

The impact of Christ

Colossians 1:18-23

Pre-eminent Christ: Son is the

- Image of God
 - made known the unknowable God
 - authority to forgive sins and save
- Firstborn of creation
 - all things were created by Him,
is sustained by Him and for His glory

(Colossians 1:15-17)

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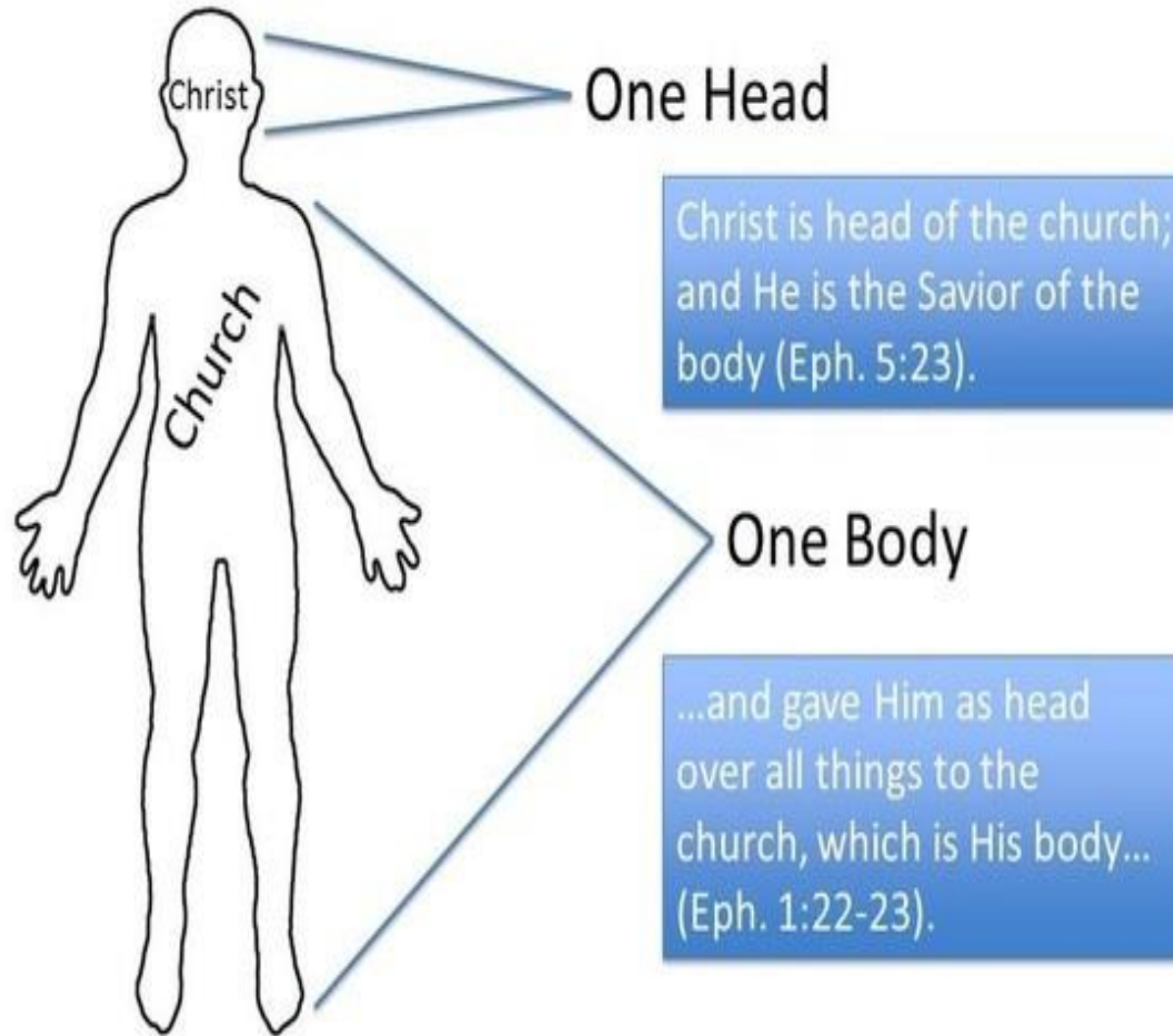
He is the Almighty God.
He is worthy of our trust,
worship and praise

Who is Jesus Christ?

1. Head of the Church
2. Firstborn of Resurrection
3. Fully Divine/Sufficient Savior

- ¹⁸ And he is the **head of the body, the church**; he is the beginning and the **firstborn from among the dead**, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
- ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have **all his fullness dwell in him.**

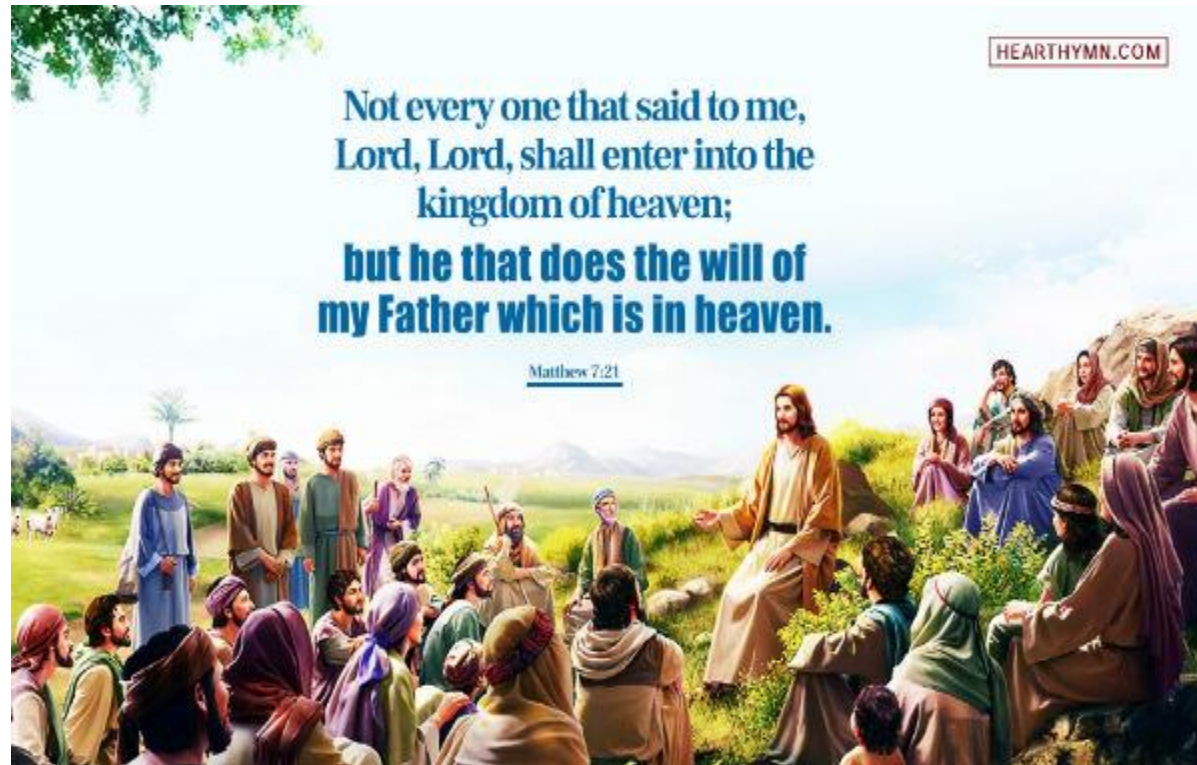
Bible Picture of Christ's Body



**Leadership,
life
and purpose**

Leadership

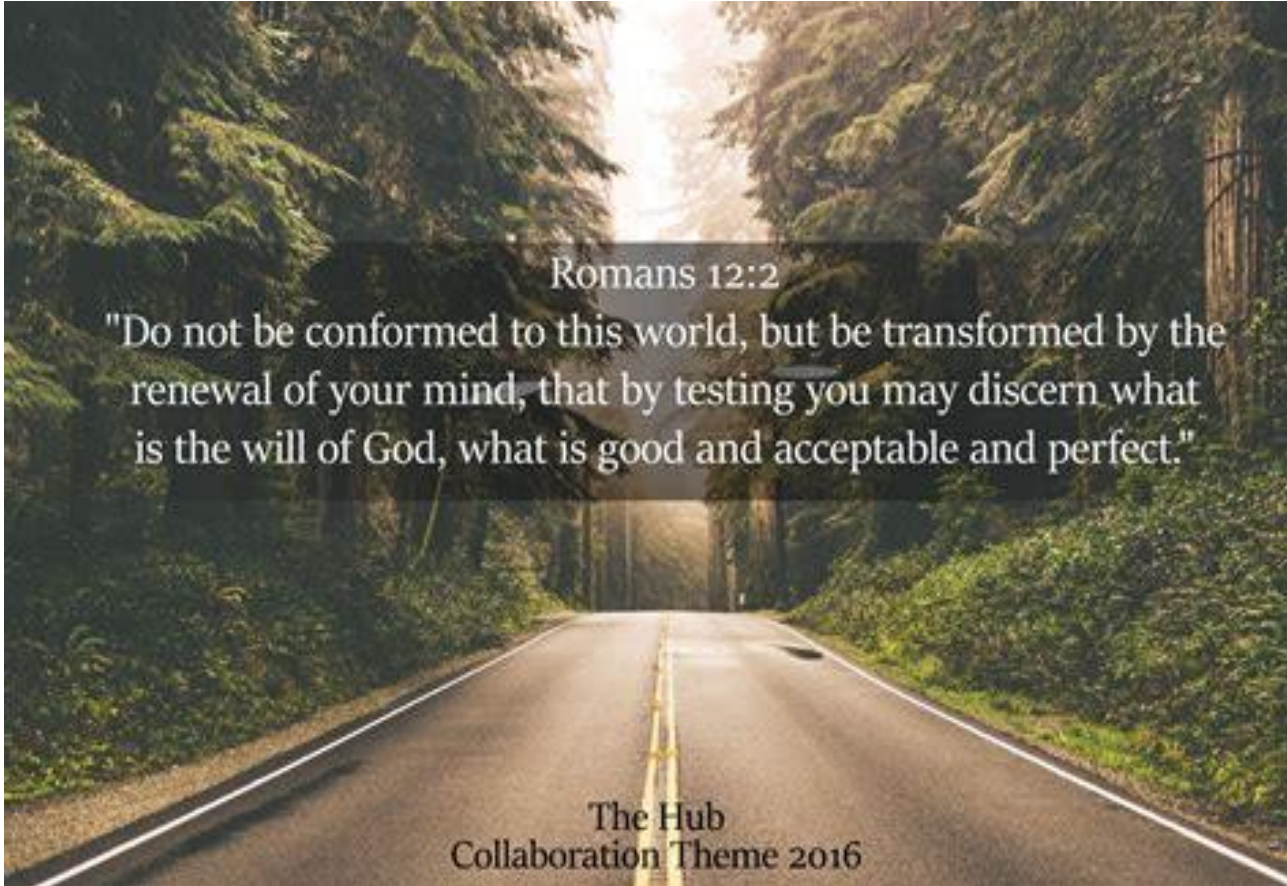
- connected to the head
- discern and follow His will



Only he that does the will
of my Father
(Matthew 7:33)

Leadership

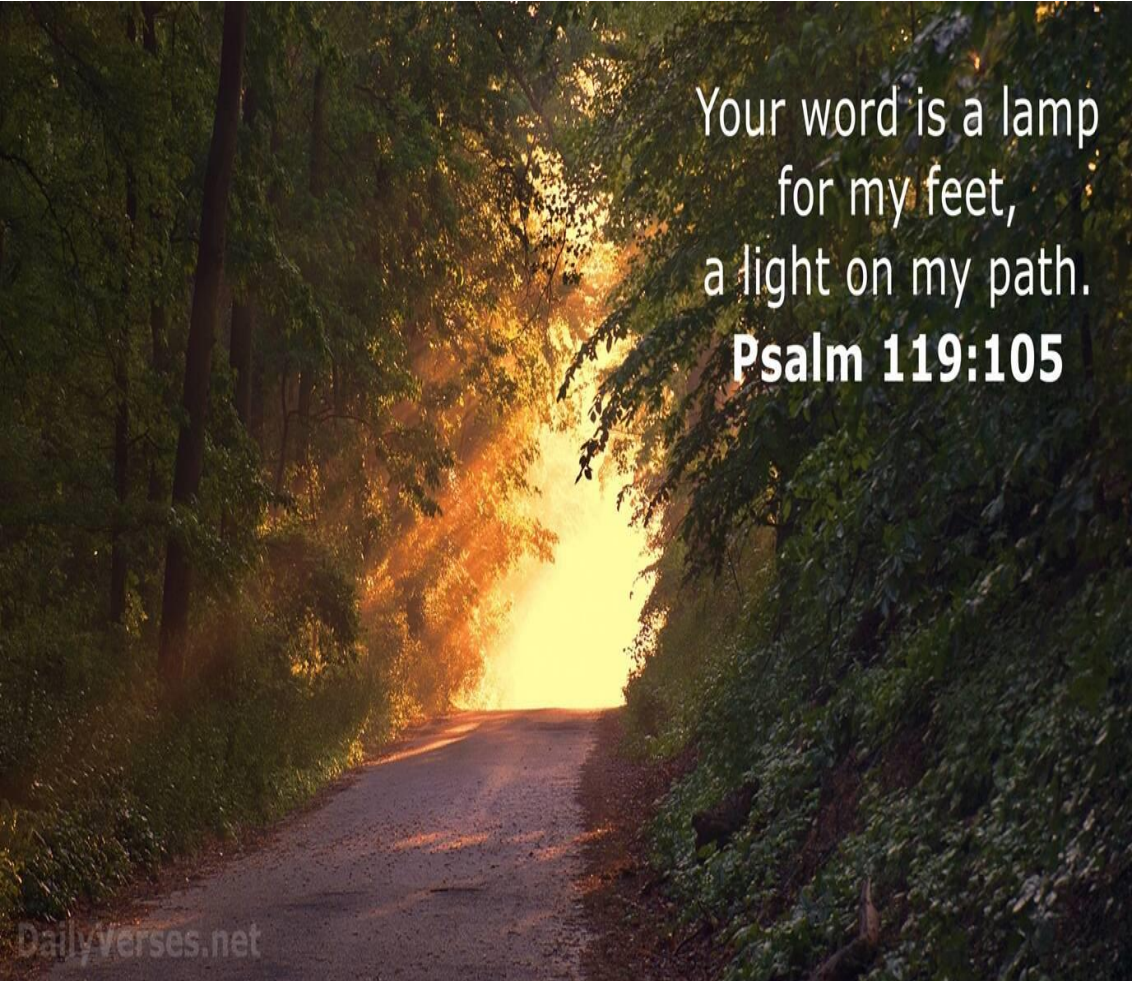
- How to discern His will?



**Renewal of mind:
Transformed by
The Word**

**Testing our will
by the Word**

Discern His will



Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105

Not base on feelings,
but on the guidance
of the Word
(Psalms 119:105)

Discern His will

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth..." John 16:13



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**Holy Spirit will
guide us
according to the Word.**

Discern His will

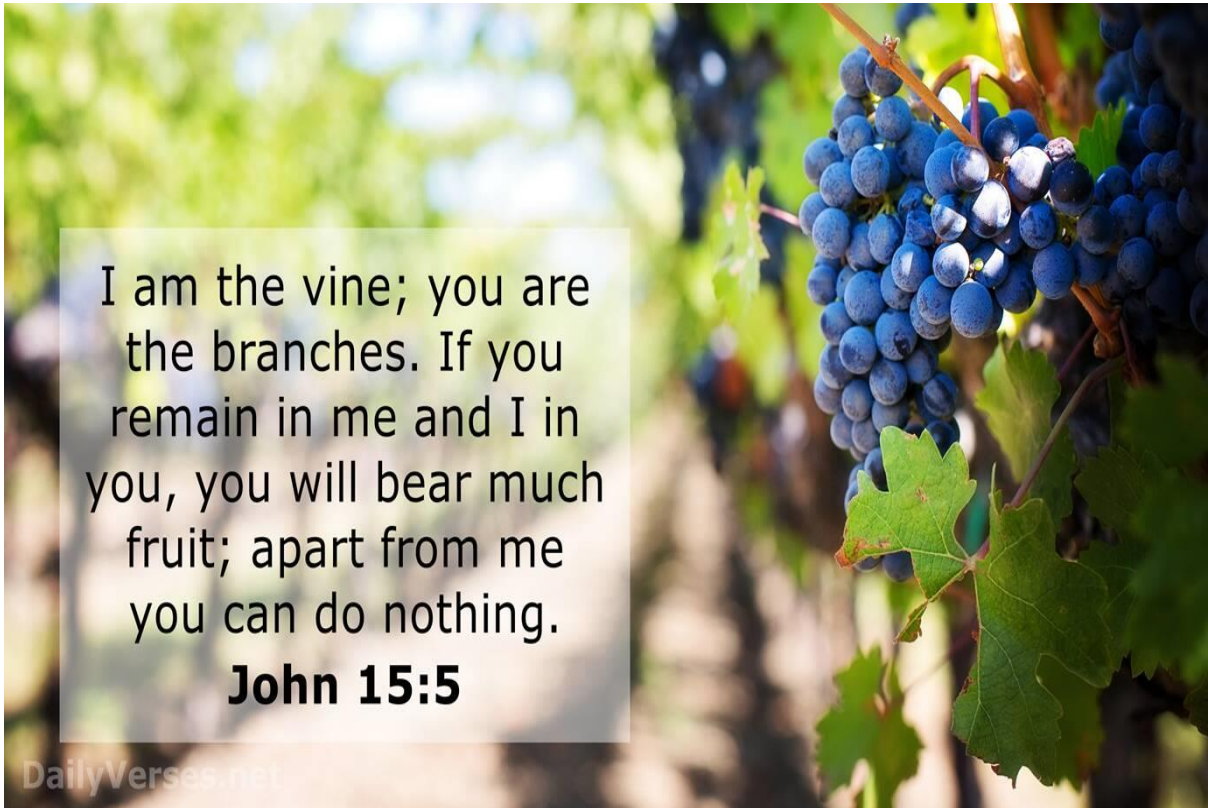
- Daily desire to seek
His kingdom (Matthew 6:33)
- danger of 'compartmentalization'

Live the spiritual into the physical

His life - the source

- I am....the life (John 14:6)
- He is the Vine, we are the branches
 - draw nutrients
 - bear fruit

**Dead and fruitless
without the head**



I am the vine; you are
the branches. If you
remain in me and I in
you, you will bear much
fruit; apart from me
you can do nothing.

John 15:5

THE THIEF DOES NOT COME
EXCEPT TO **STEAL**, AND TO
KILL, AND TO **DESTROY**.

I HAVE COME THAT
THEY MAY HAVE
LIFE,
AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE
IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

JOHN 10:10

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Satan seek to destroy
us but Jesus came to
give life abundant

Love (Eph 3)

Joy (James 1)

Peace (Phil4:7)

His purpose

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

**We are His
witnesses**

Partner His ministry

■ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

Ministry of
reconciliation

Message of
Reconciliation

Ministry partnership: privilege

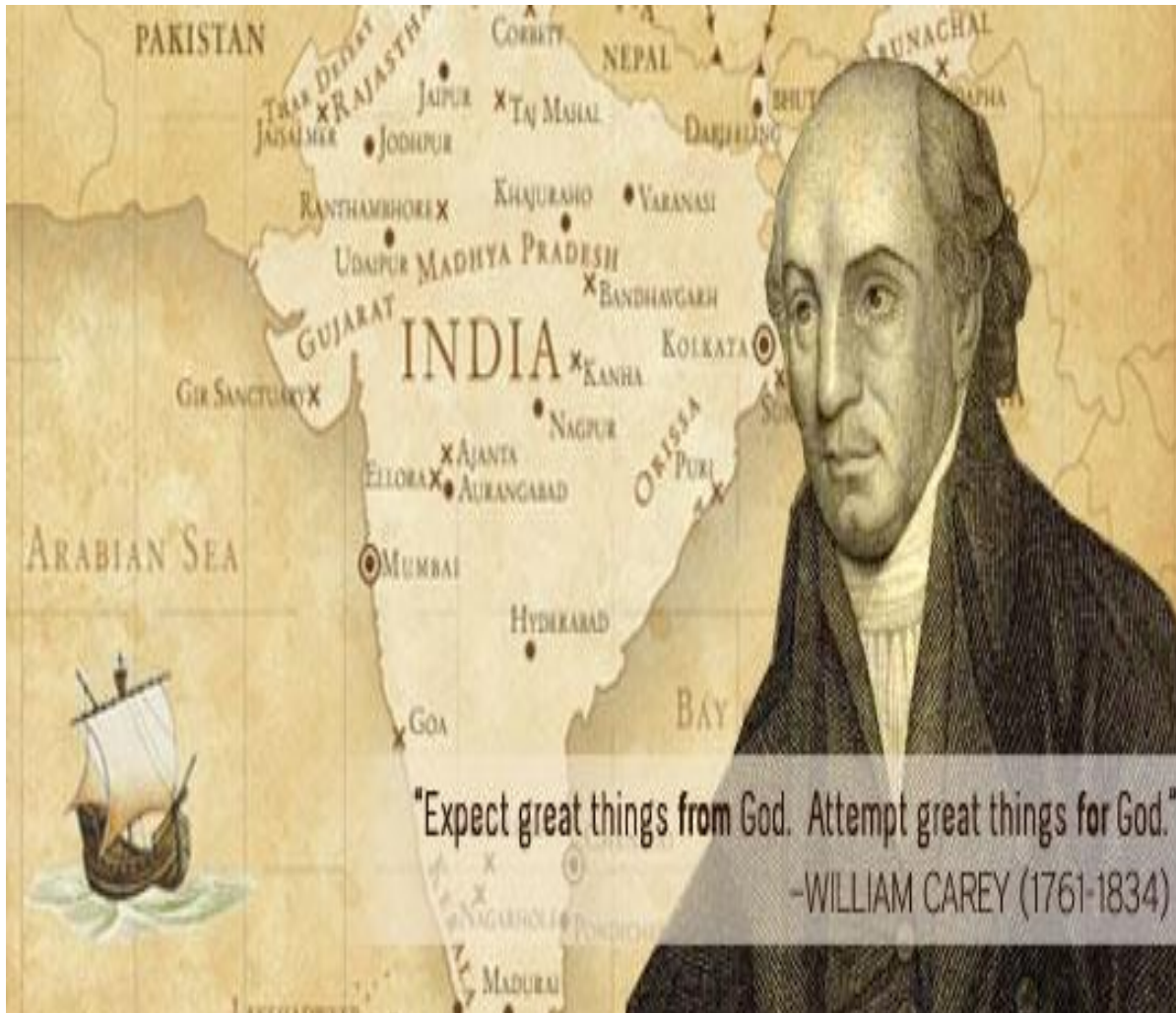
- Does not need us but **included us...**
'stones will cry out if they keep quiet..' (Luke 19:40)
- Church mandate... manifest Christ's presence
**wherever the church is not present, the
presence of Christ is not manifest
because His body is not there**



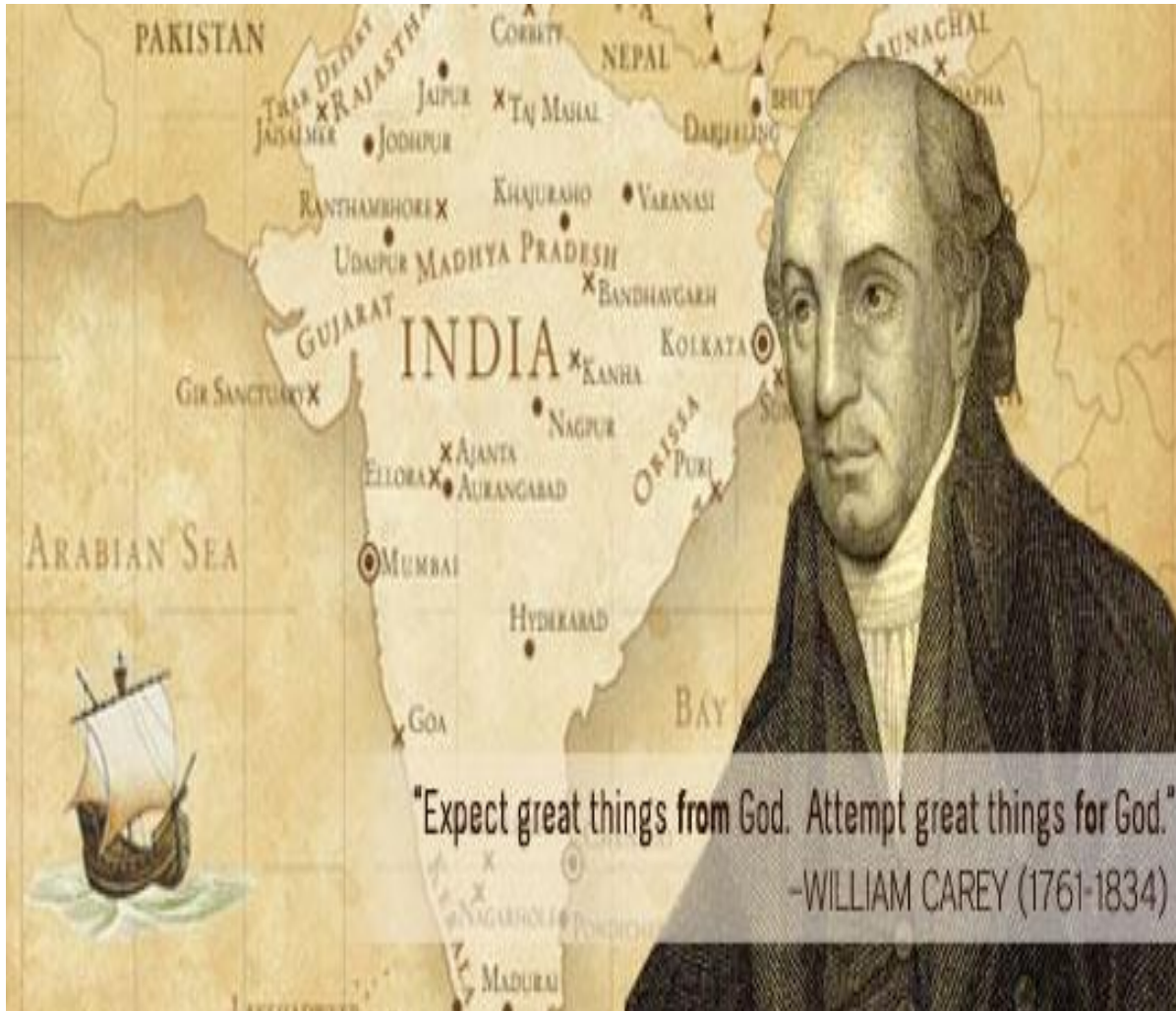
**Ephesians 3:10 So that
through the church the
manifold wisdom of God
might now be made known
to the rulers and
authorities in the heavenly
places.**

**Vital role
for the church**

William Carey



- Pioneer of Modern Missions.
- Founder Baptist Missionary Society, 1792.
- Missionary to India for 41 years.



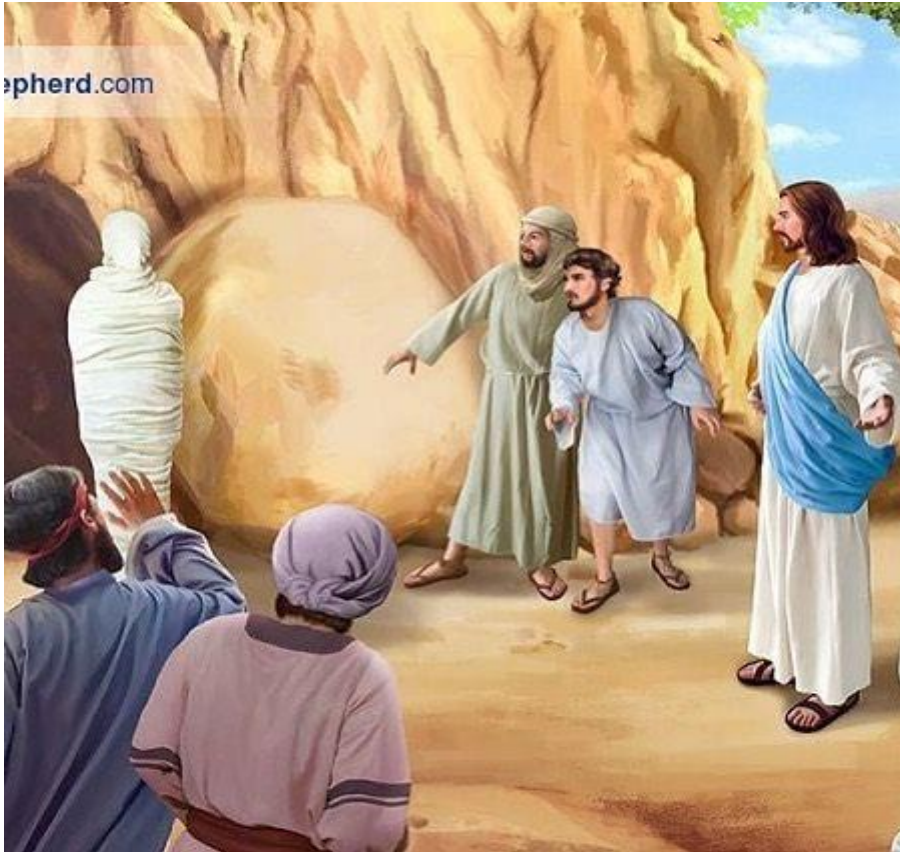
"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

-WILLIAM CAREY (1761-1834)

Rouse up and go forth
to conquer for Christ
even the uttermost parts
and the isles of the sea."
(Deathless Sermon,
1792)

Beginning/Firstborn of resurrection

- He will never die



1 kings 17:17-24

John 11:38-44



Resurrection :

- His resurrection – supreme importance
‘If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and our faith is futile’ (1Corinthians 15:14)

foundation of our Christian faith

If Christ had not
been resurrected,

- ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

No resurrection means NO hope

Christ is risen....

- ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

He is our hope for resurrection.

Sufficiency of Christ

‘God was pleased to have all
his fullness dwell in him’

Christ is sufficient
to save because
He is fully God

Sufficient to be our Savior:

- Gnostics - Jesus was not fully God,
 - he wasn't sufficient for salvation.
- Others - good man, moral teacher, prophet, an angel
 - deny His Sonship

C S Lewis said

- 'A man who is merely a man and said the sort of thing Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic... or else He would be the Devil of hell.

But we believe that:

- He is the Son of God as He claimed and
- we fall down to worship Him.

Christ is:

- the image of God
 - the Creator and sustainer of all creation
 - the head of the body
 - the firstborn of the resurrection
 - the sufficient Savior
- (Colossians 1:15-19)

Impact of Christ :

- ²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.
- ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Impact

God's initiative :

- Reconciliation
- Righteousness / present you holy

Our response :

- Remain faithful

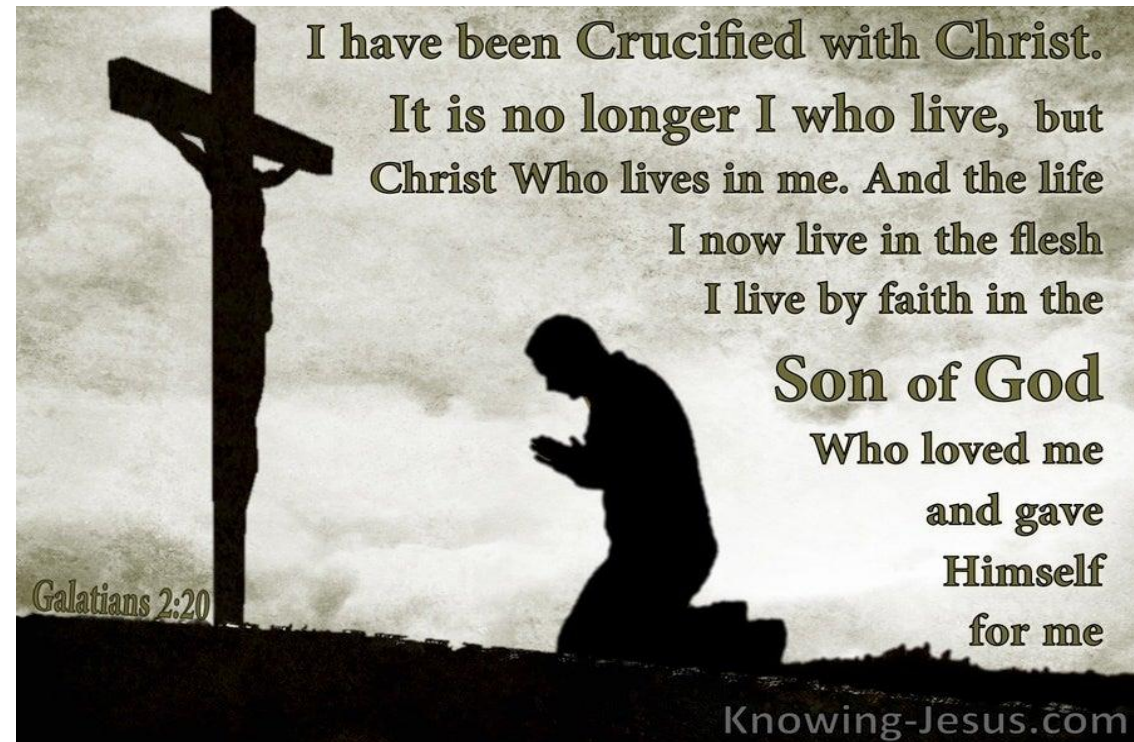
Reconciled:

- Peace with God



Reconciled:

- Peace with God
- Once alienated, now reconciled

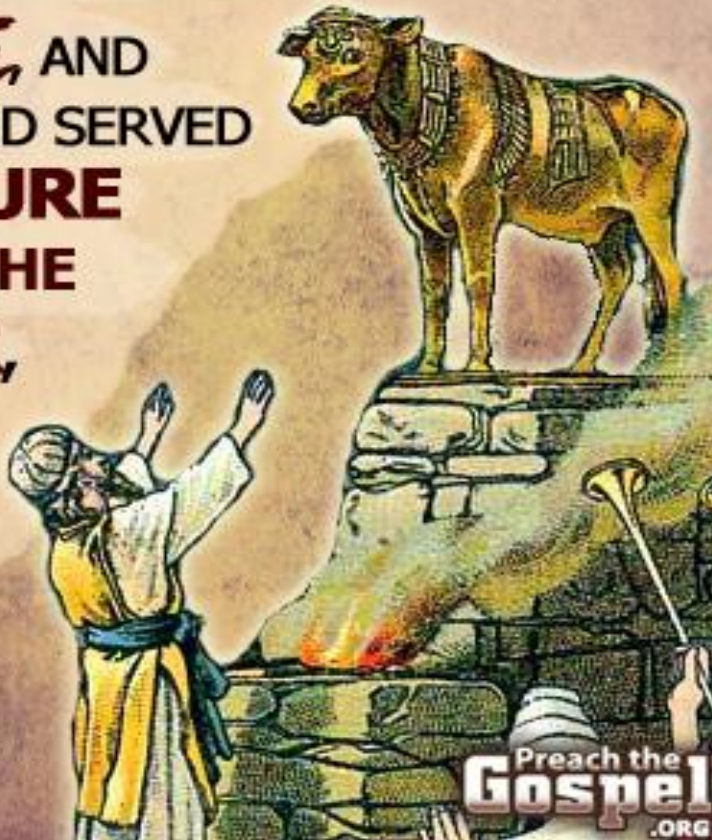


Enemies in your minds: Alienated from God

**FOR THEY EXCHANGED
THE TRUTH OF GOD
FOR A LIE, AND
WORSHIPED AND SERVED
THE CREATURE
RATHER THAN THE
CREATOR,**

**WHO IS BLESSED
FOREVER. AMEN.**

– ROMANS 1:25



Spiritual blindness

Righteousness

- made holy and without blemish in his sight.
- free from accusation of sin.

Right standing before God

Divine initiative

Righteousness: our response

- Sanctification
- living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.



Sanctification: active response

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

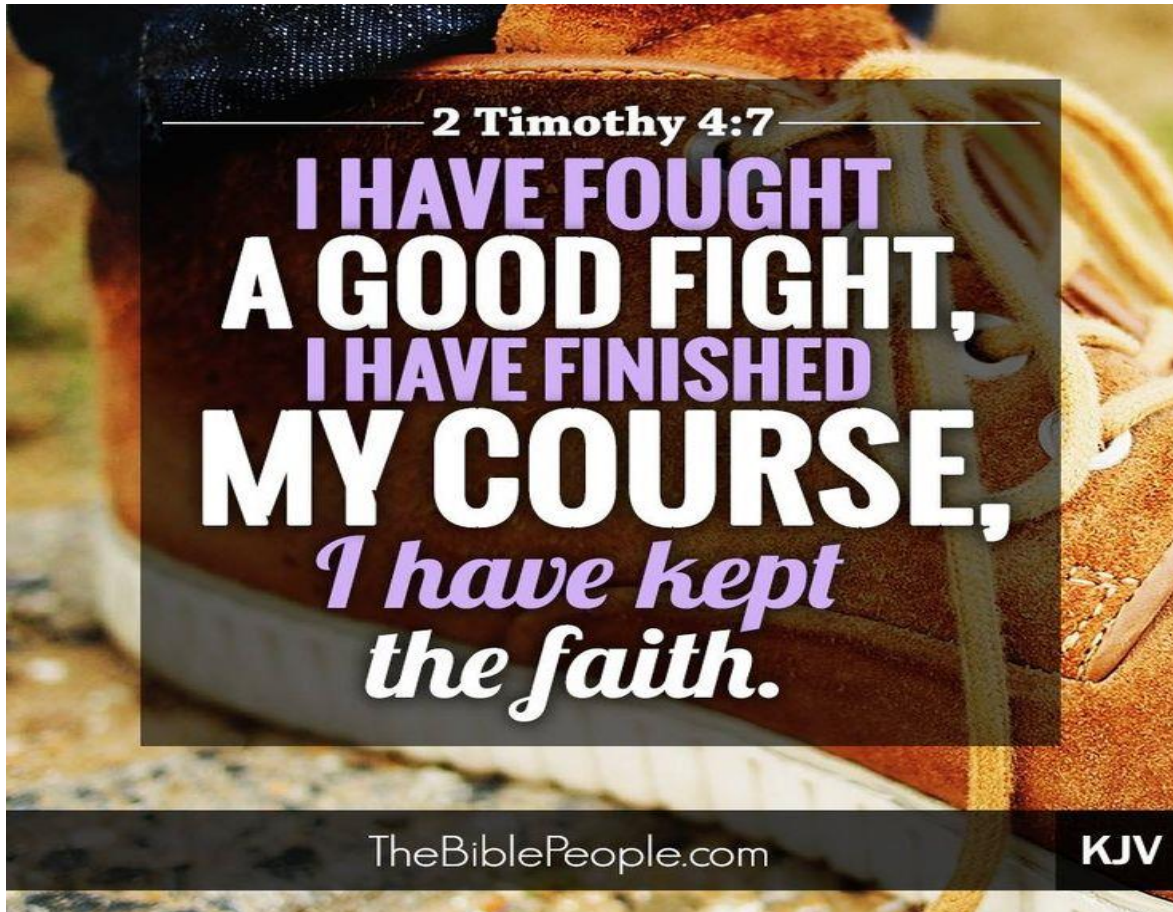
- Romans 6:13 -



**Need to surrender
our body daily**

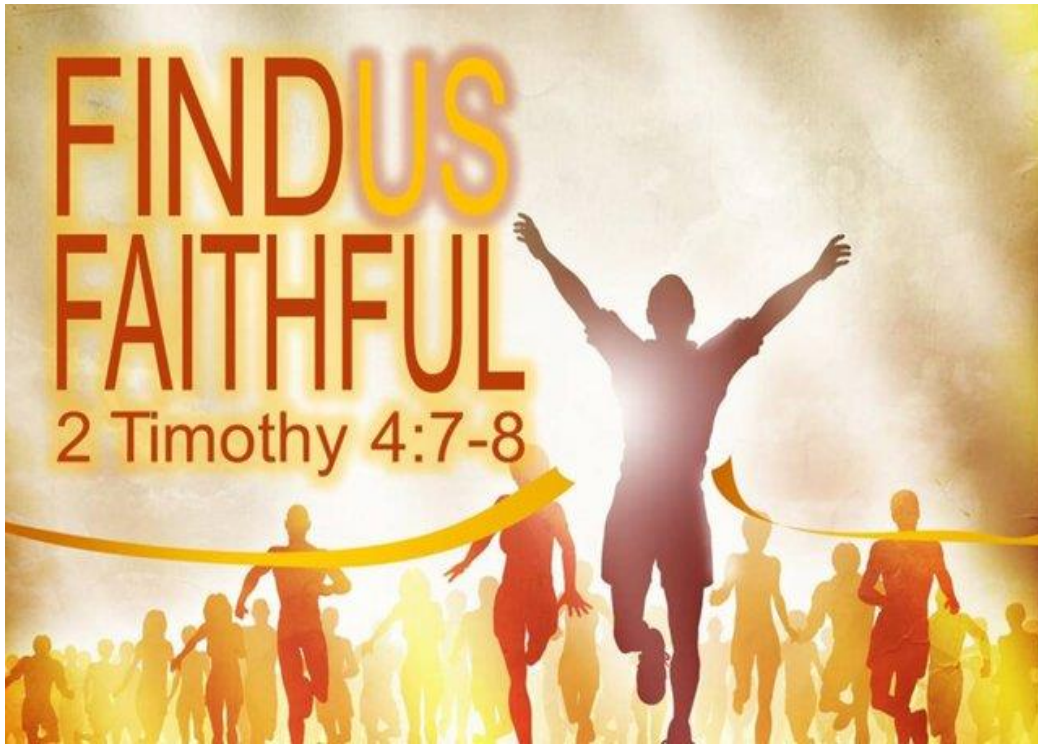
Remain faithful :
continue in the faith

- 'Do not move from the hope'



It is important for Christians to
continue in godly conduct.

Remain faithful :



**Faithfulness is the
test of genuine faith.**

- Saints are those who finally persevere,
continuance is the test of reality of faith (Bruce)

Head of the Church

- connected to Him in obedience.
- have the hope of resurrection.
- partner Him in the kingdom mandate.

Sufficiency Savior



LET'S FIX OUR EYES ON
JESUS
THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER
OF OUR
FAITH
Hebrews 12:2

He has reconciled us
and made us righteous

Impact of Christ : Faithfulness

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us also lay aside every weight, and
sin which clings so closely, and let us
run with endurance
the race that is set before us.*

HEBREWS 12:1



Faithlife

**Perseverance:
Is the true test
of genuine faith**

Cloud of witnesses

"When I awake, I am still with You"

Psalm 139:18



**REVEREND
NICHOLAS YEO KOK PENG**

17.02.1942 - 30.07.2021

Reverend Nicholas Yeo Kok Peng was called home to the Lord on
Friday, 30 July 2021,

leaving behind children,

Eunice & Yazid, Paul & Christine and Veronika & Wee Lee and
grandchildren Julia, Ethan, Zachary, Shawna, Ryan, Jeremy and Eliza
and the entire Holy Light Church (English) Johor Bahru congregation of
members and friends to mourn his departure.



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