

1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

Study 5

THE GOSPEL AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

I Corinthians 5

Porneia –prostitution or other sexual sins
generic term including homosexuality

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV) It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

- **Leviticus 18:7-8 (ESV) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 8 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness**



CORINTHIAN CULTURE

“Mistresses we keep for the sake of pleasure, concubines for the daily care of the body, but wives to bear us legitimate children,





NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO SEXUAL IMMORALITY

- 1 Cor 5:9, 6:12–20, 7:2, and 10:8

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even among pagans

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Deep anguish of soul frequently related to true repentance, that the righteous experience because of their own sins and the sins of others.

Actually proud of their sin or Paul's sarcastic rebuke to their superspiritual claims betrayed by their toleration of such sin

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(ESV) To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints....excommunication to preserve the nature of the church

1 Corinthians 5:3-5 (ESV) For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

NATURE OF DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV) you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Ultimately redemptive

1 Timothy 1:20 (ESV) among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH

Option 1 – physical suffering to death

Based on the word destruction...Ananias Saphira,
Paul thorn flesh

Option 2 – Satan and his “principalities and powers”
still hold sway over people’s lives to destroy
them...destruction of one’s sinful or carnal
nature..flesh which is nature in rebellion against God

WHY DO THEY NEED TO DO THIS?

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV) Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us, therefore purify yourselves from all leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Leaven –metaphor for evil small
imperceptible until it produces its effects
on whole**



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FEAST OF UNLEAVEN BREAD

Exodus 12:14-15 (ESV) This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

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new lump, as you really are unleavened.

The death of Christ makes them new; yet they must get rid of the old in order to be new, precisely because in Christ they already are new!

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8
Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

OUR TRUE NATURE-CALLED TO BE HOLY

- 1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV) Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

1.HOLY = IN A CLASS OF HIS OWN

Exodus 15:11 (ESV)

Who is like you, O Lord,
among the gods? Who
is like you, majestic in
holiness, awesome in
glorious deeds, doing
wonders?

1 Samuel 2:2 (ESV)

There is none holy like
the Lord: for there is
none besides you;
there is no rock like
our God.

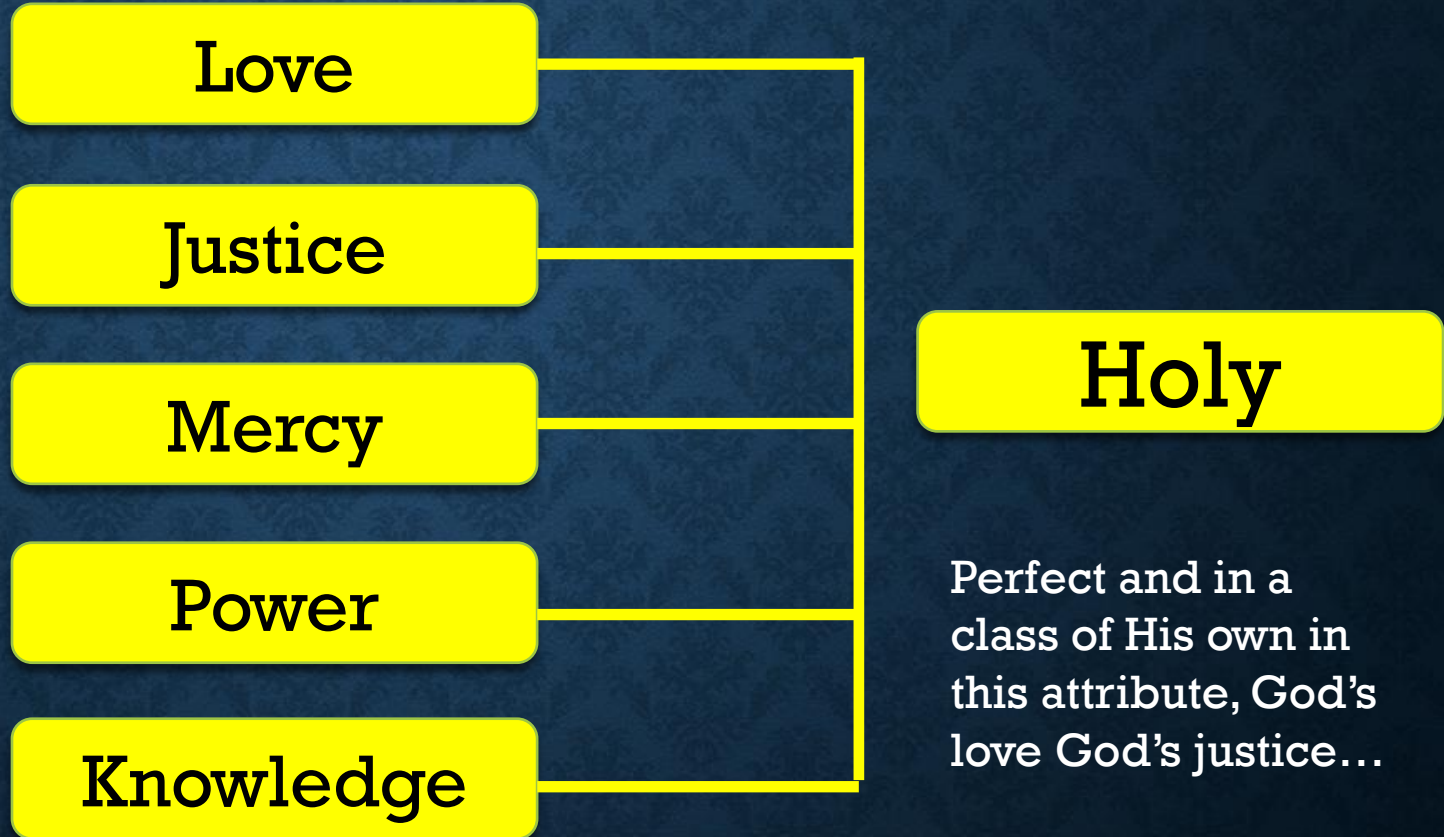
2. MORALLY PURE

Isaiah 6:3-5 (ESV) And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

..5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man
of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of
unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord
of hosts!”

HOLY IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS NATURE AND CHARACTER



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God's hotel

1 million stars





Holiness of
God

Love of God

Love of God

“The cruel irony of choosing God's love over his holiness is that we end up losing both. The affection of a familiar, buddy deity isn't worth much. Only the love of the Lord of heaven and earth, who dwells in unapproachable light, is truly awe-inspiring. When we lose sight of God's greatness, his love loses meaning.”

Drew Dyck May 20 2014

How We Forgot the Holiness of God

Christianity Today

HOLINESS



COMPARE THE LOVE





Holiness



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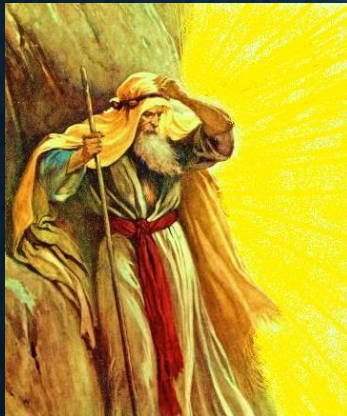
THE HOLINESS OF GOD



Moses burning bush



Isaiah 6



Moses Ex 32

Uzzah



Ananias Saphira



Nadab and Abihu

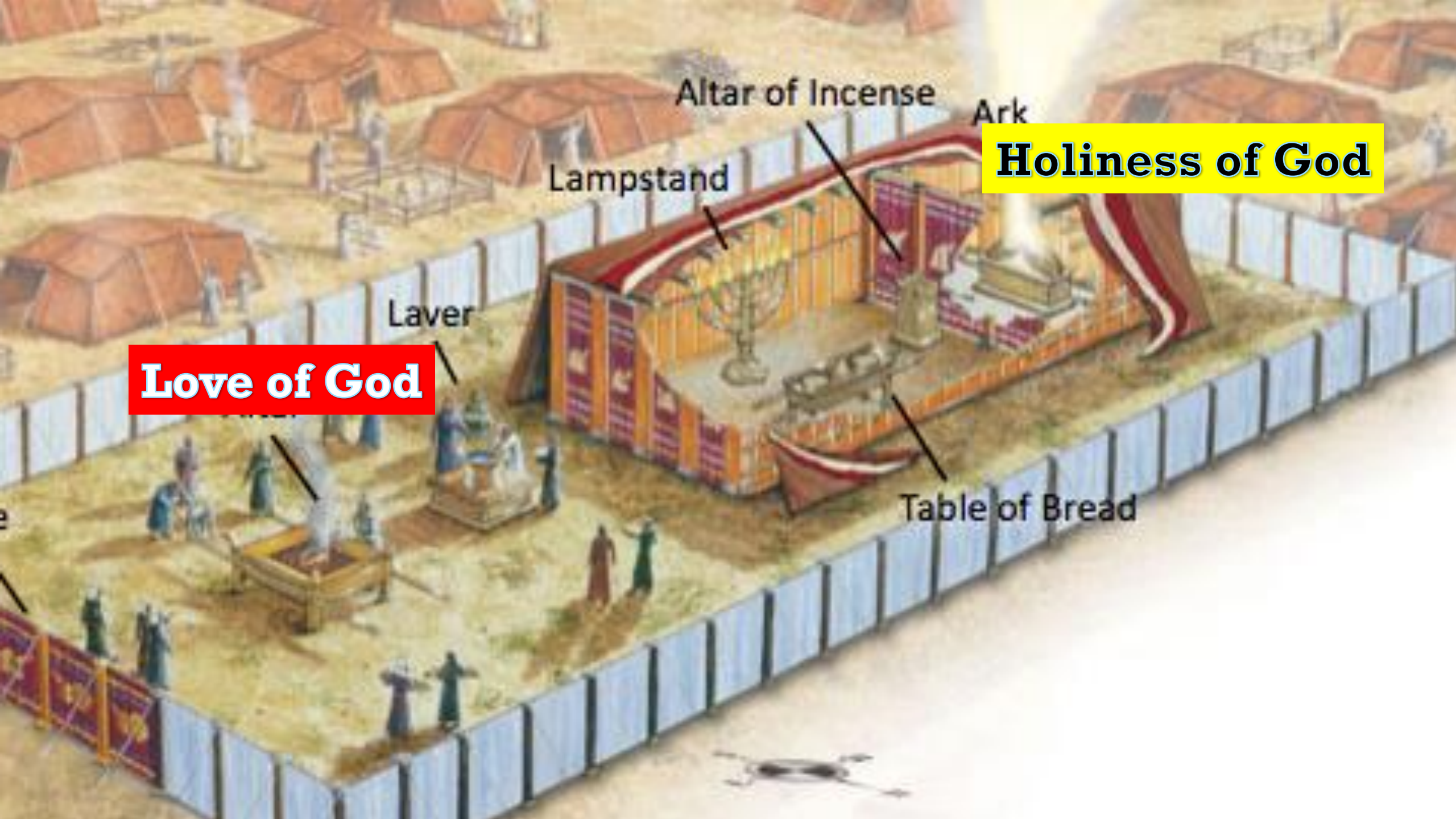


PASSOVER

Holiness of God

Love of God





Altar of Incense

Ark

Holiness of God

Lampstand

Laver

Love of God

Table of Bread



Holiness
Love



PEOPLE OF THE CROSS

Holiness of God

Love of God

DISCIPLINE IS NOT FOR NON BELIEVERS

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (ESV) I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

FOR PROFESSED SAINTS

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 (ESV) But now I am writing to you not to associate with

anyone **Serious, outward and unrepentant** if he is guilty of

sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those

inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges

those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”**

STEPS TAKEN- MATTHEW 18

1. Take it to him personally

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone

2. Take others along

But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses

3. Take it to the church

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church

4. Excommunication

And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

NATURE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Redemptive

Change behaviour-grow
in godliness

Corporate

As a body of Christ

Prophetic

Shines God's truth onto
error and sin

Proleptic

Foretaste of future
judgment

DEALING WITH SIN MOVING TOWARDS HOLINESS

A group of eleven silhouettes of people of various ages and genders standing in a line. A dark blue horizontal bar is superimposed over the middle of the group, containing white text.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other...



ACCOUNTABILITY

COACHING

Teach

Mentor

Support

Share

Experience

Guidance

Success

Knowledge

Learn

Development

Skills

WHO DID THE GREATER CRIME?

Ananias and Saphira



City Harvest Kong Hee: I am totally at peace

Founder waves and gives supporters a weak smile as he enters courtroom

Ng Huiwen
and Lin Yangchen

As heavy rain bore down yesterday, City Harvest Church (CHC) founder Kong Hee arrived at the State Courts to surrender and begin his 3½-year jail term.

Looking sombre, Kong, 52, was the first to turn up among the five church leaders due to start their sentences yesterday after they were convicted of misappropriating millions in church funds. At about 8.30am, he told reporters: "I am totally at peace and I am grateful to God for this. I have nothing more to say, just let me thank my friends."

Kong, who wore a white shirt and black trousers without his usual black jacket, then spoke individually to some 20 church members gathered outside the courtroom. Some were teary-eyed as Kong hugged them and shook hands. His wife and church founder Ho Yeow Sun was not present as she was said to be taking care of their family.

Kong faces the longest jail term among the six CHC leaders found guilty in 2015 of varying charges of criminal breach of trust and falsification of church accounts.

Their jail terms were cut on April 7 after the High Court reduced their criminal breach of trust charge on appeal.



Kong Hee (centre) arriving at the State Courts. His 3½-year jail sentence is the longest among the six CHC leaders found guilty in 2015 of varying charges of criminal breach of trust and falsification of church accounts. Kong told reporters: "I am totally at peace and I am grateful to God for this. I have nothing more to say, just let me thank my friends."

PHIL PRINGLE C3



HIS PROPHECY



**“We pronounce deliverance in Jesus name. Not one night will this fair head spend behind bars.”
- Prophet Phil Pringle, CHC Advisory Pastor.**

PASTOR PHIL PRINGLE (C3)

- “Jesus was accused of breaking the law and breaching the Sabbath and the law of blasphemy. Paul was accused of treason. Peter was imprisoned for preaching, which was deemed against the law.
- We sometimes have sanitized Christian history. **But when Jesus was treated like a criminal and executed, his disciples fled.** We must learn from these moments that though people make mistakes, it’s not a reason to leave them. **When people are unjustly accused or unfairly treated, it’s not a time to depart.**“