There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

[MORNING] Worship in Songs: God's Great Family; I Stand Amazed at the Presence; Known and Loved Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8; 8:31-39 (ESV) Message: No Separation from God's Love! Response Hymn: The Wonderful Cross

[AFTERNOON]

Worship in Songs: We are Yours Forever; Known and Loved; Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8; 8:31-39 (ESV) Message: No Separation from God's Love! Response Hymn: I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

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: <u>zionbishan.org.sg/rf</u>

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 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: <u>zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd</u>

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements: <u>zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts</u>

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Vernon Quek (8.30 & 10.30 am) Mr Joel Khoo (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Judah Koh Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Ong Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan Vocalist & Musicians: Music Am Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Ernest Kay Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu Vocalist & Musicians: Music Pm Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

| Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor | Sabbatical | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor | 9829 6051 | |
| Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) | 9182 6957 | |
| Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) | Sabbatical | |
| Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor | 9796 0196 | |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor | 9092 6095 | |
| Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien) | 9751 1897 | |
| Rev Ebi Mohan, Assoc Pastor (Tamil) | 8198 9696 | |
| Rev Chris, Asst Pastor (Tamil) | 9446 7416 | |
| Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects | 9001 2926 | |
| Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry | 8388 1883 | |
| Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Min/DHF | 9239 0680 | |
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| Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry | 9322 7629 | |
| Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry | 9880 4507 | |
| Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship | 9368 9221 | |
| Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education | 9271 5785 | |
| Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor | | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus | | |

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Sermon Notes

No Separation from God's Love!

Ps Vernon Quek

Romans 8:31-39

Intro: How can we be confident that God is for us? That He really loves us?

What shall we say to these things?

Their present suffering (8:18): External persecution

The real root of all doubt: Our weakness – Our Sin (5:6, 8:3, 8:26)

Four Questions, One Answer:

Q1: If God is for us, who can be against us? (v31)

Our confidence: Jesus died for us (v32)

Q2: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? (v33a)

Our confidence: God justifies (v33b) - Jesus died for us (3:23-25, 5:1ff)

Q3: Who is to condemn? (v34)

Our confidence: Jesus died and was raised... (v34b)

... The Christ at God's right hand, interceding for us!

Q4: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (v35a)

Psalm 44: Suffering for God's sake... (v36)

Our confidence: ...Just like Jesus who suffered and died (5:3, 8:17)

Conclusion: Gospel Confidence! (v37-39)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors!

Nothing will separate you from God's Love in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- What are some things that make you doubt that God loves you? How has today's passage helped you grow in Gospel confidence that nothing can separate you from God's love? Pray that the Holy Spirit will pour more of God's love (Jesus on the Cross!) into our hearts (5:5).
- 2. What does suffering for God's sake look like in your life today? How does your confidence in God's love for us in Jesus shape our attitudes towards suffering and the fight against sin in our lives?
- 3. What are some practical ways that we can help each other grow in our Gospel confidence in God's love to the point that we can suffer well and even rejoice in suffering for God's sake (5:3)?

Sermon Notes

Mr Joel Khoo

No Separation from God's Love!

Romans 8:31-39

Introduction - Can we really be confident?

- 1. No one...
 - a. Can be against us God gave up Jesus for us (v31b–32)
 - b. Can accuse us God has justified us in Jesus (v33)
 - c. Can condemn us Jesus intercedes for us (v34)
- 2. Nothing can separate us from God's love (v35–36)

For in Jesus we are more than conquerors (v37–39)

Conclusion – Absolute Confidence

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- Paul says that he is absolutely sure that there is absolutely nothing "in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (8:39). Do you relate to his confidence? What are some reasons that you might find it hard to be confident in God's love for you?
- 2. How has Romans 8:31-39 contributed to your confidence to continue to live as God's adopted sons and daughters?
- 3. Pray! Thank God that He loves us so much in Christ Jesus. If you are finding it difficult to have confidence, pray that the Holy Spirit will pour the love of God into your hearts (5:5).

Prayer Points

Our Church

For ACM this afternoon – let us pray that this local body of Christ will continue walking according to the calling that God has called us to. Pray for every ACM to be an opportunity for the Lord to grow our hearts together towards the vision He has for Zion Bishan!

June Sermon Series – Next month, we explore in our sermon series what it means that the gospel really is for everyone and anyone regardless of demographics, backgrounds and unique challenges. May the Spirit help us grow in conviction of the good news as we've been hearing in Romans and help us minister to one another better as the family of Christ.

CD Teachers' Training - Our Children's Discipleship classes will begin walking through the letter of Romans from July 2025. To teach its truths to our children well, the teachers of our congregations will gather (8 June for the 830/1030, and 31 May for the 430) for a time of equipping, learning and praying. May the the Lord speak through Romans to build and strengthen the faith of our children and our teachers, so that they may believe in their hearts that the Gospel brings salvation and live unashamed of it! **Rest** – As many of our AGs and our Children's Discipleship classes take a break from regular meetings over the June holidays, may the Lord refresh our AG Leaders and CD Teachers with physical and spiritual rest. Pray especially that the Spirit of God will help each of them rest in their identity as precious children loved by the Father.

Our World

Indonesia – One partner recently reported that they were thankful for many from the majority who have become believers. Their aim is not to just add members to current house churches but to see a 'Church Planting Movement' happen in this group. In order to have movement, they would like to see more believers empowered to be able make disciples themselves. The aim is to empower believers to develop to become leaders. Pray for the training for leaders that is being planned for next month in 2 locations, that attendees will "catch the heart of God" for the lost. May these leaders grow to lead their house churches so that members there will reach their friends and families for God.

Last Week

| Easter Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| English Service Livestream* | 19 | |
| English Service 8:30am | 195 | \$639.00 |
| English Service 10:30am | 545 | |
| English Service 4:30pm | 207 | |
| Chinese Service livestream* | 9 | |
| Chinese Service 8:30am | 97 | \$844.00 |
| Cant/Mand Service 10:45am | 84 | \$458.00 |
| Mand/English Service 10.30am | 51 | \$1,232.00 |
| Hokkien Service | 56 | \$573.00 |
| Tamil Service | 18 | \$299.00 |
| DHF | 55 | |
| TOTAL: | 1336 | \$4,045.00 |

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

| Electronic Transfer | \$69,412.86 |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Total | \$73 <i>,</i> 457.86 |

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

| Electronic Transfer | \$4,259.50 |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Total | \$4,259.50 |
| Total General Projects Fund: | \$5,762,733.05 |

Church Family News

Congratulations to Yi Tao & Dns Xiaoen, on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Tabitha Tay Yu Xi, on 17 May 2025!

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, 30 May 8.00pm: Prayer Meeting Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>

<u>Sat, 31 May</u> 4.00pm: Youth Fellowship *Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>*

Sun, 1 June Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

June Series

The Gospel is for ALL people... really?

- 1 June Ministering to the Youth Mr Joel Khoo
- 8 June The Gospel is for ALL People Groups Dr Quek Tze-Ming
- 15 June Breaking Barriers Ps Dev Menon
- 22 June Matthew 5:1-16 (10.30 Service Only) Rev Peter Low
- 29 June Journeying with the Neurodivergent Ps Ng Zhiwen

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.

Word in Season

By Joel Khoo

A Year in Bible College



A snapshot of my class towards the end of our intensives last year :)

Dear Church, thank you so much for praying alongside this past year. Time really flies; before I knew it I'm through my first year of Bible College. In case you didn't know, I started my theological studies in ETCAsia (Evangelical Theological College of Asia) in July last year. It has been a whirlwind of studies, assignments, and exams. Thank you to everyone who not only prayed, but have asked me about school whenever you see me.

This past year in college has been a really fruitful time. The lectures have stretched me intellectually and grown me in my ability to understand God's Word. Most importantly, time in college has challenged me to grow in my godliness and to love God more. This comes not only from the lectures, but also from the other parts of college life.

I am very thankful for my time in prayer groups on Thursdays. It is always really encouraging to hear of how fellow students are wrestling with truths they've heard and trying to apply to their lives, and then to pray for one another. Chapel on Tuesday afternoons are also always uplifting. It is just a time to be sitting under God's Word for no other reason than to enjoy hearing from our Heavenly Father and have it applied to us as students training for ministry.

One of the things I was most struck by this semester was during a class on Proverbs. Our lecturer pointed us to Proverbs 30:1–6 for our reflection. The author acknowledges that at the end of much searching, he is still not wise. In a world that prizes knowledge and information, it is quite easy to be puffed up by knowledge. But he acknowledges that though we might not be able to understand wisdom ourselves, God's Word will still be true (v.5).

That was really encouraging to me as a Bible College student. I am challenged to ensure that my heart will not be puffed up as I continue to grow in knowledge in my remaining two years of bible college. Do pray with me that I will continue to maintain humility in my heart as I seek to understand the Bible, that I will seek not to master the Word but to instead be mastered by God's Word. Thank you again Church Family!

Announcements

ACM 2025

Annual Congregational Meeting 25 May (Sun) 1 - 3pm

ACM 2025 will be held in-person **TODAY** in the Main Sanctuary.

If you are unable to attend the ACM, you may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on your behalf. The proxy form and instructions on use are included in the ACM papers. *Proxy forms are available at the entrance.*

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.

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

Join our new Channel: zionbishan.org.sg/whatsapp

Church Camp Briefing

5 June 2025 (Thu), 8pm on Zoom

All campers are to attend the pre-camp briefing. Campers will receive the link via email.

Also, join the Camp Telegram channel for important info and updates at <u>bit.ly/camp2025telegram</u>

Infant / Child Baptism

8 June 2025

Interested parents, please request form from <u>lydia@zionbishan.org.sg</u> and sign up by TODAY.

Peer Support Ministry

Parenting Teens: A Conversation on Mental Health

31 May (Sat) 9am – 12pm, Chapel L4

Speaker: Mrs. Rachel Pang

A veteran educator with 18 years of experience. She is currently Head of Department for Character and Citizenship Education at Raffles Girls' School.

Join us for a dialogue session where we'll explore the often-overlooked mental health journey of both parents and teens by addressing actual scenarios and questions that you might have.

This open conversation will unpack the pressures, expectations, and emotional struggles that can affect family dynamics, while offering practical tips for resilience, communication, and understanding. There will also be a Q&A session with a panel of ZB members who work with teens in various professional capacities. Come listen, learn, and grow together through Christ-centred conversation.

Register by **24 May** to secure your spot! https://forms.gle/HxRkqPRQVSFrUipF8

For enquiries, please write to zbpeersupp@gmail.com