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calls for “re-adjustment” which means a slow process of adjusting to the vacant chair at meal times, the bed so much larger at night, and the unoccupied left front seat whenever I drive to Church – not forgetting our morning and night greetings, now only a memory. Never a night passed without our praying together, or a day begun without our morning meeting at God’s Throne of Grace. These live on as treasures in the memory store.

### 3. Even Jesus wept

Ever since *Mum* left us, home has never been as before. (Reader, appreciate Mother if you have her still.) Consider her as God’s special gift and learn to love her ever so much more. Death and absence spell sadness and pain unspeakable; when our Lord approached the tomb of Lazarus, He was so overcome by the intensity of the sisters’ grief that “*Jesus wept.*” His human compassion was touched, for He also had a heart like ours, which felt for the broken hearted.

Unseen tears flow whenever I recall her tender voice so gentle and sweet, now but a receding memory. During our years of Gospel co-labouring she had been my constant companion and helper. My “*sounding board*” especially during the weeks in Penang struggling with “*Footprints*” she was ever so wonderful and ready with her critical literary comments. Now, only the memory remains, so fragrant and cherished. Today in my Quiet Time I find consolation as I read from the apostle Peter’s first epistle of the trial of faith: “... *though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory*” (1 Pet 1:7-8). Having the Lord as your own makes it *worth it all!*

In moments of quiet meditation, a comfort beyond words lifts the dark clouds of sadness away. Faith in Jesus is no idle “*make believe*” but words filled with instant relief for the grieving spirit, words of quiet assurance: “*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain*

*shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words*” (1 Thess 4:16-18). Only God’s Word takes away the unbearable heaviness of heart, nothing else.

Thank God for the Word which soothes the grief-torn spirit as a healing balm, so that we “... *sorrow not, even as others which have no hope*” (1 Thess 4:13).

### 4. We visited Mum’s grave

Recently, some ten weeks after the burial, we made our way to Choa Chu Kang Lawn Cemetery and located her resting place. The sky was overcast, the weather was good. We read the Scripture, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, “*Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed,*” and reunited, to part no more!

And so shall we ever be with the Lord: this is our blessed hope.

As I write, the words of the lovely hymn by Thoro Harris come to mind:

**“All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus”  
(RHC #104)**

1. *Who can cheer the heart like Jesus,  
By His presence all divine?  
True and tender, pure and precious,  
O how blest to call Him mine!*

Refrain:

*All that thrills my soul is Jesus,  
He is more than life to me;  
And the fairest of ten thousand  
in my blessed Lord I see.*

2. *What a wonderful redemption!  
Never can a mortal know -  
How my sin, though red like crimson,  
Can be whiter than the snow.*
3. *By the crystal flowing river,  
With the ransomed I will sing,  
And forever and forever  
Praise and glorify the King!*

*Faithfully in the Lord  
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*



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(2 Tim 3:1)

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LORD'S DAY, 8 Aug 2010

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# GENOCIDE THRU THE AGES

**Jews killed Jesus = GUILTY OF DEI-CIDE!**

**\*\* Destroy Jews! by**

**Russian Pogroms & German Holocaust**

**Millions of Jews were exterminated**

## THE SADDEST TALE EVER TOLD!

At SGBF TONIGHT 6.00 PM

My dear readers,

### 1. Reflections in Solitude

We talked, not often, but from time to time: “*If one of us goes ...*” As God’s Word in Psalm 90:12 says, “*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*” We spoke and naturally also saw our lawyer to draft a will. “*Will you stay in Chelsea Gardens, or move to stay with one of our daughters?*” We both pondered over this question a couple of times, and the answer was, “*No change.*” We both felt it would be best to stay put and not inconvenience the children, for they have their own agenda and privacy, as we had ours. No, the uprooting of moving house posed too many imponderables and radical re-adjustments. In any case we both agreed to simply commit the future unto the Lord, trusting in His wisdom and all

encompassing care as expressed in 1 Peter 5:7: “*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*”

So I reflect and turn over in my mind recent happenings and hard lessons of life, always comforted by the knowledge of One who knows our deepermost sorrows and burdens.

### 2. A slow adjustment

The days’ proceedings remain much the same as set by years of “*routine happenings*” for we are creatures of habit, with a fundamental difference from people of the world: we are citizens of God’s everlasting Kingdom, from whence also we look for the Saviour our Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 3:20).

Each day passes “*as per normal*” with one difference – God’s “*help meet*” is no more with us which makes all the difference. This

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### “FOOTPRINTS” APPEAL

A reprint of “*Footprints*” is expected. Any member who has detected any TYPO ERROR is kindly requested to send it to me ASAP. Please state: **page, line, and the error**, clearly. Thank you very much – *Sr Pastor.*

**A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**



**Kok Hiong Rev** 12, 20, 200 = \$232; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 50, 10, 100 = \$210; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 50 = \$50; **RPG - English/Chines** 50, 50, 50 = \$150; **Saipan/China** 25, 50, 100, 400, 100, 50, 50 = \$775; **Sichun Relief** 50 = \$50; **Tow SH, Dr** 10, 50, 50 = \$110; **CMC** 1,1 = \$2; **Book Library** 116 = \$116

**Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,911,011.44**

**Last week:** 50, 500, 0.20, 1.95, 1, 2, 3, 30, 5, 50, 50, 650, 10, 10, 100, 172, 50, 62, 150, 50, 700, 50, 1000, 50, 50, 50, 50, 100, 150, 100 = **Total:** \$4,247.15

**DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.

2. **CONGRATULATIONS TO HOO CHEE KHUEN AND SERENE** on God's gift of a baby girl born on 30 July.
3. **PREACHER LEK AIK WEE** will be preaching in Tabernacle BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
4. **ELDER SIM SIANG KOK** will be preaching in Berith BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
5. **AF CHOIR PRACTICE** this today 12.30 pm in the New Sanctuary, level 3. This practice is for the AF's 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving & Praise Service. All adults are welcome to join us.
6. **LENTOR RESIDENCE** - the Teens will be ministering at Lentor Residence today. Others who wish to minister as well are most welcome. Bus leaves church at 1.45pm under the charge of Woan Jiun, and returns to church by 5pm.
7. **THURSDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP** meets on 19 Aug in Room #02-14, Lounge. Topic: A Christian's Place in the Court of Law. Speaker: Rev Quek Suan Yew. All ladies are welcome to come and join us in fellowship.
8. **MONTHLY TEENS RETREAT** will be held on 15 Aug in the home of Grace Ho. Address: 80 Corporation Rd. Topic: Acceptable to God vs others. Speaker: Dn Milton Ang. Bus will leave church at 1.45pm sharp.
9. **PATRIA CONTACT GROUP** meets on Fri 20 Aug in the home of Dn & Mrs Milton Ang. Add: 31 Goldhill Drive, S308879. Newcomers are most welcome

**Adults Fellowship  
30th Anniversary  
Thanksgiving  
Meeting**

21 August 2010 (Sat).  
6.00 pm. New  
Sanctuary, 3rd Level  
**"Christ's Second  
Coming - Are You  
Ready?"**  
*Speaker: Senior Pastor  
Dr Tow Siang Hwa  
Dinner buffet tickets at  
subsidized price of  
\$6.00 available from  
today.*

**AF FAMILY RETREAT - 6 to 7 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Thistle Johor Bahru  
Theme: Godly Family

Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

We have seen the breakdown of the family in today's society – the family is under attack. What is God's plan for the family?  
God's Word can surely show us the way to family peace and harmony, the roles of the husband, wife, parents and the children and how to be the godly family that is pleasing to God, serving the Lord together for the glory of God.

Plan to come.....drive to Thistle Johor Bahru (less than 10 minutes from Johor Causeway) in the morning of 6 Sept and the programme will end with dinner fellowship on 7 Sept and drive back to Singapore. Registration outside the Sanctuary will be open every Sunday after morning service and SGBF until 22 August 2010. You may download the form from our church website [www.calvarypandan.org](http://www.calvarypandan.org) and email the completed registration form in soft copy to [pscpaf@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:pscpaf@yahoo.com.sg)

**HELPMEEET CONTACT GROUP MEETING:**

Date : 20 Aug 2010

Time : 8 pm

Venue : Home of sis Grace Gan

Blk 287B, Jurong East St 21

#11-340 Tel: 6899 9751

Topic : 2 Tim 2: 1~13 - Focus of a Faithful Mother / Wife

Speaker : Dr Rev Quek Suan Yew

Contact : Winnie (9043 4053), Rachel (9665 2477)

**PARKING NOTICE**

For Members and Visitors

\* Calvary Pandan B-P Church (English & Mandarin Congregations)

\* Truth B-P Church

**Please note and comply**

1. Parking in **HEAVY VEHICLE LOTS** is an **offence**. You may face legal action.
2. The **CHURCH FRONT ENTRANCE** must be **KEPT CLEAR. PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE.**
3. If you **DOUBLE PARK**, please remove your car promptly after service.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Management  
Calvary Pandan B-P Church

**YF September Retreat**

Theme: Singleness of Heart

Date: 3 – 4 Sept 2010,

registration starts at 5.30pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church

Speaker: Brother Henry Chua

For more enquiries, feel free to contact Su Ling @ 91520831 or Elvin @ 94790811. (Forms are available at the YF notice board.)

**YAF RETREAT - 9 to 11 Sept 2010**

Austin Hills Resort, Johor

**"SPIRITUAL FREEDOM"**

A thematic study on Romans 6 - 8

By: Jose Lagapa

\* Registration Forms Available at the YAF Notice Board

\* For more information, please contact Hong Zhuang (91704337)

**FCM COMBINED MEETING - 24 September 2010**

Theme : A Victorious Christian Life Amid Ungodly Influences (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Speaker : Rev (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy

Venue : Calvary Pandan BPC

Time : 6.30pm (Dinner at \$3 per pkt), 7.15pm (Meeting)

For dinner, please contact your respective student coordinators or Lek Xuan at 96389814.

They had caught His spirit, were occupied with His business and were manifesting Him in character and conduct. The men of Antioch chose the name "Christians" because of the believers' identification with the Lord Jesus Christ and He with them.

What about us today? How many people would name us Christians if we did not in so many words declare ourselves to be such? Do we also live a holy, righteous and separated life for "every one that nameth the name of Christ (should) depart from iniquity"? (2 Tim 2:19) Or are we no different from the world in terms of our conduct, life's priorities, interests and speech?

The second occurrence of the word "Christian" is found in Acts 26:28. Here the Apostle Paul is making his great defense before King Agrippa and Festus the governor and telling both of them of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ who had so wonderfully changed and satisfied him ever since he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. It can be observed that Paul was far more anxious to bring Agrippa face to face with His Master than to defend himself. It is no wonder that at the end, while Festus pronounced Paul to be mad, Agrippa stated "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26:28)

The mark of a true Christian is that whatever his circumstances, he is ready and glad to witness for His Lord. Every person that Jesus saves, He calls to confess Him publicly. It is in the Lord's plan and purpose for His followers to witness for Him. There is no such thing as a secret disciple. The Christians in the early church, each and every member, were marked with a burning zeal to make Christ known to all they came in contact with. "They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." (Acts 8:4) The Apostle Paul sets us the example. He says, "I am ready to preach the gospel ... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." (Rom 1:15,16)

The final occurrence of the word "Christian" is found in the First Epistle of Peter. Here Peter tells us that Christians must expect to suffer simply because they are Christians. "Yea if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." (1 Pet 4:16) Persecution is not something alien to the Christian life for Paul also says, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." (Phil 1:29) Christians are different from unbelievers and that difference will bring persecution, sooner or later. Admittedly, people belonging to other religions are sometimes also persecuted but not to the same level, frequency or intensity which Christians have experienced over the centuries and shall do so again during the rule

of the Anti-Christ. The early church was threatened, maligned, despised and persecuted simply because of their love for and loyalty to Christ. Yet the members rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for their Saviour while Paul and Silas even sang praises unto God at midnight in a Philippian jail cell.

From these 3 passages, we can see that a true Christian is a disciple of Christ, one whose whole life centres in and revolves around Christ, so that it is clear to the world that the person is a follower of Christ. Secondly, the Christian is not only loyal to Jesus Christ but also has a deep passion of desire to win others to Christ. Finally, the Christian is one who, because of his devotion to Christ, will suffer persecution for Christ's sake and glory and rejoice in it, counting the reproach of Christ as being of more value than all the treasures men hold most dear on this earth. Samuel Davies adds:

"A Christian is a devout worshipper of the God of heaven, a cheerful observer of His whole law, and a broken-hearted penitent for his imperfections."

"A Christian is a compilation of all the amiable and useful graces and virtues: temperate and sober, just, liberal, compassionate and benevolent, humble, meek, gentle, peaceable, and in all things conscientious."

"A Christian is a good parent, a good child, a good master, a good servant, a good husband, a good wife, a faithful friend, an obliging neighbour, a dutiful subject, a good ruler, and an honest citizen."

"And can there be a more amiable and excellent character exhibited to your view? It is an angelic, a divine character. Let it be your glory and your ambition to wear it with a good grace, to wear it so as to adorn it. To acquire the title of kings and princes, is not in your power. To spread your fame as a scholar, philosopher, or hero, may be beyond your reach. But here is a character more excellent, more amiable, more honourable than all these, which it is your business to deserve and maintain."

In conclusion, do we exhibit these marks of a true Christian? Or have we been so caught up by the world that our Christian experience has lost its joy, our Christian influence has lost its effectiveness and our Christian example has fallen by the wayside that we are now little more than salt that has lost its savour? May God help us to be worthy citizens of the heavenly kingdom.

*N/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew  
F/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat*

Tomorrow, Singapore observes its 45<sup>th</sup> National Day. This birthday celebration will undoubtedly be sweetened with the economy this year expected to register its highest growth in Singapore's history. Indeed, over the past 45 years, Singapore has prospered beyond all expectations and transformed itself from the Third to First World within a single generation. Annual per capita income has increased sixty-fold from \$500 to \$30,000 whilst unemployment has been reduced from 10% to virtually full employment. Some 85 per cent of the population is now housed in good and affordable public housing while educational levels have been raised from primary to tertiary levels. Singapore has truly been blessed in material terms.

While we can count ourselves fortunate to be a citizen of Singapore today, it is infinitely better to be a citizen of heaven. Its benefits and privileges are beyond compare for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor 2:9). This citizenship is an exclusive one, being reserved only for the few who must first pass through the narrow gate of salvation before going on to "the narrow ... way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Mt 7:14) It is also a citizenship that has no end. No wonder our Lord Jesus tells us, "rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

As citizens of the heavenly kingdom, we are called to bear the name of Christ on earth. Believers were first called Christians in the city of Antioch. The name itself was not particularly flattering since it described these believers as slaves of Jesus Christ at a time when freedom was highly prized and cherished by the citizens of Antioch. However, to their credit, they were called Christians because the men in Antioch could see that they were living epistles for Christ. This new name given them can be seen as the fulfillment of 2 prophecies, viz "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name" (Isa 62:2) and "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD

shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name." (Isa 65:15)

We call ourselves Christians today and most, if not all of us, would take it badly to be denied the honour of that distinction. But do we really understand the meaning and sacred importance of that name? Do we really know what it is to be a Christian? Are we in reality, what we are in name? The Puritan preacher Samuel Davies tells us:

"It is a name of distinction separate from the rest of the world, who know not the Lord Jesus, or reject Him as a good teacher or even an impostor."

"It is a family name, pointing out the Father and Founder of our holy religion and the Christian church; as a badge of our relation to Christ as His servants, His children and His bride."

"It intimates our unction by the Holy Spirit, or our being the subjects of His influences; as Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit, or replenished with His gifts above measure."

"It signifies that we are the property of Christ, and His peculiar people."

Although the terms "saints" and "believers" appear many times in the New Testament and mean the same thing as "Christians", the word "Christian" itself appears only 3 times. Let us examine each of them to see what we can learn about being a Christian.

In Acts 11:26, the word "Christian" was coined by the people of Antioch to distinguish the followers of Christ from the worshippers of Caesar. Antioch was a town in present-day Syria with an estimated population of about 200,000 inhabitants comprising mainly Gentiles and very few Jews for there was no synagogue there. The Christians of Antioch were a new kind of people who had sprung up among the inhabitants of the city. It was possibly difficult to understand these people of "The New Way." Perhaps the people at Antioch had the same impression about believers that Haman had about the Jews - "their laws are diverse from all people." (Esth 3:8) They saw that these people had been with the Christ in spirit, if not in actual personality, and that they had learned of Him. They had talked of Christ, lived for Christ and worked for Christ.

