

“Our Vision is to be a House of Healing to the Nations,
Reflecting the Glory of God, Full of Grace and Truth.”

COLLECT FOR 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Article: Fruits and False Prophets

Read: Matthew 7:15-20

Context clarifies the focus of the passage. These statements are from the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus Christ is explaining the highest standards of righteousness that characterize the kingdom. It is a righteousness that exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). The Scribes and Pharisees were highly scrupulous in their behavior, so it seems unlikely that Jesus' reference to "fruits" would focus on conduct. Likewise, the following passage in 7:21-23 mentions those who do great things in Jesus' name, but Jesus ignores the significance of those professors' works. The prophets first appear deceptively as true believers ("in sheep's clothing"). They are indiscernible from believers in what can be seen. They are evidently clothed in a façade of Christian behavior which proves to be an inadequate basis of judgment. It is only what is unseen that later proves them false prophets.

The test that Jesus gives is not for the existence of fruit, but for the quality of fruit (v. 17). The false prophet may have fruits, but given time to ripen, they prove "bad" (v. 16). Likewise, a tree cannot be judged good or bad from its outer appearance, but from the fruit it produces (vv. 17-18). The true test of a prophet is whether his fruits are good or bad. But what does "fruits" refer to?

If "fruits" refers only to works, this creates a couple problems. First, many false religions produce teachers and adherents with good moral conduct and good works. Second, there would be a conflict with the following verses, 21-23, where the professors have good works, but the Lord says He never knew them.

"Fruits" must certainly refer to more than works; words must be in view. In Matthew 12:33-37 there is a similar discussion about fruits that shows they are one's words. This is how a person proves his true nature. Given time, what is beneath the deceptive façade is exposed in his words. Words express one's beliefs, thus they are the basis for vindication or condemnation.

The Mosaic Law also prescribed the test of a false prophet. In Deuteronomy 13:1-3 the Israelites are told to ignore any miraculous works of a so-called prophet and judge him only by his words. Likewise, in Deuteronomy 18:18-22 the validity of a prophet of God ultimately depends on his words, whether they are true or false, fulfilled or not.

Conclusion

Words of a teacher or any person will eventually betray his or her beliefs. Outward conduct can be deceiving and is not a reliable judge of the reality of one's faith. A person can only be judged by what he or she says when compared to the truth of the Bible. The Word of God is the final judge of a teacher's credibility or a person's salvation. Don't be fooled by someone's works; they are not a reliable basis for judging. If we are saved by grace through faith, then one's verbal testimony should affirm that truth according to God's Word. We would hope that one's conduct is consistent with that profession.

*[Abridged devotion taken from
<https://www.gracelife.org/resources/gracenotes/?id=51>]*

Upcoming Sermons | 2022 Theme: By My Spirit, Says The Lord (Zechariah 4:6)

Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
11 Sep	We Love Because He First Loved Us	1 John 4:7-19	Mrs Ruth Sim
18 Sep	Our Faith Overcomes The World	1 John 5:4-13	Mr Raymond Choo
25 Sep	Open Topic		Ms Maria Broesma
02 Oct	Praying Confidently To Overcome	1 John 5:14-21 Mark 11:22-24	Revd Daniel Tong

Prayer and Praise 2022

Date	Topic and Text		Speaker
23 Sep	Serve God Out Of Freedom	Galatians 5:13-15	Revd Daniel Tong

Uphold the citizens of the following countries, their lives and future, before our Lord for His mercy:

- Pakistan, as it seeks to recover from a third of its country being submerged under water.
- Sri Lanka, as it reels under continued political uncertainty and economic collapse.
- Myanmar, as military dictatorship and civil unrest continues to rock the nation.
- Taiwan, as it strives to maintain its independence.
- Ukraine, for protection of the innocent and an end to the war.

Uphold our nation in prayer:

- As COVID-19 restrictions are further loosened in our land, for all to remain safe and protected, and for our economy to recover.
- As our next generation of political leaders step up to lead our nation into the future, that they may have a clear vision and godly morals, courage and compassion in this endeavour.
- For the right understanding of marriage as between a man and a woman, and the strengthening of family relationships.

Uphold our Parish before God:

- Giving thanks for the support of our mission partner, SACH, and their warm welcome and support of our ministry.
- Praying for perseverance and opportunity in reaching out to our family and friends with the Gospel.
- As we continue to encourage those who have not been attending service on-site with the rest of us to return.
- For our Lord to guide our daily lives so to grow in our knowledge and love of Him, and in His image and service.

A Prayer Request, Feedback, or Query

Have you a prayer request? Some feedback to share?
 Queries with regard to our church, how you may serve, or about life?
 Write to bridget_tan@sacc.org.sg and we will link you with the best person who may help.



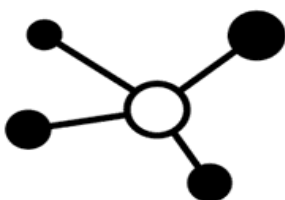
Announcements and Upcoming Events

**We will be starting our 2nd Worship Service,
today, 11am.**

By now all of you should have received your Service attendance card. Please contact the office @ 65861981 if you still have not received it.



A gentle reminder that this service attendance card only for service use and allow admittance to level 2 Chapel and MPH area during our service timing (Sunday 8.30am to 12noon). If you are visiting any patients in the ward, please follow the hospital guidelines and register at the triage for visit.



SACC Cell Life – Be Part of it

In our cell groups we fellowship, support each other, and serve the community alongside one another. We welcome you to share and be part of these groups situated in Simei, Tampines and Bedok. Contact us today at admin_info@sacc.org.sg and let's explore together the best for you!



Speaker : Revd Daniel Tong

Title : Test The Spirits

**Sermon : 1 John 4:1-6
Matthew 7:15-20**

Introduction

Examine Carefully

1. What The Word Of God Says.

2. The Various Contexts.

3. The Challenge

4. The Key

Conclusion

For Reflection

1. What aspect of testing the spirits do you find most challenging?
2. What are 2 things you must personally do today to grow in the testing of spirits?
3. How is your connection with God, and how might you further grow this connection?

*Our services and sermons can also be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/SACCyoutube>
For more information about SACC, please visit www.sacc.org.sg*

Usher Duty

1 st Sunday	- 5 Loaves & 2 Fish, Loving God 2Gather, 1 Kings 8:5-7
2 nd Sunday	- Oasis
3 rd Sunday	- 1 John 4:19
4 th Sunday	- CLAY, Mark & Agnes
5 th Sunday	- Beacon, Grace@228, Mark & Agnes

Tithes and Offertory

Members are encouraged to remember our Lord and His house, and continue to tithe. You may do so remotely by scanning the following QR Codes:

<p>SACC (English) T08CC4074CEC1</p>  <p>DBS 029-900919-2</p>	<p>SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF</p>  <p>DBS106-900039-4</p>	<p>SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2</p>  <p>DBS 106-900038-6</p>
<p>Remember to indicate your tithe number / purpose of transfer.</p>		

Transferring of Tithe/Offering via DBS/POSB banking platform

1) digibank Mobile

- Log in to digibank Mobile with your **Touch / Face ID** or **digibank User ID & PIN**.
- Tap **Pay & Transfer** and select **Local**.
- Select the **Recipient** you wish to transfer to: *(For Recipient's list refer to Add a Recipient)*
 - o SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- Select the **Fund Source** you wish to transfer from (e.g. saving account) and enter the **Amount** you wish to transfer
- Enter your tithe number in **'Reference'**
- Tap **Next** to review the details, and tap **Transfer Now** to complete the transfer.

2) Via Paynow

- Select 'PAYNOW' in your banking app
- Bank will send you a 6 digits OTP
- Key in the UEN T08CC4074CEC1 / T08CC4074CCMF / T08CC4074CGF2
- Key in the amount to be transferred.
- Key in your **Tithe number** in the 'Reference' space
- Click 'Transfer'
- Bank will send a text message to you that the amount has been transferred.
- You can send this message to church office.

3) DBS/POSB ATM

- Insert your ATM/Debit Card and key in your PIN.
- Press Button for **More Services**.
- Press Button for "Funds Transfer/Fixed Deposit".
- Select the Account Type to Debit (your own bank account)
- Select the saving account type and number to Credit
 - o SACC (English) 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- Enter the amount.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and press **Confirm**.
- Key in your **tithe number** under reference/bill or send a text to the church office of the transaction: Date of transfer; tithe & amount

4) digibank Online

- Open ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Other DBS or POSB Account**.
- Log in with your **6-Digit iB Secure PIN**.
- Choose the **Recipient** you wish to transfer your money to.
- Select the **Account** you wish to transfer from.
- Select the **Currency** and indicate the **Amount** you wish to transfer.
- Click **Next**.
- To transfer to a particular payee, you will need to have him/her in your recipient's list.

Adding a recipient to your list.

- Open the ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Add New DBS or POSB Recipient** and complete the **Authentication Process**.
- Indicate the **Recipient's name** and **Account number**, click **Next**.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and follow the **2-Factor Authentication Instructions**.
- Click **Submit** to complete the request.

Digibank Online allows you to set a monthly transfer on desired date.
Follow the instruction in the '**More Services**' button.

Transfer from Other banks.

Please check with your bank website portal.