Pastor's Weekly Devotional – May 24, 2018

"The Cure For Spiritual Weariness"

Faith in Christ does not make one immune to spiritual weariness and faintness in mind. This condition may arise from frustration at our own natures, our inability to love God as we ought, and a lack of prayer. We may feel at times that our efforts to represent God to others is so weak and ineffective.

But the answer to our dilemma is Christ! Reflection on Him will re-energize even the most discouraged behavior, for He "endured such contradiction (opposition) of sinners" (<u>Hebrews</u> 12:3), and in the end, was victorious and now promises to lead us to similar victory (see <u>Hebrews</u> 2:17, 18; 4:15, 16).

It will help us to persevere, if we take note how Christ endured. "Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again" (1 Peter 2:23). And that He endured it all, not just for Himself but for <u>us</u> as well.

In God's so-called "Hall of Fame" found in <u>Hebrews</u> 11, are the names of God's "greats" who were fearful, faithless, weak, and who did not receive answer to their prayers but endured to the end. Reflection on these faithful and victorious warriors, coupled with the example of Christ, will make our burdens seem light and spur us on to more effective and sacrificed labor.

The Bible says: - "Be not weary in doing good, for a due season you will reap if you do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin