

Fuel for Our Christian Light

Do you ever feel like the world is pounding you with temptation, or finances are pressing you to a bitter pulp, or stress is grinding up your peace? Where do we turn? What do we do?

Jesus faced some of His greatest stress by taking time to pray. Of all the places he could have chosen to go he walked to "The Garden of Gethsemane." The irony of this lies in the meaning of "Gethsemane." It is Hebrew for "oil press." The above sketch is of a first century oil press found in Capernaum in Israel. The olives during harvest season contain one half their weight in oil. They are laid in the basin which served as a type of track for a large, round stone. The first pass of the stone would extract the purest or virgin oil. This oil had no pulp and was used mainly for lamps, cosmetics and holy anointing.

As Jesus entered the garden feeling like His sorrow would kill Him. He fell to the ground in agony praying. He sought support from others, but they slept after He specifically asked for prayer. He began to pray again with His sweat falling like drops of blood. An angel came to strengthen Him. He prayed more. The Hebrew (5:7-8) writer describes Jesus' vehement cries and tears accompanied with godly fear and obedience. What a combination! "He learned obedience by the things he suffered." He arose from Gethsamane to give Himself on the cross. (Matt 26 and Luke 22)

Legs on the Lesson - Pressed He Persevered

What do you do in Gethsemane? When you are feeling pressed to no end, sorrowful to death, in sweating agony - what do you do?

Do we pray? Do we ask others to pray? Jesus did the right thing asking Peter, James and John. They were the ones who erred.

Do we pray for God's will to be done, even if it means more suffering for us? What spiritual maturity! Have you reached this level?

Do we decide to do the right thing? Jesus didn't decide to fight back, give up and challenge God the Father. He decided to continue living in the Father's will. The motive of prayer is to find the strength to obey!

He persevered in spite of the pain. How can the Hebrew writer say "He learned obedience by the things which he suffered?" We don't really have faith in God until we do (His will) the right things even in the midst of pain. Deciding to be godly when what we really feel like doing is dying comes to those who enter their Gethsemane to agonize with stress until God gives them the strength to say, "Your will be done." You can not overrate perseverance. In the first century the press made oil that fueled lanterns. Jesus' shining moment came during His most stressful time. Do you use this as fuel for your Christian light?

Do you feel pounded, pressed and distressed? Enter Gethsemane like our Lord, cry vehemently in prayer and exit doing His will. That is the only way we know things will work out best. Shine Jesus shine - in me!



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'KHRIS' SUANGPHUM, A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE MEMBERS
OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI, ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK'

Enkaitu: Jamson Guite | Panpihtu: Kham Minthang | Jangthang

BIBLE CLASS

Class	Teacher
Adult	: B.Thawngsiandong, Jamson
Junior	: L.James Guite, Kham Minthang
Beginner	: Rosely, Mary,

TUNI BIAKKHAWMNA PROGRAMME

Thumna Hun-uk : Khenpi
Lapitu : Thawngsiandong
Thilpiak : Andrew
Theihgigena : Thonggin
Thuhilhtu : Jamson
Thumna : Timothy

Last Sunday (05/02/12)

Offerings = Rs. /-

The Peace of God

by Pat Hackney

Last week the stock market took one of the greatest plunges it has seen in many years. Even a small-time investor lost an average of ten thousand dollars in just one day. For those who are on a fixed income and who rely on their investments this was quite alarming.

However, for a Christian, this is one of those things that is accepted as a way God uses to get our attention and to show us what is really important. Jesus said: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

We see from the above passage we need to be more concerned about spiritual matters than financial matters. The Bible gives us the book of Job for a reason. He was a very wealthy man. He lost everything he had in just one day. Yet, he patiently waited upon God. And although he suffered many things everything turned out for his good in the end. So as a Christian what does one do when things look very bleak? Paul gives us the answer: "Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

May God always grant us the faith and patience we need when hard times come; and may He give us the peace that passes understanding.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

NGAI IN, KONGKHAH BUL AH DING IN KA KIU HI. KUAPEUH IN KA AW A ZAAK A KONG AHON LEH, KA LUT DIING A AMAH TOH AN KA NE DIA, AMAN LENG KEI TOH ANE DIING. (KILAKNA 3:20)

THU TUAMTUAM**NGETNA:**

-Kha Naamsau quaterly a suah zel diing a Saptuam in pha akisak dungzui in hongtung diing April a amasa pen diing suah ki-sawm hi. Tua ahah man in unau kuapeuh mah in hiai kha Naamsau logo diing leh a cover design diing eimah hoihsak leh kilawm sak dan bawl in a saitute kiang ah March 11 tan in pekhawm siausiau diing in i kngen uhi. I paikkhawmte lak a a hoih penpen zat det hi diing hi in asaitute akipan thutut kin-gah hi..

ZINKHIA :

-Kal paita seppatni in sepna toh kisai in unaupa Khenpi Pune ah ana zin hi. Kal paita sung mah in damtak in Delhi hongtung kik nawn hihtuak hi.

SAPTUAM THUPUAN

Gindan leh zuihdan kibang a hun sawt kuamtak bekhawm a i om nung un hun paisa bangtan hiam akipan in Mr. Tunsuanthang leh Mr. Thangkhanlal te'n a ginna uh topsan in gindan diklou, 'Saptuam in misiangthoute kia panpih theih' (Galatiate 6:10; 2 Korinte 9:13) chite toh ana bekhawm uhi. Hiai bang thu zak ahah in Saptuam in poi kisa in bawldik theihna diing in pan kila hi. Tuabang a Saptuam panlakanate ngeingaihlou a, a tat teitei ziaak un Laisiangthou sinsakna dungzui in amaute Saptuam in kisi-ik a hong kiknawn matan uh unau bang a pomtheih ahah nonkei hi. (Tita 3:10&11; 2 Thesalonikate 3:14; Romte 16:17)

KALNAWN BIAKKHAWMNA PROGRAMME

Thumna Hun-uk : Thongginlian
Lapitu : Thangbiaklun
Thilpiak : Joseph Vaiphei
Theihgigena : Janglet
Thuhilhtu : Khamminthang
Thumna : Pauminthang

HONGTUNG:

-Kal paita nilaini in winter suti zang a zinkhia unaute Samuel Pauliansiam leh Michael Thawnkhansang te hun bang tan hiam Lamka lama ava om nung un damtak in Delhi hongtung kik nawnnta uh chih thu kiza hi.

-Huchimah bang in unaupa Pauminlun tuma lam a suti zang diing a innlam pai leng huailam a hun sawt kuamtak ava om nung in kalpaita nilaini mah in damtak in Delhi hongtung kiknawnnta hi.

BIBLE CLASS KIPANTA DIING:

-Tu kumthak 2012 a diing in Bible class tuni in kipanta diing hi. Kuapeuhmah in poimoh ngaih chiat diing in i kingen uhi. Hilhtu diing leng a kikheng zek om a, maunhuai thei mahmah uhi.

Bible class enkaitu diing a muang tak a seh a om unaupa Thongginlian in bangkim feltak a ahon sai man in kipahhuai isa petmah uhi. Thumna toh pang ni hang.

DAMLOU:

-Unaupa Thangliankhup leng kal paita sung in khosik in ni bangzah hiam ana om hihtuak hi. Damta ahah dan zak ahah man in kipahhuai isa uh.