



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

A Solemn Reflection: Christ the very First and the Last ... By Fred

- **The Lord has been speaking to us through recent messages that we, as the assembly of His people need to seek him and place Him first.**

We learnt from David who was quick to realise in times of trial he needed God and so prioritised his focus and desire to be in His presence.

Peter walked on water while he maintained his focus on Jesus,
Jehoshaphat sought the Lord when war arose against his people and was victorious
Hezekiah called upon the Lord and his life was extended.

- Recent health challenges in the assembly has brought about spiritual solidarity as we have all been labouring together in prayers believing the Lord for healing of our brethren and He has started the work from the testimony of Jeanne's recovery of hearing loss and that without need for medical intervention.

- **The need for solemn reflection: Joel 1:14-17; 2:15, Isaiah 1:18**

- Whenever something serious happened in times of old, God often requested leaders to call a "solemn assembly" of His people to seek His face. We need to remember how we started with Jesus.

By grace are ye saved ... Ephe 2: 1-8

*Colossian 2:21-23 ... **if** ye continue in the faith grounded...*

- We need to reflect on our Christian life and Journey, a reality check of our obedience to the word of God and to avoid the temptation of our "free will" taking us away from Him or the spirit of bitterness because "God allow" difficulty to come our way.

- **Christ the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega: Rev 1:8-11, 21:6**

- The scripture advice us to "Hold fast" unto the end - Heb 3:6; 4:14-16; Job 27:6; Rev 3:3,11
- All shakable things in our lives shall be shaken away and the things of God that cannot be shaken shall remain when we are crossing from this life to yonder place - Heb 12:27.
- We need to adopt similar attitude to the three Hebrew en when they addressed Nebuchadnezzar the king.
- Let us say like the psalmist; my heart is fixed oh God!.. Amen





WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Events /Notices ...

- ▶ **Daily Prayer Meetings** will continue this week in the church every evening at
- ▶ **CEF training for Sunday School teachers** and future Sunday School teachers will commence on Tuesday the of in 110 (Anyone interested should speak to Gareth).
- ▶ **Prayer and Fasting** on the of .
- ▶ **Family Service** on the of .

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ().

