

2 July 2017: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: A Church in Order: The Mercy Ministry

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 5: 4-16

1. The Lord Jesus taught us to love one another as He has loved us in the new commandment. To love others means not to harm them and also to do good to them. 1 Tim 5: 4-16 is an application of the commandment to love one another.

2. We learned of the mercy ministry to the widows in the church who tend to be neglected due to their lowly status and poverty. The Bible teaches us to honour them.

3. The first responsibility to take care of the widows should come from her own children and grandchildren. i.e. immediate family members. This is in accordance to the 5th commandment to honour our fathers and mothers. Mercy ministry begins at the home.

4. The Bible also teaches us to provide this mercy ministry to those who are truly widows indeed. The description is given of these who are destitute and also godly in testimony to always turn to God for help.

5. There are younger widows who live in pleasure and are idler and gossip. They would turn against Christ and marry unbelievers. For such people, the Church ought not to help them as it will be a bad testimony for the Church to support them.

6. In summary, believers are in the same household of faith and one family in Christ. We ought therefore to love and care and support one another.