

29 December 2013: Preached by Rev Willy Ng

Topic: **For What Is Your Life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away (James 4:14)**

Scripture Text: James 4: 13-17

1. The Bible asked a very important question, "For what is your life?". It is a question meant to be answered but many people are too busy making a living and enjoying this world that they do not bother about this very important question. This question is meant to be answered personally as it is addressed to every individual.
2. The context of this passage in James is about a group of business people who make plans for the future to expand their businesses but have no place of God in their lives. Prov 27:1 reminds us not to boast ourselves of tomorrow for we know not what a day will bring forth. Man can become so arrogant thinking they have control of everything in the future. But the fact is no man has any control at all of what will happen even tomorrow.
3. The Bible uses vapour as a picture of our life. It comes out for a very short while and then it will vanish away. No one chooses when he is born and neither can one decide when and how he will die. Do not be arrogant to think you have total and full control of your life. The Bible is not against planning for the future but the important thing is to plan to be rich towards God and be responsible stewards with what God has given us.
4. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Without Jesus, man has no spiritual life. Man is spiritually dead in sins. Jesus came to save sinners. He died for sinners on the cross to take away our punishment of sin. Man must acknowledge that they are sinners who have disobeyed and rebelled against God.
5. This world is a dying world full of wickedness and sin. The Bible tells us that the world will pass away. Let us commit our life to the Lord Jesus Christ who can forgive all our sins and give us life eternal and abundant life.