



THE Greatest Friday

In April, we commemorate Good Friday- -God's great act of love towards mankind. Let us stop to ponder the great sacrifice of a Father, giving up His only beloved Son, to die in the hands of wicked men, for a world of sinners like you and me. Let us remember the love of a Son, who willingly accepted punishment that wasn't His, in order to save those He loved. May we never forget the suffering and the pain that He went through, so that we will always abide in God's love.

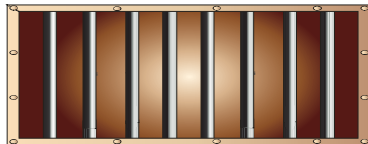


Mrs Mary Hui

Going the Second Mile

We are all here *by Ms Christine Ching*

In Acts 16:25-34, when the Apostle Paul was imprisoned, he reached out to the jailer who kept vigil over him and his co-worker Silas. While they prayed and sang praises at midnight, God caused an earthquake that opened the prison doors and set everyone free. Though Paul could have easily escaped, he remained with the jailer, knowing that their escape would mean death for him.



Amazed by his willingness to go the extra mile for him, the jailer fell on his knees, and tremblingly asked how he might be saved. Paul shared the good news about Jesus, which brought salvation to the jailer and his family.

Being a follower of Jesus is much more than not lying, stealing or killing. We need to go further and care for people around us, including our enemies. We need to love them, do good to them, and pray for them.

In Matthew 5:48, Jesus wants us to "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.". While the journey may be arduous, we can take heart "that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6b.

Phrases

Life is short, so let's eat, drink, and make merry.

Eat drink and be merry



In today's context, 'eat, drink and make merry' tells us to live in the present, enjoy the pleasures of the world, and not worry about the future. This comes from a mix of two bible verses - *Ecclesiastes 8:15* '*Because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry*' and *Isaiah 22:13* '*...let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die*'.

The parable of the rich fool (*Luke 12*) tells the story of someone who celebrates his achievements, thinks he has made it in life and plans for the future.



Sadly, he does not realise that, because his life is in God's hands, his plans are useless as he will die the next day.

In both *Matthew 6:25* and *6:31*, Jesus emphasized that we should not be overly concerned about what we eat, drink or wear. This is because, even as God cares for the birds and plants, He cares for us and will provide our every need. Instead of focussing so much on what is temporal or relating to the material world and therefore, temporary, we should seek His kingdom and His righteousness, which is eternal.

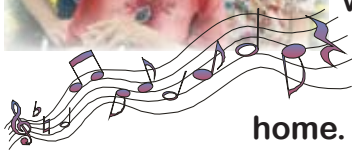


Matthew 6:31
Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?



by Mrs Yap Lay Yen

Sister Kah Hong's mum, Mdm Yeo Ah Cheng had been battling dementia and a host of other health problems—diabetes, poor kidney function, and chronic pneumonia.



Despite all that, she was still able to shine for Jesus and glorify Him each day. Typically, dementia patients would become fierce but Mdm Yeo was cheerful, pleasant and appreciative for the care and help rendered to her by her daughter and domestic worker, Loreta. Each morning the three of them would sing and praise God together.

The Lord preserved her life time and again, even when it seemed her life was hanging by a thread. There were many occasions when she was so breathless due to chronic pneumonia. Because of their strong bonds of love for one another, they were reluctant to part. Each time, they would pray

hard for God to show mercy and God would graciously answer their prayers. Finally, when they were emotionally and mentally prepared to part, God took her

home. Sister Kah Hong reassured her mum that she would be alright, and Mdm Yeo nodded her head when asked if she was ready to go to Heaven. God is so merciful and kind. He patiently gave them more time together before finally bringing her home. She breathed her last breath while Sister Kah Hong was by her side, and she slipped away to Heaven peacefully. God's timing is perfect and He is always gracious to His beloved children. May we also learn to praise and glorify God while we have breath.

**For me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21

Current Issues

Vicky's Blogposts

I ALSO WANT THESE THINGS...

Published 21 Mar 2010

Back to school after the March holidays!

So excited to see my friends again!

Andrea and Jolene told me about their holidays to Japan and Australia over

lunch! They had really nice photos on their new iPhones. So jealous that they can go on family holidays and own the latest gadgets. They asked me what I did during the holidays and I was so embarrassed after saying "Nothing much eh..."



Keeping up with the Joneses



KPOP CONCERT!!!

Published 2 Dec 2010

Today, Andrea asked me if I wanted to join her in an upcoming KPop concert. It was the concert of a boy group that we both liked!

I was really happy that Andrea asked me until I heard the price of the ticket – it was over \$100! I

hesitated because... How was I going to afford the ticket? Andrea egged me on to ask my parents for money and say that it's to buy some textbooks...

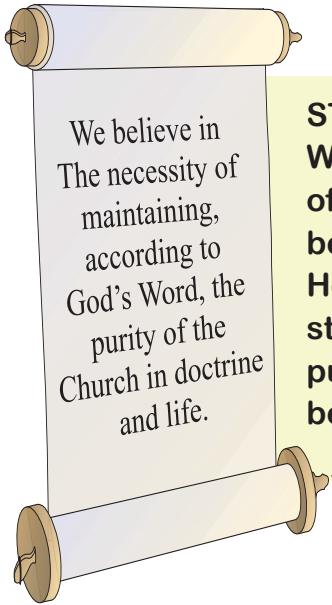
SELF-REFLECTION Published 5 Mar 2014

Looking at my secondary class photos today, I was reminded of my good friends then, Andrea and Jolene. Over time, our friendships drifted apart due to the lack of common interests. I recall being pressured to keep up with the latest fashions, pop music and IT gadgets. Coming from a middle-income background, it was not possible for me to afford such a lavish lifestyle. As Christians, we shouldn't chase after these material possessions obsessively as they are nothing compared to our heavenly treasures!

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

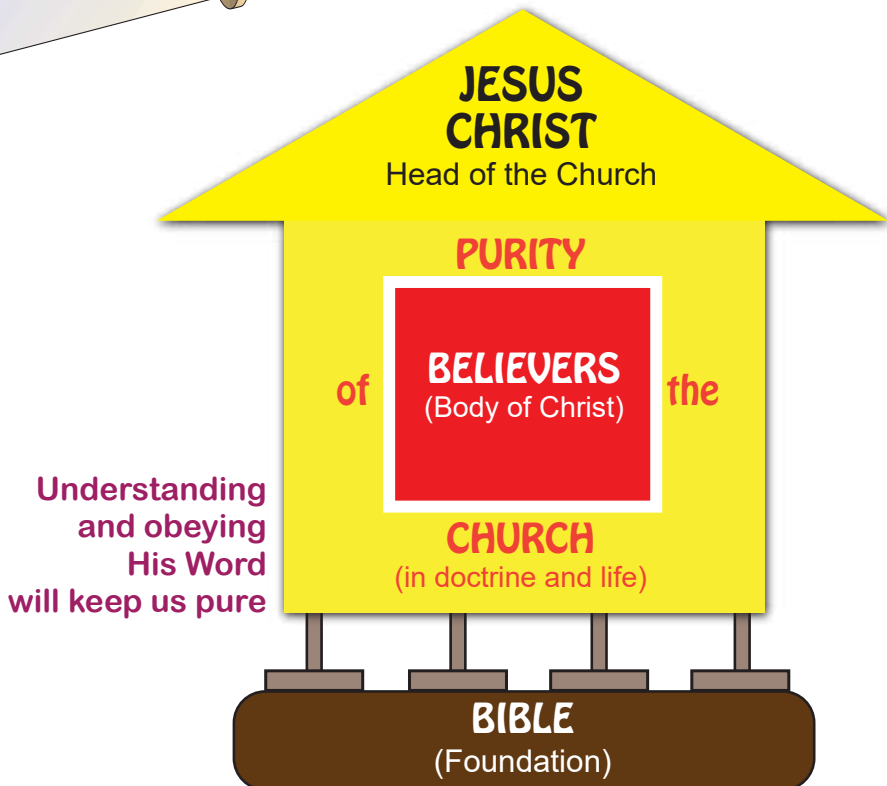
Colossians 3:2

Statements of Faith



STATEMENT 10

When someone is redeemed by the blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ, his body becomes the temple of God, where the Holy Spirit lives. As God is Holy and cannot stand sin, every Christian must seek to stay pure and true to God both in what we believe and in how we live our lives.



by Mr Cheng Hong Siang

Faith of our Fathers

Robert Morrison

was a missionary to Guangdong in 1807 during the Qing empire, when it was illegal for the Chinese people to interact with foreigners let alone practice a foreign religion like Christianity. During that time, many churches declared it impossible to preach the gospel in China. However, 20-year-old Morrison, seeking to honour God, felt the need to reach the 360 million Chinese souls. On arrival in Macau, he was discouraged by the westerners there who were afraid of the hostility of the Chinese government. Morrison moved to Guangdong, where he lived in seclusion to avoid being detected by the authorities. Although he suffered much (cheating, poor health, the death of his wife and little success in converting souls), he continued to pray to God for help. This was because he believed that a good soldier for



Christ can endure hardships (2 Tim 4:5), and trusted God to preserve him.



你传的道，
你的职分。
你忍受的工夫，
你却要凡事谨慎，
尽作。

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2Timothy 4:5

God answered his prayers. Morrison eventually got a job as a translator in a major company. This provided him the security to continue his work. He translated the Bible into Chinese and compiled a Chinese dictionary, both of which were important tools for other missionaries to China. When asked if he expected to be able to move the Chinese people spiritually, Morrison replied, "No, but I expect God will". Let us learn from Robert Morrison to be fervent in telling others about God and His gift of salvation, and to never give up because God is on our side.

by Wee Mu Yan

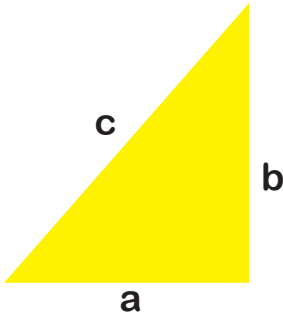


Seeing God in nature around us

MATHEMATICS

Matter

refers to the material world God created. This He did using geometrical shapes like points, lines, triangles, circles, cylinders and spheres which we can perceive. Additionally, He gave man the ability to harness their mathematical properties. One example is Pythagoras' theorem which is used



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

extensively in architecture, construction and surveying. Pythagoras' theorem states that in a right-angle triangle, the sum of the squares of its two adjacent sides equals the square of its hypotenuse. Another example is the existence of patterns in nature.



For example, the pattern we see in a sunflower is

made with what is known as the Fibonacci sequence (1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55,...). Yet another mathematical concept is

symmetry such as the snowflake with its six-fold symmetry. God made



“matter”, the material world, for man to live in and enjoy its beauty and order. Surely we should join with apostle John and declare

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**“Thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory and honour  
and power: for thou hast  
created all things,  
and for thy pleasure they are  
and were created.”**

Revelations 4:11

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by Mr Nehemiah Leong

Choices

I am the older brother of Moses. During the time when Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God, the Israelites got impatient with my brother. They gathered around me to complain that there was no leader and pressured me to make a golden calf in place



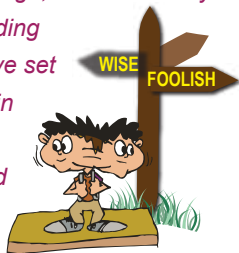
of God. I gave in to their suggestion. Did I do the right thing? To find out, read Exodus 32.



Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing

image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 26:1



We are all here

Acts 16:25-34

Circle the nine words in the puzzle to complete the sentences below.

Then copy the unused letters in the first row to reveal the hidden message.



- Paul and _____ prayed and sang praises to the Lord in prison.
- What caused the prison doors to open?

- Which book in the Bible recorded this incident? _____
- The _____ almost took his own life.
- "What must I do to be _____?"
- We need to _____ our enemies. (Matt.5:44)
- "Be ye therefore _____, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."
_____ 5:48
- Be willing to go the extra _____.

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HIDDEN MESSAGE:
