

ANNOUNCEMENTS For more information, please approach Gladys or Priscilla.

1. Diocesan Family Day

21 September 2009, 9.30am - 3pm @ St. Andrew's Cathedral
 Get your tickets today at the Admin Counter. \$10/ticket.
There will be food stalls galore, great fun games, handicraft stalls, street soccer, special children's play zone, community services booths and the launch of the Centenary commemorative book.
Community Rehabilitation and Support Service will also be having a stall selling some of the products made by them.

2. Diocesan Family Day T-Shirt on Sales

Selling at a special price of \$10 each. Normal price is \$15.
 Place your order today! Limited stock available.

3. Mid Autumn Festival Celebration

26 September 2009 @ WCRC
 Special guest singer invited. Invite your family and friends to this event.
 Ticket is available at the admin counter. For those who are interested to help out in the decoration team, please sign up at the admin counter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	19	(Sat)	WAC Leaders' Retreat
	21	(Mon)	Diocesan Family Day
	25	(Fri)	Corporate Prayer Meeting
	26	(Sat)	Mid Autumn Festival Celebrations
	27	(Sun)	Council Meeting

Any announcements, articles or testimonies to share? Email Gladys @ wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
9.10AM BOON LAY WAY - BOON LAY MRT (BUS STOP)
9.15AM JURONG WEST ST 51 BLK 511 CARPARK
9.30AM CLEMENTI MRT - BUS STOP TOWARDS CITY





WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES. IMPACTING COMMUNITY

BISHOP: The Most Revd Dr John Chew **ASSOCIATE VICAR:** The Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay
DEAN & VICAR: The Very Revd Kuan Kim Seng **PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:** Revd Timothy Chow

13 September 2009

CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL AND NOT ABOLISH THE LAW! PART I BY PASTOR TIMOTHY

Can you imagine the faces of all the people sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes listening to Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus told them their righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees to go to heaven?

In Jesus day there were many people deeply concerned about righteousness. They were the Scribes and the Pharisees. The Pharisees were the most zealous in a human attempt at righteousness. No one even compared to them when it came to obeying the law and emphasizing righteousness.

All those listening to Jesus must have had the same look on their face as Nicodemus had when Jesus told him no one can enter the kingdom of heaven unless he is born again. The people must have been in shock to hear this. Do you mean our righteousness is to exceed the Scribes and the Pharisees? That is humanly impossible!

What is impossible with men is possible with God. All things are possible with God. Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27

Jesus calls us to go beyond the law to a true relationship with God, where we enjoy and experience His love. The emphasis of the Pharisees righteousness is outward and the true righteousness Jesus speaks of is inward.

Jesus Stance on the Scripture V.17-18 (¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.)

It was important that Jesus established what he believed about the written Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. The Pharisees claimed to hold closely and adamantly to the law. When Jesus went head to head with the Pharisees they might charge him of not having a very high regard for Holy Scriptures. That is totally false. In fact it was Jesus who had a high view of the scriptures and the Pharisees who abolished the law.

West Coast Recreation Centre
 No. 12 West Coast Walk

Sunday Services

10am - 12pm
English Service @ Auditorium
 10am - 12pm
Mandarin Service @ Thanksgiving
 10am - 12pm
Children In Action @ Honor

Saturday

3.30pm - 6.30pm
Destiny Impact (Youth) @ Honor

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EVERY MEMBER A FRUIT BEARING DISCIPLE 

The Pharisees would come up with secret hidden meanings in Scripture and use it to support their own traditions. They developed a system of 612 rules and regulations. Jesus violated their rules and their regulations. But that is something very different than violating Scripture.

In Matthew 15:2 they confront Jesus about breaking one of their own man made rules: "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

Notice how Jesus replied:

V.3 "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

Jesus again demonstrated his high view of Scriptures in an account recorded in Matthew 22:23-33. This time it was Sadducees, a group who does not believe in the resurrection. They tried to trap Jesus asking what if a woman was widowed seven times, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? Jesus replied don't you know the Scripture or the power of God? Jesus pointed out that that God said, I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

He said, I am not, I was. He is the God of the living. Jesus believed the Scripture. He said he did not come to destroy the law. Jesus said, I came to fulfill the law. Not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Jesus upheld the law and the Prophets. That was representative for the entire Old Testament as we know it on our Bible. Jesus did not devalue the Scripture in the least. He held the highest view of Scripture.

Today we do not sacrifice animals as in the Old Testament because these sacrifices pointed toward the coming messiah. He came. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Jesus fulfilled the Scripture. The scriptures were pointing to the day that Jesus would come.

KEEPING GOD'S LAW Followers of Jesus are under obligation to keep the teachings of the Old Testament. There are ceremonial and ritual laws that Jesus fulfilled, but there are timeless moral laws that all believers of Jesus must follow.

What happens when a follower of Jesus breaks these laws? Do you lose your salvation? Do you forfeit your opportunity to go to heaven? No, but you lose your position in God's kingdom BECAUSE God's rule is a lawful rule. Instead of being called great he will be called least.

¹⁹Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

It is of great importance to the follower of Jesus to obey God's Word, and intimately know His Word.

DUTY SCHEDULE

	Today 13 th September	Next Week 20 th September
Chairperson	Raymond Ang	Pang Kwee Hoon
Speaker	Sis Boo Hui Ling	Revd Timothy Chow
Worship Leader	Wong Seng Choon	Liow Zhong Fa
Music Team	James, Jonathan, Scarlet, Kevin, Jimmy, Adrian, Jasmine	Janice, Rebecca, Eunice, Carolyn, Matthew, Sean
Projectionist	Rachel Koh	Scarlet, Violet
Soundworks	Eric, Sean	Eric, Hui Ling
H.C. Server	-	-
Intercessory Prayer	Tony Tay	Eric Matthew Sng
Scripture Reader	Annie Kat	Selena Tay

WISDOM DISCIPLINE SHIP TRAINING

DATE	PROGRAM
18 September	WDT - Evangelism
25 September	Corporate Prayer Meeting
02 October	WDT - 13
09 October	No WDT

Cell groups are suspended till further notice due to WDT. For further enquiries, you may contact the Office at 63376104 ext 188/189 or email wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

MISSIONS

MISSIONS FUNDS NEEDED IN 2009	:	\$20,000
AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE	:	\$11,897.50

