

**CHURCH SERVICES** — Join us every Sunday at GBHQ, 9.30 am or 11.30 am services! **Connect with us!**



## Bulletin

3 March 2024

*We, at BTPC, are committed to love God and to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by building one another up in God's word, serving one another in love and, being united in praying and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ; working together for the salvation of souls and the edification of Christians through the teaching of God's word and the preaching of the gospel.*

### **Saved Together In Christ**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."  
- Luke 19:9-10

## — Service Order —

**Opening Prayer** (Eugene Leong)

**Song 1:** Lord I lift Your name on high

**Welcoming Time**

**Responsive Reading:** Acts 18:1-11

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

**Confession & Corporate Prayer**

**Song 2:** *There is a Redeemer*

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9 (1st service: Cherlyn Tan; 2nd service: Genevive Chan)

**Sermon:** Deny My Rights for the Gospel [1 Corinthians 9] (Pastor Nicolas Wong)

**Reflection/Discussion Questions**

**Song 3:** *Living for Jesus a life that is true*

**Holy Communion**

**Financial Giving & Offerings**

**Announcements**

**Closing Prayer & Benediction**

## — Scripture Passage —

### 1 Corinthians 9

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? 2 Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. 4 Don't we have the right to food and drink? 5 Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas[a]? 6 Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? 8 Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." [b] Is it about oxen that God is concerned? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? 14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

**15** But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me, for I would rather die than allow anyone to deprive me of this boast. **16** For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! **17** If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. **18** What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

**19** Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. **20** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. **23** I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

**24** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. **25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **26** Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. **27** No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

## — Sermon Outline —

### Deny My Rights for the Gospel 1 Corinthians 9

#### Introduction

#### 1) Rights (1-12a)

a) Who am I (1-2)

b) What are my rights (3-12a)

- Paul has the right for financial support (3-6)
- Reason 1: Human examples (7)
- Reason 2: The Law (8-11)
- Reason 3: Paul has more right than the others (12a)

2) Denying My Rights (12b-27)

a) Denying my rights for the reward (12b-18)

- Paul put up with anything for the gospel (12b-15a)
- Paul continues this way for the reward of preaching the gospel for free (15b-18)

b) Denying my rights to partner the gospel (19-23)

- Jew (20a)
- Law-keepers (20b)
- Not having the law (21)
- Weak (22a)
- Being on Team Gospel (22b-23)

c) Denying my rights for the prize requires discipline and focus (19-23)

- No pain, no gain (24-25)
- Keep your eye on the prize (26-27)

3) Paul's Example

a) For the Corinthians

b) For us

Conclusion

### **Discussion/Reflection Questions:**

1. What are some rights that we might hold on to?
2. What would denying those rights for the gospel look like?



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## — Announcements —

### Latest Announcements

Upcoming & Ongoing events and notices

## — Morning Tea —

Please **join us for some light refreshments** at the canteen at basement level.  
Morning tea is from **11 am to 11.30 am**.

There are other activities available too eg. basketball, futsal....

Note:

The field is currently used by an archery group every Sunday, so please avoid the area for your safety.



**LOVING GOD. LOVING EACH OTHER. LOVING OTHERS.**

Join us on Sundays at 9.30am and 11.30am!

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