



**WESTVIEW**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus



**23 JULY 2017**

*1 Peter Series:*  
*Certain Hope in the Midst of Suffering*

(1 Peter 1:1-12)

**A LIVING HOPE, AN ENDURING INHERITANCE,  
AND A CERTAIN SALVATION**

Why is it not complete stupidity for Christians to rejoice in the midst of trials?

How is it that followers of Jesus can **rejoice in the midst of all kinds of trials, sufferings, and hardships?**

Join us this Sunday as we look at this question in opening 1 Peter 1:1-12 and see God's Purpose, God's Action, God's Promise, and finally God's Goal.

Next Week: 1 Peter 1:13-25



**REGULAR MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY CHURCH**.....weekly at 9:30am  
**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER**.....8:15am on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
**WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP**.....weekly at 9:45am  
**WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP**.....Thursday from 10am  
**THURSDAY CHURCH**.....weekly at 6:30pm  
**COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT**.....7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

## **“What is it to glorify God?”**

We talk about our purpose as a church as believers as ‘to bring glory to God’, but what does that mean?

The Elders and Deacons met during the holidays and spent time thinking and praying about the Purpose, Mission, Values and Vision of our church. As part of that time together we reflected on some of the thoughts of **Thomas Watson** concerning ‘Man’s Chief End is to Glorify God’ and “What is it to glorify God?”

Glorifying God consists of four things says Watson:

**1. Appreciation 2. Adoration 3. Affection 4. Subjection.**

Let me share with you a few of the very encouraging thoughts that came out of this:

*“To glorify God is to have God-admiring thoughts; to esteem him most excellent, and search for diamonds in this rock only.”*

*“He who is the chief of our happiness has the chief of our affections.”*

*“This is to love God indeed; the heart is set upon God, as a man's heart is set upon his treasure. This love is exuberant, not a few drops, but a stream. It is superlative; we give God the best of our love, the cream of it.”*

Let me encourage you to glorify God in this way, and to have a read through the rest of Watson’s thoughts on this question “What is it to glorify God?” by visiting this link:

<http://www.puritansermons.com/watson/watson5.htm>





## FOR OUR PRAYERS

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.*

*James 5:13*

- **Please continue to pray for our mission partners:** The Beecks, Alison, The Aylings, The Derringtons, and for Tony. Paul in his great partnership letter to the Philippians told that them that "I know that *through your prayers and God's provision* of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance." (Philippians 1:19). Let me encourage you that from a distance God chooses in His goodness to use our prayers to bless and provide for our brothers and sisters.
- **Please continue to pray for our Elders and Deacons** as they seek to lead and serve the church community. Pray for wisdom, for clarity and for humility.
- **Please continue to pray for the Kwan family,** and especially Darren and Vanessa as they face this battle.
- **Please continue to pray for Colin and Pudge,** for an appetite for Colin and energy & grace to continue on.
- **Please continue to pray for Nelly** as she recovers from her hip surgery and for **Liza, Mary & others** who continue to face health issues.
- **Pray for us as a church**—that we would grow in our wholly dependence on God in prayer. That we would grow in our delight and treasure of Him and that He would lead us and direct us as a church, for strength to go on.





## 39th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Sunday 6th August

We gather together on Sunday 6th August to celebrate our 39th Church Anniversary. This is a time when we want to **thank God** for His faithfulness in the past and consider His leading into the future. This will be a significant morning if you are able to join with us. **Please pray that God would give us His vision** as we consider the future.

If you would like to bring something to share for morning tea that would be great - just please note **no hot food**.



## TIME OF PRAYER: This Sunday Evening 23rd July @ 7PM

This Sunday evening there will be a time of prayer at the church property **from 7pm** for anyone who is able to come.

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