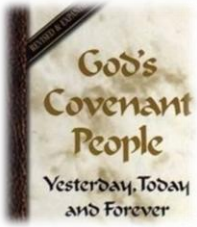
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God's Special Gifts to His Covenant People



Our Almighty God has not only redeemed us through Christ our Sin-Bearer on the Cross, but He has endowed us with certain intangible gifts or spiritual benefits. Consider the following:

He Gives Serenity. *'Fear thou not; for I am with thee'* (Isa 41:10).

Many Christians in this stressful life often lack the peace of heart and mind that God has for them. They fail to seek His peace by faith. The assurance of God's presence brings peace. He promised, *'I am with thee'* (Isa 41:10). Let us believe it. Receive God's peace today (Jn 14:27).

Peace is a precious and rare commodity today as nations crave for it. When we have Christ, we have the peace of God and the peace with God. Isa 26:3-4 says, '*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.'* In John 14:27, Jesus says, *'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'* In a world of unrest and confusion, God's peace is desperately needed today. Be ye reconciled with God first today to have this peace.

He Gives Security. *'Be not dismayed; for I am thy God'* (Isa. 41:10).

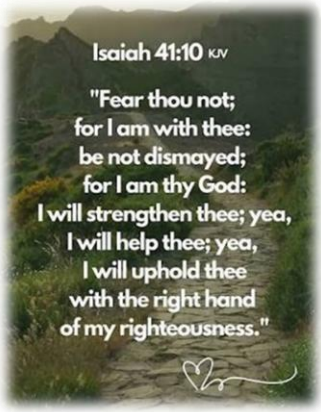
Safety is of utmost importance to all Many people try to seek out security by acquiring substantial bank accounts, stocks and bonds, real estate holdings, and cars, but still feel insecure. Terrorism is real today as we travel globally and fear is all around us. Security is not found in temporal accumulations, but in the Almighty God who created the heavens and the earth. He said, *'I am thy God'* (Isa. 41:10). That is true security (Phil. 4:19). God is our Rock and Fortress, and we are saved and safe in Him.

Safety is not found in numbers nor fire alarm or insurance, and bodyguards. Psa 121:6-7 says, *'The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.'* Martin Luther says of the Lord during his darkest hour during the 16th Century Reformation as his Rock and Fortress in Psa 46:1 which says, *'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'* We are not only saved; we are also safe in the arms of Jesus. (Deut 33:27)

He Gives Strength. *'I will strengthen thee'* (Isa. 41:10).

Many Christians fall short because they lack the strength to perform the tasks God has given them to do. We must accept by faith and with thanksgiving the strength God has promised to give us. Phil 4:13 says, *'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'*

We are often feeble and weak creatures, but God's strength is made perfect in our infirmities. 2Cor 12:9 says, *'And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.'* God is our strength in times of our great temptation and weakness, and He will keep and preserve us from falling and protect us from all evil and harm and we will not fear nor fret. Remember Isa 40:31 which says, *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.'*



He Gives Stamina. '*Yea, I will help thee*' (Isa.41:10; 40:37).

Stamina means: "*staying power, endurance*" according to Webster dictionary. God did not promise an easy life on earth, but He did promise to help us through hardships. We must rely on His Spirit and His Word and believe that He is able to help us always when we Trust in Him (Isa. 41:13). We need to press on patiently and not give up easily in this pilgrimage.

One of the things that we need daily is perseverance or endurance in our race of life. Heb 12:1-2 says, *'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.'* God gives us spiritual, energy and stamina in the pilgrimage of life as we walk, run and look up to Him as our Guide and Perfector of our Faith.

He Gives Stability. *'Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness'* (Isa. 41:10).

Many Christians are often spiritually weak and unstable due to manifold infirmities and temptation. They often rely only on their own strength and failed many times. The lasting stability comes from God. He has promised to *'uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness'* (Isa. 41:10). **We need to keep on praying, trusting, and obeying God and He will do the rest. He is our great stabilizing force in a capricious world. We trust the Lord for He is our reliable Refuge and dwelling place through all generations**.

We live in a world that is unstable world and it is affected by many calamities of life, and we are at the mercy of both man and nature. But God is sovereign over all things as Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He gives us a sense of eternal stability in a ever changing world. We need not fear the future nor the past if God is with us (Matt 28:20, Jos 1:9).

Conclusion

Do you have inner and lasting peace today? Let us look to and depend on the Lord for His daily grace and strength. Only Jesus Christ, the true Saviour can give us the eternal things when we trust in Him alone! Thank God for the precious gifts from above that give us an everlasting sense of comfort and joy as we walk and complete this treacherous journey towards the celestial city in His sovereign time.

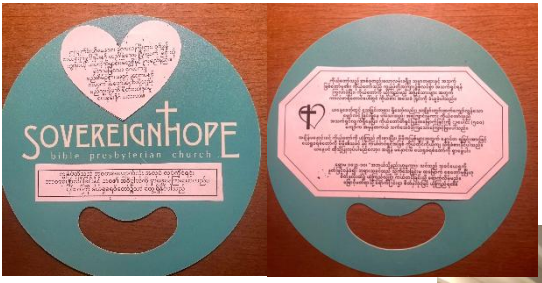
Jack Sin

The Friendly Fan for Singapore & Myanmar



This environmentally friendly fan with our Church logo was given to some senior residents in our neighbourhood during our evangelistic exercise. Many expressed delight and found it interesting and useful in this hot humid weather. It does not need any battery and doubles up as a good form of hand exercise.

In Myanmar, it will be even more useful, and it does not depend on the electricity which is unreliable due to the frequent power blackouts but on human mechanical energy. These will be given to the children and villagers in Myitta's church, the Gilead Balm Home and the students too in Myanmar Theological Seminary and Biblical Institute of Theology.





Pray for godly wisdom and safety for the mission team of 4 as we minister in Yangon from10-17 Nov, for a fruitful time of the ministry of the Word to both children and adults in churches and homes and to Bible College students.

Yangon Mission Team 2026

Memory Verse

2Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Sacred Duty of Every Christian (2Tim 2:7-18]",*** continuing the quarterly series on "***Apostolic Admonitions for Finishing Well in Life - the Epistle of 2 Timothy***",
3. Next Sunday, Rev Lawrence Ong will preach on "***Offering True Sacrifices to God & the Peril of Idolatry (Mal 1]"***.
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
    - Walk Thru the Old Testament (Pastor)
    - Sermon Discussion (Eld Yue Kay)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**]. Join us for time of learning on the Book of Hosea (Thirdmill video lessons) and Heroes of the Faith (messages).
6. Outreach at **All Saints Home (Tampines)** on **Fri 20 Nov 2026 at 9.30am**. Kindly **register by 15 Nov** with Eld Yue Kay or on the board at the entrance to the church.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. **[Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].**
8. Pray for:
    - **Myanmar Mission Trip [10-17 Nov] –** Pastor, Angie, Dn Paul, Deborah
    - **Outreach @All Saints Home: 12 & 20 Nov, 10 Dec**
    - **Travels: Joseph & Lilian** [30/10-31/12, Adelaide]
    - **Medical: Joseph Wee's brother Daniel** [major op to remove water retention in the lungs], **Kin Hoong's daughter Joyce** [post-op recovery], **Simon** [recovery from fall].
    - **Joseph & Rachel**: Gospel Peace Station and void deck outreaches
    - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application]
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
    - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church**
    - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
    - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

    Kindly indicate **"Church Building Fund"** if you would like to designate towards this cause.