

AT THE TOP

*"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
Colossians 3:1-2*

REFLECTION

We are in the liturgical season of Easter. Christ is risen! And as our Scripture text reminds us, we are raised with him.

Have you ever viewed Singapore from the topmost level of the 50-storey Pinnacle@Duxton (the tallest HDB development locally) or from the Guoco Tower in Tanjong Pagar (the tallest building locally) which stands at 290m? If you have not, you can do so by simply googling for photos or videos taken by drones. When one looks out from way up there, familiar neighbourhoods can appear exotic and recognizable places are seen in a different light. This is a new vantage point.

Likewise, Scripture reminds us that having been raised with Christ, we have a new vantage point.

Being raised with Christ, having our hearts and minds set on things above – these indicate that we have new perspectives. What was thought to be familiar now takes on a new hue. In Christ, we see our family, our work, even our leisure differently. These are not simply ours to own, but God's gifts which we are to faithfully steward. In Christ, we view our hopes, dreams and ambitions from a higher vantage point. These are not simply for our own self-fulfilment, but to be directed to the pleasure and glory of the risen Lord. Has your perspective changed because of Christ?

In the construction of modern skyscrapers, engineers install huge counter-weights near the top of the structure, to help reduce building sway during strong winds. In the same way, amidst the typhoons of this world – suffering, sickness, hopelessness, ideological struggles, the seductive lure of material comforts – we need not fear, we need not be shaken. For Christ is our firm counter-weight. If we set our hearts and minds up above, if we place God topmost in our lives, if we center our priorities on Christ, then we will not be shaken when

the strong winds blow. Is Christ a topmost priority in your life?

PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, thank You for raising us with You to new life. Thank You that You are our firm counter-weight amidst life's storms and gales. Help us set our hearts and minds on things above, that we might look upon on this gift of life with proper perspective and proper priorities, as we adopt the vantage point of Christ.

SUPPLICATION

- Give thanks for the greatness of God's salvation. For not only did Jesus die to cleanse our sins, He was also raised to grant us newness of life.
- Pray for yourself, your biological family and for your church family, that the Lord would help us all set our hearts and minds on things above, that He would enable us to take proper perspectives and maintain proper priorities.
- As the Lord brings to your mind family members, colleagues, or friends who are shaking and swaying amidst the storms of life, ask God to be their strong anchor and counter-weight, that they might know and experience the security and strength of the risen Lord.
- With changes taking place in the politics of Singapore, after Heng Swee Kiat's decision to step down as the leader of PAP's 4th Generation leadership team, pray that whoever is selected to lead the team will be a person of courage, competence and sound character. We entrust to God the future of our country, praying that the leadership team will work well together for the good of the country and the well-being of our people.

*"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."
(Tim Keller)*

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