

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Gen 3:14-24; 2 Cor 5:6-13; Rev 20:11-15

Sermon Title: Eternal Judgements

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

READ (5 mins)

Genesis 3 : 14 – 24 (NIV)

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labour you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”

¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about
which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”

²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²²And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

2 Corinthians 5 : 6 - 13 (NIV)

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

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¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

Revelation 20 : 11 – 15 (NIV)

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

RELATE (30 mins)

This week's sermon is on Eternal Judgements, the last of the 6 foundational teachings for our Christian faith. There are judgements upon creation which have already occurred in history that have eternal consequences. And there are also judgements that are yet to come. What do these Judgements reveal about God and how do they impact the way we live our lives?

- 1. Adam and Eve received God's 5-fold judgement and suffered banishment for their disobedience. What do you think were their thoughts when God pronounced His punishments upon them? How do you perceive God from this incident?
Recount a time when you experienced or expressed 'tough love' (the compassionate use of stringent disciplinary measures as a means of fostering responsibility and expressing love and care).**
- 2. What is "Antinomianism" and how does it contradict what Paul teaches in Romans 6:1-2?
Does grace give rise to lawlessness? Does the liberating truth of our righteousness in Christ tempt us with the freedom to treat sin lightly? Discuss.**
- 3. How would you balance your life as the righteousness of God in Christ with the accounting you need to give before the Bema Seat of Christ?
What are some of the things you need to change or do differently so as NOT to be the 'one escaping through the flames'?"**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. How can you choose to see and experience the love and grace of God in your current life situation, especially in these challenging and uncertain times? Is there someone in your life who need to experience the reality and goodness of God, how are you investing your talents in his/her life?**
- 2. Search your heart and ask "Is God satisfied with you? Have you done your best? Have you stood the test? Can your works withstand the test of fire? Be honest with yourself and allow the Holy Spirit to convict and transform you.
Share with your group members so that you can encourage one another and hold each other accountable.**

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 monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be faithful stewards of our talents and riches so that all our works can stand the test of fire as we stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ to give an accounting of our lives.
- Pray for our church to actively serve the community and share the gospel so that more can stand before the Great White Throne as the body of Jesus Christ to pass through judgement into everlasting life.
- 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 Christ Jesus.