

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

RELATIONSHIPS AND THE DAY OF RECKONING

Texts: Mt 25: 31-46; Mt 12:35-37

With great joy and amazing praise, we thank the Almighty God for bringing us to the last Sunday and last day of the year 2017. We have been mightily blessed by the word of God to us this year and I pray that these words shall shine a great light unto our path and lead us to the journeys ahead in 2018!

All through this month we have dwelt on the theme: “Let Your Light Shine” with focus on relationships. As we conclude this study today, we shall be looking at “**Relationships and the Day of Reckoning**”. Brethren, whether we like it or not, the end of days is getting nearer and nearer every day. How are we prepared to meet the Lord? What account are we going to give of our stewardship in this brief stay on the earth? In **Mt 25: 31-46**, at the departure of our Lord, He said that before Him shall the nations gather and there shall be a separation and division by the Shepard of the “**Sheep from the Goats!**” If we appraise ourselves as at today in the last hours of this year, can we say we are qualified to be the sheep that will go to the right hand or a goat that will go to the left hand?

Beloved, I will challenge us with the testimony of Apostle Paul in **2Tim. 4:6-8** who trekked our path before and in the midst of tribulations, trials and persecutions did an appraisal of his journey and concluded that “**I have finished well**” and there awaits for me “**a crown of righteousness!**”

As we approach the New Year, I will leave us with the following:

- Evaluate yourself: How did you work so far? How is your horizontal relationship with man? How many did you visit while in prison, loneliness and trials of faith in 2017?
- What is your priority at today? Things of the flesh or things of the spirit?- (**2 Tim4:8**). The goal of Apostle Paul was the crown, what is yours?
- Avoid conformity with the world. **Rom 12.:2** cautions against letting your conformity to be with this world, and advises that (...**ye be renewed daily and prove that which is good and acceptable to the Holy Spirit**).
- Depend solely on God to help you in 2018. According to Apostle Paul in **Romans 7:15-19**, “**That which I wish to do, I could not**”. If we rely on ourselves, we cannot hit the mark of our calling.

I pray that as we march into 2018, the Lord will help us and we shall be among those that will be the Sheep and qualified to be at the right side of the Lord. I wish you a Happy New Year in advance!

FORT PEACE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org.