

YLS 5 JYL

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

by Ps Simon Say

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." - Matthew 5:7

Following my last instalment on The Beatitudes earlier in May, we will now look at the virtue of mercy. But first let us understand the difference between grace and mercy: whereas grace is receiving what one does not deserve, mercy is not receiving what one deserves. Let's say you were caught for speeding. By right, you should be paying a fine for the offence, but the Traffic Police department chooses to send you a warning instead - you have received mercy. By grace we received the gift of salvation from our eternal God and heavenly Father, even though as sinners we don't deserve to.

In life, we tend to assert our rights; we fight for what we think we deserve sometimes with a raised fist. As an affluent and fine society we feel we deserve the best... best school, best service, best equipment; since we have the money, we pay service charge, we think we are one of the best. Now, there's nothing wrong with being excellent but when one begins to see issues as matter of our rights, it becomes problematic. It was no surprise that during my time attending Youth With A Mission's Discipleship Training School (YWAM DTS) the topic on 'Giving Up One's Rights' was taught.

The culture of Jesus' day did not value mercy because it was known as a 'disease of the soul'. But Jesus demonstrated that mercy is a sign of one's spiritual strength. He showed mercy wherever he went. He taught his disciples to exercise mercy wherever they go. To be merciful is to 'get into the skin of someone', to see from his point of view and feel what he is feeling.

The parable of the Good Samaritan was a lesson on mercy shown to an enemy (see Luke 10:25-37). This parable helps us understand mercy: in sympathy, we feel sorry for the Jew who was robbed. In empathy, we relate with the physical pain of the Jew who was robbed. In mercy, we do whatever it takes to help the Jew who was robbed, paying for his hotel stay and ensuring he recovers.

God showed mercy to us when He sent His Son Jesus to come down to earth to die on our behalf. Jesus paid the price for our sins and by His act on the Cross we are spiritually healed and are reconciled with God our Father. Clearly, mercy is an attribute of God and is a requisite quality of those who belong to God. How have you shown mercy to a friend, a colleague, a stranger... an enemy? For when we show mercy we can rest assure our Lord will show us mercy.

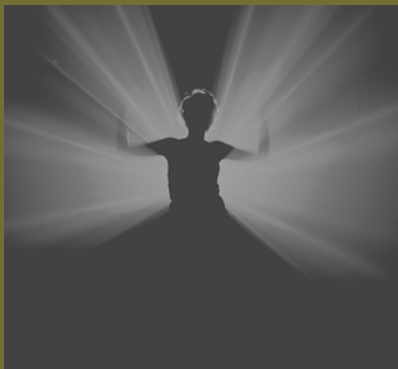


HELLO, FRIEND!

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and really enjoy doing life together!

We believe in Jesus, and are committed to know Him better, grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on as we journey together in community.

We invite you join us at Cell Group (Youth & Young Adults) or Connect Groups (Junior Youth), as well as our Worship Services. If you would like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you would like some prayer or someone to talk to, do reach out to the staff or leaders!



YC Christmas Baptism Service

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER
2.30PM • KUM YAN

OCTOBER SERVICES

17 OCTOBER 2021 (SUN)

JYC • 10AM • KY TLR

YC • 1.30PM • KY TLR

Registration still open for YC.

Sign up here if you haven't!

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24 OCTOBER 2021 (SUN)

JYC • 10AM • Zoom

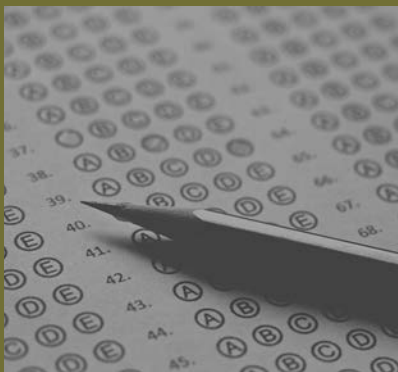
YC • 12PM • Zoom

31 OCTOBER 2021 (SUN)

JYC • 10AM • Community Day

YC • TBC • Community Day

(Details to be confirmed)



PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

It's exam season again! Let us set aside 5 minutes a day to pause and pray for each other and others:

N LEVELS : Ends 14 Oct

O LEVELS : Now - 15 Nov

A LEVELS : Now - 3 Dec

INT'L BACC: 22 Oct - 12 Nov

UNIVERSITY: Assignments

WHY BAPTISM?

Through water baptism, we (1) follow Christ's example (Mk 1:9), (2) obey Christ's commands (Mt 28:19-20) and (3) publicly confess our faith, and commitment to Jesus Christ (Mk 16:16).

It is the next step after salvation through repentance and faith, and is an important foundation for Christian life. For in doing so, we identify with and embrace the significance of receiving a brand new, blessed life in Christ and a new (spiritual) family. Everyone who has made the decision to believe in Christ can and ought to receive baptism. Plainly speaking, there are no other 'pre-requisites' to fulfil, apart from believing in Christ, before you can make the decision to be baptised!*

*Adapted from <https://hillsong.com/faith/baptism/>

WHAT ABOUT CONFIRMATION?

In Kum Yan Church, we practice Confirmation of Faith for candidates who were baptised as children or infants. This is not a second Baptism, but as its name suggests, an act of confirming or re-affirming your faith in Jesus Christ - this time, done out of your own volition or will, that is, to make a declaration that you have decided, as an adult (16 years and above), to follow Jesus and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to continue your journey as His disciple.

SO WHAT NEXT?

If you would like to receive baptism, confirm your faith or transfer your church membership to KY this Christmas, please inform your cell leaders or Queenie by 6 November 2021. Do note that all candidates will need to attend some Baptism Class sessions. The dates for this class will be released at a later date.

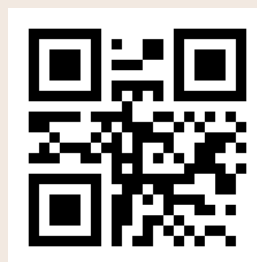
VOLUNTEERS BRIEFING

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER • 2PM (after YC) • ZOOM

We have some important updates for ALL who serve at YC and JYC On-site Services. Please make time to attend this upcoming briefing.

We hope to catch everyone at this meeting so we can all be up to date with the same understanding and heart on Safe Management Measures implemented at Church as we move forward to "Living with COVID-19" as a nation.

PS: Do us a huge favour by completing the form whether or not you are able to attend, thank you!



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