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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Peter 1

“MAKE YOUR CALL AND ELECTION SURE”

TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

We tend to take many things for granted. The Covid 19 Pandemic has certainly reminded us that we cannot take our health and our life for granted!

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TAKING OUR FAITH FOR GRANTED

This problem extends to the spiritual realm. We take our faith for granted too.

¹⁰Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1. Our Call and Election

a) This was a special way of describing our salvation

b) Our Call

i) It is a Call from God to repentance

ii) It leads us to find salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ

c) Our Election

i) In deeper understanding, we learn that believers are called "Elect of God"

ii) Long before we come to faith in God, God had already chosen/elected us

2. To make sure

a) This is to be certain of our salvation

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- b) We cannot earn our salvation but we can make sure of our salvation
- c) To make sure:
 - i) It involves checking
 - ii) It involves confirming things
 - iii) It means verifying details
- d) This is our part to do!

WE NEED NOT STUMBLE

We are aware that some stumble in their faith in God. The following could happen:

1. Doubts can arise
2. Misgivings may set in
3. Confidence in God is eroded

The Apostle Peter tells us that we must check our understanding of salvation! If we are diligent in seeking to ascertain our faith in the Lord, we need not stumble. Let us look forward to a clear and certain faith in the Lord!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your faith in the Lord be further strengthened through Worship!



Heartfelt Condolences

Heartfelt condolences to Mr and Mrs. Ng Thiam Sai on the demise of Mrs. Ng Kwee Eng's mother. The late Mdm. Goh Ah Lak was 96 years old when she went home to be with the Lord on 12 November 2021.



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

²³ Yet He had commanded the clouds above,
And opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴ Had rained down manna on them to eat,
And given them of the bread of heaven.

²⁵ Men ate angels' food;
He sent them food to the full.
Psalm 78: 23-25

1. Lessons that we can learn

a) God's Provision

b) God's Power is behind His provision

2. The Miracle of Manna from heaven

a) This story is found in Exodus 16

b) God's Provision is to be appreciated though we may not have the same experience as the children of Israel

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:107-108

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Your judgments.

1. Afflictions in life

a) They can hurt us badly

b) We may pray for God to revive us according to His word

2. Freewill offerings of our mouth

a) These are words of praise we may offer to God

b) May we desire to learn deeper lessons from God's word
(Judgment)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 November 2021

Text: "I know whom I have believed" 2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

2 Timothy 1:12

1. Paul's Testimony about how he faced suffering
 - a) He is not ashamed to suffer for the Lord
 - b) He is able to accept the sufferings in his life
2. Reason why he was able to take suffering so well
 - a) He knew whom he had believed
 - b) He was persuaded the Lord is able to keep him until He returns

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 November 2021

Text: "We walk by faith" 2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight 2 Corinthians 5:7

POETRY CORNER

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MAKE YOUR CALL AND ELECTION SURE

The Salvation God offers is truly wonderful;
To take our Salvation for granted is awful.
Our Salvation involves a Call from God;
We repent of our sins before the Lord!

Our Salvation comes from God's grace;
Though Sins abound in the human race!
We are graciously called the Elect of God;
This is a display of the mercy of the Lord.

Many take Salvation for granted;
They assume their faith is grounded!
Afflictions come and Faith flounders;
Faith in God is sadly in short measure.

Let us make our Call and Election sure;
Let the Lord Jesus be our great Treasure.
We can be sure of our place in God's kingdom;
Death does not frighten; it is an entrance to Heaven!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: 2 Peter 1:10-11

POETRY CORNER

2

Certainty of faith

Uncertainties in life are aplenty
We do not know what is lurking around the corner
Unfortunate experiences are many
May they not weigh us down like an anchor

For they are all part of the Lord's plans
Unfathomable of them it may be saith
Let us always be looking unto Jesus
The author and finisher of our faith

Does it take facing imminent death
To shock us into understanding the depth of our faith?
Will it be able to sustain us as we take each breath
Or will we simply abandon Christ and no longer believeth?

We should banish all doubts and be steadfast
Firm and unwavering in following the Lord
Be certain of our faith and in Him we trust
A place has been prepared for us in the mansions of God

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 1:4; Hebrews 12:2; John 14:3

POETRY CORNER

3

FAITH IN CHRIST

Luke was, by training, a medical doctor,
And a Gentile who became a believer.
His faith moved him to bear witness,
He set out to write about Christ Jesus.

Luke learnt from those who knew the Lord,
Knowledge of Christ was earnestly sought.
To grow a mature faith, he was motivated,
A solid understanding of Him was cultivated.

Luke was impacted by all that he heard,
Christ had fulfilled God's prophetic word!
Christ, the Holy One, was filled with power,
He is the Son of God and our Mighty Savior!

The work of Christ has eternal ramifications,
There is so much to learn about His salvation.
May we seek to grow our faith-understanding,
And be certain of that which is everlasting!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Luke 1:1-4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“Eyewitnesses and ministers”

Text: Luke 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

