

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE. THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE WITH US. HAVE AN AWESOME SERVICE.

We hope that you will enjoy today's message and our praise and worship. If you would like to know more about our church or the different programs we have during the week, please approach our staff at the Admin Counter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
8 Sep 2010 (Sat), 8.00pm
Honour Room, West Coast Recreation Centre

2 BAPTISM CLASS REGISTRATION
19 Sep - 24 Oct 2010 (6 Sundays), 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Blessing Room, West Coast Recreation Centre
Please register at the admin counter.

3 MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
18 Sep 2010 (Sat), 7.30pm
West Coast Recreation Centre Auditorium
Invite your friends and family members to join us!

4 JURONG ANGLICAN CHURCH (MANDARIN) YUM CHA SESSIONS
Every Thu, 9.00am - 10.00am
Blk 511, West Coast Drive
This is part of our efforts to reach out to the West Coast community around us. Do join us!

COMING EVENTS

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| SEP | 18 sat | MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION |
| 5 sun | 19 sun | BAPTISM CLASS |
| 8 wed | 22 wed | DI - HOUR OF POWER |
| 15 wed | | DI - HOUR OF POWER |

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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

WORSHIP LOCATION
WEST COAST RECREATION CENTRE
NO. 12 WEST COAST WALK

05 Sep 2010

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES. IMPACTING COMMUNITY
an extension of st. andrew's cathedral

ADULTERY

From Sermon
on the Mount Bible Study
BY CATHY DEDDO



Matthew 5:27-30

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery. 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.'"

Now Jesus turns to the example of adultery. Jesus is asking his audience to consider that unfaithfulness begins not in the actual act of adultery, but when one looks lustfully at a woman.

The word translated "lustfully" is related closely to the word "covet." To look at someone with lust is to want, in some way, to own or possess them. To lust after someone is to view them as an object, an object that exists to meet your needs, rather than as a person to honor and respect as one of God's very own children.

Right relationships in God's kingdom begins with honor and respect. Relationships that don't start there can easily erode into sinful and broken ones. The act of adultery has deep and corrupt roots. Right relationships in God's kingdom will be concerned about the roots of relationships, not just the end resulting acts.

Jesus goes on to tell His listeners what they should do if some part of their body causes them to sin. If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. And what is the reason He gives for such radical behavior? Because “it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.” Cut out those things which are keeping you from experiencing the full life of Christ.

C. S. Lewis thought a great deal about this God who would love us to complete perfection. Here is what he said in his book, **Mere Christianity**:

When he said, ‘Be perfect,’ He meant it. He meant that we must go in for the full treatment. It is hard; but the sort of compromise we are all hankering after is harder--in fact, it is impossible. It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird, it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad. . . .

If we let Him--for we can prevent Him, if we choose--He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful; but that is what we are in for. Nothing less.

What a wonderful picture Lewis draws for us here. Trying to hold onto some place of sin in our lives is like trying to fly while remaining an egg. It is impossible. God’s love will win out in the end. Thank God He is more interested in our perfection than we often are. May He continue to give us the grace to participate in His work rather than to resist it.

DUTY SCHEDULE

| | This Week 5 th Sep (H.C.) | Next Week 12 th Sep |
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| Chairperson | Tony Tay | Raymond Ang |
| Speaker | Reverend Timothy Chow | Dr. Joseph Akintunde |
| Worship Leader | Liow Zhong Fa | TBA |
| Music Team | Rebecca, Janice, Eunice, Jun Hoong, Le Fa | TBA |
| Projectionist | Elissa Angeline Dang | Joyee Koo, Rachel Koh |
| Soundworks | Eric Matthew Sng, Amaris Lee | Reginald Low |
| H.C. Server | Raymond, Tony, Kelvin | - |
| Intercessory Prayer | Eddy John Sng | Joyce Chow |
| Scripture Reader | Pamela Pung | Eunice Ng |



1 John 2:15-16 (New King James Version)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.