



# The Justification Of God

## Theodicy in Habakkuk



HOUSTON  
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Living by Faith

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Recitation of the HCC Articles of Faith

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Habakkuk 2:1-20*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow

"Living by Faith" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together whenever we gather so we never forget our need of mercy and God's abundant provision of it in the gospel.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

### Yet I Will Wait

November 20 | *Habakkuk 3:1-19* | Jason Tarn

### Chosen for Adoption

November 27 | *Ephesians 1:3-6* | Jason Tarn

### Pure Religion

December 4 | *James 1:27* | Fred Tow

### Jesus Came to... Proclaim Good News

December 11 | *Luke 4:16-20* | Henry Ow



### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:  
[hcc.lv/sermons](http://hcc.lv/sermons)



## ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes at 11:00am -12:15pm. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

**New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3)** | Trailer 412/414

**Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3)** | Rm 115

**Old Testament Survey (Part 4 of 6)** | Trailer 411

**Family Life: Senior Care** | Rm 113

## LUNCH PREPARATION

*Cambridge Fellowship* (this week)

*Living Spring Fellowship + Agape Fellowship* (next week)

## **Living by Faith**

### The Justification of God: Theodicy in Habakkuk Habakkuk 2:2-20

We live in a world where we experience the effects of wickedness. People die in a building collapse because a construction company decides to cut corners on building materials when constructing an apartment complex. A manager uses his authority to elicit sexual favors from potential employees. A young teenage driver dies because someone decided to get behind the wheel despite having too much to drink that night. When we experience the effects of wicked behavior, how should we respond? What should we do?

1. The countdown to God's judgment of the wicked has begun (2:2-3)
2. While the wicked resist God's rule, the righteous submit to God's rule living by faith (2:4-5)
3. The refusal of the wicked to submit to God's rule causes God's judgment (2:6-20)

We are excited to move forward  
with our building project



**\$25M**

### Phase 1

new multifunctional  
space, lobby, meeting  
rooms, children's center,  
parking lot

\$10.6M

### Phase 2

nursery, children's center,  
expanded lobby,  
cantonese chapel

\$4.7M

### Phase 3

nursery, youth center,  
sanctuary renovation,  
office, new rooms

\$6.7M

### Contingency

~\$3M

Please pray and discuss with your family how you will join in this great ministry undertaking. Complete the pledge form on the back and return in a sealed envelope prior to Dec 31st. Let us move forward **UNITED** in this project with 100% participation!



**BUILDING**  
*Leaving a Legacy*  
**THE VISION**

ANALYSIS  
HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH - MASTER PLAN

# MY PLEDGE

PLEDGE is above regular annual stewardship giving.  
ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Name

Phone

Address

City/State

Zip

email

Offering Code # (leave blank if none; one will be issued to you)

## MANY WAYS TO GIVE

- **Checks:** Payable to "Houston Chinese Church," with "HCC Bldg **Pledge**" on the memo line
- **Cash:** Write "HCC Bldg **Pledge**" on the offering envelope
- **Credit Card at PayPal Giving Fund:** Follow instructions on the hcchome.org website. There is no memo line so place "25" in the cents amount of your online donation to designate that this is for your HCC Bldg Pledge (ex. \$XX,XXX.25)
- **Charitable Donor-Advised Fund:** Direct your DAF to issue a grant to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg **Pledge**"
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** Direct your IRA trustee to issue a QCD to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg **Pledge**"
- **Appreciated Stocks and Securities:** Donating appreciated assets can generate a current income tax deduction while possibly eliminating capital gains taxes. Send email to treasurer@hcchome.org for more information and specific donation instructions.
- **Matching Gifts:** Some employers match employee charitable contributions, doubling your gift. Check with your employer.  My gift will be matched by: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Cryptocurrencies, Real estate & Business interests, Legacy and other Estate-planning gifts,** and any other special donation situations (Please email treasurer@hcchome.org to discuss).

I/WWE COMMIT TO GIVE A  
TOTAL OF:

\$

BY 12.31.2025

I/WWE WILL GIVE  
INSTALLMENTS OF:

\$

- Weekly  Quarterly  
 Monthly  Annually

I commit to pray  
for this building  
project regularly.



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**Pledge ONLINE**



**Signature**

**Date**



# Chosen<sup>®</sup>

**What:** Sponsor a child in Vietnam through World Vision for \$39/month

**When:** Sign-up between 11/27 through 12/11

**How:** HCC Lobby on 11/27 and 12/4

**Why:** Child sponsorship to empower that child and to overcome poverty. Show God's love and meet practical needs by helping their community get sustainable access to essentials like clean water, education, and healthcare

## Child Sponsorship through World Vision

- Child sponsorship pairs one sponsor with one child in need. You will be connected through letters, photos, and prayers
- Donations are pooled with other donations to fund development programs that benefit your sponsored child and their whole community. Focus on community-focused solutions
- \$39/month donation can be cancelled at any time through World Vision
- FAQ: <https://www.worldvision.org/sponsor-a-child/support-center/child-sponsorship-faqs#sponsorship-questions>



## Information about the community

- Lam Binh community in North Vietnam
  - Mountainous, forested area in northern Vietnam with tropical weather
  - Agriculture (rice) and forestry; rural and rugged terrain
  - World Vision has been in the community for 3 years, currently in Phase 1: Plan stage
- Needs
  - Lack of nutrition – mostly rice and a few vegetables, lacking in protein
  - Limited healthcare and social services
  - Poor sanitation and hygiene in homes, lack of clean water
- World Vision program highlights
  - Training farmers in sustainable agriculture practices to secure long-term income
  - Building and fixing public toilets, water sources, and waste facilities (155 from 2020-2021)
  - Training caretakers in positive discipline methods (1,282 adults from 2020-2021)
  - 95 home visits by community and faith leaders to support parents to care and protect children (2021)
- Additional information:  
<https://my.worldvision.org/community/?ID=211673>



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Baptism & Membership Class** | *Sundays in November* | 11:00 am | *Trailer 416*

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Join our class! Classes on Nov 6 & 13 are focused on baptism, and classes on Nov 20 & 27 will walk through becoming a member of HCC. If you are already baptized, you only need to attend the last two classes. Contact *Elise* at [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) to sign up or schedule make-up classes.

### **Care Package Distribution** | *TODAY!* | *After Service* | *Lobby*

Pick up a care package after service today in the lobby to give to a neighbor in need as you commute this week. Care packages include socks, water, snacks, and other items that may help people asking for assistance at street corners.

### **MOLO Park Play Date** | *Wed, Nov 16* | 9:30 - 11:00 am | *Whitt Johnson Park*

Mothers of Little Ones (MOLO) will be having a play date this Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:00 am. For more information or to join MOLO, contact *Amber* at [amberdwolters@yahoo.com](mailto:amberdwolters@yahoo.com)

### **World Vision Chosen Project** | *Sun, Nov 27* | *Lobby*

HCC is partnering with World Vision through "Chosen" child sponsorship to support children and families in Vietnam for \$39 a month. We invite you to prepare your hearts and pray about your participation. Sign-up for "Chosen" will start on November 27.

### **SAVE THE DATE! Public Theology Lectures: On Christianity and the Arts** | *Sat, Dec 3rd*

PTLs this Fall will focus on Christianity and the Arts. Lectures will be held every first Saturday of the month in the sanctuary. Our next PTL features *Prof Carlos Canul*, Director of the HCU Fine Arts Museum, who will speak on "Transcendence of Light and Hope in the Visual Arts."

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Church Office Closed on 11/24-11/25**

The church office will be closed on Thursday-Friday (11/24-11/25) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please submit all announcements and inserts for the 11/27 bulletin to *Elise Tan* at [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) by 10:00 am on Wednesday, 11/23.

## HCC KIDS

### **HCC Nursery & Kids Picture Day**

Our babies and kids are growing so quickly! It's time for us to capture the moment and take updated photos for Children's Ministry. Please note the date/time for your child's age group. Photos for nursery will be taken during English & Chinese Worship on 12/4.

10:15 - 11:15 am	<i>Sunday, Dec 4th</i> Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten In respective classrooms	<i>Sunday, Dec 11th</i> 1st-5th Grade, Make-up photos in Room 208
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### **Nursery Tour for New Parents and Parents-to-Be**

Congratulations on your new addition! Our nursery is so excited and looking forward to seeing your child in our rooms. We have a nursery tour scheduled for 12/4 and 3/5 at 10:50AM. We would love to welcome you properly and show you our facilities. Sign-up for the tour at [hcc.lv/HCCNurseryTour](http://hcc.lv/HCCNurseryTour). For the December tour, please sign up by 11/20. Contact *Jocelyn* at [jocelynh@hcchome.org](mailto:jocelynh@hcchome.org) for any questions.

### **HCC Kids Hands-on Prep**

*Weekday Afternoons/Evenings (by pre-arrangement)* | *Tues, Wed, or Fri.*

Want to serve in a more behind-the-scenes way? Children's Ministry can use your hands-on help in getting our snacks, supplies, and kits ready! We have items to prepare on a weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis, so the more hands the merrier. Sign-up to help at [hcc.lv/HCCKidsHelp](http://hcc.lv/HCCKidsHelp)

### **Wellness Policy**

Parents, please observe the HCC Wellness Policy for Children: Any child who is sick or exhibits symptoms (including vomiting, fever with the last 24 hours, sore throat, colored runny nose, COVID-19, or other contagious disease) will not be admitted to the Nursery or HCC Kids programs. For a complete list of symptoms, contact *Mr. Frank* at [frankt@hcchome.org](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org)



# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP \*COMBINED SERVICE

266

62

216

45

85

76

12

762

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN

ENG + MAND

CHILDREN

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

76

49

86

12

19

-

2

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

ENGLISH

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN



NOV 6, 2022

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

THIS YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

LAST YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND

\$36,664.80

\$1,833,138.04

(\$303,694.51)

(\$151,846.59)

HCC BUILDING

\$2,150.22

\$137,165.40

PEARLAND BUILDING

\$820.00

\$80,552.94



### Now Hiring: Full-Time Chinese Administrative Assistant & Other Roles

HCC is now hiring a full-time Chinese Administrative Assistant to work on the Chinese bulletin, translate announcements, and handle other administrative tasks. Fluency in verbal/written Mandarin is required. We are also looking for individuals to fill the following roles: **part-time IT Coordinator**, **part-time Nursery Caregiver**, and **full-time Pearland Youth Minister**. Email [pastorsearch@hcchome.org](mailto:pastorsearch@hcchome.org) to apply or find out more at [hcc.lv/opportunities](http://hcc.lv/opportunities)

### Staff Itinerary

**Stanley Chang, Fred Tow, Thomas Wang:** Father-Son Retreat, 11/11-13



### Congratulations

**Avery Hsu & Vickie Chu** on their daughter, **Karina Ke-shin Hsu**, born on October 11, 2022.



### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight: [hcc.lv/GoPrayNov22](http://hcc.lv/GoPrayNov22)

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### COVID PROTOCOL

#### Green Zone: Low Risk

Masks are welcome. Continue to self-isolate if positive for COVID-19, and stay up to date on vaccines/boosters.

## ABOUT US

### COVID Church Facilities Update

HCC welcomes everyone to our indoor worship and activities. Check: [hcc.lv/covid](http://hcc.lv/covid) for the most updated protocols. For more info contact us at: [hccoffice@hcchome.org](mailto:hccoffice@hcchome.org)

### New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: [hcc.lv/Welcome](http://hcc.lv/Welcome) OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby for a gift. We will contact you with on ways to connect with our community!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | [hcc.lv/news](http://hcc.lv/news)

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts to Elise Tan at [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.