

SUNDAY SERVICE 5th AUGUST, 2018.

NOW AND NOT YET

The good news is that you have received salvation from God by grace.

- You didn't earn it.
- You didn't merit it
- You didn't deserve it
- Was purely an act of God's mercy and grace.

So you have everything that God has to offer.

- The wall of hostility was broken
- No more enmity
- You are a child of God.1
- You have a relationship with him.
- Don't try to be a child.
- Don't beg him to come down, he already did.
- He lives in you.

THE BIG QUESTION

What is my responsibility?

- Believe
 - Believe the word of God
 - Let faith be active
 - Speak what the word is saying
- Renew your mind
 - Change your software
 - Pull down strongholds.
- Conform to the image of Christ
 - Let what you believe inward be a reality outside.
 - This is a process of sanctification.
 - Keep on challenging yourself.
- Resist the devil
- Put off put on

THE TENSION

There will always be a tension between the reality and the ideal.

- There is a gap between the ideal and reality.
- Everyone should long for the ideal but don't fake the reality.
- Don't settle for the real, keep on striving for the real.
- Mature people will live with the tension without wavering.

HOPE

Colossians 1:5

- Because of hope they overflowed with thanksgiving
- Hope empowers you

Hebrews 6:19

- *We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,*
- Our souls are anchored in God.
- Hopelessness is bad.

Romans 5:5

- *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*