

DAILY WORD

(Week 12 October 2020 – 18 October 2020)

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Monday, 12th October 2020

The Free Gift Of Eternal Life.

Titus 3: 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

We are justified by His grace. Being justified means that we are now declared righteous. The verdict is that we are not guilty because the sin that separated us from God has been taken over by Jesus and He paid the penalty. The work of justification happens because of God's grace and it is not attained by our good works. Now having been justified, we receive eternal life as a gift freely given by our Heavenly Father. It is like an inheritance, which cannot be purchased or gain by our works. We are accepted as His children by grace through the redemptive work of Jesus. So as His children, we need to maintain holiness and righteousness because that is the attribute of our Father. Therefore the life we live is not for ourselves but rather to please our Father through obedience.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of eternal life. Help me to be obedient and to live in righteousness and holiness. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

1 John 5: 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Colossians 4

Evening Isaiah 39-40

Tuesday, 13th October 2020

Reject Wickedness and Live For the Truth.

Proverbs 30: 18 – 20 ¹⁸ There are three *things which* are too wonderful for me, Yes, four *which* I do not understand: ¹⁹ The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin. ²⁰ This *is* the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness."

The eagle is a majestic bird. It can soar high above the earth without much flapping of its wings. The serpent having no hands or legs can go up and come down a mountain efficiently. The ship is huge but only a small rudder is required to navigate the ship. We can look at this three things and understand the way it moves but the way of a man with a virgin is hard to comprehend. We can look at a couple and say that they will have a happy life but there can be a breakdown in their relationship. Or we can say that they will not have a happy life and yet they can live together without having any problems. This is why the verse says that human relationship is hard to predict. God has created everything good but it is humans that destroys His creation. Many reject His word and live in sin but they deny any wrongdoing. People can be deceived but God knows everything. Therefore don't try to please people but please God

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to stand for the truth and not deny it. I want to follow Your ways and not give in to wickedness. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Psalm 119: 9 – 10 ⁹How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 1
Evening Isaiah 41-42

Wednesday, 14th October 2020

A call to pray.

Joel 2:15-16 ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.

Covid-19 considered the worst plague that has taken millions of lives all over the world. It is almost going to be a year, and the virus is still lingering and loitering everywhere. It seems like it is very close to our doorstep. It is in the schools, in the shopping malls, in our neighbourhood, offices, etc. Within few minutes, we hear one person found positive here and the next minute another person there. It spreads like wild fire. The situation does not look good. It is getting worst. People of the world are worried, anxious and do not know what to do. As Christians, what are we going to do?

We need to pray. We need to seek God. We need His mercy. We need to come before Him as a congregation. In the above verse, God says to gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the leaders, even gather the children and nursing babes. God is saying to bring even the children. If you see, this Covid-19 is attacking the children right now. We cannot waste any time. We are living in a very crucial time. Let us come and pray. He is a gracious and merciful God. His ears are attentive to our prayer.

Joel 2:12-13 ¹²“Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” ¹³So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

Psalm 116:1-2 I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice *and* my supplications. ²Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 2
Evening Isaiah 43-44

Thursday 15th October 2020

The plague of his own heart.

1 Kings 8:37-40 ³⁷“When there is famine in the land, pestilence *or* blight *or* mildew, locusts *or* grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague *or* whatever sickness *there is*; ³⁸whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, *or* by all Your

people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: ³⁹ then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), ⁴⁰ that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

King Solomon prays this prayer when he dedicated the temple of the Lord. He said whatever prayer, supplication is made by anyone or by all the people of Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart. What is the plague of his own heart? Sin is like a plague. We need to admit and confess.

Apostle Paul says that in the last days perilous times will come. We are living in a time such as this. We are living among perilous men. Christians who know the Lord, turn away from the truth and become perilous men. They have a form of godliness but they deny God's power. They put a show. They have double standard.

We must always examine ourselves not to fall into this category.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 3

Evening Isaiah 45-46

Friday, 16th October 2020

We need peace.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

We all need peace in our heart and mind so that we can always be calm in all situations. We live in a time where there is constant tensions and stress, so much uncertainties, that causes anxiety and makes us to worry of many things. The above verse tells us that when we trust God, and make our mind to stay focused in Him, then God Himself will keep us in perfect peace. Our Lord Jesus Christ, tells us in John 14:27 that the 'peace' that He gives is not as what the 'world' gives. Jesus continues to tell us that, for the 'peace' to remain, we must take care of our heart, firstly, not to be troubled by analysing the situation, and secondly, not to be afraid, that is, not to allow 'fear' to grip you. Since our total trust is on God, He will take care of everything. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week, and, may the peace of Jesus Christ keep you calm in all situations.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 4

Evening Isaiah 47-49

Saturday, 17th October 2020

Jesus, has called you to live in His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

In Jesus Christ you are a chosen one, the life of living in the 'darkness' is over, we now live in His marvelous light. The above verse tells us of the privileges of living in the 'light', that is, we become a, 'chosen generation', 'a royal priesthood', 'a holy nation' and 'a special people praising God'. In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter five verses 14-16, our Lord Jesus Christ, tells us to let our light shine so that our good works will bring glory to the Father. May God the Holy Spirit be with you and help you to be the 'light' for Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:14-16 ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 5

Evening Isaiah 50-52

Sunday, 18th October 2020

The power of God's Word.

John 4:46-53 ⁴⁶ So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” ⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!” ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

A nobleman's son was sick at Capernaum. He heard that Jesus had come to Galilee and he travelled all the way from Capernaum to Galilee to see Jesus. He came begging to Jesus, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” Jesus said just one word, “Go your way, your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and he went his way. And it happened according to the Words of Jesus.

The distance between Galilee and Capernaum was approximately about 16 miles (26km). In those days, people walked from one place to another. It takes many days for them to travel from one place to another. But yet, Jesus words are so

powerful that at that moment it travelled and touched the nobleman's son and healed him. This is the power of God's word.

Even today, His word goes forth and accomplish what He desires.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

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Evening Isaiah 53-55

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