl.

Cara



Thank you Rev Tang.
I remember his kindness
and smile at us.

Jaelle



I remember
Rev Tang praying for us

Joshua

He greets us every
Sunday morning

Garrick



Rev Tang always said God
bless to me.

Gladys



To me Rev Tang was a fighter.
He had to take a lot of
medicine but remained cheerful
because he had God.
I miss Rev Tang.

Ezekiel



Rev Tang
greeted me in
the morning

Isaiah



Rev Tang is a nice guy
and I'm glad he is in
Heaven right now.

Stephen



I remember that Rev Tang was a nice old
person who seemed very calm and positive.
He would always remind us to pray for
others and seemed happy to
spread God's word to others.

Joy





Rev Tang is very kind
and I see him smile
every time

Faith

Rev Tang was very cheerful
and humble and quiet.

Grace



Rev Tang was always smiling,
and he prayed for others.

Maeli

Rev Tang always prayed for
people who needed God's
protection going overseas to
preach. He is also very kind.

Yan En



Dear Rev Tang,
Thank you for preaching the
sermon in great detail and
clearly for us to understand.
I will remember your sermons.

Yi En



I went for Rev Tang's
baptism class and I found it
very meaningful. His sharings
made me consider getting
baptised next year.

Esther



*I remember he used to greet me
at the door every time after
service to ask how I was doing.*

Sau En



Thank you Rev Tang for
preaching the sermon in detail
and making it easy to
understand. (:

Sing En



History Of The Church

Reformation in England

AD

1509 >>>>>>
Henry VIII

Henry VIII wanted to divorce his queen to marry his pregnant mistress, hoping for a male heir. When an English court allowed the divorce, the pope excommunicated him. Henry then created the Church of England, keeping most Catholic doctrines, but with himself as head instead of the Pope.

1547 >>>>>>
Edward VI



Under Henry's son, Edward VI, the Church of England rejected Catholic doctrines of purgatory, prayer for the dead and the intercession of saints. The Book of Common Prayer, published in 1552, supported the doctrine of justification by faith alone.

1553 >>>>>>
Mary I

Edward's eldest sister, Mary I, seeking to return England to the Catholic Church, persecuted the protestants. Many fled to places like Geneva where they could continue practising their Calvinist faith.



1558 >>>>>>
Elizabeth I

Elizabeth, Mary's younger sister, wanting law and order in England, sought a middle way between the English Protestants and the Catholics. In 1559 she passed the Act of Supremacy, making her supreme governor of the church, and the Act of Uniformity, making Protestantism England's official faith and setting rules of religious practice and worship which all churches had to follow. Her actions angered both Catholics and Protestants, but when the English navy defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588, England was regarded as the champion of Protestantism in Europe.

AD

1534 >>>>>>
Beginning of the Catholic Counter-reformation



Popes in the 1520s and early 1530s, focused on political power, did not respond to the calls for reformation. Then Pope Paul III, elected in 1534, commissioned an inquiry which highlighted widespread abuses in the Catholic church. Subsequently,

- ✿ church leaders met to address some of the abuses and clarify Catholic doctrines in response to the Protestant stand, and reject everything the reformation stood for.
- ✿ the Inquisition, was set up to harass, falsely accuse and torture anyone believed to be supporting Protestant teachings
- ✿ new religious orders including the Franciscans, Dominicans and Jesuits were started.
- ✿ all books written by the Reformers and all Protestant Bibles were banned.

1540 >>>>>>
Official founding of the Jesuits

Jesuits regarded themselves as a spiritual army committed to spreading the Catholic faith and defending it against the rise of Protestantism.

Their emphasis on a rigorous education, led to better trained priests, scholarly responses to Protestant writings and won back some.

Their military-type zeal sent missionaries across the globe, for example Japan, Ethiopia, India and Paraguay.

By the end of the sixteenth century Protestantism was limited roughly to the northern third of Europe, as it is today.



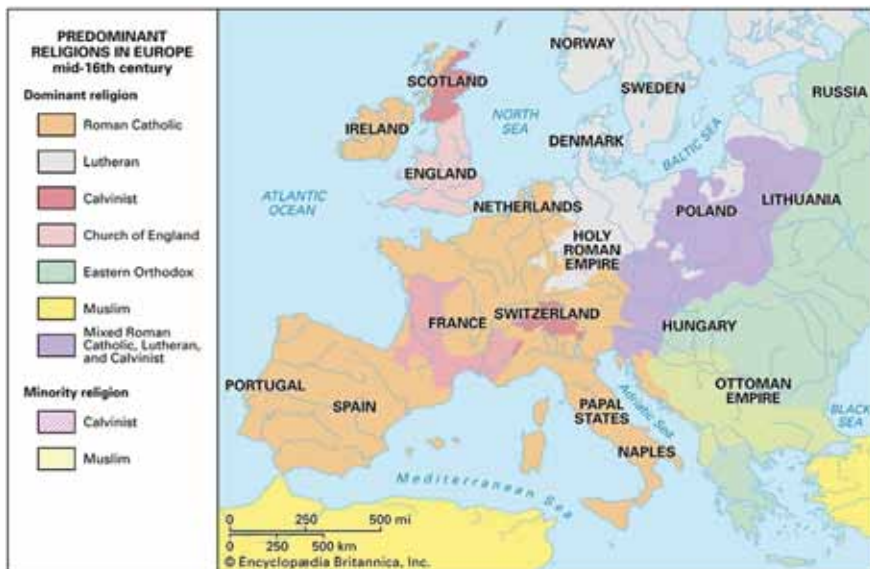
IMPACT OF THE REFORMATION

Some factors leading to reformation

- ✿ Corrupt church leaders more interested in gaining power and wealth
- ✿ Church practices that sought to enrich the church eg sale of indulgences.
- ✿ Restricted access to the Bible

Some results of reformation

- ✿ The end of control by a single universal church
- ✿ Development of different Protestant confessions and creeds
- ✿ Change in beliefs because of Protestant doctrinal emphases
 - a) Believers are justified by faith alone, not by Catholic sacraments
 - b) All believers belong to the priesthood – no need for a priest as mediator
 - c) Scripture, not the Church, is the final authority.
 - Latin Bible translated into local language.
 - Demand for universal education so everyone could read the Bible themselves.
- ✿ Change in Catholic church - improved morals of the clergy, removal of certain practices



Church history is important. It shows us what happened and what we should avoid.
It can also encourage us.

What lesson(s) did you learn from the reformation 'story'?

Feelings

Depression Vs Faith

by Ms Deborah How



Depression is a mood disorder that makes you feel constant sadness or lack interest in life. After triumphing over the Baal prophets in 1 Kings 19, Prophet Elijah despaired when Queen Jezebel sought to kill him. He wished to die and had to be encouraged to rise and eat.

Is having depression a sign of not having faith?

Feeling down is a normal reaction to loss or life's challenges. While the Bible does not specifically state that depression is a sin, a prolonged state of depression will mean a lack of the fruit of the spirit such as joy and peace. Spirit-filled Christians should experience joy and peace as our

faith and hope is built on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God reassures us, "**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness**" Isaiah 41:10. While dealing with depression can be scary, this verse assures us that with God on our side, there's nothing to fear.

How not to fall into depression?

Keep depression at bay by "**Casting all your care (anxiety) upon him; for he careth for you**" 1 Peter 5:7. When the worries of life press us down, we do not have to bear them! God wants us to give Him ALL our care (everything). Hallelujah! He is willing to carry our burdens and give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Faith of our Fathers



Charles Finney

was the most famous revivalist of the second great awakening (from 1795 to 1835) when the gospel spread rapidly throughout the USA.

When Finney began studying law, he was struck by the frequent references to the Scriptures. He began studying the Bible. It took him two years to accept that the Bible was the Word of God and to be convicted of his sins. On the same day Finney accepted Christ as his Saviour, he received an overwhelming baptism of the Holy Spirit. He immediately started to preach the gospel and almost every person he spoke to, was convicted of their sins. His sole desire became winning people to Christ.

Finney's preaching was direct, personal and practical. His

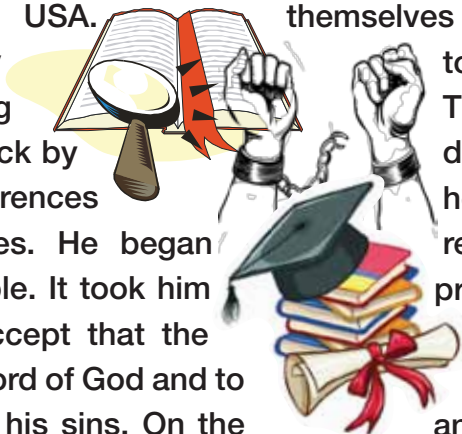
messages were well-organized and easy to understand, with illustrations drawn from everyday life. Besides preaching, he spent much time in fasting and prayer before each meeting, resulting in massive public conversions. He was apparently the first to call those who wished to commit themselves to the Lord, to rise to their feet.

Through his strong desire to save souls, he supported social reforms such as providing education opportunities for women and blacks, and abolishing slavery.

In his later years Finney divided his time between training students for the ministry and preaching. His 'Systematic Theology' is highly regarded for its clarity in presenting Christian doctrine.

Let us be like Finney, persistent in seeking the truth and single-minded in sharing the gospel.

by Ms Zealyn Heng





Seeing God in nature around us

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The Tongue

When we put something in our mouths, we



Sweet



Sour



Bitter



Umami



Salty



can taste saltiness, sweetness, bitterness, sourness

or umami (the savory meaty taste of foods such as roast meat).

This is because there are bumps (or papillae) all over the surface of the tongue. Inside these papillae are taste buds with receptor cells that will respond to one of these tastes. The information is then transferred to the brain to identify. Without the sense of taste, we will not feel like eating. This may lead to malnutrition.

Besides helping us enjoy the taste of food, the muscular tongue helps in chewing, swallowing and speaking. Eph 4:29 tells us to use our tongues to edify (instruct and

improve) others. James 3:6-8 warns against the untamed tongue, filled with poison, that destroys.

Do we use our tongues to praise God or to encourage those around us, or do we use it to lie, to criticize others or to boast? Let's ask God to help us to control our tongues so that only blessings will come out of our mouths James 3: 9, 10. Only then can we have good testimonies of Christ .



2 Corinthians 2:15

**For we are unto God
a sweet savour of Christ,
in them that are saved, and
in them that perish:**

by Ms Johannah Soo

Choices

As a zealous servant of God, I believed it was blasphemy for followers of Jesus to claim that He was God's son. Filled with anger, I decided to personally persecute, through threats of violence and slaughter, any Jews who worshipped Jesus. I even secured authority from the high priest and went about binding Jewish believers to bring them into Jerusalem for punishment.



One day, a beam of light from heaven fell upon me, cast me to the ground and blinded me. Then, I heard the words "...why persecutest thou Me?" Was I right in persecuting the Christians?

To find out, read Acts 9. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

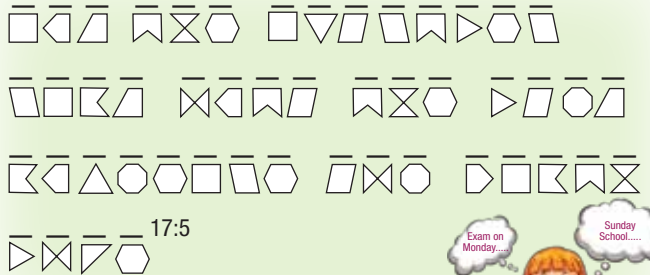


Romans 10:2-3



Weak in Faith?

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