



CHRIST-CONFESSING METHODIST CHURCH

AGAINST THIS CHRIST-DENYING WORLD

Section 1

To all Christians in our Christ-confessing Church

I write this letter from a deepening concern for each one of you in the hope that you would examine yourself privately and thoroughly to make absolutely sure that you are practising your God-given faith and fulfilling God's unique purpose for your life.

I find that many Christians in our day and age are not following what the Word of God tells them, but the trends of our present Christ-denying world. Many Christians have also become extremely selfish and are not at all aware that we as Christians are called to encourage one another. We are told and warned that there will be a great falling away from the Church. I would certainly not want any of you to fall away from the love of God. There is a sense that one has that the people in our Church have stagnated and that which is stagnant can not produce fruit for God. Like stagnant water — there is no life in it — but it is still there. So many come to Church but they are stagnant. They are unlike those Christians in Luke's gospel who when Jesus was in their midst and opened up the scriptures to them, proclaimed Jesus with hearts burning inside them. The founders of the Methodist Church, John and Charles Wesley, were knights with a burning heart.

Please pray about it. If I or any of my colleagues can be of any help, please contact us so that we can come together and seek the face of God and begin to live a life that is eternal and filled with life and peace. This is a great life — don't miss out on it! Humble yourself before God and please don't let pride rob you of being in fellowship with God. Contact Venessa 0721205424 if you wish to make an appointment.

This passage introduces to the world a new and wonderful experience of entering into the very presence of God. It was not possible before Christ came. Through His blood, you can enter the most Holy place. This is a new and living way to remove that which separated God and human beings. Think how exceptional this glorious gift given to us is — being able to enter into the presence of God. It is tremendous! Are you aware of it? It must infuse our lives with joy and gladness and fulfillment. And our stagnant experiences will fade away. We now have a High priest, which is Jesus himself. When we are in Him, we are in the wonder and the mystery of God himself. A clear conscience — all guilt removed! Enjoy that. No more guilty consciences, no more sin-riddled lives. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

The most important factor is that those people who decide when they will come to church or not are extremely selfish. Where is their love for God and his people? We are to encourage one another and we do it by worshiping God in fellowship with other Christians. That is why He says: "Encourage one another", and begs us not to give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing. There is no such thing as an isolated Christian. Christians are part of a company of believers who love and encourage one another to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and to love each other. We love and care for one another as we see the day approaching.

Rev Fred Shaw

Please study the following passage of Scripture. Read it and appreciate the extremity to which Jesus went for you to have a real, personal and powerful relationship with God.

HEBREWS 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.