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Outreach Carols, Making of goody bags, December 2007

"Inasmuch  
as ye have  
done it  
unto one  
of the  
least of  
these my  
brethren,  
ye have  
done it  
unto me"  
Matt 25:40  
(KJV)

## Editor's Note

I'm sure that many of you would have had your minds occupied with making New Year resolutions and planning a strategy to hold on to it. I'm no exception to it! Man's mind urges him to be a better person. It seeks to try new things in an effort to fill the restlessness in his hearts.

II Cor 5:17 explains this beautifully. If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation the old has gone. Let us rejoice in this faith and set our hearts to do His will.

I wish you all a very happy 2008!

Yours in Christ  
Preethi Samuel

"Be still, and  
know that I am  
God"  
Psalm 46:10

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## Pastor's Message

Be still, and know that I am God  
Psalm 46:10

Friends, by His Grace we are in the year 2008. God expects His children to bear fruits. In order to bear good fruits we need to abide in Him. Can I bear fruits for the Lord in 2008? Yes, but only with the help of God. In Psalm 46, the Psalmist says, 'Be Still and Know that I am God'. To bear good fruits for the Lord, we should know Him. To know Him, we need to 'Be Still'.

This Psalm was written after Hezekiah prayed to God and God sent an angel to destroy 185,000 Assyrians. This Psalm teaches us that whenever disaster strikes and when it seems that all hope is lost, that God can handle it, according to His will, in His own good time and way.

Many times, people spend their whole life searching for the will of God. They have ambitions, goals, dreams and questions. Question like, What Am I to do with my life? God has a Plan for each Life - Be Still and Know that God will Reveal His Plan at the Right Time. Many Times problems arise, delays come, and detour signs appear. You may worry how you will accomplish your Goals - Be Still and Know that God can and will perform miracles in your life.

Just like Moses and Israel at the Red Sea, Stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord. The first phrase of Verse 10 is important. It is the hardest thing for a person to do. We are prone to talk, to defend ourselves, to justify our failures, and to not accept our defeats. But the Psalm is clear, "Be still, and know that I am God." "Be still" means stay focussed in prayer.

Ask God to reveal His plans for you in the year 2008. It also means wait upon the Lord. Wait for His time to come. It also means do good to others. Do not stop doing good. Continue your good works and God will reward you. May our Good Lord Bless each one of us to bear good fruits for His Glory. Amen.

- Pastor Godwin

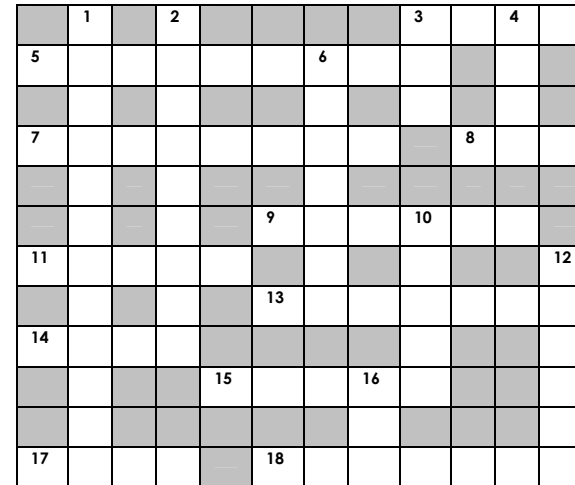
**It might not have been in God's original design but he did design man to cope with it. Death is a strange experience. We'll never know the truth about death as long as we are alive. And when we die, we will know the truth but how does it matter then?**

**Fortunately, for us death is not final. According to Paul, "death is swallowed up in victory" when we put on immortality.**

**The best thing a person can do for his family is not getting a life insurance or writing a will or putting things in order at home. It is, rather, leaving them with the hope that he is going to be with the Lord.**

**If you love some one and care enough for them, make sure they have this hope. Also, make sure you have this hope on them because life on earth goes on but death, in a way, is final.**

## Crossword No. 8



### Tips

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The first part of the clue is mostly from the Bible. Bible clues are usually from NIV or KJV. The second part of the clue is more general and jumbled up or an acronym or phonetically similar to the solution or hidden in a combination of words. Also, Look for give away verbs like remove, twist, hide, etc.

### Down

1. My banner, Jo is vanish, eh? (7, 5)
2. A bunch of hippos? or a sheep, sir (9)
3. Exclamation of David's enemies as in a band (3)
4. Father of an Omri. Trim it without tea (4)
6. It is the Lord's if just to stand without falling (7)
10. Not permitted to live, biblically speaking of which (5)
12. A deacon's no-no, this reg dye (6)
16. Satan goes here, to go gather (3)

### Across

3. Time of exodus, a bib for mess? (4)
5. Zion's name, zip and be a Triple-H (9)
7. He brought me out of this pit, almost terrible (8)
8. A sign of his coming, figure it quick (3)
9. Be ready to give this for your hope, in response (6)
11. He comes to kill as he fit (5)
13. He covers you with many of this, like the fear (7)
14. First surgery here? in cage I guess (4)
15. There is a time for this odd medicine (5)
17. Preceded rain, a bit early mister (4)
18. David calls to do this, to zoom in? (7)

### Congratulations!

Correct entries by  
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### Solution to Crossword No. 7

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## News Briefs

December 8th

Christmas outreach Program  
Christopher Durairaj from Maryland shared God's word on the meaning of Christmas and God's love for us.

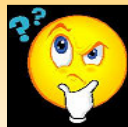


### Outreach Carols

This year in addition to the regular carols we had the privilege of visiting a senior's community center and a few shut-in members of Westchester Community Church. Everyone who participated in the carols enjoyed it. There was a short program of song and bible reading at the senior's community center. Visiting the WCC members was a memorable and emotional experience.

**"The race is not to the swift  
or the battle to the  
strong...but time and chance  
happen to them all" Eccl 9:11**

For those of you who thought that Esther was not worth spending time on, here's Timothy. Quiz in the books of I and II Timothy will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February



**Bro. Ulaganathan's father, Mr. Santhanakumar passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. Continue to remember his family in your prayers**

## Be Still

Exodus 14:14  
The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Nehemiah 8:11  
The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve."

Psalms 37:7  
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalms 46:10  
"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Jeremiah 47:6  
"Ah, sword of the LORD,' you cry, 'how long till you rest? Return to your scabbard; cease and be still.'

Zechariah 2:13  
Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

Mark 4:39  
He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

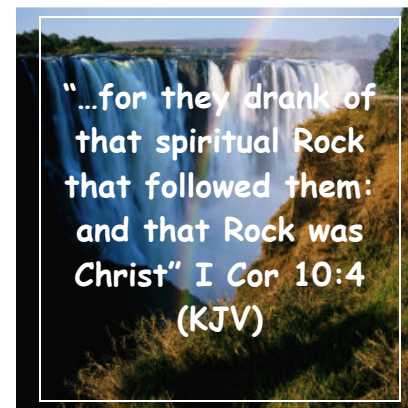
## Songs that Speak The Solid Rock

Edward Mote's name is not popular among Christians today. However, his life is an inspiration to all Christians. Mote was not brought up in a godly home and did not have the advantage of early exposure to Scripture. His parents managed a pub in London and often neglected young Edward, who spent most of his Sundays playing in the city streets. Of his theological upbringing, he said "So ignorant was I that I did not know that there was a God."

Eventually Mote became exposed to the Word of God, and was baptized at the age of 18. However, he did not go into ministry immediately. He became a cabinetmaker. Eventually, at the age of 55, he became pastor of a Baptist church in Horsham, Sussex, where he did not miss a Sunday in the pulpit for the next 21 years. He resigned from this pastorate in 1873 due to ill health, and died the following year at the age of 77.

It was with this background that Mote wrote the hymn, "The Solid Rock." It was during his career as a cabinetmaker that the hymn came into being. One morning in 1834 as he was walking to work, it entered his mind to write a hymn. By the time he got to work, he had the chorus. He wrote four more verses over the course of that day and two additional verses before he was finished.

As to the doctrinal message of the hymn, it clearly sets forth the message of grace. The metaphor of Christ as a rock is one with a firm basis in Scripture (1 Cor 10:4).



**"...for they drank of  
that spiritual Rock  
that followed them:  
and that Rock was  
Christ" I Cor 10:4  
(KJV)**

To me, this 'Hymn of grace' is very loud about total dependence on Christ. It recognizes that our hope for eternal life depends completely upon Jesus' righteousness, not on some sweet earthly frame. No any work on our part can add to Christ's work in order to secure our eternal salvation. There are times when the doubts, cares, and darkness of this world will seem to weaken our fellowship with God and veil His face from us. Even in these times, when "all around [our] soul gives way," God has not left us. Our anchor of faith can still hold in the darkness, knowing through faith that even though not seen (Heb 11:1), He still sustains us. HE ALWAYS HAS AND ALWAYS WILL.

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

- Sujaya Robin



அண்	என்ன தம்பி எப்படியிருக்கே? நீயும் ஷாப்பிங் வந்திருக்கியே. என்ன... விசேஷமா?
தம்பி	வீசேஷமெல்லாம் ஒண்ணும் இல்லண்ணே... என்னோட பிரண்ட்ஸ், அப்புறம் என்னோட வொர்க் பண்ணுற கொலீக்ஸ் எல்லோரையும் வீட்டுக்கு டின்னருக்கு அழைச்சிருக்கேன். அதான் சாப்பாடு செய்ய காய் கறி எல்லாம் வாங்க வந்தேண்ணே.
அண்	ஓ அப்படியா... ஏம்பா இப்படி தடார் புடார்னு விருந்து பண்ணி கஷ்டப்படுத்திக்கிற?
தம்பி	இது எப்படிண்ணே கஷ்டமிருக்கு. நானும் பலமுறை இவங்க வீட்டுக்கு விருந்துக்குப் போயிருக்கேன்ல. நான் மட்டும் மூக்கு முட்ட சாப்பிட்டுட்டு அவங்களுக்கு விருந்து வைக்காம இருந்தா, அது சரியில்லையே.
அண்	இப்படி பதிலுக்கு பதில் விருந்து கொடுக்கிறவங்களைக்குறித்து இயேசு என்ன சொல்றார் தெரியுமா? லூக்கா 14:12ல், தம்மை விருந்துக்கு அழைத்தவனை நோக்கி: <b>“நீ பகல்விருந்தாவது இராவிருந்தாவது பண்ணும் போது, உன் சினேகிதரையாகிலும் உன் சகோதரரையாகிலும், உன் பந்து ஜனங்களையாகிலும், ஐசுவரியமுள்ள அயலகத்தாரையாகிலும் அழைக்கவேண்டாம்; அழைத்தால் அவர்களும் உன்னை அழைப்பார்கள், அப்போது உனக்குப் பதிலுக்குப் பதில் செய்ததாகும்”</b> என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்
தம்பி	என்னண்ணே... தெரிஞ்சுவங்க, முக்கியமானவங்களைதானே விருந்துக்குக் கூப்பிடமுடியும்.
அண்	ஆனா, இயேசு அப்படி சொல்லலியே. லூக்கா 14:13ல் <b>“நீ விருந்துபண்ணும்போது ஏழைகளையும் ஊனரையும் சப்பாணிகளையும் குருடரையும் அழைப்பாயாக”</b> என்று சொல்றாரே.
தம்பி	அண்ணே இப்படி தெரியாதவங்களை கூப்பிடுறதுல என்னண்ணே பிரயோஜனமிருக்கு?
அண்	சரியா சொன்ன தம்பி. லூக்கா 14:14ல் <b>“அப்பொழுது நீ பாக்கியவானாயிருப்பாய்; அவர்கள் உனக்கு பதில் செய்ய மாட்டார்கள்”</b> என்று தான் இயேசுவும் சொல்றார்.
தம்பி	அப்புறம், ஏண்ணே வேஸ்ட்டா நான் அவங்களுக்கு போய் விருந்து வைக்கணும்
அண்	இங்கதான் நீ தப்பா நினைக்கிற. நீ முன் பின் தெரியாத இப்படிப்பட்டவங்களுக்கு விருந்துபண்ணுன்னா <b>“நீதிமான்களின் உயிர்த்தொழுவலில் உனக்குப் பதில் கிடைக்கும்னு”</b> பரலோக பலனைக்குறித்து லூக்கா 14:14ல் இயேசு சொல்றார்ல தம்பி.
தம்பி	ஓ இயேசு எப்படிப்பட்ட விருந்தில் பிரியமாயிருக்கிறாருன்னு இப்பதான் புரிஞ்சுதுண்ணே. சீக்கிரமா திரும்பவும் ஒரு விருந்துக்கு ஏற்பாடு பண்ணி, கஷ்டப்படுற, கை கால் ஊனமுற்ற, முன் பின் தெரியாத ஏழை ஜனங்களுக்கு விருந்து கொடுக்கப்போறேண்ணே.
அண்	கேட்கும் போது ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமாயிருக்கு தம்பி, கடவுள் சித்தமானா பிறகு சந்திக்கலாம்.

இந்தக் கதையில் தவிரினதால் நான் திருத்திக்கொள்கிறேன். இல்லையே, கதையின்படி நாம் திருத்திக்கொள்வோம்.

## Next Question, Please

I felt sorry for them. They were being quizzed with some pretty tough questions. Statements they had made casually in the past were coming back to bite them. Some, even though they knew they had no chance, were bravely fending the questions meant to rip them open in public. Yeah, it was the presidential debate.

Ok, they had a choice and they chose it. I shouldn't feel too bad for them. One thing struck me though while watching the show. I realized that every person who confesses to be a Christian should be quizzed about his faith, his commitment and his purpose in life.

Most Christians are a standing model for Newton's first law, the law of inertia. They are glad to be in a state of rest or state of uniform motion. Most of us are not sure of what we believe, what we do or we should be doing. Recently, I was reminded of the song, “வல்லமை தேவை தேவா” where we eagerly ask God to fill us with his power. Any worship leader

would love to sing that song. And if the tempo can be increased gradually it would be the perfect stimulant for any congregation. The songs call for the pouring of the power of the spirit and also for the spiritual gifts.

If God says “OK, you asked for power and gifts, I'm pouring everything I have on you”. What will you do with that power? What's next? I'm sure many Christians cannot answer that question. I'm all for faith. But unless every person who professes to be a Christians knows



what and why they believe, their faith is as good as dead.

Every Christian should actively evangelize, serve others and have the mind of Christ. It all starts with love.

This month, a new council will take office in our church. I wish every one who volunteers to do this ministry will have the courage to face these tough questions among other. Do you have a relationship with God? What is the church to you? How do you wish to serve God through this ministry? Will God be the focus of every decision you make?

I wish our new council the very best for this year. I hope God will fill them with wisdom, strength, courage and above all love to do this ministry.

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- Samuel Davidson