



Today's Sermon: Sunday, February 11, 2018
"Clear and Present (Gospel) Danger"
Galatians 1
Pastor Philip Koo

There are difficulties in how society perceives Christ. However, His message cannot be in question as Paul tackles the importance to holding onto it, walking by it, and preaching it unto the nations.

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For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel which was preached to me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:11-12

- Born approximately the same time as Christ Jesus, after His death, Paul became the _____ of the gospel.
 - o Iconium: Place of high persecution. (Acts 14:1-5; 19)
 - o Lystra: Place mistaken to be Greek god. (Acts 14:8-18)
 - o Derbe: Place of retreat and rest. (Acts 14:6-7)
- Paul faced an increasing problem among the _____ Jews. Why? (vv.10-16)
 - o They were _____ Christ.
 - o They were preaching a _____ Gospel.
 - o They were causing a _____.
 - o This led to a _____ of the faith.
- Paul cursed them. (vv.10-11) Beware of these things:
 - o _____ Gospel- Financial Reward for Faithfulness
 - o _____ Gospel- Money is the Root of All Evil
 - o _____ Gospel- Ignorance is Bliss, All Love
 - o _____ Gospel- Purpose to Defend Social Causes
- As believers, what do we do? (vv.15-16)
 - o S _____: A place of reflection.
 - o T _____: A place of much needed change.
 - o O _____: A place to seek God's Word.
 - o P _____: A place to reach the world with the gospel.
- Engage the Word. Discover your purpose to preach the Gospel.

*"Here are my paws, here is my tail.
 These are my whiskers,
 I am a true beast."
 - Aslan. "A Horse and His Boy"*

Upcoming Sunday Sermons

February 18	Galatians 2: Justification by Faith	Elder Andrew Mole
February 25	Galatians 3: The Law and the Walk of the Faithful	Pastor Steve Wible
March 4	Galatians 4: True Heirs of the Father, Children of Promise	Pastor Daniel Tse
March 11	Galatians 5: Freedom in Christ	Pastor Tim Davis

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Financial Updates

FY2017/2018

Annual Budget \$13,873,650
 Last Week's Giving \$180,610

FY2017/2018 (April - December)

(unaudited figures, excluding designated funds)
 Actual Income \$6,789,027
 Actual Expense \$6,994,130

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Prayer Corner

- Starting this Sunday, the sermons will be on Galatians for the next season. Pray for God to speak through various preachers and for our congregation to receive His Word deeply in their hearts.
- Thank God for His provision for the Interim Director of Operations role. Pray for a smooth transition over this busy season in our church.
- February is the Prayer Month for Children's Ministry, where the focus is to encourage and guide the children to pray. Pray for the ongoing preparation by our staff and volunteers, and most importantly, for the children to draw close and experience God's love and power through prayer.
- DivorceCare is beginning at the end of February, pray for the volunteers who are leading the course, that God would use this opportunity to make His love known and heal those who are going through separation or divorce.
- Pray for health and protection against the severe flu outbreak and cold weather in Hong Kong lately. Pray specifically for strength for a brother amongst us who is now going through chemotherapy.



ECC Locations

- ① **ECC Office & Ministry Center (Metropole MC)**
 6/F, Metropole Building,
 53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ② **ECC Ministry Center (Hankow MC)**
 Unit 417-421, 4/F, Hankow Centre,
 5 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ③ **YMCA (Sunday Worship Services)**
 4/F, Assembly Hall,
 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon



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GALATIANS 1

Today - February 11, 2018

Welcome to ECC

Welcome to the Sunday worship services at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and listen to God's Word. We are here to bless one another and lead you into God's presence through Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact our greeters or church leaders. Relax and make yourself at home.

A nursery room is available for your use on this floor. We also have children's classes for the 9:30am and 11:15am services. Please see below for the locations or ask a greeter for assistance.

If today's message has moved your heart, you may download the audio mp3 recording at www.ecchk.org. If you wish for someone to pray for you this morning, please come to the colorful banner near the stage after the benediction.

Order of Service (9:30am and 11:15am)

Welcome & Invocation	Staff
Worship in Song	Congregation
Worship through the Word	Pastor Philip Koo
Responsive Worship	Congregation
Worship through Tithes & Offering	Congregation
Announcements	Staff
Benediction	Elders

Happening Today

9:30am / 11:15am	Worship Services	4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Noah (0-2 yrs)	Room 5, 4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Miriam (3-4 yrs)	Room 305, 3/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Teams Ruth, Joshua, Paul & Timothy (5-12 yrs)	Hankow MC
11:15am	Axiom Academy	Room 4/5, Hankow MC
11:15am	Evangelism Explosion Training	Main Hall, Metropole MC
12:45pm	Filipino Ministry: Fellowship	Main Hall, Metropole MC

General News and Upcoming Events

CNY Family Services

Sunday, February 18, 9:30am & 11:15am, 4/F, YMCA

Join us for worship in our YMCA services as a family next Sunday. There will be no Sunday School. Childcare for infants will be provided at the YMCA. Sunday School will resume on February 25.

Baptism Class

Sunday, February 25, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC

Contact: grow@ecchk.org

If the Lord has moved in your heart to publicly profess your faith in Jesus through water baptism, come learn the basics of the Christian faith, your spiritual journey, and the need for baptism. The baptism ceremony is targeted to be held on Easter Sunday, April 1. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, February 25 - March 25, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Main Hall, Hankow MC

Contact: Carmen Law / choirecchk@gmail.com

It's time to SING TOGETHER! We are looking for new members! Please contact Carmen if you wish to join or learn more about choir.

DivorceCare

13 Tuesdays, February 27 - May 22, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Metropole MC

Contact: grow@ecchk.org

If you are struggling with separation or divorce, receive God's truth and caring support for your healing and guidance. For registration or other information, please contact us. The cost for the workbook is \$150.

Children's Ministry Pre-Easter Outreach

Sunday, March 25, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Haven of Hope Yee Ming Day Care Centre, Tseung Kwan O

Contact: Kevin Chan / deacon-children@ecchk.org or Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org

Easter will be coming in March. This is an opportunity for our children to share God's love and the hope of Easter to a group of elderly who spend their daytime at elderly centers. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Kevin Chan or Iris Wong for more details.

Youth Volunteers Needed

Contact: Nikky Sepnio / axiom@ecchk.org

Are you looking for ways to serve God and His Church? Do you want to walk alongside and make an impact in the lives of young people? If so, come join us and volunteer in our Youth Ministry! Please contact Nikky to find out more.

Sound Team Needs You!

Contact: Charles Liu / charlesskliu@gmail.com or Greg Ng / gregng@ecchk.org

The Sound Team is looking for more volunteers! We are currently looking for people to help with our morning services set up and sound board engineers to actively manage our sound board during services. Training will be provided on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Other On-going Ministry Opportunities

Axiom Youth Ministry

Contact: Nikky Sepnio / axiom@ecchk.org

Axiom aims to cultivate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ by making Him known in the lives of young people, through the teaching of God's Word and discipleship. We welcome all who are currently in middle school or high school.

As Chinese New Year is approaching, Axiom Friday Night will be on break on Friday, February 16. There will still be Axiom Academy on Sunday, February 18.

Axiom	Fridays	7:00pm-9:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm)	Hankow MC
Axiom Academy	Sundays	11:15am-12:30pm	Hankow MC Room 4/5

Children's Ministry

Contact: Nonette Tsang / childrensministryecc@gmail.com or Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org

Children's Ministry is a vibrant, thriving ministry where children come to worship God and are equipped with the knowledge of who God is and has created them to be. All children are welcome!

We are launching a Bible Memorization Challenge to motivate children to know and love the Word of God more. Parents, please encourage and join together with your child(ren) to participate in this fun challenge! The focused verse for February is 1 John 2:3.

Filipino Ministry

Saturdays, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Metropole MC / Sundays, 12:45pm - 9:30pm, Metropole MC

Contact: Ellen Ibarra / ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746

EE Training: Class / OJT	Sundays	11:15am - 12:15pm
Lunch Kaarawan Fellowship	1st Sundays	12:45pm
Lunch Fellowship, Prayer & Singing,	2nd to 4th Sundays	12:45pm onwards
Bible Study in Small Groups		
Blue Jeans Day (outreach)	5th Sundays/Saturdays	2:00pm onwards
Counselling & Prayer	Saturdays/Sundays	5:00pm onwards
Fellowship / Bible Study	Saturdays	2:00pm - 6:00pm

Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Room 6, Hankow MC

Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Please go to our website's Prayer Ministry section to learn about prayer, request a prayer visit, or submit emergency prayer requests. Join us on Wednesdays by praying wherever you are, or with us at the prayer meeting, using the weekly prayer list as a guide. Subscribe to the list using the QR code.



Prison Ministry

Contact: moc@ecchk.org

Members of our congregation regularly visit prisons in Hong Kong. It is a very tangible response to Jesus's teaching in Matthew 25:37-41 about caring for the downtrodden. To find out more about Prison Ministry, please contact the Missions & Outreach Committee.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC

Contact: Suet Ha Yeung / fredsuetha@gmail.com or Cathy Cheung / cathywaung@yahoo.com

We will take a break on February 14 for the upcoming Chinese New Year. The class will resume on February 21. All ladies are welcome.

Friendly Reminders:

Ministry Leaders: Bulletin announcements for your ministry must be submitted to bulletin@ecchk.org **no later than 2:00pm, Wednesdays**. Please refer to **For-Ministry-Leaders** on our website for guidelines. Late submissions will not be entertained. Thank you.

Friendly Reminders:

1. Please do not eat or drink in the Assembly Hall during worship services.
2. Please turn your phone and electronic devices to silent mode during worship services.