

## Pray for all Men



The year 2020, with over nine months of Covid-19 and over two months of circuit breakers, has passed. For this new year, let us pray for all, especially of the household of faith.

1 Timothy 2:1

**I exhort therefore that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men.**

Thank God for granting wisdom to our government to control the spread of Covid-19. Please remember to pray for overseas brethren, that they too may be preserved.



Ms Wendy Wong

## Going the Second Mile

### Where you go, I will go...

by Mr Palsamy

A severe famine forced Naomi, her husband, Elimelech and their two sons to leave Bethlehem-Judah for Moab. There, Elimelech died. Their two sons married local women, one of whom was Ruth. When her sons also died, Naomi decided to return home. She told her daughters-in-law to return to their own homes and marry again as she could no longer provide them with husbands. One daughter-in-law listened to her and left, but Ruth chose to follow Naomi and leave her own country for a strange land. She insisted that Naomi's people would be her people and Naomi's God, her God.

Upon returning to Bethlehem-Judah, Ruth sought to gather barley to feed Naomi and herself. When Naomi found out that the fields belonged to Boaz, a kinsman of Elimelech,



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# Children @ Vacation Bible School onZoom



Our first virtual Vacation Bible School  
that gathers children from different parts of the world.

# GemSTORY

In 2018, Auntie Lai Chin experienced something strange - she found that she had difficulty writing in a straight line.



Puzzled, she mentioned this to her fellow nurse, who in turn asked a doctor at their workplace about her condition. He looked at her and realized that she



Artwork she created during her rehabilitation to improve her fine motor skills

was having a stroke! Thankfully, she was able to get immediate medical attention for her stroke. It was an emergency because brain cells were dying with each passing second. After the worst was over, she was sent to a community hospital for two months of rehabilitation although she felt well enough to be discharged. However, it was only when she found herself unable to use the computer that the severity of her stroke hit her. She learnt that the part of her brain controlling language and connections was significantly damaged. She felt

terribly dispirited, and confided in her son, who encouraged her to pray to God for healing. She prayed fervently, hoping in her heart that it would take not more than three months.

After praying, she received the assurance from God that He would heal her. Empowered by this, she worked very hard - she did physiotherapy, exercised her

fine motor skills, and did Reading Comprehension daily. Finally, after about three months, she managed to pass the speech therapist's tests and was able to return to work. She is thankful to God for answering her prayer and healing her. We can learn from her example to pray to God, have faith in Him and also diligently do our part, so that we would not fall into despair when we encounter trials and tribulations in life.

**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

Philippians 4:13

# Current Issues

## Jerome's Blogposts



### APPLE OF MY EYE

Published 6 January 2020



Finally upgraded my iPhone haha -the old iPhone has been a workhorse over the past 3 years, but I guess that drop it took last week was too much for the old boy. 😞 So glad dad relented to my pleas and got me a new Apple iPhone! 😊

### GARBAGE-IN GARBAGE-OUT

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It has only been slightly over a month, but I'm already way too distracted by the never-ending stream of garbage updates and posts about nonsensical stuff with my worldly friends, to focus on homework or my studies at all >.< Worst of all, I flunked my most recent tests... NOT AGAIN!? My grades initially



improved after I had recovered from my computer addiction earlier, but now it seems like I'm caught in another trap 😞😞

### INFO OVERLOAD

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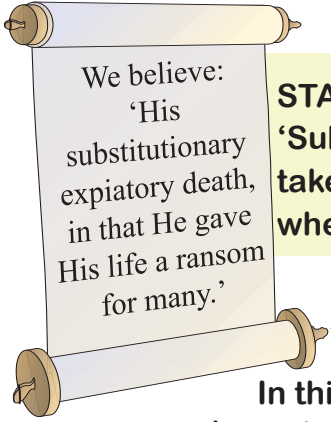
I must say, I'm grateful I live in this era of mass connectivity - being able to talk with you guys instantly if I feel like it, knowing what everyone else is doing and talking about it even if I'm not there... but I can't help but wonder if this incessant bombardment of information is affecting me - both in school and in church. The time spent talking nonsense 😊 with you guys has always been fun, but maybe most of that time could be better spent on things like revisions, prayer, Bible study or spending time building meaningful relationships with loved ones. I guess I should really be more mindful about how I spend my time, instead of letting it slip through my fingers just like that.



But I keep under  
my body,  
and bring it into  
subjection:  
lest that  
by any means,  
when I have  
preached  
to others,  
I myself should be  
a castaway.

1Corinthians 9:27

# Statements of Faith



## STATEMENT 4

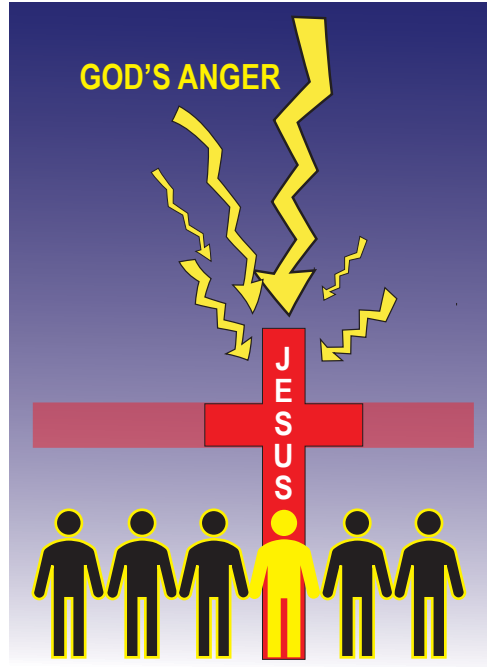
'Substitutionary' means to substitute for, or take the place of. 'Expiatory' refers to an action where something is removed.

In this statement, Jesus took our place so we would not be condemned for our sins.

By doing so, He removed our guilt. His death on the cross resulted in the turning away (or propitiation) of God's anger towards mankind, not just at one time in the past, but for any man who will ever walk the Earth.



*by Mrs Dorcas Tan and Peace Tan*



Where you go, I will go...

she guided Ruth in what she should do. Eventually, Boaz married Ruth. Their son was Obed, the grandfather of King David. Ruth could have left Naomi or depended on her own wisdom to survive, but she chose to be obedient and faithful, and worshiped the God of Israel. Likewise, if we are obedient and faithful to God, He will lead us in our steps and we will be blessed.



# Faith of our Fathers

## John Bunyan

born to a poor family in England in 1628, never received any formal education. However, after

overhearing someone discussing Christianity, he attended St. John's church in Bedford. Eventually he became a pastor and preached to large crowds in and around Bedford. Charles I, then king of England, had banned preaching at private gatherings as he was afraid the people would plot against him. Bunyan knew of this ban, but continued to hold private house meetings.

He was arrested and thrown in jail, like many others. After three months in jail, he was offered freedom if he promised to stop preaching the gospel. Bunyan chose to stay in jail to



When Satan, death, grave, sin had done whatever they could do, we are still more than conquerors through Him who loved us.



encourage others to continue preaching. When he was released after 12 years, he continued preaching publicly until he was again jailed. During his second stay in jail,

Bunyan wrote 'Pilgrim's Progress'. The book tells about the trials and difficulties met by a pilgrim, Christian, who is making his way through a world full of hardships and temptations.

Bunyan faced many trials in life but his faith in Christ gave him the courage and strength to face imprisonment. As he trusted in God, God gave him the grace to write.

*by Gabrielle Ee*



# Seeing God in nature around us

## CHEMISTRY

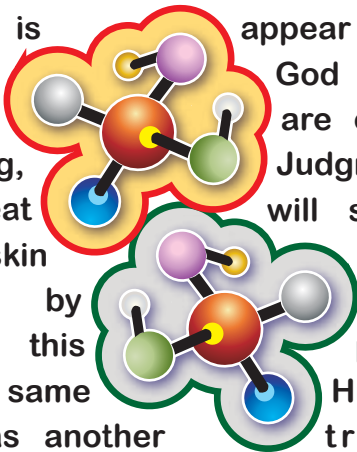
### Drugs: Useful or harmful?

by Jacques Liao

Any medicine that is created has only one chemical formula. For example, the drug, thalidomide can treat and prevent some skin conditions caused by leprosy. However, this drug has the exact same chemical formula as another toxic drug which causes severe birth defects! The molecular structures of these drugs are actually mirror images of each other. Just as your left and right hands may look very similar, when you put one hand over the other, they look different. Therefore, pharmacists cannot just depend on the chemical formula, but must use special methods to differentiate the good useful drug from the bad harmful drug. Only then can patients be able to consume the right medicines.

In the same way people could

appear to be Christians. Only God knows what we truly are on the inside. When Judgment Day comes, He will separate those who truly believe in Him from those who only pretend to believe in Him. Only those who truly believe in him can go to heaven.



Let both grow together  
until the harvest:  
and in the time of harvest  
I will say to the reapers,  
Gather ye together  
first the tares,  
and bind them in bundles  
to burn them: but gather  
the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:30

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# Choices

I am a captain of the army of Syria. I am known as a great and honourable man. However, I have been suffering from a severe disease called leprosy. One day, one of my wife's maids, a captive from Israel said that a prophet could cure me. When I arrived there, the king of Israel was troubled by my request until a man named Elisha told the king to ask me to visit him. When I finally went to Elisha's house, I was told to wash in River Jordan seven times for me to be healed. I



became angry because I thought he would call on the name of God and heal me. I did not think that the waters of Israel could cure me. Before I could leave, my servants convinced me to do the simple act of washing. Eventually I dipped myself in Jordan seven times according to his instructions. Did I make the right choice? Read 2 Kings 5 to find out.



*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Psalm 51:7



## Where you go, I will go...

Unscramble the underlined words.

1. Ruth chose to remain atihfflu (\_\_\_\_\_) to Naomi.
2. Naomi's God is the God of larsel (\_\_\_\_\_).
3. The fields which Ruth gathered barley from belonged to ozab (\_\_\_\_\_).
4. bdoe, (\_\_\_\_) the grandfather of King David, was Ruth and Boaz's nso (\_\_\_\_\_).
5. If we are beitedno (\_\_\_\_\_) to God we will be lsbedes. (\_\_\_\_\_).

