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## HOM Editorial

Is the world sick, having FEVER (Floods, Earthquakes, Virus, Economic Recession)? Amidst the pandemic, internal strife and backlash against one middle eastern regime, a growing movement of thousands converting to Christianity is well under way. Another report showed a huge opportunity for churches around America to reach more people. The study shows 67.8% of American adults or about 172 million adults are 'Bible curious,' meaning they want to learn more about Scripture. Additionally, the data showed that in June 2020 more Americans were exploring the Bible for the first time compared to January 2020.

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - 2Peter 3:9*

Could this sudden turning to Christianity also be an indicator of Jesus' long awaited return? We have been slow to take up the Great Commission but God is not slow in keeping His promised return. We do not want to travel the world to preach the Gospel, so now it is possible to sit in your living room and ZOOM the Gospel to the whole world. Yet we sometimes prefer not to ZOOM for various reasons.

JCC has great opportunities to preach the Good News with Live Streaming but we continually do not have any evangelistic messages for our pre-believing friends to hear. Are we waiting for Christmas, like in the pre-COVID-19 days, before coming up with evangelistic sermons? All JCCians need to do is send the link to their friends but the messages are not relevant to pre-believers and sometimes, even possibly, not understandable by Christians.

Paul was a Pharisee, a well learned man but Peter was only a fisherman so he said, "*His (Paul's) letters contain some things that are hard to understand*" (2Peter 3:16b). So when we share the Gospel message we must be mindful of the terminology we use which pre-Christians may find hard to understand.

*10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard.... 2Peter 3:10a, 17a*

*Martin Cheah*