

30 October 2016: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

**Topic: Suffer for the Truth!**

Scripture text: Acts 8:1-4

1. The biblical heritage that we received from the 16th century reformation is: Only Scriptures; Only Christ; Only Grace; Only Faith and Only the Glory of God. It is sad that many churches today do not remember this godly heritage and have compromised in their faith.
2. The world does not like Christ and the cross. The Reformers who stood for the truth of God's Word had to suffer and were persecuted. Some reformers had to die for their faith and they would rather die than betray the Word of God.
3. In Acts 8:1-4, we read of Christian persecutions by Saul before God saved him to be Apostle Paul. Saul was responsible for the death of Stephen. Christians must be prepared for persecutions for the Bible tells us that all that will live godly will suffer persecutions.
4. The small Jerusalem church that was persecuted would be tempted to stop proclaiming the truth and the Church could be destroyed too. But the persecuted believers who were scattered abroad continued preaching the Word of God. It was a wonderful testimony of their love and devotion to Christ.
5. The Reformers continued with the steadfastness in the 16th century to stand firm for the Lord despite persecutions from the Roman Catholic Church. Today we should follow in their footsteps to be ready to suffer for the truth. Indeed the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.