

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 01/08/2021**

**Text(s): Hebrews 6:1–2; 1 Corinthians 15: 35-57**

**Sermon Title: Resurrection Of The Dead**

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

## **READ (5 mins)**

### **Hebrews 6:1–2 (NIV)**

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about cleansing rites,<sup>[b]</sup> the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

### **1 Corinthians 15: 35 -57 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. <sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>41</sup> The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"<sup>[a]</sup>; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we<sup>[a]</sup> bear the image of the heavenly man.

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be

raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."<sup>u</sup>

<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. This week's sermon touched on the issues such as hell, paradise and the resurrection of the dead. Some may be having the perception that they would feel more at home in hell or that they don't really belong to paradise. What could be the reasons for such perceptions in the minds of people?**
- 2. The Bible portrays hell and paradise in very definite terms. Paradise is said to be a place of bliss and happiness, for the righteous in faith (Abraham's bosom); hell, on the contrary, is a place of torment. The eternal destination for our soul and spirit is not to be taken lightly. God has to sacrifice His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in order for mankind destined for hell to be given a way back to paradise with God. The preacher said only Jesus Christ can do this because He is truly God and truly Man. Why is that so? What is the significance of the resurrection of Jesus (ref 1 Cor 15:20-16) ?**
- 3. In the sermon, the preacher said there would be 2 resurrections according to the Bible. The first resurrection of the dead followers of God, also coincide with those who are alive, whereby their bodies would be changed and caught up to meet with Jesus in the air, in an event know as rapture. The 1st resurrection is for the righteous and they would be sitting on thrones together with the Lord, live and reign for 1 thousand years before the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection happened. (Rev 20:4-6)**

**Do you think you would be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection? Why or why not? What do you need to do to ensure that you would be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection?**

## **REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

- 1. Salvation comes from God and God alone. Rather than indulge in doubts, it would be more beneficial in our salvation journey to be steadfast and hold firmly to the word and let the word transform us daily into the likeness of Christ.**

### **1 Cor 15 1: 2 (NIV)**

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

**What are the key points of the gospel of Jesus Christ ? How do we hold firm to the word? (ref: 1 Cor 15:55-59)**

- 2. We know that salvation is through faith alone and not by good works. However, we also know faith without good works is dead. This is especially important as the gospel is not only about going to heaven. The gospel is also about bringing hope to the lost and hurting right here. Hence, we are to account for our lives and labour.**

**What are some areas we need to account for our lives and labour in order to be true to the gospel of Christ that we professed we believed in?**

## **REST (15 mins)**

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See **MyPMC > PRAY** for the monthly guide)

- Praise God for the unconditional love and salvation for mankind. Pray for one another that we hold true to the gospel, and to have the love and compassion of our Lord for the lost.
- *Pray for our church to be a people that seek to be relevant to the people around us and being a channel of blessings and hope of the gospel of Christ.*
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Jesus Christ, especially in areas of social justices. Salt and light to the nation and nations around us.