

What if.....

▶ ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** ²⁰ We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20





**73 years of
marriage.**

Brentwood Baptist Church - Historical Site



P.S. The above tells something of the outward events of my journey through this earthly life, but nothing of the more important inner journey. Not long after our marriage, Tup and I found and were found by Jesus, and my journey ever since has been a walk with Jesus. It has not always been easy going, has had its ups and downs, but I never walked alone. I have now passed over to the other side and the walk with Jesus continues on.

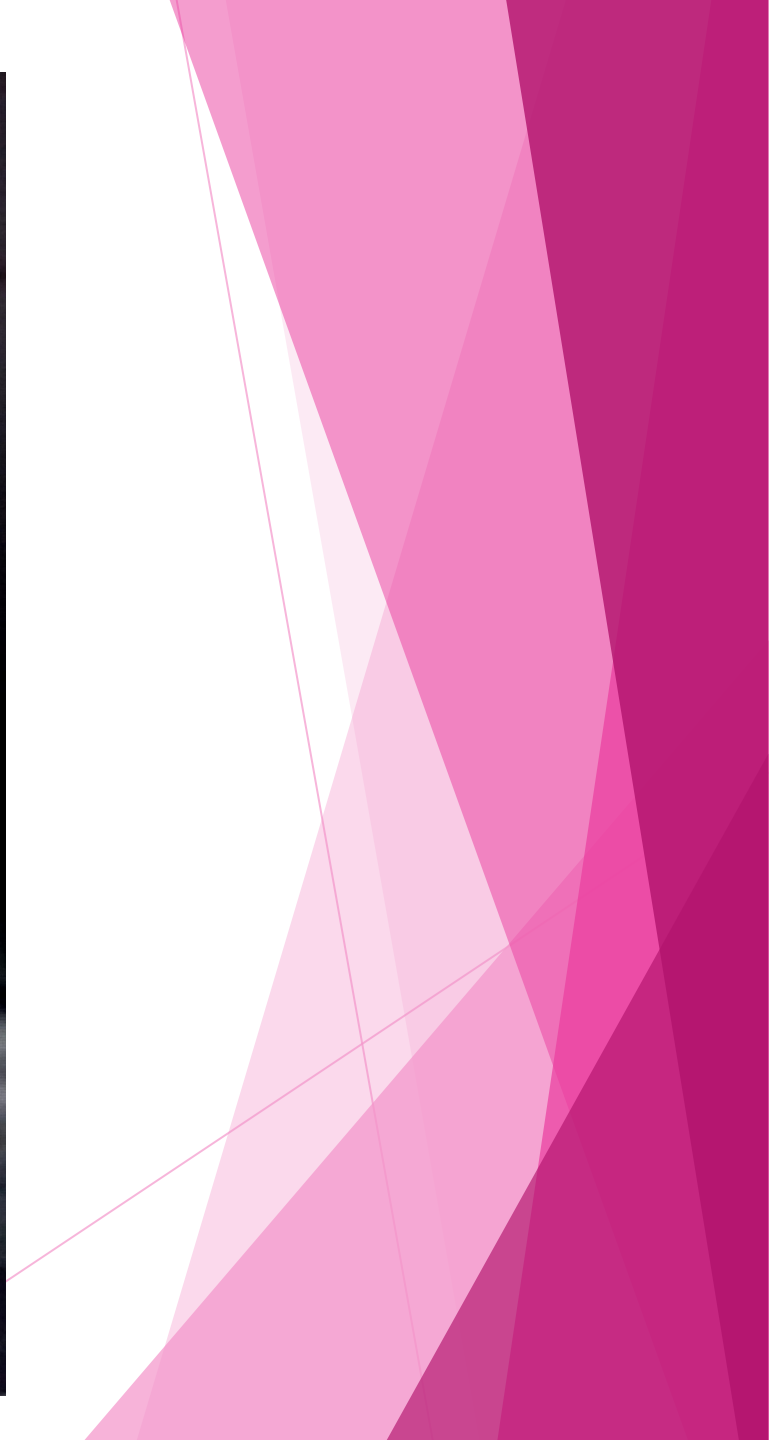
May God bless you all with His Love and Grace.

If then you were raised with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² **Set your mind** on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2



Heh heh...
My Dad.



³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12: 3-8

My Mum and Dad









Carol sitting with a family



Phil explaining the scriptures.

This is a true story of God's grace and compassion.

Of his faithfulness down through the generations.

It's a story of his power and his might.

A story of obedience to his call- to be **“Ministers of reconciliation”**.

It's a story of “action” ---- for we are **Christ's ambassadors**.

It's a story of Praise and Honour and Glory to a mighty God.

Through this story also we are reminded of the battle for the hearts, minds and souls of every human being upon this earth.

1 Peter 5:8.

Your enemy the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. And that **“someone”** is a family member, a friend, a work colleague, a neighbour.

As Christ's Ambassadors ---

Demonstrate and **live out** the love, compassion, forgiveness, grace and mercy that Christ has poured out upon you.

Do not focus so much on results - for God brings the increase... But **always be ready** to give an answer for... you have the words of eternal life.

Be aware of, and **listen** to the Holy Spirit who is within you.

As a church - a family of Christ followers
He is calling us to “**open our eyes**”
To **awake from our slumber!**

Let us be **excited.** Let us be **strong.**

Let us be **encouraged.** Let us be **brave....**

As we individually, and as a family **bow to**
His will.