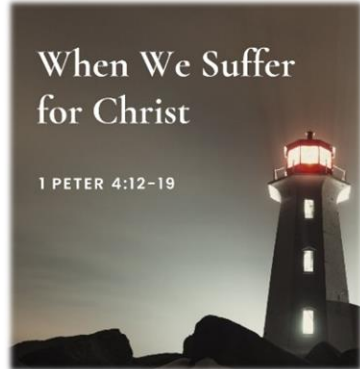


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“When We Suffer for Christ”

1 Peter 4:12-19

Summary of Pulpit Message by
Pastor on 4 Sep 2022



A. Prospect of Suffering (v 12-13)

- Trials and testing are given by God to try or test us for the purpose that we may glorify Him in our suffering, and we are to be prepared for it.
- In Mark 8:31-34, we see that Peter tried to rebuke the Lord for going to the cross. Peter's view of suffering was defective/deficient, to say the least as in many of us as well, rejecting suffering in our lives.
- In Lam 3:24-27, 32-33, Jeremiah says, "*The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.*"
- God's punishment of the Israelites for their idolatry with 70 years of exile has a purpose and it transformed them spiritually. God has His sovereign purpose for all things
- We also note the lesson and deliverance of suffering from Psalm 34:4,19, "*I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*"
- While many are hoping to escape suffering in the end times but we note In what Luke in Act 14:22, "*Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*"

B. Possible Reasons for Suffering (v 14-16)

- Note that we may have to suffer for the glory of God as he wills as in the man born blind in Jn 9:1-4.
- Isa 40:8 says, "*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*"
- As Christian be prepared as we you may be reproached for your stand or beliefs for the name of Christ in your profession of faith.
- There are 2 parts here: one is secular as we live in a fallen world & another is spiritual.
 - Secular - the reproach will continue for this is a sinful world that oppose God
 - Spiritual - on your part when you suffer for the Lord, be glad with exceeding joy for God is glorified.
- We need to do what is right, not what is liked as we seek to please God and not men
- The more we come closer to the end times, the more difficult it will be to live our lives as a Christian in a very hostile world
- but let not our suffering be for the wrong reasons because of our own evil doing
- Paul reminded us that 2 Tim 3:10-12 - "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
- Let us be reminded that those who live godly life will face suffering first and then the unbelievers too

C. Patience & Preservation of Sufferers (v 17-18)

- Here in James 5:10-11, we are reminded of the prospect of suffering one day for the Lord as James speak of its possibility for believers.
- There is a grave need to build up endurance in believers as God allows pain and suffering that we may be moulded and strengthened in our lives and character
- Patience ("*as patient as Job*") is needed for all as we run a long race
- We need to cultivate the ability to wait & not murmur as we seek the Lord patiently
- Endurance is the ability to stand up to pain & stress over a period of time
- Note that the suffering in this life will only be for a season and it will be over Rom 8:18. let us take heart and have hope and live with joy and comfort.

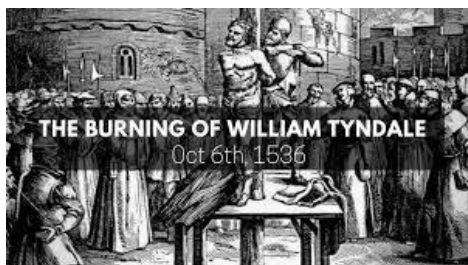
- Note the order: the people in house of God will come before God first un 2Cor 5:10 (judgement of the believers) followed by the great white throne judgement (the unbelievers) in Rev 20:11,12
- We are assured of the preservation of the saints by God, but only if you are a believer and trusted in the Lord Jesus

Remember that Daniel was thrown in the lion's den for his uncompromising stand and Joseph suffered in prison unjustly, but God vindicated him in the end.

John Huss of Bohemia who preached the truth of the gospel and he suffered unjustly and was executed in 1415. He was preserved in his soul though he was burnt at the stake at the Council of Constance and his prayer for a light not to be extinguished in a100 years' time was answered by the Lord.

John Hus
1369 - July 6, 1415

*"Seek the truth
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Abide by the truth
And defend the truth
unto death."*



William Tyndale of England who translated the bible into English and was executed in1536 for translating the bible int o English will be rewarded and is now in the presence of the Lord.

Conclusion

Let us examine ourselves and be faithful in our suffering and be humble and patient to wait upon the Lord and let God be our Comfort and Strength and look up to Him for the glory to be revealed one day.

Kim Meng



Comment on the Pandemic book

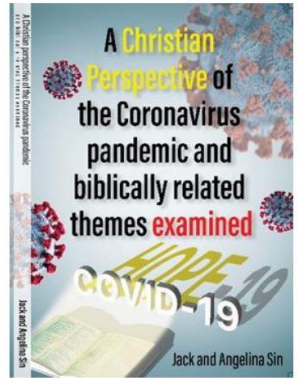
No one expected a Covid-19 Pandemic. Only the Almighty God knows and has allowed this current pandemic to sweep through this sinful world and to advance the Gospel cause. Rev Dr Jack Sin was my former Pastor for some years. He and Angie were a blessing to me.

Jack Sin has “the pen of a ready writer” (Psalm 45:1).

This book has been carefully, prayerfully and meticulously penned for our instruction and edification. The fear of the LORD is highlighted. Practical ways are given to implement this fear of God in the progress of Covid-19 epidemic to pandemic. Thank you very much for challenging us to read, meditate and study the Bible diligently for the nourishment of our spiritual well-being. It is clear how other themes like family, marriage, death also relate to the main subject. A book worth reading.

Gloria Deo!

***Tim & Anne Low
Auckland, NZ, Sep 2022***



Thanksgiving to God

Thank you for all the precious mail. Your weekly articles are most edifying, full of instructions in God's Holy Word. Church Worshippers including myself will surely benefit all round, spiritually and mindfully to serve the Lord wholeheartedly and cheerfully to care one for another. Your burden and efforts are not in vain for the Lord knows your love and labour for souls. Praise the Lord!

***Mrs Lim Kim Hee
(Mdm Tow Siew Yong)
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**PASTOR OF
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**DATES:
6TH, 13TH & 20TH OCT 2022**

**TIME:
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THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE BELIEVER TODAY

Lord's Day Programme for Oct-Dec 2022



OCTOBER

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| 2 | The Work & Nature of the Holy Spirit
(John 14:16-31) | 23 | Walking in the Spirit
(Galatians 5:1-16) |
| 9* | The Holy Spirit & Regeneration
(Titus 3:1-8) | 30 | REFORMATION SUNDAY
Why We Should Persevere
in Our Reforming Spirit
(Jude 1-9) |
| 16 | The Holy Spirit & Prayer
(Romans 8:20-34) | | |

NOVEMBER

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| 6 | The Filling of the Holy Spirit
(Ephesians 5:15-21) | 20 | The Holy Spirit & Sanctification
(2 Peter 1:1-11) |
| 13* | The Fruit of the Spirit
(Galatians 5:1-23) | 27 | The Holy Spirit & Witnessing
(Acts 1:1-11) |

DECEMBER

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| 4 | The Holy Spirit & Worship
(John 4:20-30) | 25 | CHRISTMAS SERVICE
When the Heavenly King Condescended
(1 Timothy 3:1-16) |
| 11* | The Holy Spirit & the Charismatic Movement (1 Corinthians 13:1-13) | 30 | WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
Guidelines for End Times Living
(Mark 13:20-37) |
| 18 | The Gifts of the Spirit
(Romans 12:1-12) | | |

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Memory Verse

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on “***The Work & Nature of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:16-31)***”, commencing a new quarterly series on “***The Holy Spirit & The Believer Today***”.
3. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “***The Holy Spirit & Regeneration (Tit 3:1-8)***”.
4. The following Sunday School classes continue after worship service:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
 - Addressing Objections to the Gospel – Joseph Wee
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a video study on Fundamentals of Theology 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. The **Annual Reformation Seminar** will be held virtually **via Zoom on Thu nights, 6, 13 & 20 Oct, 8 to 9.30 pm**. Topic for 6 Oct is “***Contribution of the Pre-Reformers to the Reformation Cause***”. Zoom ID: 818 4391 6370. Passcode: 482950
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 4 Nov 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
9. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
10. 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**
