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# 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 Lee Tian Seng

**Deacons**

Bro Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong

**Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

**Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

*You are cordially invited to our Bible Seminar on*

## LIBERALISM IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

*presented by  
the young adults of LAP COC*

📍 20, Lim Ah Pin Road

📅 29th Sept 2018 (Sat)

🕒 9:30AM to 3:30PM  
(lunch will be provided)

*see overleaf for  
more details*



# *Sermon outline*

## **WHO IS YOUR FATHER**

*Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin*

**1Jo 3:8-10**

### **I. SON OF CONSOLATION**

#### **A. Connotation**

1. From the Greek word “paraklēsis”, which means “exhortation, admonition, encouragement”.
2. A son of consolation is an encouraging person who considers others.
  - i. Barnabas (Act 4:36).

#### **B. Characteristics**

1. He helps those who are in need (Act 4:36-37).
2. He befriends those who are lonely (Act 9:26-27).
3. He encourages those who are new in the faith (Act 11:22-23).
4. He forgives those who have let him down (Act 15:36-39).

#### **C. Consequences**

1. The needy Christians in Jerusalem were taken care of (Act 4:34).
2. The Christians in Jerusalem accepted Paul into their fellowship (Act 9:28).
3. The church in Antioch grew rapidly (Act 11:24).
4. John Mark became a useful minister for Christ (2Ti 4:11).

#### **D. Consideration**

1. Do we take care of needy brethren?
2. Do we reach out to lonely brethren?
3. Do we give support to new converts?
4. Do we make peace with erring brethren?

## **II. SON OF BELIAL**

### **A. Connotation**

1. From the Hebrew word “belîya'al”, which means “worthlessness”.
2. A son of Belial is a worthless person who considers only himself.
  - i. The Benjamites who raped the Levite’s concubine (Jdg 19:22).
  - ii. Hophni and Phinehas (1Sa 2:12).
  - iii. Those who rejected Saul as king (1Sa 10:27).
  - iv. Nabal (1Sa 25:17).
  - v. The 2 men who bore false witness against Naboth (1Ki 21:10).

### **B. Characteristics**

1. He is perverse (Jdg 19:22-25).
2. He is corrupt (1Sa 2:13-16).
3. He is rebellious (1Sa 10:27).
4. He is ungrateful (1Sa 25:4-11).
5. He is malicious (1Ki 21:13).

### **C. Consequences**

1. The Benjamites went to war against their brethren (Jdg 20:12-14).
2. The Israelites abhorred worship (1Sa 2:17).
3. Those who rejected Saul as king were almost put to death (1Sa 11:12-13).
4. Nabal’s family was almost massacred (1Sa 25:32-34).
5. God was provoked to anger (1Ki 21:21-24).

### **D. Consideration**

1. Do we live in sin?
2. Do we use religion for gain?
3. Do we despise those in authority?
4. Do we return good with evil?
5. Do we speak evil of others?

## **III. SON OF PERDITION**

### **A. Connotation**

1. From the Greek word “apōleia”, which means “a perishing, ruin, destruction”.
2. A son of perdition is a destructive person who considers only himself, at the expense of others.
  - i. Judas Iscariot (Joh 17:12).
  - ii. Man of sin (2Th 2:3).

## B. Characteristics

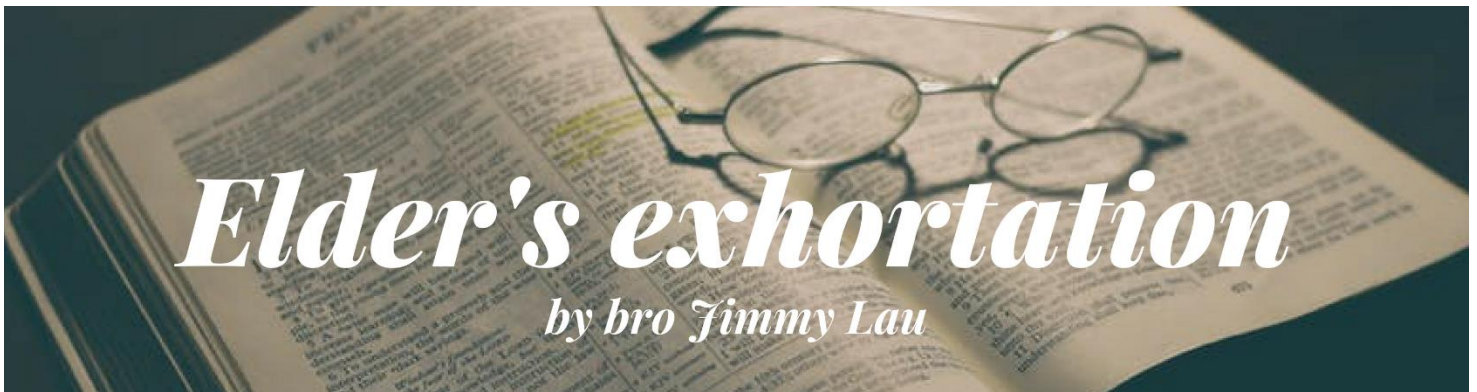
1. He exalts himself above God (2Th 2:4).
2. He cares only about his physical interests (Joh 12:4-6).
3. He exploits others (Mat 26:14-16).
4. He twists the Scriptures (2Th 2:10).

## C. Consequences

1. He will face judgment (2Pe 3:7).
2. His end is destruction (Php 3:19).
3. He leads others to perish (2Th 2:10).
4. He causes the way of truth to be blasphemed (2Pe 2:2).

## D. Consideration

1. Do we live for ourselves?
2. Do we allow our Christian liberty to become a stumbling block to others?
3. Do we build our happiness on others' misery?
4. Do we misuse the Scriptures to justify ourselves?



***Joh 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.***

Pilate, after examining Jesus, declared to the Jews that he found no fault in Him. I wish someone could say the same to me. Unfortunately, my faults are many. Well, what is a fault?

A fault is a defect or imperfection; a flaw, a failing, an error, a mistake, a blemish.

You bought a computer from a store and it's not working; that's a fault – there's a defect in its production. You bought a beautiful white dress and you saw a stain; that's a fault – there's a blemish. You added up some figures and got the sum wrong; that's a fault – there's an error in your calculations. You are a genius except you are also selfish; that's a fault – there's a flaw in your character.

Pilate examined Christ and declared he had found no fault in Him. Our Lord is perfect. Even His enemies could not find any fault with Him. Amazing, isn't it? I thought the easiest to find is a fault. One can always find a fault with something or with someone. You buy a latest and top end computer and you think you have a perfect piece of machine. But someone can always find a fault with it. It can be the buttons arrangement. It can be the colour; someone may think the colour display is not as rich as another brand. It can be its weight. Or, it can be a missing function which a cheaper brand has. The faults are countless.

Well, try analysing someone you know. That's even easier. You can start with his hair and end with his feet. Wow, you already have a long list and you have not even mentioned his character. Didn't I say earlier? The easiest thing to find is a fault.

Our Lord is perfect; there is no fault in Him. Can we be perfect? Our Lord says: "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*" (Matt 5:48).

We may scream: "That's not possible! It cannot be done." What we are saying is that God has given us a commandment which is impossible for us to keep. Will God do such a thing?

Read the context. Read the two verses before Christ made the statement be ye therefore perfect (Matt 5:46-47). Christ is commanding us to love our enemies. If we can only love those who love us, and not our enemies, our love is imperfect. Perfect love loves those who don't love us.

We can be perfect when we walk with God. The scripture describes Noah as being "*perfect in his generation*" (Gen 6:9). He wasn't sinless; he was better than the rest of the humans at that time. How? He walked with God (Gen 6:9). Others didn't walk with God.

Abram demonstrated imperfection in following God when he took Hagar as his concubine in order to help God fulfil His promise of a seed. God didn't talk to him for a very long time, thirteen years to be exact. And when God finally spoke to Abram, He said: "*I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect*" (Gen 17:1). One is perfect when he walks in the commandments of God.

Do you know that Daniel's enemies could not find any fault with him? (Dan 6:4). And, what did they do? They tried to find fault with his religion (Dan 6:5). Those who walk with God will be so perfect that even their enemies cannot find any fault with them.

Likewise, we can be perfect when we walk in God's commandments, just like Noah, Abram and Daniel. The Sermon on the Mount teaches us how to be perfect. It tells us what perfect love is. It teaches us to walk the second mile (Matt 5:41). It teaches us to love our wives and not to lust after other women (Matt 5:28). It teaches us to be

reconciled with our brethren (Matt 5:23-25). It teaches us to be sincere in our prayers and giving and to be content with what we have (Matt chap 6). It teaches us not to judge our brethren and to be benevolent (Matt 7:1-11). It gives us the golden rule on how to treat our fellow men (Matt 7:12).

When we abide in those things that are taught by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, we will be perfect. Our whole being will be different. Others will give their thumbs up and say to you: "This is a Christian who lives as one." They will find no fault in you.

If there is no fault in our lives, it means we are living as the light of the world. Let us follow in the footsteps of Noah, Abraham, and Daniel: they were perfect because they walked in the commandments of God. Let us be perfect too.



#### **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

1. **Bro. Peter & sis. Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia this morning worshiping with the Kota Kemuning congregation.
2. **Sis Eunice** in Amsterdam for work till tomorrow

#### **Guest Last Week**

1. Bro Yu Kong & family (*Malacca COC, Malaysia*)
2. Sis Yvette Chee (*sis Annie Chee's daughter*)
3. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
4. Stephanie Senna (*bro Martyn's wife*)
5. Alexis (*bro Samuel's wife*)
6. Tan Jiayi (*sis Michelle's friend*)



#### **Youth Fellowship**

Date: 9 September, Sunday  
Time: 1.30pm – 3pm  
Venue: LAP Auditorium  
Topic: Do spirits, demons and ghosts exist?  
**All are welcome!**

#### **Chinese Revival Meeting**

Speaker: Bro Ong Eng Boon  
Venue: LAP Church Building  
Details:  
15 Sep, Sat @ 4pm & 7.30pm  
16 Sep, Sun @ 3.45pm & 5pm

## **Blood Drive @ JCOC**

Date: 15 Sep, Sat

Time: 11am – 5pm

Venue: Jurong COC

(120 Boon Lay Drive Singapore 649924)

Please 'reserve' your blood and register at the link: [www.bit.ly/jcoc-bdd](http://www.bit.ly/jcoc-bdd)

## **COMBINED LADIES FELLOWSHIP (JCOC & LAP)**

Join us for a session of fun fellowship, lantern-making, mooncake-tasting, and with dinner provided! (\$5 per pax).  
Do **RSVP by 9 Sep** so we know how much food to order!

DATE: 22 SEP 2018 (SAT)

TIME: 5-8pm

VENUE: JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST

ADDRESS: 120 BOON LAY DRIVE,  
SINGAPORE 649924



CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

## **THE GREATEST BEING IN THE UNIVERSE**

SPEAKER: JIMMY LAU

30 SEP 2018, SUNDAY | 9.30AM

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## NEWS



### Thursday Bible Class What Good Sons and Daughters Can Mean to Parents

by bro Alvin Lin

### Birthday of the week

9 Sep (Sun) – Titus

11 Sep (Tue) – Annie Chee

12 Sep (Wed) – Grace

14 Sep (Fri) – Capi

15 Sep (Sat) – Stephanie



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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie** in Palau
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies

### Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Bro Gideon's** recovery from his jaw operation
- **Sis Michelle's** recovery from her sprained ankle
- **Bro Martin's** recovery from stroke  
(warded at NUH Ward @ Senja Lvl 5 Bed 4)

### Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18)

### NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		9-Sep-18	16-Sep-18	23-Sep-18
<b>Song Leader</b>		Jeshua Lin	Amos Yang	Jeremy Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Victor Lee	Danny Poo	Peter Chin
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 74:1-12	Psa 74:13-23	Psa 75:1-10
<b>Preacher</b>		Alvin Lin	Ong Eng Boon	Charlie Teo
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Axel Chee	Marc Wee	Gideon Quek
	Prayer: Bread	Lim Poh Teng	Victor Lee	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Farand Lim	Paul Lim	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Andy Lin	Joel Lee	Martyn Gostelow
	Assistant	Gavin Cheah	Roberto Pascual	Jose Cardoza
Foundation Class		Benjamin Tan	Isaac Chua	Arthur Yap
<b>Announcer</b>		Benjamin Kwan	Timothy Ng	Alvin Lin
<b>Greeters</b>		Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Jimmy Lau	Jeremy Kwan	Benedict Yo
<b>Speaker</b>		Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei	Henry Leow
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Alan Poon	Martyn Gostelow	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			13-Sep-18 Jeshua Lin	20-Sep-18 Benjamin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Low Chong Ping	Kenneth Quek
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Benjamin Tan	Jimmy Lau