

# LAP BULLETIN

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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY

9.30 am  
Worship  
(English)

11.15am  
Bible Class  
(English)

3.45pm  
Bible Class  
(Mandarin)

5.00pm  
Worship  
(Mandarin)

7.00pm  
Worship  
(English)

### THURSDAY

7.45pm  
Bible Class  
(English/Mandarin)

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**Elders**

Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Michael Yeo

**Deacons**

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

**Preacher**

Bro Ernest Lau

**Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

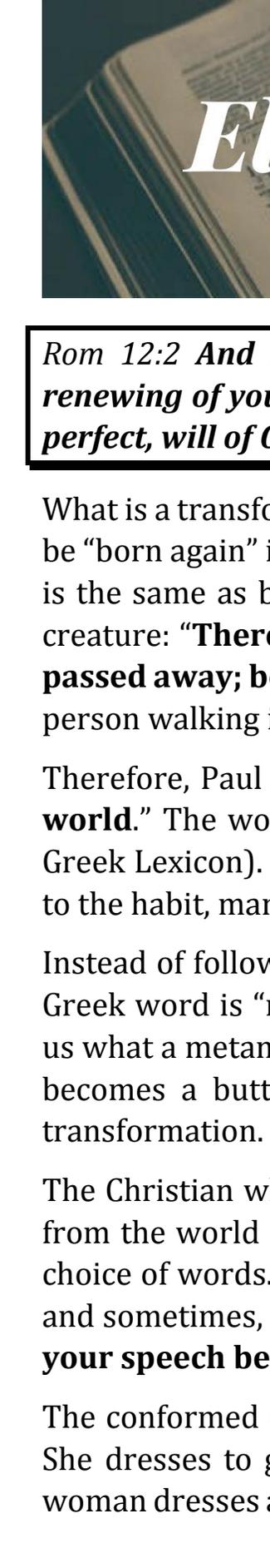
## CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

# DO I NEED THE CHURCH?

Speaker: Jimmy Lau

28 July 2019, Sunday | 9.30am |

20 Lim Ah Pin Road



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

What is a transformed life? Romans chapter 12 to 15 describes the transformed life. To be “born again” is to be transformed. Christ will not tell us to be born again if the result is the same as before. But the scripture says the person who is born again is a new creature: **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”** (2 Cor 5:17). Paul says he is a new person walking in newness of life (Rom 6:4).

Therefore, Paul again reminded the Christians at Rome: **“Be not conformed to this world.”** The word rendered “conformed” means “to fashion according to” (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon). It is to follow the trend of society. It may refer to anything pertaining to the habit, manner, dress, style of living, vocabulary, etc., of others.

Instead of following the ways of the world, the Christian must be “transformed.” The Greek word is “metamorphoō”, which we get the word “metamorphosis.” God shows us what a metamorphosis is when He created the butterfly. The caterpillar that finally becomes a butterfly has undergone a metamorphosis; it is a complete change, a transformation.

The Christian who is supposed to be a new creature in Christ but lives no differently from the world is conformed to the world. The conformed Christian is known by his choice of words. He utters words he is not supposed to utter. His vocabulary is crude and sometimes, vulgar. But the transformed Christian has a different vocabulary: **“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt”** (Col 4:6).

The conformed Christian woman is known by her dressing. She dresses immodestly. She dresses to get the attention of the opposite sex. But the transformed Christian woman dresses appropriately and with modesty: **“In like manner, that women adorn**

themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment” (1 Tim 2:9).

Paul says that the transformed mind can “**prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**” The word “prove” is a laboratory word. It means to test, examine.

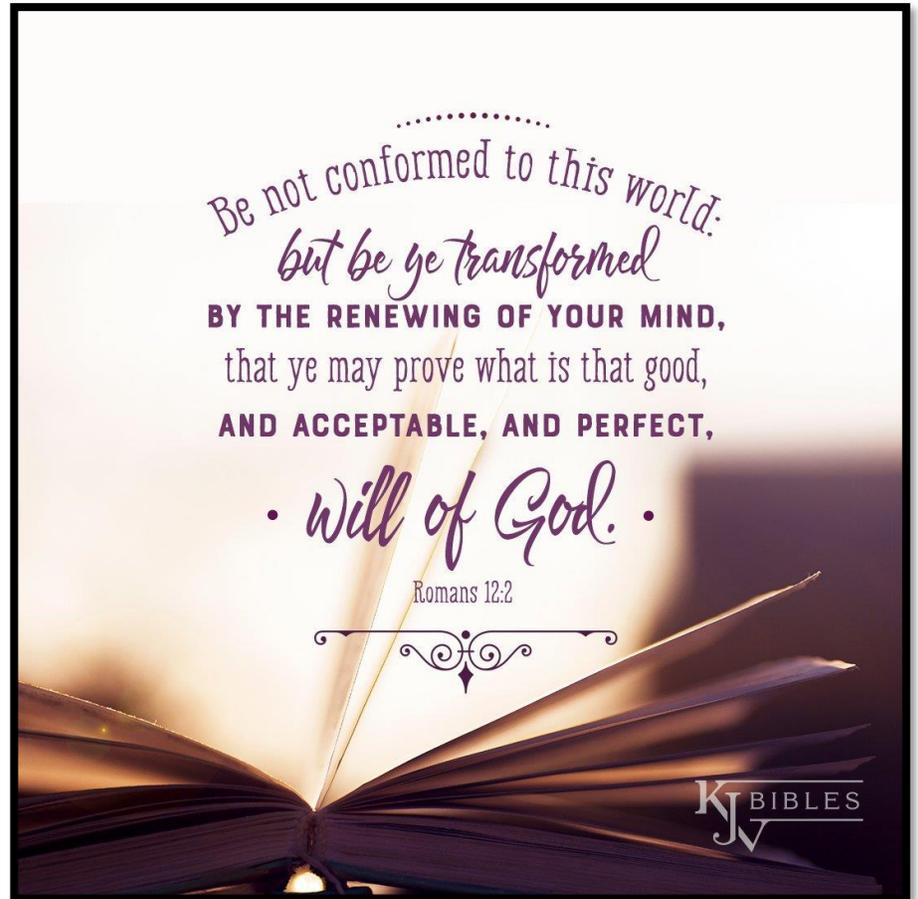
*“The sense is, that such a renewed mind is essential to a successful inquiry after the will of God. Having a disposition to obey him, the mind will be prepared to understand his precepts.”* (Barnes’ Notes).

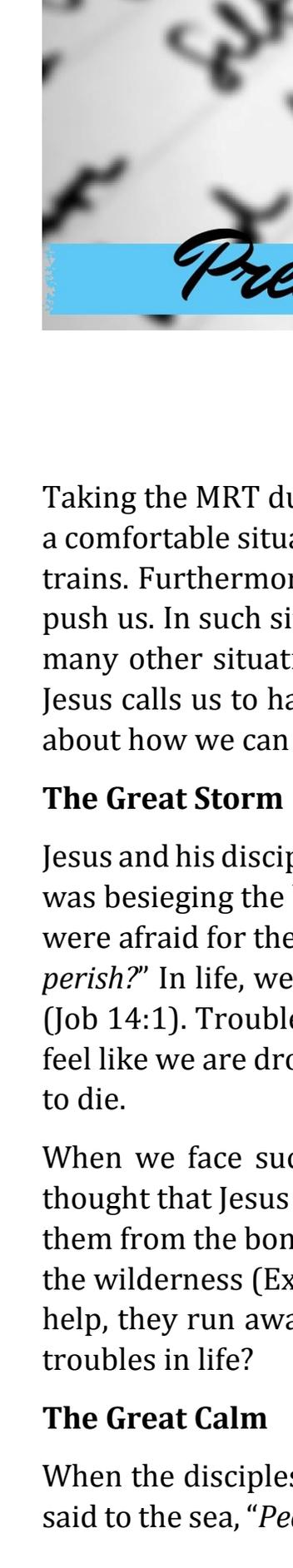
The transform mind is essential to understand the will of God. There are certain things which are good, acceptable (that is, well pleasing) and perfect in the sight of God. Those things are well pleasing to God. The transformed Christian examines the scripture and he understands what the things that please God and what are things that God hates. He chooses those things that please God.

But the conformed Christian cannot understand the will of God. He does not know what are the things that please God and what doesn’t. He looks at the world and he questions: “What’s wrong with it?” He sees nothing wrong with his vocabulary, dressing, habit, life-style, and manner. He demands a bible verse for everything that others deem as inappropriate for a Christian. He does not understand what it means to be holy or he ignores it (1 Pet 1:15). His mind has not been transformed.

God wants us to be holy (1 Pet 1:15). Christ wants us to be born again. The new birth is a transformation. The renewed mind is essential to know the will of God. The renewed mind seeks to do those things that are well pleasing to God.

Let us be transformed. The scripture exhorts: “**But like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living**” (1 Pet 1:15, ASV).





## Preacher's exhortation

# Peace, Be Still

*By bro Ernest Lau*

Taking the MRT during the peak hour can be quite a stressful situation. It is certainly not a comfortable situation to have so many commuters squeezing with us in the stations and trains. Furthermore, we may encounter inconsiderate commuters who cut our queue or push us. In such situations, it is easy for us to get stressed up and angry. In life, there are many other situations that may cause us to lose our cool, panic, or be angry. However, Jesus calls us to have peace in our hearts. In Mark 4:36-41, we learn a lesson from Jesus about how we can have peace, and be still.

### **The Great Storm**

Jesus and his disciples experienced a storm while on a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The storm was besieging the boat; waves beat into the ship; water was filling the boat. The disciples were afraid for their lives! They woke Jesus up and asked "*Master, carest thou not that we perish?*" In life, we may face storms as well. As Job wrote, life is short and full of trouble (Job 14:1). Troubles besiege us like waves from every side (2 Cor. 4:8-9); sometimes, we feel like we are drowning in our problems (2 Cor. 7:5). Perhaps at times we think it's time to die.

When we face such storms, we may feel that Jesus is far from us. The disciples even thought that Jesus would let them die on the boat! The Israelites, having seen God deliver them from the bondage of Egypt, thought that God would allow them to starve to death in the wilderness (Exodus 16:2-3). When some face troubles, instead of turning to God for help, they run away from God (Matthew 13:20-21). What is our response when we face troubles in life?

### **The Great Calm**

When the disciples thought they were going to die, Jesus rose up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "*Peace, be still.*" There was a great calm. What a calm that was! This miracle

of Jesus proves His power over the elements. As the Creator of this world, Jesus has the power to control the elements at will. Furthermore, if Jesus is able to stop the tempestuous wind and sea, how much more will He be able to stop any storm in our life, and bring a great calm?

Prior to Jesus rebuking the wind and sea, it is interesting to note that while the disciples were panicking amidst the storm, Jesus was fast asleep. It's no easy feat to sleep in the middle of a great storm! Peace is to be at rest even when troubles surround us. We think of Paul and Silas, who sang hymns even though they had just been beaten and thrown into prison (Acts 16:23-25). Jesus Himself, despite being scourged, mocked, reviled and spat upon, did not so much as say a word in return (1 Peter 2:22-23). Christians are called to be like Jesus: to be peaceful people even if others hurt us, and even when troubles hit us. Can we be at rest when we face troubles? Or do we panic like Jesus' disciples?

### **The Great Jesus**

True peace is found in Jesus Christ. Some think they can find peace in life by their recreational activities. After Jonah took a vacation from God, he thought he could sleep well (Jonah 1:1-6). However, only Jesus can turn all our storms into a great calm. This does not mean that we will not experience troubles (2 Timothy 3:12). However, in Jesus we can find peace (Luke 2:14). The peace that Jesus gives is unlike anything that the world can give (John 14:27). Jesus can give us such a peace because He has overcome the world (John 16:33).

In order to access this peace, we need to have faith in Jesus. Jesus rebuked the panicking disciples "*Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*" Did they not trust that Jesus would save them from the storm? We need to have trusting faith in Jesus (Proverbs 3:5-6). Jesus has promised to take care of our needs (Matthew 6:30). Instead of worrying, we need to instead let our requests be made known to God, and "*the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7). Furthermore, we need to have an obedient faith in Jesus. Jonah couldn't find true peace because he disobeyed God by running away. Faith in Jesus is a faith that is accompanied by works of obedience (James 2:14-26). When we seek spiritual things first in our lives, we can find life and peace (Romans 8:6).

In order to grow in faith, we need to continue to meditate upon the word of God (Romans 10:17). We need to seek the mutual encouragement of the saints (Hebrews 3:12-13). As we grow and mature in faith, we can find peace, which is one part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). As we grow in trusting and obedient faith in Jesus, we can find peace in our hearts and lives, and "*the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*"

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Health

1. Please continue to pray for **sis Jane** that she will recover fully from her breathlessness and be back to full health soon
2. **Sis Maria's husband** has been suffering from bone cancer for the past 7 months, and will not be undergoing further treatment. Sis Maria will be returning to Indonesia on 3 August to care for him. Please pray for sis Maria's safety as she returns home, and for her husband that his condition will improve.
3. **Raelene, sis Rhui Yin's daughter**, is down with Hand Foot Mouth Disease.

## Lunch

There will be lunch catered for the church next Sunday. All are welcome!

## Visitor Training Class notes

For those who would like a hardcopy of Bro Peter Chin's slides which he shared with us at the recent Visitors' Class Teachers' training session, please sign up on the sign-up sheet pinned up at the Evangelism noticeboard. For those who have previously registered your interest, you only need to check that your name is there, if not, do add it in. If you have not already yet seen how the slides look like, you can approach Reuben for more information. The cost of printing will be approximately \$30+/set (TBC).

## Guests last week

1. Bro Andrew Chan & family, bro Jonathan Chan & family, bro David Lee, sis Sophia (*Jurong COC*)
2. Bro Matthew Brotherton (*USA*)
3. Sis Georgie Rondez (*Philippines*)
4. Bro Paul & sis Ivy (*sis Baby's family*)
5. Sis Roselyn Cardona
6. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
7. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
8. Glaiza Tolentino (*sis Stephanie's cousin*)
9. Adhi (*Glaiza's friend*)
10. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
11. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

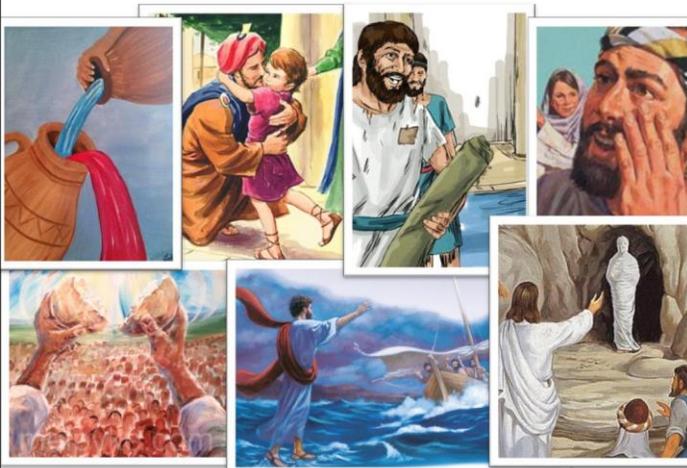
MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

"I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME."

*TESTIFIED BY JESUS CHRIST*

## JESUS AND THE SEVEN WONDERS

BIBLE QUIZ: JOHN CHAPTERS 1 TO 11



9 AUGUST 2019  
10AM

CHURCH BUILDING  
AUDITORIUM

JOHN 5:30



## Tea and Time IN GOD'S WORD

Join us for a session on  
**Making & Maintaining Friendships**

Date: 17th August 2019

Time: 2 pm - 3:30 pm

(together with tea)

Venue: LAPCOC Auditorium

*R.S.V.P sisters Katie, Chee Ming & Guek Hoon  
before 16th August 2019*



### **Four Seas College Lectureship 2019**

Dates & Time: 27-30 November 2019, Wednesday – Saturday @ 9am – 3pm

Venue: Jurong church of Christ

The fourteen lessons that will be presented during the 4-day lectureship are:

1. God's Plan for Leadership
2. The Qualifications of Elders
3. The Qualities of Elders
4. Elders are to Feed the Flock
5. Elders are Watchmen
6. Submitting to the Elders
7. The Qualifications of Deacons
8. The Work of Deacons
9. The Work of the Preacher
10. Supporting the Work of the Preacher
11. The Work of a Teacher
12. The Challenges of a Teacher
13. The Rewards of a Teacher
14. Cultivating the Desire to Serve



**Thursday Bible Class**

**"I AM the Resurrection and the Life"**

**(John 11:1-27)**

*by bro Timothy Ng*

**Next Sunday Sermon**

**Evangelism Sunday**

**Do I Need the Church?**

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**Birthdays this week**

22 Jul (Mon) –

Sydney & Shawn

25 Jul (Thu) – Jessica

26 Jul (Fri) - Benedict



Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rezoning**

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

**Overseas**

- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Siang Yee, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Jeshua** in Switzerland (till 27 Sep) and UK (till 30 Apr'20)

**Health**

- **Bro Philip Vanwinkle's, sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Kian Hong's** recovery from his eye surgery
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- The health of **Justina** (sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang)

**Pregnancy**

- Sis Deborah (Aug'19)

**NSF**

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		21-Jul-19	28-Jul-19	4-Aug-19
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Low Chong Ping	Peter Chin	Jerry Cheong
Preacher		Jerry Cheong	Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Yew Tian Geng	Leonard Chia	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Reuben Lim	Soo Kok Leong	Henry Leow
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Farand Lim	Henry Chee	Dave Tapiru
	Prayer: Offering	Henry Leow	Andy Lin	Benedict Yo
Assistant		Ng Wei Jie	Melvin Tan	Ng Wei Xiang
Announcer		Timothy Ng	Michael Yeo	Benjamin Tan
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im	Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Benedict Yo
Speaker		Timothy Ng	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Ong Jun Wei	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			25-Jul-19	1-Aug-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Reuben Lim	Ernest Lau
Teacher			Dave Tapiru	Charlie Teo
Closing Prayer Leader			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
			Kenneth Quek	John Goh