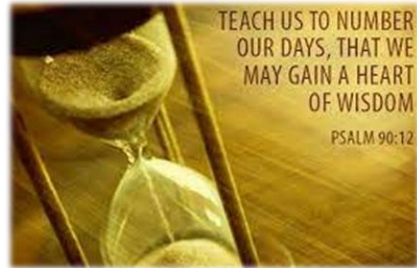


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A Reflection of our Dependence upon God

I was reading Psa 90 recently, where the psalmist reminds us of the greatness of God and the brevity of this life as we enter into another year soon. We can easily relate to this as we live in a troubled and uncertain world where death, disasters, rumours of war, pestilence and destruction are reported almost daily in the news across the world and we are aware of this in the scriptures. (Matt 24:1-24)



Christian Crisis Management

What can Christians do in a crisis? Isaiah the prophet in Isa 26:3,4 and 50:10 gives us the heavenly response. It begins with the fear of God and not the phobia of things, events, the unknown or even a fast-spreading deadly virus with a new contagious variant, Omicron. It ends with the words, **trust** and **stay upon** (focus and fixation in the midst of distraction) **God. Who are you staying or relying on today in the midst of this global threat and dreadful epidemic and also doing your part of being an responsible agent of safety, vigilance and carefulness?** Is your life rooted on Christ, the everlasting foundation or in man, self or your assets or property or worldly wisdom? Something to think about seriously.



Cultivating the Fear of God

The reverential fear of the Lord is the starting point of all practical wisdom according to an inspired ancient wise king Solomon (Prov 9:10). We need to be prudent, to take all the necessary precautions to protect ourselves, our families and the community, minus the irrational trepidation that leads us to do unnecessary actions or even to spread phobia to others. Be focused on the Lord and be an encouragement to souls, leading them to trust in Christ, our only sure refuge (Isa 26:3,4). Pray that our families

will seek Christ as we reach out to them with the gospel. We need a Saviour to deliver us from an everlasting hell which is far worse than the consequences of COVID19.

Coping with Anxiety

The world is filled with worries about tomorrow as we live in a climate of uncertainty in the midst of this raging pandemic but the Lord says do not worry about tomorrow. (Mt 6:34) Anxiety, depression and fear fill the air as we are surrounded by many cares of health, spiritual, economic and even mental concern. Anxiety disorders, depression and obsessive-compulsive behaviour have been on the rise this whole year as reported in the Strait Times about 2 weeks ago. The deadly virus affected us not just physiologically but mentally, economically and socially, affecting lives and hopes and families. Religious services are not spared. relationships and family are affected too and so are our spiritual and mental states. What is next?



Questions for Contemplation

Time and tide waits for no man. As we come to the end of an exacting and trying year, here are some sobering questions to ponder and consider as we ponder our response to the Word, Will and Work of the Lord.

1. Have I conscientiously honoured and put the Lord first in my life this year?
2. Have I been diligent to keep away from sin and to confirm and repent of them (if there is any) and to watch over my soul by the strength of the Lord?
3. Have I been consistent in my daily quiet time and prayers with the Lord?
4. Have I deepened in the fear and the knowledge of God, in the meditation of His Holy Word and through the means of grace?
5. Have I obeyed and kept to the commands of the Lord as the Spirit of God prompts me or have I quenched the Spirit?
6. Have I done my best to nurture and develop the fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance (Gal 5: 22-23) in my life?
7. Have I been disciplined to study, meditate and memorise and apply God's Word?
8. Have I been caring and concerned for the spiritual well-being of the brethren of the church?
9. Have I made a conscious effort to minister to the believers, visitors or young and old in our midst and been an encouragement, example or comfort to them?
10. Have I used the faculties (ie. mouth, legs, hand etc.) of my body to serve and glorify God and to edify and bless others?

11. Have I employed my time judiciously for eternity, being mindful that I am to redeem the time for my days on earth are limited?
12. Have I been used of the Lord to be a channel of blessing to others in any way I possibly can?
13. Does my life reflect good fidelity and faithful stewardship in all things entrusted to me to support the kingdom of God our with my offerings?
14. Am I constantly expectant and looking for the soon coming of the Lord, and watching and working while waiting for the Master's imminent return?
15. Have I a burden for souls and do I witness for the Lord in sharing the gospel to my unsaved friends and loved ones?
16. Have I read any edifying Christian book to build up my self spiritually in the Lord?
17. Have I been coming faithfully and worshipping God on the Sabbath in spirit and in truth in the beauty of holiness?
18. Have I kept the Sabbath holy and honour Him on His Holy Day or have I desecrated it with worldly pleasures and work/studies?
19. Have I been caught up with worldly cares, pleasure and the deceitfulness of riches and neglected God in prayer and faithful service?
20. Have I followed the will of the Lord and have been concerned for souls and to advance His kingdom by inviting someone to church or to give out a tract as the Lord leads us?

Self-Examination

Psalm 139:23-24 says, *'Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'* Such soul-searching enquiries urgently demand our immediate prayerful attention. Let us confess and repent of our sins if we have fallen short in one area or another. Our failings should stir our hearts to greater action. Get right with God and get right with our fellow men, especially our own brethren in the Lord. Take some time to humbly and fervently seek the Lord and consider what action is needed for year 2022. **Ask the Lord for godly**

prudence and discretion and strength to work on it, determine in our hearts to truly end the year with a clear conscience and a strong fortitude before God and men. Let us prepare our hearts to start afresh this coming New Year in 2022!

Psalm 90:12 says, *'So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.'* Let us continue to honour, fear and love the Lord, and serve Him with greater zest and devotion till He comes.

Conclusion

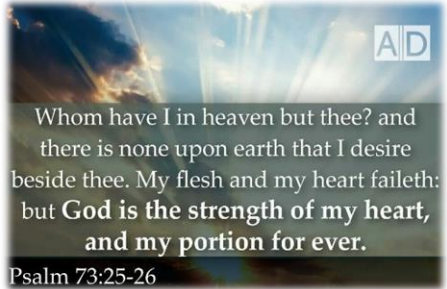




As we end the year, we are soberly reminded by Paul in 2 Tim 1:7 that God has not given to us a spirit of fear but of power and love and of a sound mind. **This sound mind is founded in the saving power of the risen Saviour who gives us victory over the fear of disease, distress, depression, disaster or even death by His atoning death and victorious resurrection, the ultimate result that**

COVID19 can inflict on anyone. If Christ has overcome the ultimate fear of death, is there a basis for paranoia and mass hysteria for the elect today?

Quieten your hearts this day and bow the knee before heaven. Uphold one another before the throne of grace as family and as a church, as we seek the Lord for the revival or salvation of our families and friends and awakening in our nation even in the midst of a global unprecedented health crisis. Our eyes are upon the Almighty God who makes the heavens and the earth and the Only ONE who gives us breath in our nostrils and carry us through this difficult season as the next. ***“For whom have I in heaven but thee, O Lord?”***



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JANUARY

COLOSSIANS

2	APOSTOLIC CONCERNS FOR THE CHURCH	1:1-8
9	THE FERVENT INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS	1:9-18
16	THE CROSSWORK OF CHRIST	1:19-27
23	THE EQUIPPING TOWARDS MATURITY IN CHRIST	1:28-29
30	THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PRE-EMINENT CHRIST	2:1-13

FEBRUARY

COLOSSIANS

6	4TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THE VIGILANT GROWING CHURCH IN END TIMES	2 PETER 3:9-14
13	THE PERILS THE CHURCH FACED TODAY	2:16-23
20	HEAVENLY PRECEPTS FOR DAILY LIVING	3:1-11
27	CHRISTIAN VIRTUES TO PUT ON	3:12-17

MARCH

COLOSSIANS

6	BIBLICAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC LIFE	3:18-25
13	THE FERVENT INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS	4:1-6
20	BEING A FAITHFUL CO-LABOURER IN THE MINISTRY	4:7-12
27	GOSPEL SUNDAY PROBING HEAVEN AND HELL	REVELATION 20:1-15

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Memory Verse

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Watchnight Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks tonight on “**A Better Heavenly Place**” (*John 14:1-6*).
3. Rev Jack Sin speaks this Sun on “**Apostolic Concerns for the Church**” (*Col 1:1-8*), starting a quarterly theme of “**Christ Centred Principles for the Local Church**”, a study on the Epistle to the Colossians.
4. Weekly Sunday School classes after worship service are as follows:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Understanding Biblical Eschatology & related Topics – Joseph
 - Studies in Numbers – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Burmese Bible Class - James
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
6. 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.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on next Fri 7 Jan 2022, 7.30pm on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
8. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**
