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line. Give way on this, and all the other issues become irrelevant, as will be shown.

Maybe you think some other issue is more important. You know, **that** doctrine. I don't know which one it is (or even if there is one) for you. But you may feel it is one that would save the day for Christianity, if only other Christians could understand its importance as you do. Isn't it true that even this doctrine (whichever it is) first of all depends on *the truth and authority of the Bible*?

It may not be instantly obvious, but if you allow for a moment that the Bible is **not** totally true and trustworthy, then suddenly nothing else in Christianity matters. At this point, many would understandably respond with something like, "But surely, the only ultimate issue is not a book, it has to be **Jesus Christ**." Well, yes—but then the question is, "what/who do you mean by that?" Those two words are not just collections of letters floating in some existentialist semantic space, communicating nothing.

The love, commitment and worship given by so many Christians is because they believe that these two words have real content and meaning. So questions like, **Who is He? Why did He come?** need to have real, meaningful answers. But if the answers can only be those drawn from the subjective (and ultimately untrustworthy) well of personal experience, we may as well substitute "Buddha," or "the Universe"—for the name of our Lord.

#### **Needed — trust in the Word**

Even when we call Him "Saviour," it means little to the hearer without a huge amount of background content. This content, which we often take for granted, answers such questions as, **Who needs to be saved? From what? How? Why?** However, the only source for unchanging answers to those questions — and any others about Jesus Christ, such as who

He is and what claims He makes on the life of every person — is found in the Bible.

So when we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ," such a declaration of faith is void of meaningful, objective content unless there is an implicit reliance on *the truth and authority of the Bible*. The two go together; to be authoritative, it first of all has to be true. And if true, it automatically derives its authority from what the Bible claims about itself.

Isn't it true that any Christian doctrine first of all depends on the truth and authority of the Bible?

Many, while still prepared to go to the Bible for answers on various issues, question whether it has to be **totally** true. Surely, they say, it would not matter too much if some tiny part of this weighty book turns out to be unreliable, untrue or in error? Can't the Bible be like the river that brings down nuggets of pure gold, while the river itself is just a muddy, uncertain stream? The problem with that is, *who decides* what is true and what is not? Which part is river and which gold? The Bible would be little more than a supermarket of ideas on offer, with us free to purchase only those that suited us, ignoring the rest.

If you concede that there is only 0.0001% error in the Bible as originally revealed to mankind, you have opened up the floodgates. Logically there is no stopping point to the slippery slope, because there is no reason why someone else could not suppose it contains 0.0002% mistakes, or 2%, or 20%, for that matter. In fact, it could be 99% mistakes, and 1% truth — who is to decide? Perhaps you believe that God is love. Why? Because the Bible says so? But if it contains mistakes, why couldn't that part be one of the mistakes? Who is to say otherwise? (*Concluding instalment will be in next week's Bulletin – Ed*).

*Faithfully in the Lord  
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*



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THEME: *"Walking with God in Perilous Times"*  
(2 Tim 3:1)

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### SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

**Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times**

30 May (6 pm)

6 Jun (6 pm)

**Topic:** "Wax Worse and Worse"

"Who Will Not Inherit God's Kingdom"

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Dr SH Tow

**Worship Leader:** Preacher Ko Linggang

Elder Chew Chong Kiat

My dear readers,

#### 1. Satanic activity upsurge

Ever since the fall of man, the whole creation came under satanic domination. Now, in the end time, the adversary's activity is greatly intensified, for he realizes his time will soon be up and his doom is not far off.

Evolutionists and God-deniers such as Richard Dawkins are therefore more active than ever, flooding the world with their evil and subtle deceptions. For this reason, we have promoted the book, **"The Greatest Hoax on Earth"** by Jonathan Sarfati, and organized the **"Essay Testimony"**. (By the way, I have received 20 essays and on 28 May, at our *"Helpers Appreciation"*, the awards will be made.)

The *"Issue of Issues,"* however, is not *"Creation vs Evolution"* but *"The Battle for the Bible."* I reproduce hereat an article of the same title from the pen of Dr Carl Wieland, Managing Director of Creation Ministries International (CMI), with a little abridgement.

#### 2. "The Issue of Issues"

Of the issues that are most important in Christianity, there is one that overshadows them all. It is the one issue that can truly be called the "issue of issues" in Christianity—*the truth and authority of the Bible*. As Christianity's enemies have long recognized, this is the place upon which all the "lines in the sand" converge to draw the ultimate battle

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#### Gift Book

**"The Greatest Hoax on Earth?"** As earlier announced, the Gift Book by Dr Jonathan Sarfati of Creation Ministries International (CMI) is now available for collection at Tabernacle Books, **one free copy per Member Family**. Please get your copy, and read carefully. God bless!

*The Session*

A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

## PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary</b> <b>Today:</b> Elder Jeffrey Cheong ; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
<b>10.15 am</b>	Pre-Service Singspiration: <b>Today:</b> Michael W B Lim; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Lord's Day</b>
<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Leaders : Preacher Ko Lingkang / Dn Ko Swee Chay</b> <b>Speaker : Dr SH Tow</b> <b>Message : "Grow in Grace" (2 Pet 3:17-18)</b>
<b>Next Week</b>	Worship Leaders : Elder Jeffrey Cheong Speaker : Dr SH Tow Message : "Remembering with Thanksgiving" (Phil 11:1-5)

### Last Week's ( 23.05.10 ) Attendances and Offerings

<b>English Worship</b>	10.30 am	1,141	\$20,922.50	RM19
<b>Junior Worship</b>		145		
<b>Mandarin Worship</b>	8.00 am	169	\$ 2,386.30	
<b>Mandarin JW</b>		41		
<b>SGBF</b>	6.00 pm	376	\$ 4,538.75	
<b>Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)</b>	8.15 pm	115		

### Lord's Day Activities

<b>Basic Bible Knowledge</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom
	<i>Today:</i> Lesson 20: Calvary Pandan B-P Constitution i/c Eld Goh Kee Tai
	<i>N/W:</i> Integration into ABC / YPG
<b>ABC</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
<b>Teens' Meeting</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary, #02-03
<b>Young People Discn Gp (17-20)</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
<b>Library</b>	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm, Room #03-04
<b>AV Library</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Room #02-02
<b>Choir</b>	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
<b>Tracting</b>	1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)

### Lord's Day Duties

	<i>30 May</i>	<i>6 June</i>
<b>Musicians Morning</b>	Adrian Ho / Lee Yu Jie	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Karen Haw / Zuyi	Lois Teo / Rachel Han
<b>Greeters</b>	Henry & MannYee	Hiang Hang & Cynthia Yeo
<b>Welcomers</b>	Eugene & Shumin	Amy Ang & Catherine Song
<b>Lunch Coupon Sale</b>	Mr & Mrs Edgar Teo,	Ming Kin & Shevaun
<b>Kitchen Duty</b>	Mag Chew, Mr & Mrs Chin	YAF
	Piow Pin, Dn & Mrs Eric Lim, James Foo, David & Hui Meng	
	Loh	
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Lee, David Wong,	Choir
	Woon Chin, Ming Kin, Shue	

Very often, the spectacular or anything that spawns amazement excites us. Magicians make a good living with their tricks and sleight of hand. This is very true in the realm of the spiritual. The more mysterious the boasts and testimonies, the more people will flock to hear and see. Thus was born the amazing claims of the Charismatics that have travelled round the world many times over, from the continent of Australia to the remote corners of the continent of Africa. The raising of the dead, healing of diseases, the lame walking again and cancer patients being healed instantaneously are included in these claims. Millions of pages of books flood the bookshops worldwide reaping in millions for the authors and publishers. These tales of the miraculous capture the fascination of many.

The Bible is a book of miracles but Christians are not to be hoodwinked by the miraculous claims of today. The power to save souls remains the domain of God through the convicting power of the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will use the eternal pure and perfect Word of God to redeem souls from hell and darkness and to deliver them from the bondage of sins.

**The elements of the Parable** – The rich man refers to anyone who thinks well of himself and enjoys self-sufficiency in this life. Lazarus represents all sinners who have been saved by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Abraham's bosom refers to the third heaven or paradise. Hell refers to the actual place where those who die in their sins will go; and the great gulf fixed refers to the unbridgeable chasm between heaven and hell.

**The explanation of the Parable** – The main characters are two individuals. The rich man is not named. He was rich. He clothed himself in purple and fine linen (best linen clothes) which was a royal colour signifying wealth and distinction in his society. Linen was the material used for the priestly garments and would be seen as very prestigious. Not only did he dress richly and splendidly, he dined sumptuously as well. He feasted luxuriously every day.

On the other hand, there was Lazarus the beggar. His name means "God is helper". They both lived in the same vicinity. Lazarus was outside the gate of the rich man's house begging for food. The word used is "laid". This verb with the pluperfect tense means that he had been cast or flung there at the gate of the rich man like an unwanted piece of trash! Robertson's Word Pictures says, "contemptuous roughness." He was covered with sores. The sores were ulcerous which made it very painful and smelly. He desired (strong desire likened to lust) to be fed the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. He was not choosy about what food to eat as long as there was food. The food could be covered with dirt or half consumed by the rich man or stale, it did not matter to Lazarus. He was ravenous and was not fussy. Dogs came to relieve him by licking his wounds. If Lazarus was a Jew, this would have been a most revolting experience. Dogs were considered unclean. But Lazarus was in a most wretched state. The dogs were his only companions. If food was thrown his way then Lazarus would have to fight or share the crumbs with the dogs. These were not clean and cute pet dogs found in homes today but wild unwanted stray dogs that roamed the dusty and dirty streets of towns.

Equality struck both the rich man and Lazarus. This equality of all equalities is death. What is done on earth determines one's eternal destiny. Lazarus was found in Abraham's bosom whereas the rich man ended up in hell. The former is a place of peace and tranquillity and safety. The latter is a place of torment and intense pain and suffering. It must be noted here that the rich man did not go to hell because of his wealth. Neither can we conclude that Lazarus went to Abraham's bosom because of his poverty. The reason is in the dialogue between the rich man and Abraham. The rich man asked that Lazarus be sent back to earth to witness to the rich man's brothers so that they might repent of their sins. Abraham replied that they have the Bible (Moses and the prophets i.e. the Law and the prophets representing the entire Old Testament) as witness to help them believe in God. The Bible is Jesus Christ! Lazarus believed in Jesus

	Heng, Ray Tan, Wai Mun, Joel Koh, Mark Woo, John Fong, Victor Wong, Ernest Chan, Mark G, Chua Kok Keong	
<b>SGBF Singspiration</b>	Dn Chia Chung Seng	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
<b>SGBF Ushers</b>	YF	Choir
<b>SGBF Greeters</b>	Goh Seng Lim & Nellie	Michael Yao & Ler Bee Der
<b>SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales</b>	YF	Heng Khuan & Christine
<b>SGBF Kitchen Duty</b>	YF	Choir

**Activities for the week ( 31 May - 5 Jun )**

Tuesday	8.15 pm	<b>PRAYER MEETING</b> i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai
Fri	8.15 - 9.30 pm	<b>ADULTS FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY (AFBS):</b> Room #02-10 Bible Study on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John Rev Dr Pradhudas Koshy <i>All Adults are welcome to join</i>
Saturday	2.30 pm	<b>CMC</b> (Calvary Mission to Children) <b>YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:</b> Outing Meet at Hort Park Visitor Centre a 1.30 pm. Call Su Ling (91520831) for more details
	5.00 pm	<b>YAF:</b> New Sanctuary Enemies From Without Elder Chew Chong Kiat
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	<b>MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP:</b> Room #04-05

**HOME News & Announcements**

- Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$14,323.30**  
**Ajin Thu - Pontianak** 50 = \$50; **Ann Clements & Family** 50, 500, 12, 35, 0.50 = \$597.50;  
**Baraka BP Church** 50, 50 = \$100; **BCEA, Tanzania** 20 = \$20; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50,  
122, 50, 20, 400 = \$642; **Biak Lawn Thang - Myanmar Ministry** 600 = \$600; **CMC** 50, 1 =  
\$51; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 60, 50, 70, 60, 50 = \$290; **FEBC** 30, 10, 10,  
1000, 50, 50, 200, 100, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 10, 100, 170, 500, 100 = \$2,730; **FEBC**  
- **Billy** 10 = \$10; **Golden Years** 50 = \$50; **Hilltop** 10, 50, 6, 50 = \$116; **Hilltop Student** 65,

**Preaching Schedule for the Month of June 2010**

Date	Speaker	Topic	Chairman	Pianist/Organist
6	Dr SH Tow	"Remembering with Thanksgiving" (Phil 1:1-5)	Eld J Cheong *Pr AW Lek	Adrian Ho Sharon Lim
13	Dr SH Tow	"The Christian Confidence" (Phil 1:6)	Eld CK Chew *Dn E Lim	Michelle Chiang Lois Teo
20 L/S	Rev Dr SY Quek	"Partakers of One Another's Grace" (Phil 1:7-8)	Eld SK Sim *Henry Chua	Ong Su Ling Rachel Han
27	Rev Dr SY Quek	"That Love May Abound" ( Phil 1:9-11)	Pr LK Ko *Dn V Teo	Ko Lingwei Eileen Hia

60, 100 = \$225; **John & Eunice Tan** 50, 50, 100, 100 = \$300; **Jordan** 14, 10 = \$24; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 50 = \$50; **Ling Soon Ing (Mrs) - Medical** 1000, 3000, 50, 50 = \$4,100; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 50, 50, 12, 50 = \$162; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 500, 12, 50, 100 = \$662; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 25, 50, 50, 50, 10, 10 = \$245; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 320, 1000, 50, 50 = \$1,420; **RPG - English/Chinese** 500, 100, 30, 50, 500, 0.50 = \$1,180.50; **Saipan/China** 25, 50, 130, 1.30 = \$206.30; **Sichuan Relief** 0 = \$0; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Lin Zhen Ying - Cleaner** 100 = \$100; **Rev Eben Yoon** 100, 12, 180 = \$292

**Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,867,209.38**

**Last week:** 5000, 50, 200, 10, 25, 50, 50, 6, 1, 1, 2, 40, 62, 50, 100, 50, 50, 50, 500, 1000, 1000, 2000, 50 = **Total: \$10,397.00**

**DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.

- PASTOR QUEK SUAN YEW** is preaching in True Life BPC this morning and in Tengah BPC in the afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
- VBS - Deadline** for submission of VBS Forms is today.
- CHURCH CAMP BRIEFING** - There will be a church camp briefing immediately after worship service today. All campers are requested to remain in the Main Sanctuary after service.
- CHURCH CAMP** - Will the camper who was issued the receipt, number H067, kindly contact the camp master, Dn Chia @ 96984418.
- YPG (YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP)** will be starting at new series on the book of Jude. Class will be combined, meeting at #04-05. All youths 17 and above are welcome!
- CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** is looking for a full-time English teacher to teach Nursery or K1 classes from mid-June/early July 2010. Academic & professional requirements are :  
\* 5 GCE O level passes including a B4 in English  
\* Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching  
Some teaching experience in a preschool setting would be advantageous.  
Please call Lilian at 65603884 for an interview or email your CV to [cpk@calvarypandan.org](mailto:cpk@calvarypandan.org)
- CAUTION** - All members and visitors to the church are hereby reminded to keep their belongings with them at all times.

**CHILDREN IN ADULTS' TOILETS** - A gentle advice to parents, in particular, fathers with daughters 2 years and above: please do not take them into the adults' toilets but to the "handicapped toilets" (one on the ground floor level next to the office and one on level 3 next to the Sanctuary) and the children's toilets. Thank you kindly for your co-operation.

<b>YEARLY TEENS RETREAT</b> 21 - 24 June Venue: Camp Challenge Sembawang Speaker : Dr Paul Ferguson / Theme: One Body In Christ For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695	<b>SIXTH COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010</b> Date: 24 - 26 June (Thursday - Saturday) Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church Theme: "Peter's Progress: What about mine?" Speaker : Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy Registration closes on <b>14 June 2010</b> . Visit <a href="http://www.truthbpc.com/CYouthConf">www.truthbpc.com/CYouthConf</a> for more details!
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Christ as his Lord and Saviour whereas the rich man did not. His wealth and fine dining consumed him. He had no time for Christ. He died in his sins without the Saviour which is why he ended up in Hell after death!

While in hell and in torment, the rich man saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. He cried to Abraham. He asked, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." He asked for mercy after death! But no mercy is given after death. It is impossible to bridge the great chasm between hell and Abraham's bosom. Furthermore, the rich man was reminded about the good life he had lived when he was alive on earth and that Lazarus was miserable when he was on earth. What was not done in life remains undone forever. What is done on earth will be evaluated on the day of judgement. The rich man showed no compassion for people like Lazarus who were poor on earth but were children of God. They are rich in heaven though poor on earth. They will now enjoy the richness of heaven for eternity even though they suffered for a moment on earth.

Suddenly, the rich man became a fervent evangelist. He was concerned for the souls of his five brothers who were just like him. He did not want them to end up in hell like him. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to witness to his five brothers who were without Christ. Abraham's reply was that they had Moses and the prophets (referring to the Word of God) as their witness. He argued that Lazarus's resurrection from the dead would surely impact them for Christ! But Abraham added that if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead. The faithful preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures is more potent in converting sinners into saints than seeing a genuine miracle from God.

**The application of the Parable** – The context of this parable highlights the great importance of the Word of God on this earth and for eternity. Christ gave this parable immediately after He rebuked the Pharisees who were covetous and had derided Christ. They kept on scoffing and sneering at Christ for His teachings. After the first three parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son, there was no reaction from them. But after the parable

of the unjust steward, they realized that Christ rebuked them. Their sneers resulted in the words of rebuke from Christ. Jesus said, "*Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.* **16** *The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.* **17** *And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.* **18** *Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."* [Luke 16:15-18] The Word of God had been given to the people from the very beginning until the time of John (John the Baptist) and every man presseth into it i.e. many suffered violence to enter it. The law of marriage must have been the law most abused by the Pharisees. Hence, Christ singled this law out for mention to highlight the importance of the Word of God. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than one tittle of the law to fail. God is not mocked when man diminishes God's holy and perfect Word. Those who propound that there was the perfect Word of God in the past but not anymore today are playing with fire. The LORD will chastise them most severely for their double talk!

Salvation will bring forth acts of compassion from sinners who have truly received God's grace. They will know how to help people who are destitute like Lazarus. The behaviour of the rich man is likened to the behaviour of men like the Pharisees who were rich in the eyes of men and the things of this world but were poor in spiritual things.

Anyone who had a loved one who had died without Christ must understand that they do not need to join them in hell. They would not want you to be in torment like them because they loved you. They would want you to believe in Christ because they did not!

The power of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to Scriptures must not be exchanged for the miraculous. It is a poor exchange. The Bible is very clear on this truth! **1 Corinthians 1:18** (KJV): "*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*"

