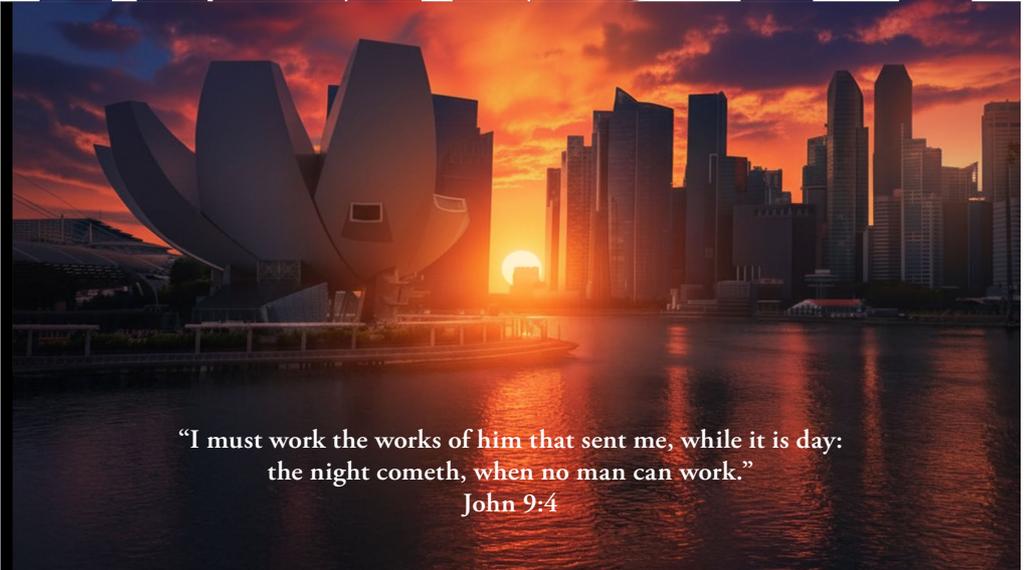


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ARE YOU READY?



“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day:
the night cometh, when no man can work.”

John 9:4

Are you ready for
Apostasy?

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the Rapture?

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Editorial

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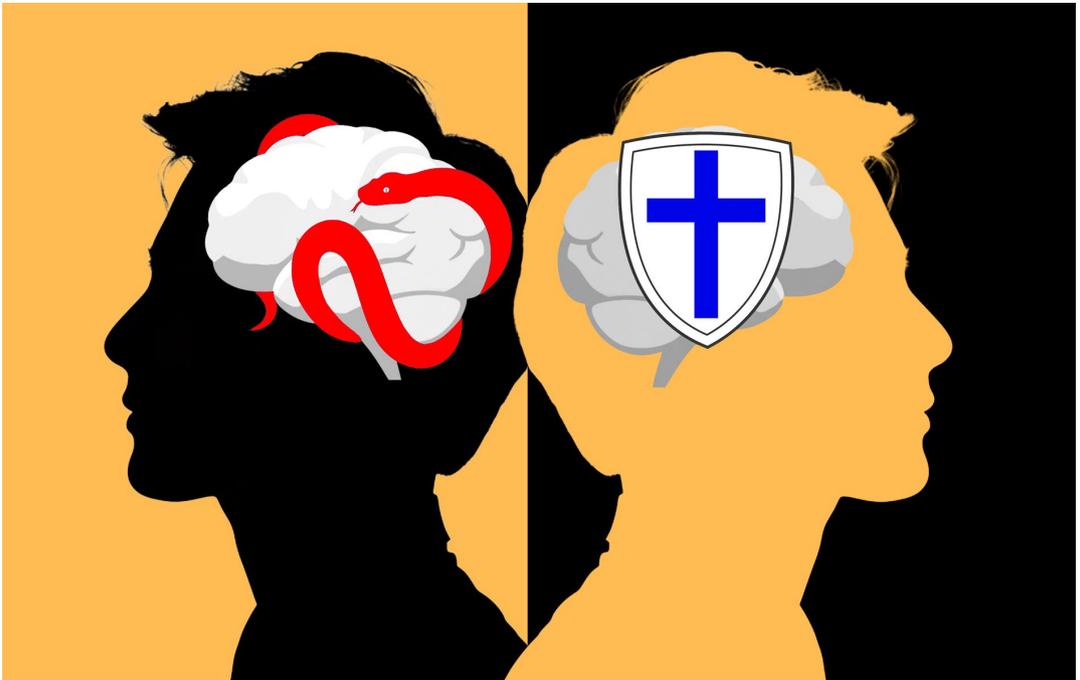
The times are perilous and the Day of the LORD is hastening on. World events are rapidly unfolding right before our eyes, and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is nearer than we think!

“Are You Ready?” is the theme for this issue. It is a personal and pertinent question for all readers to contemplate and be doubly sure of their answer, especially in the last of these last days.

“The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” Matthew 16:1-3

The natural man can perceive natural things but cannot perceive spiritual things. The Lord Jesus Christ says of them that *“seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand”* (Mark 4:12a).

In contrast, Christians are spiritual people and are given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God (Mark 4:11a) – for spiritual things are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14).



Only a spiritual person can spiritually discern the things of God, for a spiritual person is spiritually-minded. One can only be spiritually-minded because he has been baptised with the Holy Spirit who indwells him, for only the Holy Spirit can produce spiritual-mindedness.

ONLY TWO MINDS - CARNAL OR SPIRITUAL!

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”
Romans 8:6

The Bible tells of 2 minds – a carnal mind and a spiritual mind. To be carnally minded is death, while to be spiritually minded is life and peace. The mind is always inclined in a particular direction.

All of us are born with a mind inclined toward the things of the flesh because our body is made of flesh and blood. All the things of the flesh originate from the dust of the ground, like our body. Therefore, there is an innate attraction between our body and the things of the world.

The carnal mind depends on the things of the earth for its present and future life. It thinks to itself, “The more things of the world I have, the safer my future is.” It works hard for these things. The desires of the eyes and the flesh work in tandem, culminating in man’s success that feeds his ego and pride. The more he obtains, the better he feels about securing his future.

If he were not born in sin, there is no problem with this manner of life. However, man is indeed born in sin. He will die in sin if he does not get rid of sin and continues to

lean on fleshly things for his peace of heart and mind. God's judgment and condemnation await him. He thinks of carnal things all the time. He thinks of constantly buying bigger houses, growing his company, when the next promotion is, when more money is needed next year compared to this year, etc. He cannot help but think this way, since he possesses the carnal mind.

Those who are carnal (fleshly) will be directed to exercise the mind to entertain the things of flesh (carnal), but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit (Romans 8:5).

All men born of a human father and human mother are sinners born with a carnal mind at birth. The carnal mind is depraved and is the mind of an unbeliever. The unregenerate carnal mind cannot please God *"because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be"* (Romans 8:7).

All sinners are born spiritually dead. They will face physical death one day, and be damned to die the second death eternally in the Lake of Fire if they would not repent and turn to Christ for salvation. All men who are only born once (on this earth) will die twice, for to be carnally minded is death!

But when a man is born-again in Christ, his carnal mind is completely transformed and renewed. He is given another mind – the spiritual mind of Christ. The spiritual mind is not the work of man, but comes solely by the operation of the Spirit of God. The spiritual mind is the opposite of the carnal mind. He thinks of all things spiritual and eternal in all his decision-making. This new manner of thinking originates from the Holy Spirit who dwells within him. It did

not come by the will or the power of man but the power of the Holy Spirit in every believer's life.

All born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will not die the second death eternally in the Lake of Fire. All believers now have eternal life in Christ (John 3:16). All men who are born-again, i.e. born twice, will not see death (John 8:51)!

Death is regarded as sleep for the Christian, for they will experience the blessed resurrection one day. There will also be a generation of believers that would not have to "sleep", for they will be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17)!

Furthermore, the Bible says, *"therefore being justified by faith, we [believers] have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ [emphasis added]"* (Romans 5:1). All born-again believers will also have the **peace of God** from the **God of peace** (Romans 15:33, 1 Thessalonians 5:23) – a peace that the world cannot give (John 14:27)! This peace of God stands guard at the gates of our hearts and minds to preserve them through our Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:7), for the spiritually-minded enjoy eternal and spiritual life and peace with God and man.

THOUGHTS - THE FRUIT OF THE MIND

Thoughts are the product of the mind, just as fruits are the product of the seed planted. No fruits are produced if no roots and no life are emanating from the seed that is sown.

But it is not a problem with the seed if no fruits are borne. It is a problem with the ground.

One may discern the nature of the unseen soil underground by the grass and crops that grow upon it. Likewise, the synapses of the mind and recesses of the heart may be observed by the thoughts and reason that are reflected in one's speech and manner of life.

On the one hand, we may have to consider our food, raiment and lodging every day. There is nothing sinful in dealing with life's daily affairs and routines. After all, we are living here on earth.

But if a man's preoccupation in life – his thoughts and speech and life – revolve only around what he eats, how he dresses and where he lives, can he be really said to be spiritually-minded?

Was that not why Jesus exhorted His disciples to *“seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* (Matthew 6:33)?

What preoccupies you – what does your mind produce when you are free and have nothing to do? Do not these thoughts reveal the state of your mind?

COUNTERFEIT SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS

Having a spiritual mind is not merely having a mind that is simply cognizant of spiritual truths. It is also not a mind that only agrees and approves of good and biblical doctrines, but does nothing more than mere assent.

Anyone can hear and agree with great and fundamental Bible truths. But one can walk away after hearing and agreeing with them – *“Like the man who beholds his natural face in a glass; and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”* (James 1:23-24)



RISE UP MEN OF GOD MINISTRY

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

MISSION

Building up godly and spiritual Christian men, husbands, and fathers in the LORD

OBJECTIVES

A Bible-based and Christ-centered ministry to help Christian men, husbands, and fathers to:

1. Be skilful in the Word of God and strong in their faith
2. Be godly heads of homes to lead their wives and children to follow Christ
3. Encourage, sharpen, and provoke one another unto love and good works

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Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Main Sanctuary

2026

The Call and Duties of Christian Men

1 Jan 2026 (PH)

Called to be approved unto God!
2 Timothy 2 : 14-26

27 May 2026 (PH)

Called to live in perilous times!
2 Timothy 3 : 1-9

29 Aug 2026 (5th Anniversary)

Called to suffer persecution!
2 Timothy 3 : 10-17

31 Oct 2026

Called to keep the faith!
2 Timothy 4 : 1-22

2026

Meetup Event Dates

7 Mar 2026 (Sat)

4 Jul 2026 (Sat)

5 Dec 2026 (Sat)

Counterfeit spiritual-mindedness is extremely dangerous and pernicious. Such spiritual mimicry produces a choreography of well-rehearsed, spiritually-sounding thoughts that are not the product of a spiritual mind. Such deception is great and grievous because it potentially deceives both the actor and the spectator alike.

Such a man is like one who boasts to all and sundry that he owns all the good class bungalows and skyscrapers in Singapore, but does not have the title deeds of these properties to prove his proclaimed possessions. Such is the same as an empty-sounding hypocrite who talks about spiritual things without first truly and genuinely experiencing life and peace in his soul that comes with his union in Christ, and communion with His Saviour.

TRUE ORTHODOXY

Knowing, understanding and agreeing with fundamental biblical doctrines are good – this is also referred to as Orthodoxy. Orthodoxy is good because it is the rightness of doctrine – being theologically right.

But orthodoxy is not merely about being intellectually right or being orthodox for orthodoxy's sake. It is also not simply checking all the right boxes in a theological discussion.

True orthodoxy is a dynamic reality in the life of every born-again believer, for it will produce a sincere and warm-hearted devotion and piety to God. True orthodoxy is never alone and will always be accompanied by piety.

If the great truth of God's Word does not grip the soul, confront the conscience, or touch the heart, such mere intellectual

interest would have no impact. There would be no change in conduct and behaviour of life, and God's grace of saving faith would still elude such an intellectual hobbyist.

ARE YOU READY?

Perhaps you may already know that we live in the perilous last days. Maybe you also agree that the Lord Jesus Christ's return is imminent and will come as a thief in the night. But I wonder if your knowledge and agreement of these truths has changed your life since the day you learnt about them.

Will you be on the LORD's side when He returns?

Let us heed the eternal and all-wise words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

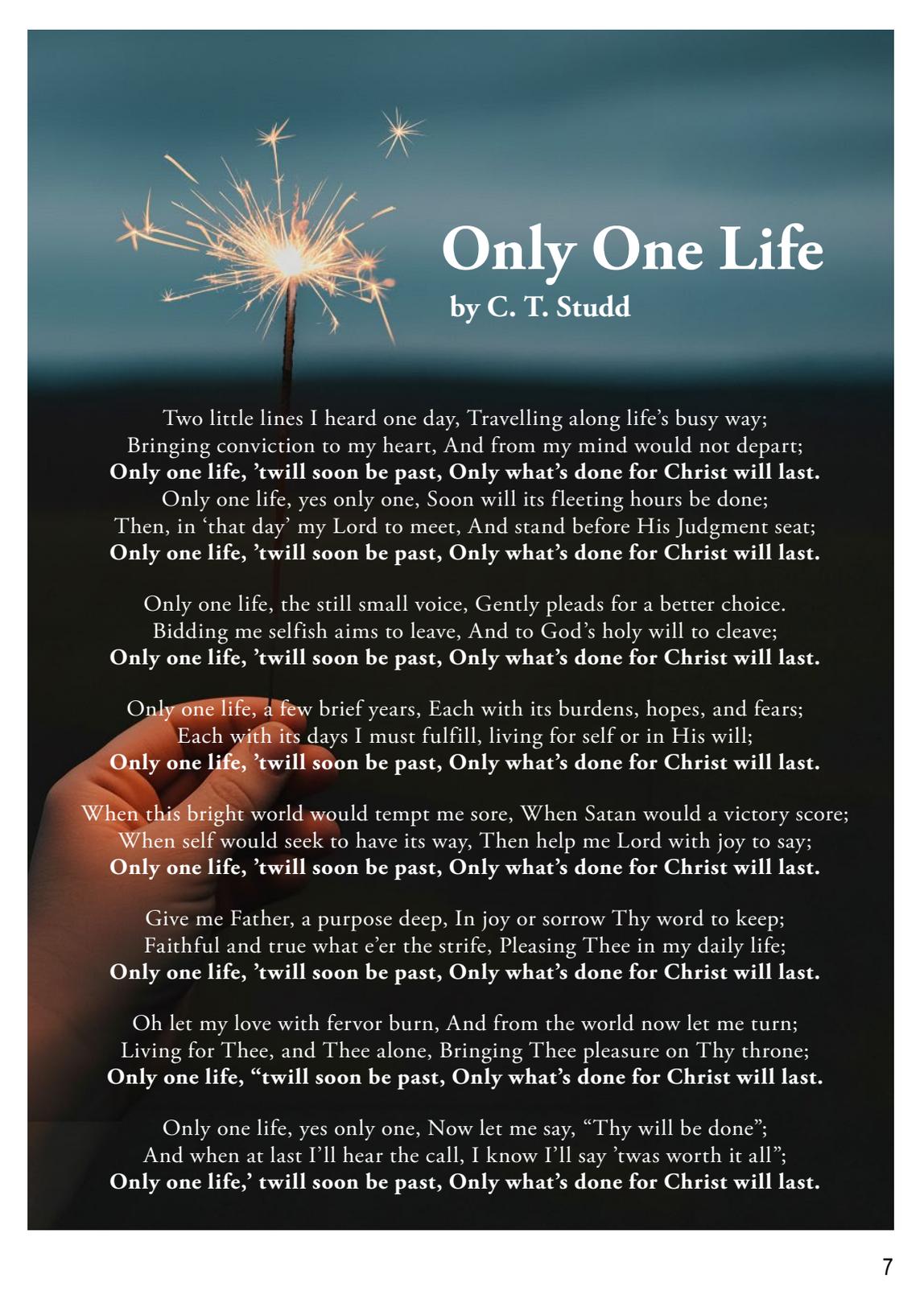
“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

Matthew 24:42, 44

We ought to watch and be ready! Are you ready?

As usual, please do not hesitate to drop an email to Dn. Adrian Poh (hiswayisperfectforme@gmail.com) or Dn. Simon Chua (chuahanyong@gmail.com) for any feedback or enquiries.

May the LORD bless you and your family, and may we be ready for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ! ✂

A hand is shown holding a lit sparkler. The sparkler is bright and glowing, with many sparks flying outwards. The background is a dark, gradient blue, suggesting a night sky. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

Only One Life

by C. T. Studd

Two little lines I heard one day, Travelling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgment seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice.
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, "twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say 'twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Are You Ready for **APOSTASY?**

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” [Emphasis added]

2 Thessalonians 2:3a

APOSTASY FIRST!

The LORD has ordained a time when the Lord Jesus Christ shall return for His saints – this is known only to Him (Mark 13:32, Matthew 24:36).

The Lord’s return will be at any time, but it does not mean that it will occur randomly without prior signs or warning.

God’s Word has warned us that that day (of the Lord’s return) shall not come, except there come a falling away first. This guarantees that Christianity will turn apostate (fall away) in the last days.

When the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ were first referred to as “Christians” at Antioch in Acts 11:26, it was sufficient to distinguish a true born-again believer.

Today, “Christians” refers to Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox Churches, Seven-Day Adventists, Mormons, Charismatics, Pentecostals, Anglicans, Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists,

Presbyterians and even Bible-Presbyterians. Everyone is a Christian as long as they have Jesus Christ written somewhere in their church constitution.

APOSTASY HAS ARRIVED!

After the 1000 years of Dark Ages during the zenith of Roman papacy, the height of Christianity after the early church at Pentecost was undoubtedly the period after the 16th Century Reformation.

However, the cancer of falsehood soon started to metastasise again thereafter. This time, there was the rise of Modernism, which specifically includes the development of the theory of Evolution, English Deism and German Rationalism in the 18th Century to 19th Century, followed by French Naturalism in the late 19th Century.

A set of 90 essays, also known as “The Fundamentals”, was published at the start of the 20th Century in response to the rising



tide of Modernism that was infiltrating the church.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of USA (PCUSA) had also first summarized to impose the Five Fundamentals as a test of orthodoxy in 1910. However, this was soon challenged and overturned by the Auburn Affirmation signed by 1274 PCUSA ministers in May 1924 – which was a pivotal moment that birthed the Bible-Presbyterian movement in America (and the world) in 1937.

However, the 20th Century Ecumenical movement soon gained momentum after two

world wars ravaged the world. Everyone in the world was desperate for peace at all costs, especially after the world entered the nuclear age in 1945. This set the stage for the World Council of Churches (WCC) to be founded in Amsterdam in 1948.

A decade later, Harold Ockenga attempted to straddle the fundamentalist and liberal camps. This fueled the rise of man-centred Neo-Evangelicalism in the 1950s which paid lip service to Fundamentalism, and placed undue and unnecessary emphasis on intellectual discourse with atheists and liberals, social engagement,

and the rejection of biblical separation. This was the Devil's masterstroke of deception in blurring the battlelines, and is probably the catalyst that accelerated the falling away of Christianity over the past century.

Today, Christianity has turned apostate. The curtains on the global stage are now set for "*that man of sin [to] be revealed, the son of perdition*" – before the Lord Jesus Christ will return!

APOSTASY EXPOSED!

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 3-4

Apostates are ungodly men who have no fear of God in their lives and have the gall to rebel against the One True and Living God. These men, pre-destinated and ordained to condemnation, have infiltrated the church by stealth over the past 500 years. Their modus operandi is like their father, the Devil, who was the Old Serpent that beguiled Eve in the Garden of Eden.

These wicked and evil men turn the grace of God into outrageous filth by introducing salvation by works (Ephesians 2:8-9) and manipulating the grace of God and claiming it as a license to live an even more carnal and sinful lifestyle (Romans 6:1-2)!

Furthermore, they attack the Lord Jesus Christ by denying His deity, His humanity, His virgin birth, His miracles, His death, His blood, His substitutionary atonement, and His bodily resurrection. Have all these doctrines not been attacked at some point or another throughout church history?

Apostasy rears its ugly head in many forms and under different names in various cloaks of deception. These have to be exposed and vehemently resisted, for the souls of men, women, and children are at stake!

APOSTASY ENGAGED IN BATTLE!

Soldiers of Christ are to earnestly contend and agonise in this great battle for the Truth, because the Truth alone can save man from all sins, and the heart and centrality of the Truth is the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6-8

The apostates corrupt and pervert the Gospel and have denied the faith. They preach another (heteros – not of the same quality or nature e.g. heterogeneous – diverse in character and content) gospel which is not another (allos – another of the same kind).

This is not merely a difference in millennial view or mode of baptism. This is a difference as vast as heaven and hell!

Even if an Apostle or an Archangel from heaven with all their credentials were to come and preach another (heteros) gospel apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Scripture, we are to reject them. The Word of God declares that the curse of God be vowed upon such an apostate – he will be doomed to destruction without hope of redemption. This is the direst of woes – such is the curse of God (anathema)!

This is because apostates undermine the very heart and message of the Gospel that can save sinners from all sins! These apostates also use cunning deception in their methods – they work with stealth to spread this deadly poison. These “*false Christs, and false prophets, [and] shall shew great signs and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible [2nd class condition – impossibility], they shall deceive the very elect*” (Matthew 24:24). How great the deception and how strong the delusion!

The treatment of apostasy can be likened to cancer treatment – swift, decisive and radical. Oncologic surgery is urgently required for precise and radical excision of highly malignant tumours of falsehood – no cancer cells must be left behind!

Treatment also has to be swift and decisive! Otherwise, the cancer of falsehood will spread and metastasise and infect the entire body. The prognosis will be terminal when cancer happens, and this will lead to death and damnation of the souls of men, women, and children.

ARE YOU READY FOR APOSTASY?

“If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy

bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.” Deuteronomy 13:6-10

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:37-38

The LORD demands full and complete allegiance from soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The test of our allegiance and our readiness for apostasy cannot be more plainly and clearly stated than the Word of God and the eternal words of the Lord Jesus Christ. ✠

Are You Ready for **the RAPTURE?**

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night... But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4

Paul’s epistles to the church at Thessalonica may perhaps be summarised with the theme “Living in view of the 2nd coming of Christ”.

BACKGROUND

The church in Thessalonica was founded during the Apostle Paul’s 2nd missionary journey. After he received the Macedonian call at Troas, he arrived first at Philippi before leaving to reach Thessalonica.

The impact of Paul’s ministry is probably best surmised by the accusation of the unbelieving Jews at Thessalonica when they cried “*these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also*” (Acts 17:6).

In the face of persecution, Paul and Silas were soon sent away from Thessalonica

under the cover of darkness to Berea before finally arriving at Athens (Acts 17:10, 16).

Given the circumstances of his hasty departure, Paul was naturally concerned for the new believers in Thessalonica. At Athens, Paul sent Timothy to check on the brethren at Thessalonica who were undergoing much tribulations and afflictions (1 Thessalonians 3:1-4).

Paul then wrote the epistle to the Thessalonians from where he was at Corinth when Timothy brought an encouraging report of his visit to the Thessalonian believers (1 Thessalonians 3:6-8).

Nearly 2000 years after Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians, the urgency of the times is even more pressing for us living in these last days. The Lord’s return for His Bride, the Church of God, is nearer than we think!



WAIT

*“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to **wait** for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. [Emphasis added]” 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10*

The Wait

Waiting refers to an interim period. Life on earth is an interim.

Unfortunately, many professing Christians get so enamoured by the pleasure and profits and prospects of this transient world. They get themselves entangled in

the affairs of this life and soon forget the temporal, fleeting nature of this physical life, and that it is only the interim.

One who lives his life waiting waits for an eventuality.

Wait in Expectancy

The Christian’s wait is in expectancy – to await the eventuality of the return of the Son of God from heaven. It is a wait in hope, and a wait that will not be in vain.

It is also an active wait – not merely waiting passively. It is deliberate and conscious. This is reflected in the calculated and purposeful action in initiating a 180-degree “*turn to God from idols [sin] to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven*”.

One would easily forget about the transient interim of life here on earth when the sight of Christ's return grows dim, and when we lose sight of heaven.

But we must not forget that what we do in this life ought to be done in the expectancy and light of the soon coming again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Wait in Holiness

We also wait for Christ by living a life of holiness when we “*turn from our idols to serve the living and true God*”! The manner of waiting is in holiness.

We wait for Christ by presenting ourselves a living sacrifice on the altar of God and being ready to burn out as a living sacrifice for Christ!

A favourite hymn that a pastor used to encourage his congregation and which also possibly expressed his heart's desire was “Let me burn out for Thee”.

Chorus:

*Let me burn out for Thee, dear Lord,
Burn and wear out for Thee.
Don't let me rust, or my life
Be a failure, my God to Thee.
Use me and all I have, dear Lord,
And get me so close to Thee
That I feel the throb of the great heart of
God,
Until I burn out for Thee.*

If Jesus Christ the Son of God be our Lord and Saviour, we are sure that He will be coming again for us from heaven in the skies!

We must wait for Him in expectancy and in holiness!

WALK

*“That ye would **walk** worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. [Emphasis added]”* 1 Thessalonians 2:12

The Walk

We are on the walk of our lives every day. We are all headed in a particular direction in life, and each step takes us closer to our final destination every day – our destiny.

Unlike a jog or a run, every step in a walk is carefully, consciously, and deliberately taken. If we are not careful, one could trip, slip, and fall while walking.

Each step we take ought to consciously reflect the Master of our destiny, and to please and serve our Master.

Walk Worthy of The Lord

There are only 2 Masters a person can serve in life – it is either God or Sin.

If the master is sin, then the walk that is worthy of sin has to be sinful! And if the walk is worthy of sin, it is worthy of death! Because the wages of sin is death! Wages are payment that is deserved, and sin deserves death, and deservedly so (Romans 6:23a)!

Those who walk in sin and outside Christ are on a death walk in their lives. They follow Sin and live a sinful life to please the Devil! They are incapable of walking worthy of God because they are still in bondage and serving their master called Sin. They do not repent when they sin.

On the contrary, the Christian is no longer in bondage or under the dominion of sin. He has a new Master – the Lord Jesus Christ. Every step in a Christian's walk

ought to be worthy of God! He repents and runs to God and pleads forgiveness for Christ's sake.

Christians follow the Lord Jesus Christ and walk the narrow way that leads to the strait gate, which is the end of our life, which ushers in life eternal. They can follow God and live a godly life to please God!

Unfortunately, some professing Christians like to attempt to live as close to the world and sin, and to be as carnal as possible. They argue for such dangerous carnal living on the pretext of Christian liberty – “since the Bible is silent on this, it is not wrong for Christians to do it. Since smoking, clubbing and gaming etc. are not specifically prohibited in the Bible, it is ok to do so.”

The correct question to consider is not if such reasoning is ok or logical, but if it is biblical – is it worthy of the LORD?

Instructions to Walk Worthy of the Lord

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tenderly exhorts the Thessalonian Christians to walk worthy of God as a father to his child (1 Thessalonians 2:11).

Furthermore, the LORD has also given us many instructions on how to walk worthy of Him.

In Colossians, Paul prays for the Colossian Christians to be “*filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye [they] might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing*” (Colossians 1:9-10).

This means God has given the way that we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing (to God and in every situation of

life). It is to know God's Word (knowledge of his will) and obey God's Word by faith (in all wisdom and spiritual understanding).

In Galatians, Paul exhorts the Galatian Christians to “*Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh*” (Galatians 5:16).

When Christians who are spiritual people live spiritual lives and are actively engaged in spiritual warfare, the LORD, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, will aid us so that we do not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

It is not within the scope of this article to cover every one of the following listed Bible references in detail – they are enumerated for the reader's ease of reference:

- Walk in Newness of life (Romans 6:4)
- Walk by Faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:2)
- Walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8)
- Walk Circumspectly (Ephesians 5:15-16)
- Walk in Wisdom (Colossians 4:5)
- Walk Honestly (1 Thessalonians 4:12)
- Walk in the Light (1 John 1:7)
- Walk in Truth (3 John 4)

If the LORD be our God, we must walk worthy of Him, for the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again very soon!

Work

*“And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to **work** with your own hands, as we commanded you. [Emphasis added]”* 1 Thessalonians 4:11

Meddlesome!

The recent global pandemic and local elections over the past few years brought about much frenzy and a flurry of news. There was much speculation about how the pandemic would evolve, and many also debated about different national, fiscal, social, and other domestic policies during the recent General Elections.

Everyone had a view and seemed to want their voice to be heard above the din. It was not uncommon to read of unkind comments and criticisms, and some were unjustly and unkindly vilified. Unfortunately, speculation, debate, comments, and criticisms generate much activity and strife, but do not get any work done.

“ There are ten thousand and one good things and good works to do, but they may not be work God has called me to do. ”

It is like a group of doctors who surround a man suffering from a cardiac arrest, discussing the mechanics of cardiac output, heart failure and cardiac pathophysiology without putting their hands (and mouths) to good use by commencing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that would help save the man's life.

There were amongst the Thessalonians “*some which walk among you [them] disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies*” (2 Thessalonians 3:11).

To these meddlesome busybodies, the Apostle Paul, under inspiration of the Holy

Spirit, “*command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread*” (2 Thessalonians 3:12).

Don't be busybodies, and get to work!

Work God's work God's way!

There are ten thousand and one good things and good works to do, but they may not be work God has called me to do. Therefore, it will not be right for me to do them.

Every child of God must discern their Heavenly Father's will on earth. God's will is specific and particular. We cannot just live our lives in empiricism, or else how may we “*prove what that good, acceptable, and perfect, will of God*” (Romans 12:2) is in our lives?

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” John 9:4

The Lord Jesus Christ sets us the perfect example. He works “*the works of him that sent me*”. His work and mission here on earth were clear and specific.

The timing of Christ's work is also clearly delineated: “*while it is day*”. For once “*the night cometh*” and life on earth ceases, “*no man can work*”.

The Lord Jesus Christ also demonstrates the compulsion in the work that must be done – “*I must do*”!

We can certainly decide not to do the work we want. We do not have to work to fulfil our desire and ambition to be rich, or to do the works of our fancy or glory. We also do not need to fulfil our hope of the ‘simple and peaceful life’ if God has not called our life to be ‘simple and peaceful’. Consider how the Apostles, Reformers or

many of the Christian martyrs of old did not have a 'simple and peaceful' life. But we must most certainly do the work God has called us to do!

Like the Apostle Paul when he met with the Lord Jesus Christ and was converted on the road to Damascus, he asked the most critical question every disciple of Christ has to know: "*what wilt thou have me to do*" (Acts 9:6a)?

When we seek the LORD in Truth, He will lead and direct us each step of the way, one step at a time. In Paul's case, "*the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do*" (Acts 9:6b).

Work hard!

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10

When man works, effort and labour have to be invested, otherwise work will not be work! And work hard we surely must!

The child of God has no problem working hard because he sees his life on earth as his heavenly employment from His Heavenly Father. He works hard with whatever God places in his hand to do, and gives no idle excuse to exempt himself from the heavenly business of his earthly life, even if the duty appears lowly and menial, for heavenly work certainly cannot be demeaning. Therefore, the work that his hand finds to do is his work from God to do!

Furthermore, he will not only do it – he will do it with his strength and might! He gives his all and flings himself unreservedly to the work – to work with his power and might! The work he does with his hands has to be done well!

The reason is that he remembers the narrow window of life he has to do these works! When death knocks on the door, all work shall stop, and the time to work will be over.

Work good works!

But the Christian does not merely work hard in this life like all sinners do – he works good works! For God's children are saved by grace through faith unto good works!

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

Good works are good in quality, and are the natural product and fruit of saving faith in every believer's life. Goodness ought to characterise every work that a believer does in his life.

Every good work is a work of faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)

Saving faith is a working faith – a faith that works! A faith without works is a dead faith, being alone (James 2:7, 10).

But we must not misunderstand the root of faith with the fruit of works. We must not confuse works as the foundation of salvation. Rather, saving faith in Christ is the root of salvation that saves – it is also a faith that will transform the heart, mind,

and life of a sinner to produce good works in Christ.

The faith of Abraham was completed and perfected by his work in his offering up of his only begotten son Isaac upon the altar in obedience to the LORD's command. God also told Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering, i.e. to return him to God by death. Did God contradict Himself? Abraham believed God had to raise Isaac from the dead to fulfill the first promise! By faith, Abraham trusted and believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness (James 2:21-24).

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”
James 2:21-24

If you are a child of God, what has God called you to do? Are you working the works of God that He has called you to work, and are you ready for His return? Are you working hard? Are your works good?

WATCH

*“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch** and be sober.” [Emphasis added]* 1 Thessalonians 5:6

Watch!

The end is near and there is no time to sleep. We have to keep awake and be vigilant!

Children of God are the “*children of light and children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness*” (1 Thessalonians 5:5).

Those others who sleep are those who are intoxicated and drunken with materialism and lust in the darkness of night in this sin-filled world (1 Thessalonians 5:7)!

Therefore, if we are truly God's children, let us not fall asleep. We have to keep awake and “*be sober by putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation*” (1 Thessalonians 5:8).

Many people closely follow and watch the stock markets and other investment-related news. They are awake even in the morning's wee hours, keeping watch and monitoring. These people listen to the news and read the newspapers, company financial reports, and other avenues of company mergers and acquisitions, looking for any opportunity to advance their business portfolios and make more money.

I wonder if Christians are also reading God's Word closely and preparing for every opportunity to serve and burn out for the LORD before His soon return?

Watch - For the end is near!

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” Matthew 24:42

The Lord Jesus Christ gives us a clear reason why His disciples must wake up and stay awake, and be vigilant – because we do not know the hour that He will return.

His reply was in response to the disciples who came unto Him privately as He sat upon the Mount of Olives and asked Him, “*Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*” (Matthew 24:2)

In essence, the disciples had asked the Lord 2 questions – when shall the destruction of the temple be, and what are the signs of His coming?

“ However, when the sins of this world are full, God will pour out His wrath. The uncertainty is in the exact timing of Christ’s return, known only to God ”

The Lord Jesus Christ answered the former in Matthew 24:4-13 and the latter in Matthew 24:14-31.

There is no uncertainty in the Lord’s return – this is certain. But the Lord is long-suffering and merciful – that is why He carries His coming so that more sinners may be saved and not perish in their sins (2 Peter 3:9).

However, when the sins of this world are full, God will pour out His wrath. The uncertainty is in the exact timing of Christ’s return, known only to God (Matthew 24:36). It will be sudden and unexpected.

The Lord tells us that His coming shall be as the days of Noah before the flood. Men and women will be going about ‘business as usual’ (BAU) on that last day before Christ’s return – eating and drinking and giving in marriage – like until that last day that Noah

entered into the ark. They were drunk and utterly ignorant of the great cataclysm that was about to inundate them, to sweep them forever into a Christ-less and godless eternity in hell! (Matthew 24:38-39)

Christ is coming again very soon. The world is coming to an end. Souls are heading into a Christ-less and godliness eternity in hellfire! How can it be BAU?! How can children of God not be moved and not be wide awake in the knowledge of these great and momentous truths?!

Watch Faithfully

It is imperative to observe amid that wicked and perverse generation, “*Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God*” (Genesis 6:8-9). We would do well to learn from Noah’s godly example because we live in the same kind of society and generation that Noah lived in.

Noah walked in holiness and righteousness with God. He worked hard to do the work of God who had called him to build the ark and watched faithfully for the day when God will “*bring a flood of waters upon earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die*” – as He promised Noah. (Genesis 6:17) “*Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*” (Genesis 6:22)

Noah did the work of God, and preached the message of repentance and righteousness faithfully for 100 long years without a single soul outside his family believing him. People ignored the truth and rejected the Gospel.

We have to “*know this, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts*” (2 Peter 3:2), as there were in the days of Noah. These scoffers say that “*all things continue as they were*” – business as usual (BAU)! They ignored God’s warning during the Covid-19 pandemic, and businesses and nations all around the world scurry to get back to business as usual – BAU! Men of the world delight greatly in the BAU mentality – best to BAU faster and better than others!

“ If you are a child of God, you must watch, for the Lord is coming again very soon! ”

They willingly choose to be ignorant of God’s Word, just like the world that perished during Noah’s generation, which overflowed with a great cataclysm of water in the global flood! They continue their daily routine of eating and drinking. They continue in their family routines of marrying and giving in marriage, and in the things of life in this godless society that we live in today, drunk with the poisonous wine concocted by the god of this world!

If you are a child of God, you must watch, for the Lord is coming again very soon!

Oh, please do not willingly choose to be ignorant of God’s Word and be caught in the cataclysm of God’s wrath and fury in the Great Tribulation that is soon to come!

CONCLUSION

The famous American statesman Benjamin Franklin has been attributed this famous quote – “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes”.

But the 3 weighty matters that man should rather concern himself with in this world ought to be **Life, Death and Judgement.**

All men should first examine and consider their Life here in this world. In all his examination, if he is true and honest, he will arrive at the sombre conclusion that Death is inevitable and Death will be his final enemy in this life here on earth.

And as it is appointed unto men once to be born, it is also “*appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgement* [Emphasis added]” (Hebrews 9:27).

Then what shall you do about them? Are you ready for Death and the Judgement in this Life?

Men of God today ought to wait, walk, work, and watch in the light of Christ’s 2nd coming! ☞

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Are You Ready for **JUDGEMENT?**

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelations 20:11-15

TWO BOOKS

All humanity will bow before her Creator to await His Judgement on that great and final day.

All humanity, both great and small, in our resurrected bodies will stand before God to be judged as the books in heaven are opened. Of the books, another book will be opened – the Book of Life.

Every believer's name is written in the Book of Life and they will be judged according to their works – whether wood, hay stubble or gold, silver, or precious stone (1 Corinthians 3:12-13).

On the other hand, there will be no hiding or escaping the judgement of condemnation for all unbelievers. The depths of the sea in every corner of the earth, and death and hell will deliver up the dead which are in them. Without the blood of Lamb of God to cover their sin, nor the garment of righteousness of Christ to plead, their sins will be exposed entirely and uncovered before the Omniscient Almighty God.

These will be judged for their sins and tragically receive their just punishment from the Thrice Holy God – the second and eternal death in the everlasting Lake of Fire



“where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:44), *“for the wages of sin is death”* (Romans 6:23a).

TWO DIFFERENT RESPONSES

A professing Christian will hear only 2 possible responses from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ when he prostrates before the Lamb of God at the bema seat (i.e., a place where the verdict is announced) on the day of the Great White Throne judgement.

He would either hear *“I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”* (Matthew 7:23) or *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord”* (Matthew 25:11).

The former will be cast into outer darkness and the Lake of Fire for all eternity, and the latter will be ushered into the New

Jerusalem in the New Heaven and New Earth in the eternal Sabbath rest.

There is a great and inseparable gulf between these two eventual final destinations!

TWO TYPES OF DISCIPLES

This means there are true disciples and false disciples of Christ.

It is important to distinguish between the true and the false disciples. This is due to the urgent need to establish the true condition of every heart and to lead every heart to true repentance and saving faith in Jesus Christ, to be delivered from the bondage of sins!

It is most dangerous to be interested in something about Jesus but not be a true disciple. Knowing about Jesus is not enough. Mere mental knowledge (“notitia”) and assent (“asensus”) are insufficient, because

the Devil also knows who Jesus is, and that He is the Son of God.

One must have godly repentance of sins by faith (“fiducia”). True godly repentance is to turn from sin and to turn to Christ for deliverance from the power, penalty and punishment of sins, and for salvation in Christ. This is saving faith in Christ.

TWO DIFFERENT MASTERS

When one is delivered from the power and bondage of sin, he is delivered from the slavery of sin to become the slave of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is now the Master when once sin was master. The disciple now obeys his new Master, Jesus Christ, and does His commandments all his life.

Do you still slavishly do the commands of sin? You are, if you do not constantly repent! If you do not repent, then you are still a slave to sin and in the bondage of sin, and still the disciple of the Devil!

If you are the disciple of the Devil, then you cannot be a disciple of Christ, if you continue in your life of sin without repentance in Christ!

TWO DIFFERENT LIVES

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32

If you are the disciple of Christ, sin no longer dominates you because the Truth of the Gospel has set you free from the bondage and slavery and curse of sin. You receive

freedom from spiritual blindness, and the corruption and condemnation of sin!

The proof of true discipleship is in the obedience to God’s Word. The Lord Jesus Christ says that we are truly His disciples if we continue to abide in and obey His Word.

“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” 1 John 2:4

However, if you profess to be a Christian but continue in your sin without repentance in Christ, then you are still in your sin, and the truth is not in you. For if the truth of the Gospel of Christ is in you, as you claimed, the truth shall set you free from this bondage of sin!

If you say you know Christ, and continue in obedience to His Word, then you are Christ’s disciples indeed! But if you say you know Him but do not keep His commandments, then you are a liar and you deceive your own self, because you do not actually know Christ!

A tree is known by its fruits. By its fruits, you shall know a tree.

If you say you have saving faith in Christ, where is your life of holiness, godliness, and good works? A man is saved by grace through faith alone. But faith is never alone. True saving faith is always accompanied by a different life – a holy life!

A CHOICE TO MAKE AND A PRICE TO PAY!

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and

take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

The most important choice in your life is to repent of your sins, turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith, and be saved from your sins!

Be saved from the power, and penalty, and punishment of your sins! And one day,

“ The cost of discipleship is high. But the price of rejecting it is higher! ”

believers shall also be delivered from the presence of sins in our life when we shall be with our Saviour in heaven for all eternity!

Will you make the choice to confess your sins and confess Jesus Christ to be your personal Lord and Saviour of your life?

But Christian discipleship is not just a glib profession. Salvation is free – it costs us nothing even though it costs God His only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

But the subsequent response in following Christ involves our entire lives.

A Scottish preacher once stated, “The entrance fee to the membership of the kingdom of God costs nothing; but the annual subscription fees cost everything”

The cost of discipleship is high. But the price of rejecting it is higher!

The decision to follow Christ involves a complete unconditional surrender. You cannot be distracted or half-hearted. You cannot merely have a mind to follow Christ and also have an eye on your old life of carnality and lust, which you enjoyed in your sinful life.

Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ must follow Him wholeheartedly and with full commitment, not with a divided heart.

The cross is the emblem of suffering and death. To deny oneself and take up one’s cross means a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ will deny his own will and disown his own ambition, put them to death on his cross, and follow the will of the Lord Jesus Christ for all his life.

Will you be willing to pay the price of following Christ as His true and faithful disciple?

ONLY ONE LIFE

You have only 1 life to live. Your Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, says “Follow me”. Take up your cross and follow Christ today.

You have to calculate and consider the cost. Can you afford to pay the cost of your sins at the end of your life?

If you cannot, I urge you to take Christ and take up your cross and follow Him!

*Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken -
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish ev’ry fond ambition -
All I’ve sought, or hoped, or known!
Yet how rich is my condition -
God and heav’n are still my own!*

Will you forsake your sins and follow Christ? ✠

Are You Ready for **HEAVEN?**

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.”
Revelation 1:1-2

THE APOCALYPSE!

The Apocalypse of the Lord Jesus Christ refers to the revelation of Jesus Christ, which He received from God the Father as a Servant.

The Lord Jesus Christ receives the message from God to show it to His servant, the Apostle John, as the Mediator between God and man.

Jesus received a prophecy of things that must shortly come to pass, and John recorded them in the Word of God. It is the testimony he received from the Lord Jesus Christ and of the visions that the LORD had revealed for him to see.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN!

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.” Revelation 4:1

John was afforded the privilege of a glimpse into the throne room of heaven. He saw a door opened in heaven and heard the voice as if it were a trumpet talking with him, which said *“Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter”*.



And John saw the heavenly worship with the church of God represented by the 24 elders clothed in white and their heads with crowns of gold surrounding the emerald throne of God, with a rainbow round about the throne (Revelation 4:2-4).

And the angels described as the 4 beasts “rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne” (Revelations 4:8b;9a).

Together, the heavenly congregation comprised of the symphony of angelic hosts and the body of believers represented by the 24 elders who “fall down before him that sat

on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelations 4:10-11).

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVENLY CITY!

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” Revelation 21:1-2

Further, John was also afforded a sight of the new heaven and new earth, and the New Jerusalem coming from God out of heaven.

The New Jerusalem is that holy city that Abraham was looking for when he was dwelling in tabernacles; the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10).

It is the place that Jesus had gone to prepare (John 14:2-3)! That enduring and abiding continuing city that God's children seek when we have now no continuing city here on earth – the New Jerusalem she is (Hebrews 13:14)!

It is the city whose pearly gates and the foundations of her walls are inscribed with the 12 tribes and the 12 Apostles respectively. For the city, an expansive 1500-mile city cube is home to the only Bride of Christ made up of all the redeemed souls of all ages whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:12-16)!

It is in this city where the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb dwell – the Lamb of God who emanates the glory of God, which lightens the city, such that the city has no need of the sun or of the moon, for the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 21:23)!

The citizens of this city are blessed, for that great voice out of heaven declared that God will dwell with His people and be their God. All eyes will be dry, for God shall wipe away all tears. There will be no more crying because there will be no more death, neither sorrow in the heart, nor anguish and pain in the body, for the former things are passed away, and the Lord Jesus Christ who sits upon the throne said, "*Behold, I make all things new*" (Revelation 21:3-5)!

In this city, the pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeds out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22:1). This fountain of the water of life is freely given to all citizens who are athirst, and they shall never thirst again! (Revelation 21:6)

They shall also never suffer hunger again, for the Tree of Life in the midst of the city bears fruit continually – yielding 12 manner of fruits every month. The fruit from the Tree of Life that God forbade Adam and Eve to partake in the Garden of Eden because of sin is now free for all to partake, for there is no more sin, no more curse, no more night and no more darkness (Revelation 22:2-5)!

A glimpse of heaven and that heavenly city reveals that life in that heavenly city is eternal bliss and glory – the culmination and fullness of our great salvation!

STRIVE TO ENTER HEAVEN!

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:24

Residents who stay in heaven where God is King are citizens of the heavenly kingdom. Today, this heavenly kingdom is constantly at war. It is constantly besieged by another kingdom – the kingdom of this world where the Devil is god.

Hence, the citizens of the kingdom of God are constantly at war with the servants of the kingdom of the god of this world. And every king (and soldier) who makes war with another has to sit down first to count the cost, for there is a battle to fight!

This battle is a spiritual battle. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12)!

The Lord Jesus Christ tells us to struggle and labour to enter heaven at the strait gate at the end of our lives.

The Apostle Paul also exhorted the saints during his 1st missionary journey, *“to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God”* (Acts 14:22).

The Lord Jesus Christ also explains that *“because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it”* (Matthew 7:14).

Then how is it that the present-day evangelist seems to make salvation out to be so simple – “just believe”?

Well, it is simple to believe the history of Christianity and the narrative of Jesus Christ in a historical manner. It is also easy to believe in a natural and intellectual way, but not in a spiritual and saving way.

Believing *about* the Bible and believing about Jesus Christ is completely different from believing *in* the Bible and believing in Jesus Christ.

We must not make the grave mistake of luring sinners into heaven by offering the gospel of easy believism. A sinner cannot merely accept Jesus Christ as Saviour but reject Him as Lord – to want Christ as Priest but not as King of their lives.

It is a great irony if one professes to be saved from sin but continues to live in sin. Every tree is known by its fruits. Where is

the proof of salvation in our lives if we are saved?

The Lord Jesus Christ very pointedly says *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”* (Luke 6:46)

Are you on your road along the narrow road to heaven, or are still on the broad way to destruction? Have you counted the cost on your journey along the narrow road leading to the strait gate? Are you ready for heaven?

Perhaps you have denied yourself, and taken up your cross to follow Christ. You may be toiling and struggling along this narrow road, and the cross seems heavy to bear.

Take heart and press on, fellow comrade, for when we get to heaven *“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”* (Revelation 21:4).

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God, but by the grace of God we will get there! For this is how the LORD readies us for heaven!

Are you ready for heaven? ✠

Ready for **HEAVEN!**

“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.”

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2

The following eulogies for the late dearly departed Elder Koh Kim Hiang were delivered by Elder Koh’s niece, Jean, at the vigil services held at Singapore Funeral Parlour on 6 and 7 Aug 2025 respectively.

Grateful thanks to Mrs. Mabeline Koh and Jean for their kind and gracious permission to allow the eulogies to be reproduced.

Eulogy shared on night of 6 Aug 2025

“Good evening everyone! My name is Jean. I am Elder Koh Kim Hiang’s niece. On behalf of my aunt Aunty Mabeline and my uncle’s siblings, I would like to thank all of you for making the time to come here this evening especially those who have come from overseas.

My uncle was born on 10 June 1944. He came from a family of 12 children of which 8 were sons and 4 were

daughters. He was the second youngest among the boys. To his siblings, he was known as “Ah Cheek” (cheek being the number 7 in Teochew) or “Ah Po”. To his nephews and nieces, he was known as “Cheek Jiak” (meaning 7th Uncle in Teochew), or Po Chek or to me “Uncle Po Chek”.

Uncle Po Chek studied at Raffles Institution and went on to work for the American MNC Caterpillar. He was an avid sports person who exercised regularly. He was thrifty with himself but generous when it came to others. A coffee connoisseur, he also loved good pizza and steak. He always remembered me whenever he and Aunty Mabeline ate something good. He would make a note to take me there to eat. Interestingly, my weight has



been slowly but surely climbing since their return to Singapore.

Uncle Po Chek came to know the Lord Jesus Christ when he was 19 years old. He attended Life BP Church and then Calvary Jurong and Calvary Pandan before going on to serve in Sydney Bp Church.

Uncle Po Chek and Aunty Mabeline married each other on 6 December 1975. Before they met each other, Aunty Mabeline had prayed to the Lord that the Lord would lead her to a man who would draw her closer to God. The Lord answered her prayer. Uncle Po Chek and Aunty Mabeline were each other's soul mates and labored for the Lord together for close to 50 years.

I am sure my uncle has been a blessing to many of you and there is so much I can say of how he had touched many lives. If I could say only 1 thing about my uncle, it would be that God was always first in his life. He loved the Lord and served Him with his whole heart, soul and mind. He made no compromises when it came to God. He never failed to keep his daily appointment with the Lord. He was a very disciplined person who awoke each morning early to do his quiet time. If he had an early flight to catch or a meeting at 7am, he would wake up earlier than usual to do his quiet time. My uncle was with Caterpillar for 22 years until 1996. During his time

at Caterpillar, he told his boss that he would not work overtime on Tuesday evenings because he wanted to attend Prayer Meetings.

The reason he left Caterpillar was for none other than that he wanted to serve his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He answered the call to serve in Sydney in June 1997 and served faithfully in the Sydney Bible-Presbyterian church for 23 and a half years until December 2020.

During the 23.5 years that he and Auntie Mabeline served in Sydney BP church, our family in Singapore rarely saw him, mostly twice a year only. As he aged and his health started to decline, we prayed earnestly that if the Lord was willing, He would raise someone to serve in my uncle's place. Gradually, his right eye deteriorated to the extent that he had to go for injections every couple of weeks. Furthermore, he had to put in 3 stents due to his heart condition. He also suffered from diabetes, was gluten-intolerant for some time and had knee trouble. Yet, people around him would not have realized how weak he was getting as he was always putting on a smile and ever ready to do anything for the Lord and of course, always whistling hymns as he went along.

At the height of the COVID pandemic, when Singapore Airlines was flying its last flight out of Sydney, I called him. He did not hesitate to reply me that he was not going to take the last flight out for the reason that his work for the Lord in Sydney then was not done yet. We thank the Lord

for sending Reverend Ko Ling Kang in His perfect time. Auntie Mabeline and Uncle Po Chek returned in the midst of the pandemic in December 2020. 2 weeks before his return, he was advised to go for yet another heart surgery in Sydney. It was an especially worrying time. I thought he might postpone his return to Singapore due to the surgery but he had more faith than I did and committed everything into God's hands.

After his return to Singapore, he continued to keep in close contact with the Sydney Church members and kept himself informed on the Church events. He continued to attend the Sydney Church prayer meetings, services and session meetings whenever his health permitted. He was always very concerned for Sydney BP church, always remembering the brethren there in prayer.

Sometime in March / April 2021, the doctors diagnosed that he had a lung condition known as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). IPF is a rare lung disease that causes scar tissue to grow in the lungs making the patient increasingly breathless. IPF inflicts 13-20 people per 100000 people worldwide working out to be 0.02 percent. There is no cure for IPF. There are treatments available to delay the effects of the disease but the side effects such as liver and kidney damage and photosensitivity are just as frightening as the disease itself. After much prayer, Uncle Po Chek decided that he would not undergo the treatments choosing instead to trust fully in the Lord and

knowing that the Lord would sustain him in accordance with His will. He had absolute trust in the Lord and with that came peace in his heart.

2 years later in March 2023, both he and Aunty Mabeline caught COVID. Due to his health condition, he was admitted to a facility. Despite being ill,

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he shared the Gospel with the other patients around him at the facility. Before he became too weak to go for Sunday morning services, whenever he took the cab to and from Church, he would take the opportunity to share the Gospel with the taxi drivers. He always had gospel tracts on hand.

Even when he had to start using the oxygen concentrator , he insisted he wanted to preach and serve the Lord to the very end. The last message he gave was on 14 September 2024 at the Golden Years Fellowship entitled “Not Slothful in Business, Serving the Lord”. Later on, he told me that at some point during that message, he thought he might not have been able to go on. But he prayed and the Lord mercifully sustained and enabled him. Indeed,

he was never slothful in the Lord’s business and he never wasted any time.

Despite his condition, he continued to be very concerned for the people around him. I remember my first trip with him out when he had to be wheeled in the wheelchair. Instead of ensuring that the tube attached to his oxygen concentrator was not obstructed by the car seat belt, he was more concerned that I would not hurt my back when I lifted the wheelchair into the car boot and he even mustered up enough oxygen to shout “Don’t scratch the car”.

Particularly in recent months, it was very painful to see him going downhill and gradually lose his ability to perform various tasks himself. At some point, he stopped whistling . I did not dare ask him why as I was afraid to hear his answer. Yet each time I asked him how he was he would say “very good” or “good”. At worst, he would say “Not so good” but never “bad”.

If he ever was frustrated with his declining ability to do things for himself, he certainly did not show it but continued to be very patient and longsuffering. He never had a harsh word but was always very gentle and good natured. Throughout his health ordeal, I never once heard him utter a complaint or question the Lord. He faithfully soldiered on and continued to give his 100% to the Lord. Even in the past few days, he asked for his phone so that he could read the Bible verses.

His condition took its first dive in August 2024. 18 September 2024 was a

very sad day for me. That day, he called me and in a way, jolted me from denial when he requested me to go over to his place that weekend as he wanted to discuss funeral arrangements with me. He handled it better than I did giving me precise instructions down to the details. He had the peace that he was going home to his Heavenly Father. We thank the choir for singing "When I Fear My Faith Will Fail, He Will Hold Me Fast". It was one of his favourite hymns.

It was always his desire that the people around him especially his siblings, nieces and nephews would come to know the Lord Jesus Christ so that they would have eternal life and that they may one-day meet with him in heaven. Tonight, if you have heard the message, I urge you not to hesitate but come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Uncle Po Chek did. He would no doubt be rejoicing with the angels in heaven.

Finally but not least, I would like to thank the brethren from Calvary Pandan as well as friends and relatives who have extended so much love, kindness, concern and help to my Uncle and Auntie Mabeline during his sickness. We thank Sydney BP Church for their continuous prayer support. We thank those who have visited him, prayed for him, brought him to his dental treatments when he had to fix dentures, those who bought Glucerna powder when they went over to Malaysia, who helped to get things like the wheelchair and the pushchairs. The list goes on. Thank you for all your support and for

God's love shown through all of you. I can only say thank you, the Lord knows and may the Lord bless you."

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
Isaiah 41:10

Eulogy shared on night of 7 Aug 2025

Good evening everyone! My name is Jean. I am Elder Koh Kim Hiang's niece. On behalf of my aunt Auntie Mabeline and my uncle's siblings, I would like to thank all of you for making the time to come here this evening especially those who have come from overseas.

My uncle was born on 10 June 1944. He came from a family of 12 children of which 8 were sons and 4 were daughters. He was the second youngest among the boys.

My uncle, whom I called "Uncle Po Chek", studied at Raffles Institution. He was a teacher for a while before he went on to work for the American MNC Caterpillar. He was a sports enthusiast and exercised regularly. I thought he was also an avid photographer. Before the era of smart phones, we could always count on him to appear with his camera at family gatherings. He was always interested to learn new things and acquire more knowledge. He knew more about computers than I do, was more IT savvy than I am and assembled his own PC.

Uncle Po Chek and Aunty Mabeline married each other on 6 December 1975. They were each other's soul mates and co-laboured for the Lord for close to 50 years. Aunty Mabeline told me that it was Uncle Po Chek who taught her how to swim and drive. He also taught her how to walk close to God and put God first always.

Uncle Po Chek loved the Lord and served Him with his whole heart, soul and mind. God was paramount in his life and he committed everything in

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prayer to the Lord. Prayer was a very big part of his life. Every time something happened, he would say “pray”. He made no compromises when it came to God. He never missed his daily appointment with the Lord. He was a very disciplined person who awoke each morning early to do his quiet time.

At the age of 19, he told the Lord that he would do what the Lord required of him and that he would go where the Lord sent him. He attended school and later got a job like many of us. He joined Caterpillar in 1974 and treated his secular job as tent-making. He gave all his time outside of work to the Lord. In one of my chats with

him, he told me that at that time, he was certain of one thing – he definitely did not want to give his crumbs to the Lord. So he left his career at Caterpillar and answered the Lord's call to serve in Sydney BP Church. At that time, someone commented that it was such a waste that he was giving up his position in Caterpillar at the height of his career. But Uncle Po Chek most certainly did not share that sentiment for he had been waiting to serve the Lord full time. Thereafter, for 23 and a half years, he soldiered faithfully for the Lord in Sydney through ups and downs, giving praise to the Lord for the ups and trusting the Lord in the downs. While he was away, he continued to pray most earnestly for his siblings, nephews and nieces who had not come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. He and Aunty Mabeline returned to Singapore in December 2020.

In 2021, he was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). IPF is a rare lung disease that causes scar tissue to grow in the lungs. The result is that the patient becomes increasingly breathless. It inflicts 13-20 people per 100000 people worldwide working out to be 0.02 percent. There is no cure for IPF. Uncle Po Chek and Aunty Mabeline did not question the Lord, fully trusting that God willing, He would sustain Uncle Po Chek. Neither did they wallow in self-pity. They encouraged each other and I was amazed at how they intensified their efforts to care for each other. Even after he was diagnosed with IPF, he visited others who were ill

though he was careful to put on a mask as the doctor had warned that a lung infection would be fatal.

He wanted very much to preach until the very end but it was not God's will and he accepted it. His last message was in 2024 at the Golden Years Fellowship. The title of his message was "Not to be slothful, Serving the Lord". Indeed, he was never slothful especially in the Lord's business. Wherever he went, he carried

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tracts with him ever ready to give a tract to anyone it might reach out to whether it be to the waiters at the restaurant or the taxi drivers on the way to church or the dental surgeon. Even COVID did not stop him from witnessing for the Lord. When he caught COVID, upon the strict instructions of the pulmonologist, he was warded at a COVID facility. At the facility, he took the opportunity to witness to the other patients around him. He particularly followed up with one patient and hoped that the seed sown would one day bear fruit. He never lost a moment to witness for the Lord. Even when it became too laborious for him to leave the home and the caregivers had to go to his home, he

took the opportunity to witness to the caregivers who had gone to his home.

I remember the time I went to pick him on the day he was to be discharged from the COVID facility. There was a designated area where family members could park whilst waiting for the patients to be discharged. While I was waiting, I saw patient after patient being escorted out in wheelchairs and they all appeared weary and downcast. Suddenly, I saw a stylo milo looking uncle walking out. He was in his polo T and bermudas, his fitover sunglasses and of course his signature cap complete with knee guard. He even had a small towel wrapped round his neck. He looked like he was exiting a gym instead of a COVID facility. Having refused the wheelchair, he walked confidently to the car with his haversack. The facility helpers I think didn't quite know what to do with him.

Because he was always whistling and smiling, people around him did not realise how rapidly his physical health was deteriorating. He always put up a brave front. Even when he was in discomfort, he was watchful with his words. I never heard him raise his voice or say a harsh word to or about anyone. Even in the most recent stay at the hospital, despite the fact that he was breathless, each time the nurses attended to him, he would say "thank you".

Most of you would have known the serious and solemn side of my uncle. He actually has a humorous and witty side. At one of his hospital visits for his eye

injection, the nurse asked him to sign a form which he could not really make out because of his eyesight. So he told the nurse, "I can't really see but thankfully my signature is not as large as Donald Trump's!".

It was only in recent months that going out of the home became so difficult for him. It was not just about making the physical trip. It was tiring for him to dress up. He was breathless just by taking a few steps and he had

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to keep his oxygen concentrator with him 24/7. Making any trips out of the home took a toll on him and he would be completely exhausted for at least the day after. Because he had been an active person, one can only imagine how frustrating it was for him when he gradually lost the ability and the strength to do things himself. In the last few months, it was very painful to watch him always breathless and always trying to catch his breath. He was breathless even from eating. Still he did not complain.

Rather than remembering the last few months as a time of painful memory, I'd rather choose to look back on those months as a journey of faith and the

many spiritual lessons he taught me by his action and words. There were quite a few panic moments for me such as the spike in his potassium level which resulted in us sending him to A&E. But in each of these panic moments, Uncle Po Chek remained calm and invariably his first word would be "Pray". Every single of our trips out of the home was preceded by prayer. Although the last few months were difficult, they were not gloomy months. He remained very engaged in what was happening around him. We shared our views on the US tariffs and its effects, we discussed local politics and we talked about China's role in the rare earth metals industry. He shook his head and looked quizzically at me when I bragged about how I had snatched up \$1 deals at Watsons and then looked rather pitifully at me the following week when Auntie Mabeline found an even better deal at Watsons.

Uncle Po Chek's favourite verse was Isaiah 41:10 and indeed he lived his life knowing God was with him. It was his desire that the people around him especially his nieces and nephews would come to know the Lord Jesus Christ so that they would have eternal life and that they will one-day meet with him in heaven. Tonight, if you have heard the Gospel message, I urge you not to hesitate but come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Uncle Po Chek did. We thank God for the godly example that he set for all of us.

We would like to thank the brethren from Calvary Pandan as well as friends and relatives who have extended so

much love, kindness, concern and help to my Uncle and Aunt Mabeline during his sickness. We thank the choir for singing one of his favourite hymns "Abide with Me". We thank Sydney BP Church for their continuous prayer support. To the brethren in Sydney BP Church, please know that even though he was not physically in Sydney with you, his heart was with you and each and every one of you was very dear to his heart. We thank those who have visited him, prayed for him, brought him to his dental treatments when he had to fix dentures, those who bought Glucerna powder when they went over to Malaysia, who helped to get things like the wheelchair and the pushchairs. The list goes on. We thank God for all your support and for God's love shown through all of you. The Lord knows and may the Lord bless you.

Please allow me to end my eulogy on a personal note. Uncle Po Chek had instructed me that I was to take care of the wake and funeral arrangements. He said I was to give the eulogy at both

services. I noted his precise instructions and jotted down what I needed to do. I prepared what I could beforehand. Yet when the time came, to be honest, I was completely overwhelmed. I felt as if I was holding the weight of the world on my shoulders. Then I thought, "What would Uncle Po Chek have said to me?". He would have said "Pray!" and so pray I did. I prayed "Lord, please send me help" and the Lord answered my prayer. I thank my relatives in the Koh family as well as Aunt Wai Kam who came forward to help me so willingly with the wake and funeral arrangements. So you see, Uncle Po Chek requested me to take charge of the wake and funeral arrangements but I am sure he would have prayed to the Lord to send me help. The Lord answered his prayer and mine. All praise and glory to God!"

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Romans 12:11



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Are You Ready for **the RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST?**

There are 4 different attitudes that one will adopt toward the return of Jesus Christ – that of an unbeliever, an apostate, a dead orthodox, or a true born again believer.

What is your attitude toward the return of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Read on and make sure you are ready!

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THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 24:29-30 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” [Matthew 24:14-31]

Introduction

The return of Jesus Christ is the last major prophecy of Scripture yet to be fulfilled. From all the signs of the times revealed in Holy Scripture, we are persuaded that its fulfillment is at hand. For believers, it is our blessed hope for which we look with happy expectation. For the unbelieving world, however, it will be a sad and awesome day of reckoning, when they shall face the mighty Creator, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The study of this vital topic will greatly enrich the spiritual understanding of Christians, and awaken those who are slumbering and backsliding into the world. “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 1:13). Our ardent prayer is that every member of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, reading and hearing this, will resolve to live a holy life. Even more importantly, may each believer be up and witnessing to the unsaved, to turn many to righteousness, before the dreaded day of our



Lord's return and we will be unable to serve anymore.

To the unbeliever - those still outside Christ - we have but one plea: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Turn from your ways and come to the Lord now. The opportunity of salvation is not for always. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Behold He comes! Believe now before it is too late!

I. God has promised ignorance is no excuse

The coming of our Lord is a climacteric event with extreme consequences and awesome finality for all mankind. While His coming will be unexpected and sudden, nevertheless it will not be without ample fore-warning, for

our God is of abundant mercy, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance and everlasting life.

So our God gives advance notice. His word says: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servant the prophets" (Amos 3:7). Our Lord Jesus Himself said: "But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things" (Mark 13:23).

Our Lord's return is referred to over 1,500 times in the Old Testament and over 3,000 times in the New Testament. His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension have all been prophetically fulfilled. Only His return to earth remains unfulfilled. When it happens, time and events will come to a standstill. Judgment and retribution then begin before the Almighty and Holy Judge. To repent then will be too late. But none should complain.

Advance warning has been given. There is no excuse not to know and not to be prepared.

The return of Christ is a global and world-shaking event. It will destroy the existing world and all that it contains. Every economy, political power, culture, religion will be destroyed except for true Christianity.

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

The message of our Lord's return is for all people. "He who has ears, let him hear." The response to the message, however, will depend on the heart condition of the hearer. Some will be indifferent, some will shut their ears with disgust, some will hate it. Only the believers, whose garments have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, and who love His appearing, shall rejoice whenever the glad message is proclaimed. Jesus said in John 10:25-27, "Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Dear reader, what is your attitude toward the return of Jesus Christ? Your attitude will reveal your heart condition.

1. Attitude of Unbelievers

Unbelievers, still in their sins, do not welcome the message of Christ's return. Their attitude is one of indifference, ridicule or hostility. For if the message is true, then they are in danger of judgment. All their vain hopes and ambitions on earth will come to an end, and even now they become meaningless. This unwelcome reality they will not accept. Therefore the unbelieving world beguiles itself with its own godless philosophy.

This state of society was foretold by the Apostle Peter in these words: "... there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 2:3, 4).

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water" (2 Peter 3:5).

People of the world deny the Creation account of Genesis. They reject the message of the Second Coming. They reason with themselves: "This talk of Jesus' coming has been going for close to 2,000 years, ever since Jesus' day on earth. Those to whom the promise was made have died long ago. The promised coming has not materialized. The threatened end of the world has gone on as always, without great cataclysmic upheavals." They scoff at those who persist in preaching the return of Jesus. They dismiss them as "alarmists" and ignorant "prophets of doom".

These people are committed to building a better world of tomorrow - without God or Jesus Christ. Man can do it! They will see their doom with eternal consequences in the Lake of Fire!

2. Attitudes of the Apostate Church

It is a fact that the established church, by and large, no longer believes in the Return of Jesus Christ, even though the doctrine may be included in the official articles of doctrine and belief. This rejection is part of a broad denial of and departure from the fundamental doctrines of historic Christianity. Some churches retain

these historic doctrines in their articles of faith but only pay lip service to them. They have given new and unscriptural meaning to old words. Some other churches have discarded them altogether and gone "liberal" and "modern".

So the apostate church (i.e. all those churches that have departed from the historic Christian faith) in general has taken the same position as the unbelieving world. These belong to the liberal-modernist school of theology. For them large portions and vital truths of the Bible are regarded as legends and myths. These include the Creation, Fall, Flood, Atonement, miracles in the Bible, virgin birth of Christ, Resurrection, Second Coming.

They scoff when we talk of Jesus Christ returning to set up His Kingdom on earth. They are convinced that by the efforts of the Church (with man in charge), by spreading the social gospel and by moral improvement, the Kingdom of Heaven will be established on earth.

By means of socio-political and religious reform, the world will become "Christian". What need is there for Christ to return or man to believe in such fantasy? This is the thinking of the apostate end-time Church. When they talk of Christ's coming they either refer to His spiritual "return" at the Pentecost, or they mean the moment of death when the soul returns to Jesus. In reality they reject this blessed doctrine. They are worse than the unbelievers. They lead others to Hell by deceiving them into thinking that they will go to heaven. But in reality they will be found in Hell on the day of judgement.

3. Attitude of Dead Orthodoxy

These people are doctrinally "correct". They assent to the doctrine of the Second Coming at an intellectual level - in their heads, but not in their hearts. It is a piece of academic and theoretical knowledge.

At the spiritual and practical levels, these men have no real interest. They do not talk about the Lord's Coming, neither do they lead lives which reflect this belief. If they say they believe, it is only lip service. Is Jesus coming again? Perhaps, in a thousand years! These are hypocrites who live in delusion. They are not ignorant. They understand the doctrine of Christ's Coming but only in the head, not in the heart. This longing for the return of Christ is very real. The apostle Paul attested to it when he wrote in 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

4. Attitude of the Believing Christian

It is necessary to add the pre-fix "believing" because the word "Christian" in general has too broad a meaning and includes too many non-Christian church members - nominal or professing Christians and unsaved persons.

For the believer, the true Christian, nothing is more marvellous than the prospect of Christ's return. This is the great climax of his salvation based upon Christ's promise! In Christ he has received salvation, the forgiveness of sins, new life and the indwelling spirit - and the promise of the Lord's personal

return, to deliver his body from the present corruption of sin.

On that glad day, when we see Him, we shall be like Him! We shall see Him as He is - the King in all His glory and magnificence. The deliverance so long awaited will have come.

With joy unspeakable we shall celebrate the marriage of the Lamb, together with the ransomed of all the ages. Then shall we ever be with the Lord. The earth and all its burdens will become a thing of the past.

So, every true believer's constant heart cry is, Come, Lord Jesus!

John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

PROMISE TO THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY WATCH

Whether our Lord's return is soon or later, all believers are commanded to be vigilant so as not to be caught unawares. Our Lord's injunction is, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh find so doing" (Matthew 24:42, 46).

Then our Lord says in Revelation: "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him in the name of my God... and I will write upon him my new name" (Revelation 3:11, 12). Christ's delay in His coming is due to God's own perfect timing. The time is not yet up. He will neither be too early nor will He be one millisecond too late. He will be just in time, God's time. We must wait patiently and continue to remain steadfast and serve God faithfully. 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Christ does not view time the way we view time! 2 Peter 3:8, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."



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