

## The Key to all Blessings

Look at the only recorded sermon of Paul – He wrote ¾ of NT

Central message: Jesus – He wants to bless – Key to exp blessings – confidence of our blessings

Look at some Chinese tradi – celebrate NY – see the key to exp all the blessings – long for – songs

*Man ser lu yee*

*Kok tai peng aun*

**Fook** – combination of: God – family (one mouth - unity) – rice/field

*Of course not: wang chooi chow sau*

See God's hand in some of the tradi ways – celebrate NY

Acts 13:32-33a

32 "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers 33a he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

**Dark** times – need good news

All hist **point** to Christ – whether you like it or not – everytime you write a cheque, diary, enter a contract – you ack Christ – in the very dates!

Christ is the **key** to **bring** out all the blessings

3 blessings that Paul talks about

## A. GOD WANTS TO BLESS US!

### 1. God wants to have an intimate relationship with us

Acts 13:33

33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my Son;

today I have become your Father.'

The most beautiful amazing truth – God – **Almighty** ... - wants to have a intimate friendship with us!

God wants us to be relationship centred.

What are the ways we can help enhance the relationships God placed in our lives?

Beautiful aspect – celebration – **Reunion** dinner

What tell us – rel is the most imp't thing in life

We gather – give thanks – abundance – give thanks for those been a blessing

But pastor – you don't know my dad and mum – I can't give thanks – I **can't respect – how?**

**One** way: focus the good things they have done and not what they didn't do – **ADAM**

A psychologist – 10,000 case history

– *people suffering nervous tension*  
– *everyone – common char – all have –*

**habitual** fault finders

**Restaurant** – upset – one little thing not right – rob of enjoyable even

*Restaurant – angry w a rude waiter – grumbling all the way back home, Upset over a stupid waiter – now if you are so stuck up bec' of a stupid waiter – what does it say about you! No better of than a stupid waiter!*

I don't like **lighting** – seats – usher – car park – missed the message

– *failed to see Jesus – miss rev and insight that can bring the breakthru for your life or business*

*Don't like pastor's tie colour, hair (miss)- Thk God he has hair - miss the key message!*

Girl – **date** guy – observe-deals w little things - habitual fault

*finders in small things –*

*Complain on every thing – govt, parent, ch,*

*one day – he will complain about you*

Sometimes we get stuck – when as a kid – feel mum dad unfair

*Complaining **rob** – fill us w hatred, bitterness, insecurity, despair*

*1 Samuel 16:23*

*23 Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.*

How to focus on the positive when we don't have the strength to do so?

I want to – still cannot - how?

**Focus** on God

*Have you ever wonder why some people are so harsh – they have a wrong pict of God – harsh – demanding*

*See God in Christ – lamb – not a lion*

*Accepting – forgiving – gracious – you will become gracious*

Give attn to efforts to build rel

What are the blessings when we honor the relationships that God placed in our lives?

**Honor** – for your sake

Ephesians 6:2-3

2 "Honor your father and mother"- which is the first commandment with a

promise- 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Psalms 21:4

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him--length of days, for ever and ever.

Feel stressed? Not time to do the things want

**Length** of day – not just long life – and yet miserable – stress – **sick**

Having done all the you need to do – at the day – still lots of time to do what you wanted to do

Do something – even a bit inconvenient – some couple – holiday – tong tong chang 747 – make effort to build

Give attn – build rel – spend time

*Like the man who says: Oh I am impotent person – sorry imp't – no time - I just spend quality time – 7 minutes – now begin – wonder why she doesn't talk – broke into tears – she's not focus*

### 2. God gives us PROMISES that are uncommon and certain

Acts 13:34

34 The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David."

What are some of the **uncommon** blessings?

Abundance in the midst of famine

Psalms 37:19

19 In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

Promises that are **certain** – not just a **wish**

Remembers when as **kids** – told to speak only positive

God's **hand** in that tradition

Prov: life and death in the power of tongues

Amazing – d – so **programmed** human language – control – put curses

*Dying for a piece of cake*

That's why care – coffee shop – Ah Peh – paper – professional – slow down  
What happen when we focus on the negatives even when there may be facts?

#### Freeze vision

10 spies report facts but the truth is that God will enable them to overcome the facts – the giants

Ah Peh – Oxford graduate talking:

This news – don't und -

Vague – argue - tongues

Key – pray in tongues  
Certain – Christ shed blood – what else he would withhold from us!

Remember, impression – bad things – happen – good thing – just a wish

**AMEN** – a Name of Jesus (Rev) – Jesus is the key

What some of the certain blessings?

CNY – all **debts** cleared  
Wish → reality in Christ  
Abundance – peace  
– many words – very similar in meaning - to the Hebrew OT

### 3. God sets us from fear

Acts 13:35  
35 So it is stated elsewhere: "You will not let your Holy One see decay."

Psalms 103:3  
3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

God does not want us to fear him!

Why does God do not want us to fear him?

What you fear – you eventually **hate**!

Hope none of my staff fear me

Hope none of your kids fear you  
What about so many passages – fear of the Lord  
Jesus **explains** to us what fear mean

Luke 4:8

8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Taken from

Deuteronomy 6:13

13 Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

Fear – worship – focus

## **B. THE KEY TO ALL THE BLESSINGS IS THE FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS!**

Acts 13:38

38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Why does the d want us to live in guilt?

Wonder why d wants to live in guilt – **keep** us from all our blessing

We think **spiritual** – not worthy of this that

Key to blessings – **blood**  
**Ang** Pow – red – abundance – also blood  
**CARMEL**

*Fire of God's wrath consume sacrifice – Christ – key to great outpouring*

Acts 10:43-44

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

Forgiveness of sins key power to change – new beginning – CNY – Jubilee

World: change first – then I accept you

God: Receive my acceptance – you have the power to change

Acts 13:39

39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

Some upset Paul – Christ end of the law –

How many upset w doc – he says that cancer incurable? He just ack the limitation of the medical expertise of the day

Same way – Paul not – undermine law – in fact uphold it – just ack – we can't

What about those abuse message

But remember – always be abuses

Key – faith – not a good work – merit – window

Faith **attracts** God's **attn**  
Something about faith that makes God **zero** in on you