

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 09/10/2022

Text(s): 1 Corinthians 1—2

Sermon Title: Boast In The Lord

Preacher: Ps Isaac Tan

(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

1 Corinthians 1:1–3 (NLT)

1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

2 I am writing to God’s church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

3 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

1 Corinthians 1:20–31 (NLT)

20 So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish.

21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

22 It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.

23 So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense.

24 But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

30 God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

31 Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.”

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. There was division in the church at Corinth. Instead of immediately correcting them in his letter, Apostle Paul starts by speaking grace and peace to them. Why do you think Paul did not confront the Corinthian Christians? If you were writing to the Corinthians, would you have instantly rebuked them?**
- 2. There was also corruption in the church at Corinth. What types of corruption exist in the world? Discuss this and then share your thoughts if these types of corruption can creep into a church. Next, discuss what we can do about these corruptions.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

- 1. The Corinthians were boasting about the teachers they followed, the wisdom they had, and their status and influence. Once again, do we see these among Christians in Singapore today? What are some ways we can respond to these boastings?**
- 2. With so many voices coming to us from so many directions, how do we sift through them all? Furthermore, many of these voices claim to be Christians, that they speak with a Christian voice. How do we filter them to find that which is really of God?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be willing to consider what the church leaders and other members of the church want and not only consider what I as one individual want.
- Pray for our church to be a people who would pursue unity and make our boast only in Christ and not in ourselves or anyone else.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.