<u>28 Feb 2010</u> - Preached by Rev Wee Eng Moh Message Topic: **True Faith is Not Hypocrisy**

Scripture Text: James 1: 26-27

- 1. The Bible tells us in the Book of James that true religion is one which shows forth fruit. True saving faith is not just mere knowledge or professing words.
- 2. The 3 fruits to demonstrate true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are:

a) Control of our tongues (v.26)

The tongue is an unruly evil and full of deadly poison. Often we hurt one another with our words. The Bible reminds us in Eph 4:32 to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving.

b) Care for the needy (v.27a)

There are people who are neglected, needy and lonely. We should show our love and care for them and support them. Let us not be like the Pharisees who only care for their religious appearances and make long prayers but neglect the poor and needy.

c) Living a consecrated life (v.27b)

We are to keep ourselves unspotted in the world and live a holy life unto the Lord. We are in the world but not of the world. It is important to keep a close communion with the Lord daily and not let the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches to draw us away from the Lord.