

## SERVICE

PRAISE & WORSHIP

OFFERING

(Bank Transfer to

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DOXOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER

MESSAGE

RESPONSE SONG

BENEDICTION

### COVID-19- Precautionary Measures

1) Due to the recent development and measures from the government, the church board has decided to suspend all services from this Sunday till 30 April 2020.

2) Only essential personnel will operate live streaming for the church services. Ministry members will be assigned by Chairman on a weekly basis.

3) We will provide basic online training on the use of tech tools which will be posted on the church website.

### Prayer Meeting

Corporate Prayer meeting on 3 April could be done through live streaming.

### E.A.T April 2020

There will be E.A.T. on 5 Apr through live streaming at 11am

## OUR DAILY BREAD

Acts 9:20-31

[www.bethanyefc.org.sg/devotionals\\_and\\_writings.html](http://www.bethanyefc.org.sg/devotionals_and_writings.html)



The effects of his conversion are seen starkly in his changed intention; he approaches Damascus to arrest followers of the Way (v. 2), but when he arrives in the city, he preaches that Jesus is God the Son (v. 20).

**This gospel, which will turn the world upside down, will first transform its messenger.**

### Reflection Question

Saul's opposition to Christ is apparent from Acts 7-9. How has Saul changed after he met the risen Christ? How have you changed after you believed in Jesus? Reflect on the experience of the church in Acts 9:31. How do you think a church "living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit" would look like?

	29 Mar 2020	5 Apr 2020
Preacher	Rev Gan Kah Hock	Mr Bernard Yeo
Sermon Passage	The First Church Council- Meeting at Jerusalem Acts 15:1-35	Paul's Second Missionary - Revisits Phrygia and Galatia Acts 15:36-16:10
Holy Communion Chair		
Holy Communion Stewards		
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AV Crew		
Scripture Reader		
Ushers		
Worship Updater		
Counting Stewards		
Floral Arranger		
Refreshments Stewards		
Sunday School Teachers		

## USEFUL RESOURCES

### EVERYONE'S A THEOLOGIAN

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### VISITOR WELCOME

Please take a few moments to help us get to know you better.

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## The First Church Council Meeting at Jerusalem

Acts 15:1-35

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ with the Legalists (vv. 1–5)

- A. The idea that men must add good works to the faith in order to be saved has been around for a long time.
- B. The actions of these Pharisaic brethren forced upon the church the conflict and the decision which followed.
- C. Since the Apostles were the custodians of the doctrine, they needed to hear and decide the issue.
- D. Chrysostom argues that when there are disagreements in the church, the Scriptures ought to decide the matter: "If any agree with the Scriptures, he is the Christian; if any fight against them, he is far from this rule" (*Homilies*, p. 366).

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the Council (vv. 6–21)

- A. The reason for this council meeting (15:1, 6): There is a disagreement concerning whether saved Gentile believers should be circumcised.
- B. God had actually settled the issue by granting salvation to Cornelius on the basis of his faith alone. Cornelius was not circumcised, was not a Pharisee, and yet God had purified his heart by faith.
- C. James sums up the discussion and introduces the resolution to the Council (v. 20): Gentile believers should not be bound to Jewish legalism.

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Council (vv. 22–29)

- A. The whole church endorsed the decision.
- B. To encourage the Antioch church, they sent two godly leaders from the Jerusalem church with Paul and Barnabas to reinforce the decision.
- C. Four elements of pagan worship must be avoided (cf. Lev. 17:7–19:26):
  1. Things sacrificed to idols.
  2. No consummation of blood.
  3. No eating of strangled animals.
  4. Abstain from fornication.

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Antioch (vv. 30–35)

- A. Silas and Barsabbas are commissioned to carry letters announcing the council's decision to the various churches.
- B. The multitude was relieved and comforted by the Council's decision.

#### Takeaways

- A. C. Gaebelein stresses four doctrines in the speech of James:
  1. God visits the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name.
  2. After this I will return: after the church age, the Lord Jesus will return.
  3. I will build again the tabernacle of David: set up the millennial reign.
  4. The Gentiles will be brought to the Lord after the Kingdom is set up (Acts, pp. 265–268).

This sermon's recording will be available online at <http://bethanyefc.org.sg/sermons.html>



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# WELCOME

We hope you will enjoy your time with us today and find the worship meaningful, the message encouraging, the people friendly and the atmosphere warm.

If you are our guest today,  
please do not feel obligated to  
give in the offering.

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

**ENGLISH SUNDAY SERVICE 9AM**

**MANDARIN SUNDAY SERVICE 12PM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

English Sunday School for Children / 9am

Mandarin Sunday School for the Elderly / 11:30am

**PRAYER MEETINGS**

Pre-Service Prayer / Sunday 8:30am

Monthly Prayer Meeting / Last Friday of the Month 8pm

**LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**

Board Meeting / Third Wednesday of the Month 8pm

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting / Fourth Sunday of the Month 11am

Small Group Ministry (Ldr/Asst Ldr) / Fourth Wed of the Month 8pm

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