

FOREWORD

Dear Brethren,

THE IDEA OF A SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Did the Lord Jesus Christ have “spiritual retreats for His disciples?”

Let us ponder the following texts.

1. “But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea.” Mark 3:7
2. And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31

The above texts indicate that Jesus would especially take time out with His disciples for “spiritual retreats.”

ARE SPIRITUAL RETREATS IMPORTANT?

They are important for a good number of reasons.

1. Needed time out from regular work
2. A special time of learning deep and great spiritual truths
3. A time of refreshing of the soul

THIS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

(11-12 August 2017)

Theme: “Let the Word of Christ Dwell Richly in You”

We will be studying the Epistle of Colossians at this Retreat. Many precious lessons of how we may refresh our souls would be shared.

Let us look forward to a great time of learning how we may have the Word of Christ dwell in our hearts richly!

Let us humbly seek the Lord in prayer as we attend the Retreat!

1. May our hearts be refreshed!
2. May our souls be revived!
3. May we be challenged to learn how we may let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom!

Prayerfully,
Charles Tan

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Theme: “Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You” Colossians 3:16

GOALS

1. Increase in knowledge about “The Word of Christ”
2. To deepen understanding as to how the Word of Christ may dwell in the heart

3. To study how Word of Christ would affect our faith, life and ministry
4. To be challenged to practise this concept of letting the Word of Christ dwell richly in the heart

A. COLOSSIAN CHURCH

Colossians 1:2

1. Saints Colossians 1:2
2. Faithful brethren Colossians 1:2

B. COMMENCEMENT OF FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 1:1-6

1. Heard of your faith in Christ Jesus Colossians 1:4a
2. Love for all the saints Colossians 1:4b
3. Bearing fruit Colossians 1:6

C. CONTENT OF FAITH

Colossians 1:5-6

(Basic tenets only)

1. Hope laid up for you in heaven Colossians 1:5a
2. Word of truth in the gospel Colossians 1:5b
3. Knowing the grace of God in truth Colossians 1:6

D. COMMENDATION OF EPAPHRAS

Colossians 1:7-8

1. A dear fellow servant Colossians 1:7a
2. A faithful minister of Christ Colossians 1:7b
3. Sharing with Paul about their love in the Spirit Colossians 1:8

E. COMMITMENT OF PAUL TO PRAY

1. In thanksgiving to God Colossians 1:3a
2. Praying always Colossians 1:3b, 9a

F. CONTENT OF PAUL'S PRAYER

Colossians 1:9-14

1. To be filled with the knowledge of God's will Colossians 1:9a
2. In all wisdom and spiritual understanding Colossians 1:9b

3. To walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him	Colossians 1:10a
4. Being fruitful in every good work	Colossians 1:10b
5. Increasing in the knowledge of God	Colossians 1:10c
6. Strengthened with all might	Colossians 1:11
7. According to His glorious power	Colossians 1:11
8. For all patience and longsuffering with joy	Colossians 1:11
9. Giving thanks to the Father	Colossians 1:12
a) Who have qualified us to be partakers Of the inheritance of the saints in the light	
b) Delivered from the power of darkness	Colossians 1:13a
c) Conveyed into the kingdom of His Son	Colossians 1:13b
d) In whom we have redemption through His blood	Colossians 1:14

G. CHRIST JESUS EXTOLLED
Colossians 1:15-19

1. He is the image of the invisible God	Colossians 1:15a
2. The firstborn over all creation	Colossians 1:15b
3. By Him all things were created	Colossians 1:16
a) In heaven	
b) On earth	
c) Visible	
d) Invisible	
e) Thrones or dominions or principalities or powers	
f) All things were created through Him and for Him	
4. He is before all things	Colossians 1:17a
5. And in Him all things consist	Colossians 1:17b
6. He is the head of the body, the church	Colossians 1:18
7. He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead	Colossians 1:18
8. In all things He may have the pre-eminence	Colossians 1:18
9. In Him all the fullness should dwell	Colossians 1:19

H. CHRIST'S MINISTRY REVIEWED

Colossians 1:20-22

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| 1. Ministry of reconciliation | Colossians 1:20 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) All thingsb) On earthc) In heavend) Effecting peace | |
| 2. Means of Reconciliation | Colossians 1:20 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Through His bloodb) On the cross | |
| 3. Mankind | Colossians 1:21 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Alienatedb) Enemies (mind)c) Wickedness (works) | |
| 4. Marvellous reconciliation | Colossians 1:22 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Reconciled fullyb) In the body of His flesh through deathc) To present to God<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) As holyii) Blamelessiii) Above reproach in God's sight | |