

Facing the Inevitability of Death

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Many people come to the conclusion that the Book of Ecclesiastes is pessimistic and cynical. Why else would Solomon use the word “vanity” in relation to the good God has done if it was otherwise? “And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under Heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind” (Ecclesiastes 1:13-14).

“There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the man who pleases Him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind” (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26).

I, for one, do not believe the Book of Ecclesiastes should be called pessimistic or even cynical. Instead, a better appellation would be to describe it as simply brutally realistic. Ecclesiastes makes the reader confront the full and dreadful significance of one’s mortality. Most people, whether or not they are religious, refuse to face what death really is. But when you get right down to it, death is a calamity that nullifies all the achievements of one’s human existence. Ecclesiastes strips away the myths we employ, either consciously or unconsciously, to shield ourselves from this stark fact.

In pointing out the dreadful and stark reality of death, the Book of Ecclesiastes helps us to see just how profound is our need for resurrection. More simply stated, this wonderful book drives us to seek Jesus Christ. The New Testament shares this perspective as well. Death is not a friend or even a doorway as it is popularly espoused, but a terrible, terrible enemy. It will be, however, a conquered enemy eventually. Listen to how it is described by Paul and John:

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?’” (1 Corinthians 15:26; 54-55).

“Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14).

Face the inevitability of the enemy, death, with confidence. Face it with Jesus Christ! May the Lord bless us!

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Junior : Minlun & Suanlian
Primary : Vungngaihkim & Rose
Beginner : Chingkhanlun & Nuam

Teacher

**TOUPA NI'
THILPIAK**

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Gentheihna leh zumna bawlhohina nial kiang ah
a om dia: himahleh salhna limsak zahtak in
a om diing." - Paunakte 13:18**

THU TUAMTUAM**THU TUAMTUAM****BIAKNA HUNZEEK****TOUPA' NI**

DATE 16.7.2023

Hun-uk thumna : Kamkhenthang
Lapi : Jangminthang
Thilpiak : Kammuanlal
Theihgigena : Nekkhothang
Thugen : Jamson
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DATE 19.7.2023

Thumna : Pausuanlian
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Thumna : Jangthang

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DATE 22.7.2023

Hun-uk thumna : Thangzalam
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Thugen : Thangliankhup
Thumna : Thangbiaklun

TOUPA' NI

DATE 23.7.2023

Hun-uk thumna : Thangzalam
Lapi : Mungsuan
Thilpiak : Lamsuanmung
Theihgigena : Thongginlian
Thugen : Jangthang
Thumna : Lang James

KITENG DIING UH

Unaupa Mungmuanlian leh un-
aunu Lunkhannuam kiteenna puankh-
iakna hun tuni biakkhawmna zoh chi-
ang in biakna mun mah a nitaklam
dak 1 in om diing hi. Kitenna puankh-
iakna unau Lang James in nei diing.
Hiai bang a unau leh unau Saptuamte
theihpih a kiteng thei diing a hong om
uh i kipahpih mahmah uhi. Tuailai
nungak leh tangvalte'n etton a nei di-
ing in i kichial ahi.

PANPIHNA KIPIA

Imphal apan hong galtai un-
aute tunitan a Delhi a omlai teng Sap-
tuam in thuakpih ihihdan leh awlmoh
ihihna lahsakna in Rs 5000 chiat kipia
hi. Amau leng Saptumte awlmohna
atan ziak un kipak petmah uhi.

NGAPLOU UH

Kal paita sung in unaupa Jam-
son hitang khosik ziak in ngaplou in ni
thum vel ana om hi. Tun ahiehleh Path-
ian panpihna toh ahoihlam hita. Dama-
na hoihzaw ahon neih i kipak uh.

Huchi mahbang in unau
Niangngaihmuam leng hitang khosik-
ziak mah in kal paita sung in ngaplou
in ana om hi. Amah leng Pathian om-
pihna ziak in a hoihlam hita hi. Kipah-
huai lua.

KUAN NAWNTA

Suti ziak a Delhi a sawt khop a
om nung in kal paita Toupa ni in unau-
pa Lunsang in a siamsinna lam ah
aban zom diing in honna kuankhiak-
san nawnta hi.

HONGTUNG KIKTA UH

Hyderabad lam a tanau veh a va
zin unaupa Thongchinliante innkuan
kal paita sung in damtak in Delhi
hongtung kinkawnta uhi. Dam a
hongtun nawn theihman un i kipak uh.

Kipak Thugenna

Manipur gam buoi jeak'a Delhi a
taksa a kachanaupite bel'a kahung um nau'a
Christ a unau Delhi Kochuom ten leilapa-
uchap piaknau le leilathamun-nau chung
vum in sum le pai tamtak tele leila kithopinau
chung'a kakipaknau gensenglou unaute kian-
ga kahung gen ui. Lathilpha bawlnau chung
Pathian in malsawm taken.

Christ a la unau chanpiu
K. Levi le Insung mite

KIPATHU GENNA

Khris a Unaupihte, amasapen in
chibai kon buok masa uhi. Manipur gam
buaiziak in bitna zong in Delhi ah kongpai
uhi. Unaute'n non awlmoh ua, non thuumpih
na te uh zia kin damtakin Delhi kongtung thei
uhi. Khris Saptuam, Delhi congregation in
panpihna sum tampi non piak behlap lai ua,
na tung uah ka kipaak petmah uhi. Maban ah
leng honna thuumsak tou zeel lai un chih ka
hon ngetna uh ahi. I biak Pa Pathian in Khris
Saptuam, Delhi congregation hon vualzawl
tou zeel hen chih ka thuumna uh ahi. Khris
a na unaupih uh,

Thongchinlian Guite & family.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI

**Financial Report
June, 2023**

Opening Bal.	11,07,731.26
Total Recd.	2,01,636.00
Grand Total	13,09,367.26
Total Expnd.	61,055.00
Closing Bal.	12,48,312.26