

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

"Received up into glory." 1 Timothy 3:16

We have seen our well-beloved Lord in the days of his flesh, humiliated and sore vexed; for he was "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." He whose brightness is as the morning, wore the sackcloth of sorrow as his daily dress: shame was his mantle, and reproach was his vesture. Yet now, inasmuch as he has triumphed over all the powers of darkness upon the bloody tree, our faith beholds our King returning with dyed garments from Edom, robed in the splendour of victory. How glorious must he have been in the eyes of seraphs, when a cloud received him out of mortal sight, and he ascended up to heaven! Now he wears the glory which he had with God or ever the earth was, and yet another glory above all—that which he has well earned in the fight against sin, death, and hell. As victor he wears the illustrious crown. Hark how the song swells high! It is a new and sweeter song: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, for he hath redeemed us unto God by his blood!" He wears the glory of an Intercessor who can never fail, of a Prince who can never be defeated, of a Conqueror who has vanquished every foe, of a Lord who has the heart's allegiance of every subject. Jesus wears all the glory which the pomp of heaven can bestow upon him, which ten thousand times ten thousand angels can minister to him. You cannot with your utmost stretch of imagination conceive his exceeding greatness; yet there will be a further revelation of it when he shall descend from heaven in great power, with all the holy angels—"Then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." Oh, the splendour of that glory! It will ravish his people's hearts. Nor is this the close, for eternity shall sound his praise, "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever!" Reader, if you would joy in Christ's glory hereafter, he must be glorious in your sight now. *Is he so?*

News Bites

Fearless in Opposition

Many South Asian believers face intense persecution and trials, but that has not stopped them from following God's call. Gospel for Asia-supported missionary Vajra Pillai recently started his ministry in a small village. Around 15 people began gathering for prayer and worship services. However, opposition from a fanatical group began to surface. Vajra was warned to stop having worship and prayer meetings and to not tell anyone else about Jesus. When confronted, Pastor Vajra Pillai simply walked away, refusing to be drawn into a confrontation.

India: Attacks Persist

Hindu extremists continue to target Christians in India with harassment, false accusations, beatings and even murder. The Global Council of Indian Christians believes Hindu extremists are behind two recent murders of Christians in the state of Andhra Pradesh. In the most recent case, 17-year-old Nirupama Pradhan was raped and murdered after school on. Her father, Sitrian Pradhan, named the possible murderer, but according to Asia News, police have done nothing to find the murderer.

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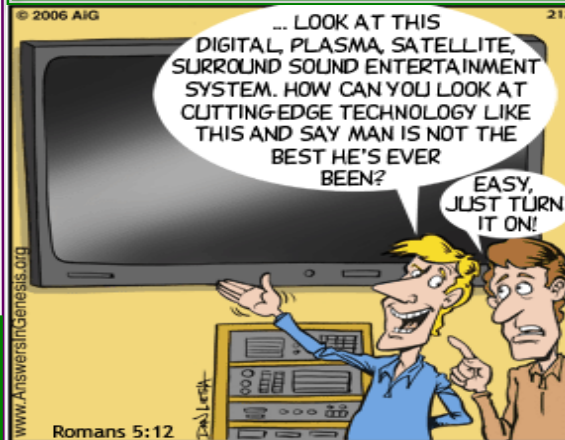
Upcoming Things...

VBS - The preparations for VBS are underway! If you are unavailable to volunteer, but have a desire to contribute in some way, a "VBS Donations" board has been set-up in the foyer. It will be updated often and has donation ideas on it!

Quotes

"I know that many wiser and better Christians than I in these days do not like to mention heaven and Hell even in a pulpit. I know, too, that nearly all the references to this subject in the New Testament come from a single source. But then that source is Our Lord Himself... These overwhelming doctrines...are not really removable from the teaching of Christ or of His Church. If we do not believe them our presence in this church is great tomfoolery. If we do, we must sometime overcome our spiritual prudery and mention them."

-C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)



Romans 5:12

The heart (of man) is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9