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In recent months two well known men passed on to eternity. Rev Billy Graham departed on February 21st at the age of 99 and Dr Stephen Hawking on March 14th at the age of 76.

It doesn't matter what you believe in that is important but whether beyond this world there is eternity out there somewhere. If indeed there is nothing after this life as what Hawkings was reported to have said, "I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark," then Rev Billy Graham would just have died and not wake up as he expected. *(Read John's article on Billy Graham's new address on page 3 of this issue.)*

However if there is an eternity out there, then Dr Stephen Hawking would wake up and find himself making the wrong assumption again. He has been wrong on a number of matters but can he afford to be wrong in this matter?

While man struggles with the unknown, and super intelligent men come to conclusions that there is no God, God sees these men as they really are. Read Psalm 14:1.

The Bible have many verses about not judging but here are 2 verses about Christians having to make judgements without being judgemental. *(Read Alicia's article about JUDGEMENT on page 8 of this issue.)*

And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. You shall not be partial in judgment.' Deuteronomy 1:16

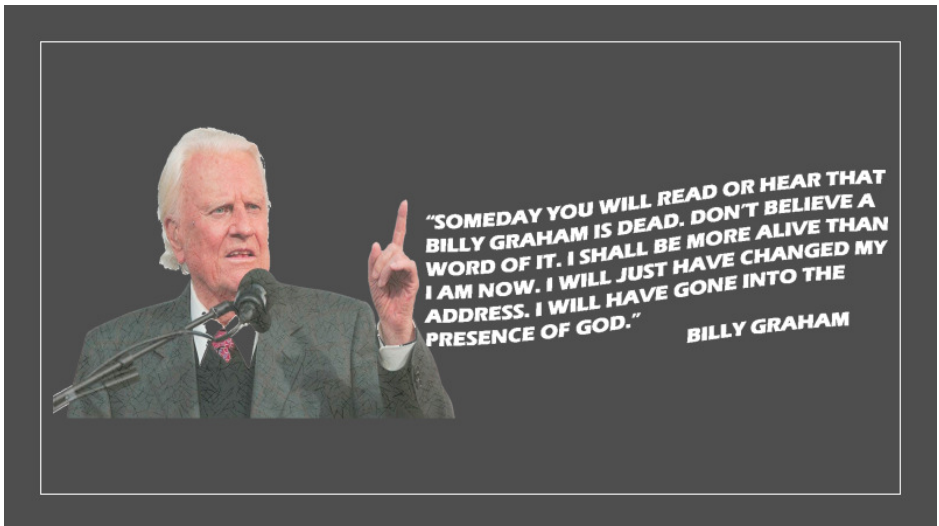
Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 1Corinthians 6:2-3

Martin Cheah

When will you be moving to your permanent address?

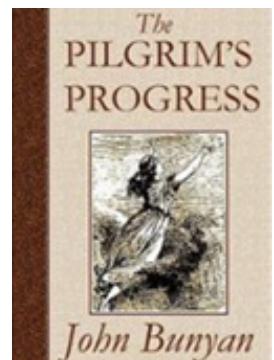
Billy Graham has died. Actually no, he has not died. At the ripe age of 99 years, it was time that the Lord called him home. He is more alive than ever. He has just changed his address to a permanent place upstairs.

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?

John Lee

SAVED BY GRACE TO DO GOOD WORKS



The Kampong Spirit #1 team that visited Sarah and Israel, paid them another visit at NTF Community Hospital where Israel is recovering from a fractured hip.

Sarah is trying to find a nursing home for her brother Israel. We found out that he likes to play Snakes and Ladders. So probably the next time we visit him at a home, we would have the opportunity to play a game of Snakes and Ladders with him.

From further conversation, we also found out that they were introduced to Mr Khoo by Amy Saw. However, now they are under the care of a lady from the Church of Christ (Boon Lay).



Practicing for choir presentation on Good Friday. About a dozen people are involved in practicing singing and playing musical instruments for the Good Friday service. May we appreciate all the time they spent to prepare for the presentation. Good work(s)!

Judgement

If you have been following news from Hong Kong, you would be familiar with the name Joshua Wong. For the uninitiated, he is an activist who is internationally known for his prominent role during the 2014 Umbrella Movement, a political movement that emerged during the Hong Kong democracy protests of 2014. In August, he was sentenced to six months in prison for his involvement in leading the demonstrations.

While most news focused on Joshua Wong, one article stood out to me. It was an interview of his father, a devout Christian, who shared his heartbreak and pride of watching his child come of age as one of the leaders of a protest movement for free elections and also, the pressures he faced from fellow believers. One of the things his father said was that the worst kind of attention he received came from fellow believers or friends, who would, out of nowhere, offer to pray for his son to 'repent of his sin'.

The first thought I had after reading this was, "*This guy is going to leave the church.*" I mean that is what most would do upon encountering judgemental Christians. Instead of praying for his pain, for God to grant him the wisdom to handle his predicament, people prayed for his son to *repent*? My heart ached for the father, the conflicting feelings he must have had.

Throughout the bible, there are many passages about judging with Luke 6:37 being the most commonly quoted ones.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

We have been told many times not to judge. Yet everywhere judgement exists. In the form of opinions, jokes, facebook/whatsapp banter and conversations, we race to make sure others know our thoughts, defending our views and condemning those who disagree with our views. We launch toxic, crippling words on those we believe should know better.

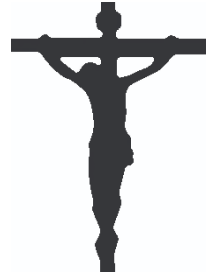
Why are we so eager to judge?

We must realise that when we stand as judge, jury and executioner over another, it gives us the feeling of being superior and righteous. Judgment is never grounded in humility.

It is grounded in arrogance (I will never get into this kind of situation myself...you should be as good as I am) or a sense of pity (poor, stupid you).

Are Christians known for how deeply we judge or how deeply we love? I am certainly not in favour of the view that love and judgement go hand in hand. Sure, Christians are to discern between good or evil but is the discernment we use helping us to redeem people or to condemn them? Are we reconciling people who are hurt and broken, renewing, redeeming, restoring them or are we lost in our bloodlust, spilling more blood that was already shed on the cross?

The cross was the single greatest act of love in human history and it was, at the same time, extremely violent. The difference is Jesus took the violence on Himself. He did not strike out at those who mocked Him or fight against those who nailed Him in place; He forgave them. In the midst of punishment at the hands of humans, Jesus loved.



Do not mistake this love is the kind that give others a pass or pretend everyone is okay and that it is cool to be messed up. The love I am talking about here recognizes the brokenness, fear, anger, shame, sin and hate in others and agrees to take all of that onto itself. In this, love causes the spiral of violence to cease.



If we are willing to imitate this kind of love, we will find it hard to spend our time judging others. If we love others enough to serve them, to not return an insult and let their pain be ours, we will find judgment and punishment no longer fit. Too often, we miss this first step and fail to love.

The invitation for each of us here is to abandon judgment, to abstain from condemnation, to forego punishment and pursue the love of Christ. It demands that we feed others rather than feed ourselves. Perhaps if we, through the power of the Spirit, can do this, we just might find less judgment and condemnation, more reconciliation and redemption.

Alicia Wong

Age is just a number

I truly believe that age - if you're healthy - age is just a number. - Hugh Hefner

Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. Deuteronomy 34:7

Many times we hear messages that God called Moses when he was 80 years old to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. If we work backwards from his age when he died, then he was called 40 years before he died. In modern times, that call would be at age 40, assuming you can live up to 80 years, still in good health. *Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures...* Psalm 90:10

If you are 60 and expect to live up to 100 years old, then God can still call you to service. But wouldn't it be great if you received the calling at 40 when you are still energetic, your memory good and you are up-to-date with social media? Why delay until you are a geriatric before answering God's call?

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do more, and you are not yet decrepit enough to turn them down. - T. S. Eliot

As we age, it is hard to imagine that we can still work like we did when we were in our twenties or thirties. Even movie stars like Arnold Schwarzenegger cannot maintain their strength of youth or Debbie Reynolds maintain her voice which she had when she was younger, before she became the mother of Princess Leia.



Here are what some stars say about aging:

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. - Lucille Ball

Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. - Jack Benny

Here is what Billy Graham was quoted as saying, "All my life I've been taught how to die, but no one ever taught me how to grow old." And finally, "Nothing is more incumbent on the old, than to know when they should get out of the way, and relinquish to younger successors the honors they can no longer earn, and the duties they can no longer perform." - Thomas Jefferson

Understanding Grace and Works

Original by John Newton	An imagined modern version
<i>“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.”</i>	<i>“Wonderful works! How sweet it sounds That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Good works, thou have saved me.”</i>

Which of the above two hymns would you sing with conviction?

With certainty of faith, it is God’s grace that saves me, not because of my works. Hence no pride in me for whatever human praise (if any) of my “good works” shall take away any bit of the glory that is due to God!

Rom. 3:23-24 speaks to me constantly, that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

I am grateful to have God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense – nothing that I deserve on my own.

It is not simply that I am a sinner like anyone else, whereby there is no cause for me to boast with a wagging finger at a brother or sister whom some self-righteous Pharisees might consider as not having done enough of “good works” and judge as not being saved.

Unlike the hypocritical Pharisees, I would only be too willing to confess of “my unrighteousness, save for the fact that I am made righteous in Christ” and to eat with sinners – As it is written: “*There is no one righteous, not even one ...*” (Rom 3:10)

“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.” (Rom. 3:20)

It is useful for Lutherans to be familiar with Lutheran doctrine, at least as a base they stand on while prayerfully reckoning all other views that they can agree or agree-to-disagree-with.

Lutherans uphold the spirit of *sola scriptura*, and we can be sure that salvation by the grace of God is unequivocally in the Scripture:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ

Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:8-10)

“Hyper-grace” and “Hyperworks”¹

There is much to criticize about so-called Hyper-grace teaching that erroneously accentuates grace to the point of undercutting other Christian imperatives such as repentance and confession of sins; and short-changing the true import of **“good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”** (Eph. 2:10)

In misguided acceptance of the faulty Hyper-grace preaching,

- Some Christians lean towards embracing “free grace” as licence for moral abandon.

(Notwithstanding this bad distortion of grace to make it “hyper” with a deviant meaning, we should be aroused to pursue an understanding of proper doctrine of God’s grace in Scripture. As Charles Spurgeon said, *“I have admitted that a few human beings have turned the grace of God into lasciviousness; but I trust no one will ever argue against any doctrine on account of the perverse use made of it by the baser sort. Is there a single doctrine of Scripture which graceless hands have not twisted into mischief?”*²)

While the “Hyper-grace” preachers commit errors, it is not helpful that:

- Some advocates of good works in their attempt to counter the slanted Hyper-grace ideas veer dangerously close to the flawed opposite; i.e., “Hyperworks”; that might send young Christians on a guilt trip to bondage instead of being supported for progress in their walk of faith.
- Some crusaders against the “Hyper-grace” message show signs of confusing the preachers and the preaching whereby their attempts to set right the truth of Scripture concerning the

¹ “Hyper-grace” – A distorted preaching on grace.

“Hyperworks” – A distorted preaching on works for salvation.

² As quoted in the book “HYPER-GRACE – Exposing the Dangers of the Modern Grace Message” by Michael L. Brown

preaching comes across as getting personal with name-calling and deprecative contempt directed at the preachers. This is not good Christian testimony.

For an objective appraisal of the “Hyper-grace” message, I would recommend the book by Michael L. Brown, PhD (publisher – Charisma House), from which here is a quote:



[Is grace insufficient?](#)

If Eph. 2:8 is well-quoted in preaching on grace, James is quoted by those who harp the wrong tune that grace is insufficient:

“But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. (James 2:18)

I would consider it presumptuous to think that the grace from our Sovereign God can be insufficient for forgiving sinners in accord with His will.
“Love never fails.” – 1 Cor 13:8

Why would a Father’s love be insufficient for him to effect His grace on His children?

[Listen to James carefully – He did not contradict Paul](#)

It is important that we listen carefully to what James said without giving in to the temptation to flip out of grace to cling onto the impression that *sola gratia* falls short. To be sure, note that James said: “Show me your faith without deeds, and “I will show you my faith by my deeds.”

A proper reading of James should give us the correct notion that where our salvation is concerned, our faith is at the forefront while good works flow out of our faith. It would be completely different if James said instead, “Show me your deeds ...” to focus on good works over faith.

James did not contradict Paul in the statement on salvation by grace through our faith. Neither did Paul discourage Christians doing good works, for he did mention about good works being what God prepared for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)

Let me quote Apostle Paul:

“For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.” – 1 Cor. 15:9-10

From what Apostle Paul said, I have the following understanding:

- (1) Grace is not without good effect. The grace (that saves) inspires good works. It is not that good works induce (God to extend His grace for) our salvation!

- (2) People with faith in Christ (e.g. Apostle Paul) work harder not because of themselves and therefore it is not to them that credit is due. It is not the doers of good works but the grace of God that is with them that leads the good works.

Good works flow from our faith and attest to God’s grace at work. (*soli Deo Gloria!*) Good works are the produce of our faith which gains us our salvation; good works are not the condition precedent for salvation. Faith is! Worth emphasizing is that Paul and James were in concord with each other by a careful reading of their epistles.

Is grace free, cheap or costly?

Grace is free – not in the sense that it is a free licence to sin, but it is free because Christ paid the price on our behalf.

Christians sometimes quote *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* to say that there is no such thing as cheap grace. I have two ways of looking at this:

- 1) The ordinary meaning of “grace” as you can check it out in all dictionaries would suggest the idea of something given as a good favour, something neither deserved nor earned. To say that grace can be treated by some people as “cheap” implies

that it should be regarded as “not cheap” or “costly”. If there is a price (by good works) attached to grace, then the dictionaries need to be re-written to correct the meaning of the word.

- 2) Indeed, grace is not cheap! It is costly to the Father who had to sacrifice His Son, Jesus Christ, as propitiation for our sin.

However, if Christians say that there is a cost of discipleship attached to grace, I would respectfully disagree. Do not misunderstand me before your read further.

YES, I agree that there is a cost of discipleship – but this is attached to the decision we take to walk with Christ in gratitude for the salvation we have already received (by grace through faith). We are first saved (by grace) before we can aim for the higher aspiration of discipleship. It is illogical to say that one can willingly pay a cost to go for discipleship to gain salvation as the “prize” or “purchase by the price we have paid.” Discipleship is an act out of love for God, just like filial piety is an act out of love for our parents. To me, it is never an act of payback out of some calculations we do on debt. **Cost of discipleship is a different idea from that of the cost regarding God’s grace** that we can never pay enough by any amount of good works.

To say that we must work out an additional “price” to pay (by way of good works) for the grace is an affront to God, because it implies that the blood shed on the cross for the purpose has been insufficient.

The hot question

The hot question is: If good works are not the justification for salvation, then shall Christians go on sinning so that grace may increase?” (Rom. 6:1)

Paul gave his answer to his own question: “By no means!” (Rom. 6:2)

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Can we Christians with our faith in Christ sin with glee and despise the Lord’s instruction against sin?

The answer is the same: “By no means!”

Nevertheless, the sad truth is that as we walk in faith (whether we consider ourselves to be babes with faiths like mustard seeds or strong disciples with

faiths like boulders), we are in an ongoing spiritual battle and we do fall into sins from time to time.

“For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.” (Gal. 5:17)

This is the same as what Paul eloquently affirmed in Rom. 7:15, 19 about our state of conflicts:

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”

Anyone not feeling such a conflicted state in your walk of faith, raise your hands!

Let’s admit it – our familiar battle between flesh and spirit is an ongoing one. In spite of that, we have the assurance in Christ that we are not alone in the battle. The Holy Spirit is our supporter and, if we keep our faith and seek to fight on the side of the Lord, we may have our battle wounds and yet gain the final victory!

Prov. 11:25-31 speaks clearly that those who do good will be blessed. Specifically, Prov. 11:27 says, *“Whoever seeks good finds favor, but evil comes to one who searches for it.”* This means that when we do good works, we are blessed in return; when we do evil, we reap the corresponding returns. Christians by their faith are expected to walk by the instructions of Scripture, wherein are also plentiful motivations for good work.

[Are we condemned by our “bad works”?](#)

If good works justify our salvation instead of sola gratia, then should we not begin to feel guilt that our “bad works” aplenty are going to immediately send us to condemnation, if not for God’s grace?

As a real-life illustration, many of us stood out to render our service to God in the huge rebuilding project of JCC. We worked hard in committees and sub-committees. Finally, the project was completed successfully. So, have we all done good works and deserved to boast of our salvation through our good works?

(1) Note this tentative answer: “Maybe yes! Because we are justified by our good works.”

For everything we did right at a personal level, how many failings did we commit in terms of duty derelictions – what we could have done but failed to do well or willingly – cutting corners, passing the bucks, procrastinating, etc.? So, for our failings or “bad works”, we stand condemned?

(2) Note this tentative answer: “Maybe yes! Because we are condemned by our bad works.”

I leave it to individuals to agree or disagree with the tentative answers (1) and (2) above, and stand by their convictions.

If you disagree with the tentative answers, **would you therefore agree that we can never do enough of good works for our salvation?**

In a more positive light, we can say that the efforts (with shortcomings by all sinners) put into the rebuilding project did produce good fruits that testified to God’s glory! Our weakness of efforts (because we could not do better) gave us lots of worries and sleepless nights. Nevertheless, and thankfully, our weakness did not go against us in producing good works to God’s glory – it’s because of grace at work! We were empowered by the Holy Spirit, not by our own strength to boast “our own good works”.

God’s love and grace made us alive in Christ when we were dead in our transgressions (Eph. 2:5) The “good works” we do are the result of our “aliveness” in Christ by the grace that we have been saved through faith. (Eph. 2:5) Our good works in response to God’s holy calling also testify that we have not received the grace in vain. (2 Tim. 1:9; 2 Cor. 6:1)

[Recall Eph. 2:10 – God prepared us for good works](#)

Different individuals have faiths in different degrees. Some have rock-solid faith; others, faith like a mustard seed. To each, God prepares and enables the increase of good works to His glory along with the Christian’s growth in faith, not for anyone to boast but for everyone to remain humble, knowing full well that all are righteous only in Christ. **It is spiritually regressive to compare substances of good works to render association with “chances of salvation”, letting egoistic good works usurp the immeasurable grace in God’s great act of sending His Son to the Cross.**

Christians driven by their faith in Christ will trust in the LORD with all their heart and lean not on their own understanding (Prov. 3:5) – This is true with regards to how the Holy Spirit works in response to our faith whereby doing good works come naturally to us, heartfelt and out of love, and not for ulterior motives (such as to gain human praise or to obtain artificial temporal bene-

fits/privileges) or for the wrong idea (that it will buy us credits for an abode in heaven).

Good works that flow out of our faith with God's grace at work and His miracles glorify Him. "Good works" that flow out of us to feed our boast of Pharisaical superiority over fellow brothers and sisters glorify ourselves.

In my humble opinion, our good works do not earn us our salvation because we are already saved by God's grace through our faith whereby we are spiritually guided to do the good works to His glory!

JUSTIFICATION FOR SALVATION and THE CALLING FOR OUR GOOD WORKS TO SHINE are two different things that ought not be confused with each other.

For good works, here is a strong inspiration to imitate Christ's example of humility:

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." – Philippians 2:1-4

Conclusion

Christians should guard themselves against the false forms of righteousness:

- Righteousness typified by pursuit of "good works" such as through the purchase of indulgence in the Roman Catholic Church prior to The Reformation.
- Righteousness by misplaced zeal in pursuit of the OT law and rejecting the Messiah, such as the example of the Jewish people whom Apostle Paul criticised in Romans 9:30-10:21. It was admirable that the Jews were zealous for God, but "since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness." (Rom. 10:3)

When we preach God's Amazing Grace (as distinct from "Hyper-grace") for salvation, we should not denigrate the importance of the calling for our good works to shine as per our Lord's instruction in Matt. 5:16.

When we preach on the Lord's instruction for Christians to shine before men by their good works, we should be cautious that Christians are not driven into a guilt trap (bondage) and misled into chasing good works to earn and boast their "merits".

In brief, the key message of Scripture on salvation is "by God's grace through our faith."

In conclusion, I reproduce the following from our LCS publication (The Lutheran Message Vol. 18, 2018):

What do we as Lutherans preach? While we may not be in danger of preaching indulgences, we are in danger of preaching good works and inadvertently teaching people to trust in them. Do we preach the commandments without the creed? Or do we show people their sin that they may be driven to the Savior who alone delivers the forgiveness of sins and eternal life? In our quest to preach "practical" and "relevant sermons, because that is what our parishioners want, we are often tempted to preach the law without the gospel. But our confessions tell us to preach so that our people may have faith and receive the comfort of Christ, for in the eyes of God, nothing is more practical and relevant than that.

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Saved by grace through faith



Photographer

These days, almost everyone is a photographer because most if not all, have a smart phone that comes with a multi-megapixel camera, front and back. It comes to such a point that the government has to propose a law to stop the public and the media from sharing information about ongoing security operations, including taking videos, pictures - an offence that may warrant up to two years' imprisonment and/or a fine of S\$20,000.

The Multi Media Ministry needs news photographers. Whenever I am on an assignment like the Girls' Brigade enrolment recently, I find that I am not the only one taking photos there. The parents and GB officers are also there taking photos. So why do they need a photographer? Probably, they want someone who is unbiased, not just taking photos of their own children or students but taking news photos.



What are news photos? You may have heard the saying, "A picture paints a thousand words". Well that is a news photo, it tells a story of the event. It doesn't have to be a great shot but it should tell a story. These days, car dashboard cameras are telling a lot of stories, mostly of accidents. It is a bonus if the pictures are sharp and properly exposed but the main point is the story the picture tells.



In the photo below we see Se Ping explaining about all the badges on the GB girl's uniform. There is a story to tell, how well the girl had performed and it would be of help to her when she applies for secondary school admission to a school with Girls' Brigade affiliation.



So if you have a camera phone or better still a real camera, why not volunteer to be a news photographer with the Multi Media Ministry. There are many assignments waiting for available photographers. You are already taking photos anyway, why not share them in The Vine?

On the following pages, are more photos that tell the story of GB Enrolment.



CAUGHT ON CAMERA WITH NICK'S CANON

Girls' Brigade 18th Enrolment Service

