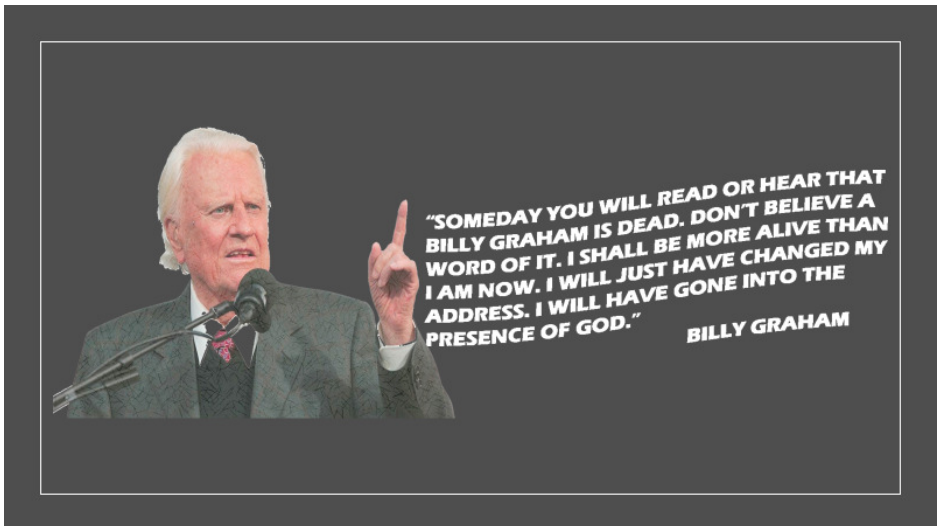


## When will you be moving to your permanent address?

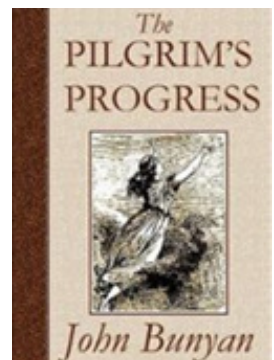
Billy Graham has died. Actually no, he has not died. At the ripe age of 99 years, it was time that the Lord called him home. He is more alive than ever. He has just changed his address to a permanent place upstairs.

May we have this hope that all of us will one day join him in one of the many rooms in the heavenly abode, as Christ has prepared for us? (John 14:2)



The "change of address" of Billy Graham is an apt reminder to us that our current address is only on temporary lease. Even those who stay on supposedly freehold land know by common sense that their property on this physical Earth is never meant for them to stay forever. Time and tide waits for no man, and the call to move out will come without warning regardless of race, language or religion. It really depends on individuals whether they know the certainty or uncertainty of where their permanent abode in eternity will be beyond their temporary sojourn in this world.

To us Christians, *"The Pilgrim's Progress from This World to That Which Is to Come"* (full title) by John Bunyan is a celebrated novel recommended for reading, for some insight of the spiritual truths that are conveyed through allegory.



Charles Spurgeon said, “Next to the Bible, the book I value most is John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*. I believe I have read it through at least a hundred times. It is a volume of which I never seem to tire; and the secret of its freshness is that it is so largely compiled from the Scriptures”

When contemplating life, focus attention on what THE BREATH OF LIFE is that is given by God (Gen. 2:7) to whom it will return (Ecc. 12:7).



It is sad that some people look at physical mortality with trembling because they are uncertain about their future beyond it; yet, they are apathetic to the consequence of their separation from God (spiritual death) without Jesus as the sure guarantor for salvation. (Heb. 7:22)

I still keep the paperweight memento of the 1978 Billy Graham Crusade in Singapore which I bought at the princely sum of \$2.50 then. 😊 I remember that time when I walked the steps of the National Stadium as an usher, still only about 6 months’ old in the faith. The whole stadium was filled to full capacity and

when the altar call came, the field was turned into a sea of people – an awesome spectacle! (You can find photos on the Internet.)

There were those who accepted Christ at the Crusade who became members of The Lutheran Church in Singapore (including JCC).

The theme song of the Crusade was: *“O Sing A Song – A New Song of Praise, Christ is the Way, He’s the truth and the Life ...”*

Indeed, Jesus personally said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

Billy Graham knew the way and the truth and the life. The evangelist shared this precious “open secret” of the Bible with the masses through his crusades. Blessedly, many who heard the “secret to eternal life” responded in the only right manner – i.e., accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour. Before that, they were sinners fearful of death.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life." (Rom. 6:22)

"God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living." – Wisdom of Solomon 1:13 (apocrypha).

The day will come for all Christians to change their addresses to their eternal home. As Christians, they do not have fear of death, because there is no death in Christ.

I do not know the date to change address. Do you?

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