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Thoughts of our Lives in Eternity

Introduction

The end of the year is a seasonal time for us to remember the faithfulness and goodness of the Lord and to reflect upon our lives soberly. Here are some truths lest we forget.

1) The Sovereign God is still In control. (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58)

2019 has been a tough year for some. Remember that God is sovereign and he is absolute control of all things (Dan 4:35) and nothing happens without his permission. The omnipotence of God renews and revives our spiritual visions and lens, let us consider Him and his meaning for us in every step that we take for nothing happened by chance. God exists and He is the Sovereign Game changer for us in all of life and in every circumstance, pleasant or otherwise. Be faithful to God through the many trials and testings of life that he allowed us to go through for his own glory and for our own spiritual good in the end. Remember what Joseph said in Gen 50:20, despite all, God meant it for good for us in the end.

2) God has a saving plan for repentant sinners. (Romans 5:8; John 16:27; Jeremiah 32:40–41)

An important biblical reality, that is related is to embrace God's ultimate power and plan of redemption concerning us, reminding me that he has set his affections on us unworthy and guilty sinners before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:4,5) He is not indifferent to our spiritual needs as we seek him first and his kingdom and his righteousness to humbly confess and repent of our sins if any before the Lord and trust and believe in Him as our Lord and God. (Jn 1:12)

3) Jesus is the only source of eternal comfort and hope. (Romans 8:28; Romans 8:32)

The central reality of all history is the life of Christ and his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave, three days later victoriously. It is an objective truth that Christ came to earth and he lived among man and he lived a perfect sinless life. This should draw our hearts away from our self-centred lifestyle to follow Christ through his strength. Furthermore, the outworkings of the atonement of the cross make clear that even the worst testings and trials can be a blessing, for our ultimate good, no matter how trying it may be for His grace is sufficient for us. If God is with us and we are in the will of God, we can do all things through Christ's grace and strength (Phi 4:13)

4) We are all depraved and sinners and we need divine help. (Hebrews 10:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

We need to acknowledge our sinfulness and depravity and come to Christ for his cleansing power. There is no one righteous on earth (Rom 3:10-12) We need to be

justified by faith alone and through grace alone and by Christ alone (Rom 1: 17) and received the imputed righteousness of Christ. The question, "Do we recognise that we are all sinners in need of divine mercies and grace?" We need Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour for without him we can do nothing In the new year and always (Jn15;6)

5) There is the serious and eternal consequence of hell. (Romans 3:10; 1 Timothy 1:15)

Life is aimless and worthless without Christ. There are serious effects for those who reject the grace of God. We need to know Him and to maintain a sense of trembling before a thrice holy God who will judge all of us one day and let us also develop a profound gratitude for our salvation by his sovereign will alone. The amazing glory of the gospel, also reveals to us the damnation of those who do not believe and the consequences of this unbelief". (Rev 20;10,11)

6) Death is real and we need to number our days and live wisely. (James 4:14, Hebrews 9:27)

Nothing is clearer to us than the fact that our days here on earth are numbered and our lives are a vapour that can vanish away anytime (Jas 4;14 ,Psa90 :12) Our earthly lives can be taken away from us by an accident or incurable illness or even sudden death. We need to recognise that we are but frail and temporal creatures on earth but there is an eternity beyond the grave. To leave this world at any time is a possibility for everyone but are we ready to meet our God and give an account of our lives to him? (2Cor 5:10,Ecc 1 12;13)

7) Salvation in Christ will bring us to the eternal abode in heavens. (Romans 8:18, Hebrews 10:34)

The bible speaks clearly of heaven and hell and there is no other option. (Mt 25:30, heb 12;22-24) With Christ it is an endless hope, without Christ, a hopeless end. There is peace and comfort in the sovereign grace of the Lord hope. There is also the eternal inheritance and glory in the guarantee of indescribable bliss through Christ our mediator of the new covenant alone. All this is possible if we have our foundation in Christ as our Prophet Priest and King and if we truly repent of all our sinfulness and be washed in the blood of the Lamb .

8) We are only strangers and pilgrims on earth. (Hebrews 11:13–16)

Peter describe us as strangers and pilgrims on earth and we do not belong here (1Pet 2;11). A pilgrim is a religious traveller who has a spiritual objection in his or her sojourn. We are travelling through life looking to Jesus, the author and Finisher of our faith (Heb 12:1-4) There is a song that we used to sing in the Youth Fellowship days and it is this world is not my home and I am just a passing through . Know for a fact that this only a temporal abode here, for we speak with conviction about the everlasting life in Christ Jesus, and we should hold loosely to earthly life for we are just passing through. Do not drive your stakes too deeply for tomorrow we may break camp

9) The things of the earth are not lasting except our hope in Christ. (Jeremiah 2:13; Galatians 6:14)

Life is not just about wealth and pleasure and we are not to be seduced by it. We will inevitably be disappointed by every earthly pursuit of worldly wealth and ephemeral assets as it will vanish way one day for our home is not of this world but in the heavens. Let us therefore lay our affections on things above instead of this fallen world and seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to us (Mt 6:33)

10) The elect have the full assurance of eternal life. (Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:8–9)

Can we know if we are truly saved? These important thoughts or reminders should fill our minds. As we come to the end of the year and we need to examine our lives if it is right before the Lord. We need the wisdom and discernment of the Lord. Is there doubt and fear concerning of your eternal condition? Let us seek the Lord in saving faith and examine our hearts and if there is a need to confess and repent of our sins and turn to him in prayers for he will hear the cries of the sincerely repentant sinners .(2Chr 7:14,15) There is the joy and comfort of full assurance for any who truly believes and repents of his or her sins before the Lord .

Conclusion

The end of the year, 2019 is a time of personal reflection and serious pondering. What is your life now and how can we count for eternity which is our hope of glory. What on earth are we doing for heaven's sake? Pray and ponder over this before you enter into the new year in less than a few hours

Jack Sin

An Honour in Mission Trip Service

This is my 5th Bangalore Mission trip with Pastor Jack Sin and Sister Angie since 2014. After a year of absence from participating in the mission trips organised by Sovereign Hope BPC in 2018 due to my fall, I waited upon the LORD for His guidance and direction.

There were a few issues for me to consider. Would I be a burden to the team with my injured right arm and existing medical condition? Do I assign my Myanmar FDW, a Christian, to stay with my sibling or to bring her along to India? What about the double amount for travel expenses I have to borne? There was also her application for an India Visa to grapple with as she is a foreigner. Moreover, I consider it my responsibility to provide her with a healthy Christian environment to grow up and work in and to experience God's lovingkindness. Action speaks louder than words and I must walk my talk, in order to honour and glorify God's name.

God is a covenantal, loving, patient and faithful Heavenly Father whom I believe in and worship as my personal LORD and Saviour. He teaches me to cast all my cares and concerns unto Him from 1 Peter 5:7 which reads: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. All praise and glory to God for He is fully in-charge, especially with regard to the collection of Say Poe's passport cum India Visa at the eleventh hour! It was really a test of my trust and faith in the LORD. I was then reminded of Romans 8:28, which reads: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. So, to Bangalore, India we went on 9th December 2019 with brethren Elder Jeffrey Cheong, Yue Kam Weng, Angie and Pastor Jack Sin.

I acknowledge the brotherly love and care showered upon me from every team member and our Indian brethren like ensuring my safety especially when crossing the roads (a great challenge!), getting in and out of the vehicle. I am also grateful to God for the presence of Say Poe in my life. She helped out with the preparation of the goodie bags and craftwork for making the paper Angels, just to name a few.

God has brought the Mission Team of 6 together to proclaim the truth about Him and to fulfil The Great Commission in Bangalore with their different gifts and talents. Everyone has a part to play. Personally speaking, I was ministered by the eager learning attitude, great enthusiasm and fervent seeking of God's Word by our Indian brethren and friends at the churches of Pastor Lazarus (Calvary Reformed Church), Pastor Babu (New Covenant BPC), Rev Dr George Skariah (Covenant BPCI) and

Rev Mathai (Maranatha Baptist Bible College) besides the sharing sessions during our Morning Devotions and messages delivered over the pulpit. This caused me to do a spiritual audit on my life. I reflected upon my own walk with God and my lukewarm attitude and service unto God. I thank God for His long suffering patience to awaken me to repent of my sins against Him and to put in more effort to live a life in obedience to His Holy will for me.

I was encouraged by the first Camp Retreat incepted by Pastor Babu for his church. It was a lively Q&A session after Pastor Jack Sin's sharing on the theme Covenant Family. Another first programme experienced was the Christmas Carolling organised by Rev George Skariah for Covenant BPCI. Although the weather was cold, there was great warmth in the fellowship of the saints. Indeed, I am richly blessed from every mission trip that I participated in, organised by mission - minded SHBPC.

Borrowing the missionary to India in 1793, William Carey's declaration reads, "Expect Great Things! Attempt Great Things!" (for God). I pray that I would still be a worthy vessel for God to use in His work of salvation plan for the lost souls.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.
Han Kin Kheng

My First Mission Trip to Bangalore, India

I have never been on a mission trip at all. Neither have I been to Bangalore, India.

I am very grateful to God for this wonderful opportunity to do so with Pastor Jack Sin, aunties Angie and Kin Kheng from Sovereign Hope BPC, brethren Elder Jeffrey Cheong and Yue Kam Weng.

It would be very difficult, if not impossible, for me to go on such a mission trip on my own because of lack of financial means. I am very honoured to be a team member. I will treasure this experience with all my heart.

I was reminded of my hometown in Bago, Myanmar when I travelled along the roads in Bangalore. During my 8 - Day stay in Bangalore, I learnt a lot about the country India, the Indian people, their culture and practices, religion, Kannada Language, food and many more.

The people I met in and out of the churches visited were very friendly, kind and warm to me. They made me feel at home. So did the Mission Team. Everyone took care of me.

I was very impressed by the work done by God's faithful servants in Pastor Babu, Pastor Lazarus and Rev Dr George Skariah. I thank God for all His provision, protection and preservation of His saints in this great land of India. It is not an easy job but our God is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent. It is a beautiful sight to see Covenant Bible Presbyterian Church.

Whatever gift that God has given me, I used it to the best of my ability and knowledge to any situation I found myself in – be it in the Singspiration, Craftwork, Games or packing extra goodie bags.

I do appreciate the pulpit messages, morning devotion sharing prepared by the brethren in the team. I cannot say that I understood everything preached but I know I will grow over time to understand it.

I pray that I would be able to apply what I had learnt here in Bangalore with my father, a pastor, in Bago in the near future.

Once again, I am abundantly blessed by God with all these experiences He had put me through since I came to work in Singapore 18 months ago.

ALL GLORY and PRAISE to GOD.

Naw Thaw Yae Say



*Gospel service on 25 Dec
at FBPC in Batam by the
SHBPC mission team*



*Pray for Pr Ang Liang
and her team as they
serve the Lord in the
new year*



*Joey leading in games
and Dn Choo Siang
shared the Word with
about 20 children in the
Children Home*

Memory Verse

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts

Announcements

1. Rev Jack Sin speaks on Sunday on “Heavenly Instructions for Victory in Battle” (Joshua 1:1-18)