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I am reading a book titled, "Beyond the Basics" by David A. DeWitt. On page

67, he wrote:

"Many of those involved in the cults have confused people about the meaning of a particular passage of Scripture by violating the principle of context. First they attempt to set our minds to thinking according to the doctrine of their particular cult. Then they show us a verse in the Bible that sounds like it says what they have tried to program us to believe. So the context they want us to plug the verse into is the one they have built in their conversations with us, not the one offered by the Bible. That technique seems quite convincing, and the cults have used it to lead many astray."

He then gives 4 points on how to interpret the Bible:

1. Literally

Means to read it normally, if it is poetry, read it as poetry and if parable, than parable.

In Context

Read the paragraphs before and after the verse to establish its correct meaning.

3. According to what the Author had in mind

What the author mean to say to the people of that time.

4. According to Progressive Revelation

Not every command stayed the same. Some were discarded, eg. 'Do not mate different kinds of animals. Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material.' This verse of Leviticus 19 does not apply today.

However, I am not recommending that you read this author's book because the topic of chapter 6 is "Does God do Miracles Today?" Basically, his answer is, "God regularly uses natural means to heal people", in other words, no supernatural healings.

It is good to read widely, but you will encounter authors with many different opinions that may rock your boat.

Martin Cheah

# Shall we dance? (cont. from previous issue)

I have never really taken an interest in dance despite being forced into ballroom dancing (by my mom-long story) till I saw this guy (yes, Asia men do dance in local churches or even in our neighboring countries) dancing during worship. There he was in the center of the stage, doing his ballet turns while surrounded by a group of older dancers dancing. I thought the entire thing went very well — an extremely skilled dancer doing his stuff together with dancers who showed their joy in praising God with simpler movements. The dance was done in a way that was edifying to the congregation. To me, it showed the unity of the church, that despite differences in age or skill level, we move with the same purpose.

That memory stayed with me.

Recently, there was some furor over what was written about dance in last issue April <u>HOM Editoral</u>, that the writing was worded a little too strongly against dance. Even among The Vine team we had a brief discussion over it. Due to the lack of space and time to expand on the topic for that issue, we decide to have me delve deeper into it here.

As with many things in life, there would always be differences in opinions. Any mode of expression can simply be used for good (God's people dancing as an act of worship in Exodus 15:20) or evil (Israelites were found dancing before a golden calf in worship in Exodus 32:19). Then came the absence of dance



being mentioned in the New Testament, causing some to argue that dancing should no longer be used as a form of worship. However, we should note that this argument arises from silence and is not based on clear biblical teaching. We must understand the context of early Christians, who were Jewish and would likely have incorporated Jewish forms of worship (recitation of prayers is the central characteristic of worship) in their praise to the risen Messiah.

There is also a concern that dance can be seen as association with sinful activities. Let us again take note that *everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way* as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 14:40. Christians can and should utilise dance as they do any other art form such as music, painting, drama, or filmmaking. As long as dance is worshipful, God-focused, and praiseworthy, it can too, have a proper place in worship. Of course, anything that distracts from having us the focus on Christ should be left out. I myself have seen a brilliant dance concept done in church but something was off about the entire thing as the focus was on the dancer and his skills, not on God. As with many things in life, there should be a care when performing in church, to avoid things that distract us from God.

When the focus remains on worshiping God rather than drawing attention to self, dance can be a beautiful art form that communicate truth, bringing glory to God and edifying others.

## Alicia Wong

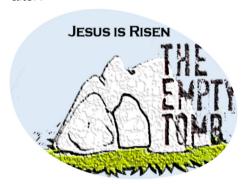


# THE RESURRECTION

On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. The mood was solemn and sad. The people who followed Him had high hopes, but never the inkling how His death would come to be so heart-rending on the Cross. Their hopes were dashed.

# A Resurrection of Hope

On Easter, apt was the mood of awe and rejoicing. The dashed hopes of Jesus' followers were resurrected with the Lord's resurrection. What comes after?



At one point after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to more than 500 people. (1 Cor 15:6) Jesus was crucified not because He was guilty of any of the offences He was charged with. He submitted to death on the Cross to atone for our sins — not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 Jn2:2)

Now, He rose from the dead, proving that His death was temporary, and HE IS ALIVE, and OUR HOPE IS ALIVE!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn11:25-26)

Death is never an easy thing for a living person to accept. However, life in this world is also never without its pain and sorrow. Mercifully, our life in this world is only temporary; and when it is time for us to leave, the death will also pass away (be temporary) – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Rev 21:4)

Death is a transition stage, and in our final destination we no longer live the days of the dead but live the days of the living in eternity where everything is made new (Rev 21:5) – with none of the characteristics of pain and sorrow found in the present world.

# A Resurrection Gift of Peace



Everyone yearns for peace, but true peace is elusive because man is unable to free himself from the bondage to sin that lies at the root of strife. When sin rears its head, peace is suppressed. Therefore, to yearn for peace, it is necessary for sin to be dealt with.

Jesus was crucified to pay the debt of our sin. His resurrection demonstrated that He successfully conquered the power of death and won victory over the power of sin, thus empowering a change in believers' lives.

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

We have transformed our destiny from "Death through Adam" to "Life through Christ". (Rom 5: 12-20)

Jesus, on the night before His crucifixion, told His disciples (Jn14:27-28):

- "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
- "I am going away and I am coming back to you."

Indeed, Jesus has come back with His resurrection gift of peace. What kind of peace is this?

In Mk 4, Jesus and His disciples were in a boat when a furious storm came up. In the absence of peace, the disciples were terrified and so they questioned Jesus whether He cared if they perished.

When Jesus commanded the storm to cease and thus gifted the disciples with the gift of peace (not exactly the type they desired), they were still terrified (with a feeling of incredulity) instead of being readily receptive of the amazing peace that were beyond their understanding and made them terrified. (Mk 4:35-41)

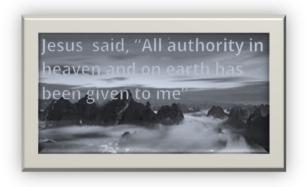
Facing storms in life, it is normal for us to feel anxious in the absence of peace. The peace we desire to wrap around us: illness-free, accident-free, job-security, happiness, etc.

Now, when we get the resurrection gift of peace of the amazing kind, do we respond to it with incredulity? Referring to Philippians 4:7, this is:

- peace of God divine peace (not envisioning changes in circumstances or meeting external needs);
- peace that transcends all understanding (not according to man's reason);
- peace that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (i.e., an inward state or peace of soul that will set your hearts and thoughts right without being influenced by evil temptations).

With Jesus' resurrection, our Lord completed the mission that the Father had sent Him to come down from heaven. We were once enemies with God. We were once carrying God's wrath. Now, we have been justified through faith and we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)

# A Resurrection proving Jesus' Authority



The resurrection did not happen out of the blue. It was predicted by Jesus. (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34) It could not be avoided because it was God's plan. Therefore. when Peter rebuked Jesus for making prediction, the he was immediately chastised for human his concerns

superseding God's concerns. (Mk 8:33)

Jn 10:18 tells us about Jesus' Authority in the resurrection: "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

This Authority of Jesus was proven to the hilt when the resurrection ensued as predicted – the Authority to completely defeat death, the last enemy among all dominion, authority and power (1 Cor 10:24-26) whereby believers have the complete confidence for their salvation with the unfolding of eschatological events – this salvation being secured by Christ as the firstfruits, "the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead" (Col 1:18; Rev 1:5) or, in other words, the first to rise out of death's sleep to life eternal. (Acts 26:23)

Remember the time in the desert when Satan taunted Jesus to bow down to him? Of course, Jesus did not do so, but declared, "It is written 'Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve." (Mt 4:9-10; Deu 6:13)

Indeed, all Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus. (Mt 28:18) This Authority is given by God the Father and comes with great power:

"This is incomparably great power for us who believe ... is the same as the mighty strength he [the Father] exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come." – Eph 1:19-20

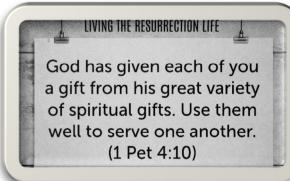
There is a lot of unbelief in the world today. Even during Jesus' time with His disciples, there were people who rejected His legitimacy despite miracles performed right in front of their eyes. From prophecies of old fulfilled step by step through the Nativity, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, nobody has been able to evidentially debunk the events. It is not that Jesus' Authority has not been proven, but that "the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Cor 4:4)

In the words of John MacArthur speaking about people turning away from the truth: "Our society has grown steadily darker; and the message the church is now giving to the world is more confused and confusing than perhaps any time since the Dark Ages."

With the Authority from the Father, the Lord in turn gives power and authority to believers and those who are not necessarily believers – kings (Ps 22:28), governments (Rom 13:1), His disciples (Mt 10:1) and whoever believes in Him (Jn 14:12).

Whether believers or unbelievers, the Lord who gives can also take away. (Job 1:21) If we fail to recognise this, it is to our peril. If we recognise where all Authority ultimately lies, may we – in accepting the resurrection truth – have the divine peace that guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

# <u>A Resurrection Encouragement</u>



What motivations do Christians have in serving God and people?

Let's see what Paul's motivation was in dedicating himself to serve God and others:

"Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat.

"He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own." – 2 Cor 5:14-15 (MSG)

In KJV, "Christ's love" is rendered as "the love of Christ", which can mean <u>Christ's love for Paul</u> or <u>Paul's love for Christ</u>. This double-interpretation can be logically accepted since love is commonly understood as a two-way street. We love because God first loved us. (1 Jn 4:19) Our love for Christ is a response to His self-sacrificing love and completes the two-way street. <u>His love for us</u> makes <u>our love for Him</u> so full-heartedly compelling as the "focused center" from which we apply our firm decision to work.

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom 6:3-4)

"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Rom 6:5)

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." (2 Thess 2:16-17)

John Lee

# Metamorphosis of the church to face the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges

#### Introduction



Ιţ has been months since participated in the LCS Pastors' Studv Trip Taiwan from 20<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Despite the passage of time, it still vivid mind the theme of our trip and the

valuable insight and learning we gained from the experience of the Lutheran Church in Taiwan in managing the tough challenges of Christian outreach in a country with predominantly non-Christian beliefs.

Through our learning/dialogue sessions with the lecturers from China Lutheran seminary at Hsinchu, followed by visitations to the churches, we were amazed at the wonderful works that God had prepared His churches to reach out to pre-believers.

#### Inspiration from CLBC

The Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church (CLBC) is in Hsinchu. Like many churches, the CLBC had a humble beginning as a missionary mission. Yet, today, it is the biggest church in Hsinchu, where the Science Park inspired by Silicon Valley is

located. There are also two universities. Hence, there is a significant population of professors, researchers, students, professionals and young families in this vibrant city.

One of the practices of CLBC is to send out pioneering teams to set up new churches, or to rebuild the "stagnant and dying" churches. It was heart-warming to hear the testimonies of church members who willingly and spontaneously pull themselves out of a comfortable and established church-setting to be pioneers of new churches, supported by a lot of prayers to embark on such a faith journey for church expansion beyond four walls.

### Inspiration from Chupei Victory Church (竹北勝利堂)

The Chupei Victory Church in Chupei City (a few kilometres from Hsinchu City) is an example of a fruitful mission expansion work started by a team of pioneers from CLBC. We had a wonderful dialogue with the Elder who became the pastor of the church. Hearing their faith rebuilding plan, the struggles encountered, the limitation of manpower, and the financials needed, I was reminded of our own journey of rebuilding JCC. The mountain-size challenges did not deter their spirit in pursuing God's agenda and His Mission that God laid upon the heart of the leadership and the members.

# Inspiration from Shilin Truth Lutheran Church (士林真理堂) in Taipei

The last church we visited was Shilin Truth Lutheran Church in Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan which is an hour's drive from





Hsinchu. There, we had an awesome session with the Lutheran Bishop Wu and church staff. The Bishop inspired us with his sharing of his heartfelt vision for the church, a vision founded upon years of toil with persistent efforts to reinvent themselves to adapt to changes in surrounding circumstances in order to be effective in connecting with pre-believers and to preach the gospel meaningfully to the Taiwanese. We were inspired to "Never say die" in whatever our calling.

The Shilin Truth Lutheran Church managed to build on an active culture of evangelism, discipleship and prayer. Their plan is not to be a "Mega Church". Instead, each time a membership size of 700 is reached, 200 members will be sent out to plant another church. As a result, they had planted 7 churches, locally and overseas. There are many visionary decorations within the church that keep the church expansion momentum alive. They also adopted the "211" strategy for all its members: Bring 2 prebelievers to church, 1 to cell and 1 to be mentored (1 to 1 mentoring). Bishop Wu also taps on mission teams from overseas to Taiwan, to be their partners who work with Shilin brothers and sisters on personal evangelism.

Many church members have caught the passion, vision and compassion to share the gospel with love. The atmosphere of the church becomes more vibrant and exciting because the spirit of camaraderie to do God's ministry is built up, God's power in conversion is experienced and God's love is enjoyed in the community life. That becomes a strong engine for the church to move forward in responding to the Christ's love for her church!

## Takeaways from the trip

This trip showcased a few key fundamentals that support positive changes in the church and enable the church to continue the path of growth:

- 1) Developing a culture of Living Out the Great Commission in every member is vital. Such intent is visibly seen and starts at the leadership level of the church.
- 2) Church members daring to reinvent themselves constantly. This allows them to be effective in reaching the hearts of pre-believers despite fluctuating environments.
- 3) Never give up on God's ministry no matter how difficult it is. Perseverance is vital for tapping the spiritual blessings from God.
- 4) Prayer life. The family prayer altar or personal prayer life is highly held in the church. It becomes a place of communion with Christ, receiving from Him the power to do His ministry. The constant prayer coverage for the family members resists the attacks of the evil ones. Thus, the believers can rise up in serving God joyfully.

#### Conclusion

In JCC/LCS/Singapore, we are not unique in having to deal with challenges within and without the church, even if these challenges have their common as well as unique features. Challenges confront the church worldwide. Are we energised and up for the challenge or are we shrinking away in retreat?

I feel that the takeaways from the Taiwan Education Trip are not for me to keep to myself, but to share with my fellow Christ-loving brothers and sisters. Recognizing our spiritual poverty, let us be united and dedicated in Christian service as we seek God for His blessings!

**Rev. Anthony Loh** 



Our Badminton Interest Group started with its first game played on 17 May 2017 at one of the community clubs in Jurong.

1½ years later, on 5 December 2018, we shifted our badminton games to our very own indoor court in MPH1. At the same time, we introduced table-tennis on the side.

Playing badminton or table-tennis is fun. However, beyond fun, it is also a very effective means for community engagement. We are very conscious that JCC exists as part of the community in Taman Jurong. Therefore, we welcome people in the community to join us in the friendly games and, through the fun and social interaction, get to know one another better.

On the night of 8 May 2019, as more than 35 of us gathered to celebrate the second anniversary of this community engagement ministry, we felt thankful to God for sustaining us with His resources.





We had our usual game time at 6.30p.m. and watched video clips of our past events. We

also listened to Lian Khai sharing a brief testimony of his life. After a simple game of bursting balloons, we got to enjoy a sumptuous spread including nasi lemak, fruits and big Sri Lanka crabs brought by Benedict from Jumbo Restaurant.

As you can tell from the pictures, it was a fun-filled night. Our anniversary cake also served the purpose as a birthday cake for four among us (Zhenglin, Soon Wei, Ian and Aloysius).









A special word of thanks to the Outreach Team members, Patrick Low, Mong and Danny, for much of the preparation work for the successful anniversary celebration.

Pray that the community engagement through badminton will continue to thrive for God's glory.

Peggy Tan

# An Outreach Fellowship Gathering







#### with the family of Anil Robertson and Thabitha

Anil Robertson and his wife, Thabita, hail from India. Although they have been in JCC for less than a year, they are already actively serving as ushers and bible readers at our worship services.

They have two children – Amy and Jonathan.

While Anil works hard for his company, his wife is a great partner working hard for their home – cooking for the children, bringing them to school, coaching them in their studies and doing a lot more to keep the home humming 365 days a year, or 366 days in a leap year.

It was the privilege of the Outreach Ministry to have the great fellowship opportunity at their home in Jurong West. It was a wonderful time getting to know more of the family as we savoured the delicious curry food cooked to please our Singaporean tastes, absorbed a friendly lesson on a few words of Tamil and participated in some games and handicraft work with the children.

The family have expressed their joy of being part of the bigger family of JCC. They will continue to be in JCC until Anil's contract with his company ends.

We look forward to continuing opportunities for working together in serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless the family of Anil Robertson and Tabitha!

Peggy Tan

# Ten Ways Every Christian Can Strengthen Their Church

#### by Paul Chappell

In the early days at Lancaster Baptist Church, I gave a "Visit with the Pastor" almost every Sunday night in which I tried to infuse our young church with the DNA of New Testament Christianity.

Usually these were a brief topical lesson on topics ranging from how to lead someone to the Lord to having family devotions to encouraging new Christians.

Now fast forward thirty years. This past fall, one of our early members, Denise Lofgren, went to be with the Lord after a sudden battle with cancer. Denise and her husband, Gary, came to Lancaster Baptist in 1987 and have stayed for these thirty years as they raised their four boys here.

Shortly after Denise went to be with the Lord, her husband Gary found the handwritten outline below on a scrap of paper in her files. It was from a Visit with the Pastor titled, "How to Build a Great Church."

In the top right corner, she had written, "May 1988." And in the top left corner, "Read Bk. of Acts."

Below was a list of ten basic principles I had given that night on how every Christian can help build their church.

I look at this list now, and I smile a little at the alliteration and even the order in which I listed some of these. But I also thank God for people like Gary and Denise Lofgren who took these biblical principles to heart and lived them.

The truth is, these are what builds a godly church. These are the attributes of church members who are growing in the Lord and helping to strengthen their church family.

#### Stay—Learn to stick.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.—

#### Hebrews 10:25

(Obviously, there are times God moves people. But don't allow an offense with another Christian or backsliding in your own heart to keep you from your church family.)

## **Sweet Spirit**—Love your church.

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:—Hebrews 10:24

**Stewardship**—Give liberally to God and man.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—2 Corinthians 9:6

**Separation**—Live in a way that is distinctly for God in this world.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,—2 Corinthians 6:17

**Stick with Scriptures**—Read, study, and hear the preaching of God's Word. Make it your ultimate authority.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.—Hebrews 4:12

**Sold out**—Be fully committed to the things of the Lord, your marriage and family, and your church family.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62

**Soulwinning**—Go to others with the message of salvation.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19:10

**Spiritual**—Live in a way that is holy, godly, pure, and clean.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.—2 Timothy 2:21

**Sensitive**—Be responsive to the needs of others, especially your church family. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—Galatians 6:10

**Stand**—Take a stand for the things of God.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:—2 Timothy 4:7

I was twenty-six years old when I wrote this list, and I had been pastoring for not quite two years.

I'm now fifty-five, and I have been pastoring for over thirty-one years. And I can still say that every one of these points are needed.

## DON'T GIVE UP!

#### A REFLECTION ON HOPE IN OUR LIVES

I have been attending courses and taking assessments in addition to work and Church commitments over the last two months.

In a particular certification programme, I met a lady who is a trainer and another, a working mother of twins. They left an impression on me as they have a silent demeanour of strength in their own ways that was admirable and humble. Let me share with you the "little" things that I observed in a day's session i.e. over lunch and in a two part series of tests.

Alice, not her real name, was a trainer for ACTA Programme. I first met her when she asked if she could share the table with me while all the candidates were waiting for the certification test to start. It was our first paper.

She has a bandana on her head and immediately, I knew she has just undergone treatment, probably for cancer, based on my few years of working in Healthcare and the first-hand experience of taking care of my mother, together with my sister, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer many years back. It was a heart-wrenching experience filled with emotions of struggles, hurts and pain. I am thankful to God that all things work for the good of those who loved Him and for the strength from God that saw me through of not knowing what to do and how to react then.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

I can understand Alice's point when she said that she had no time to feel and even react, but go with the flow of what she was advised to do quickly. She has third stage of ovarian cancer. She was devastated.

Her openness was received with a listening ear and a contrite heart. She said she had spare time and decided to do something (better than nothing) to learn and re-learn knowledge while continuing her work as a trainer. She started her business as a self-employed trainer for the last four years.

She shared that the journey was tough, but necessary. We just met and imagine how transparent she was with me on her experience and the choice to move on. I always wonder if God put such encounters through people and situations to share how wonderful His Love is for us. There is really a time for everything i.e. for us to know how deep God's love is for us and bring us to our senses of what is more important than Jesus and His Love!

This is the silent strength I saw from Alice despite the sadness that I could see from her. It is an ongoing journey that she has to face and a story that many of us could relate in the different situations of our lives and the people around us.



Mary, also not her real name, is a young working mother of two and quite successful in her career. As she sat beside me for the test, I got to know her as a bubbly and talkative lady. She forgot her spectacles and had to stay close to the screen (yes, we have to use PCs) for the tests.

What caught my attention were her silent moments when she prayed before the tests started. (Yes, a good reminder to remember to pray for all that we do). It was then I knew that she could be a Christian and I

confirmed it during lunch when she spoke with positivity about what she does in her daily life.  $\ \odot$ 

These instances and observations may seem ordinary and have no special meaning. I always believe that there are lessons even in the insignificant things (or so we thought) that happen around us.

You know, if we take the time to reflect on the hope that we already have in Jesus (please, at least try) and rely on God, there are perspectives of truth that we can see that goes beyond what we know. These moments and encounters could change how we want to live our lives for God and be moulded into the child that God has always wanted us to be!

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Don't give up as there is hope for us in Jesus Christ!



Joyce Tan

Note: In the past, artists used to draw a halo above the person of interest in a picture. Now you know why saints have halos.

# Joining the Multi Media Team



I am **Henry Lim**. Photography is one of my hobbies. But due to my illness; I have stopped it for quite some years. Joining the Vine team will hopefully re-ignite my passion for photography. As this time round, I will be recording events or happenings on Church activities, it will be more meaningful as it allows my passion to be a part of my contribution to the church stewardship.

Here are some photos taken by Henry of recent church activities:



