

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:31-39)

Sister Vicki rests in peace

I have known Vicki Luo since I started serving here in 2013. She participated in the Tuesday Bible study group. She is small but has a big heart and is popular. She often brings new friends to know the Lord. Last Saturday, I was preaching at the Christmas celebration of CanCare Center. I met a sister who knew Vicki. She said that Vicki was her first friend in Sydney. She missed Vicki very much. She said she would come today.

The book of Romans can summarize Vicki's process of being saved by the Lord.

Vicki was very fear of the sins she had committed and offended God, but Sister Yanni from the church shared with Vicki that Jesus' redemption on the cross had fully paid the ransom for Vicki. Vicki confessed her sins and repented, as the scripture says (8.33 - 34). There is nothing to accuse/condemn Vicki, God has justified Vicki, and from then on, it was as if the burden of sin had been lifted off her shoulders, and she was living joyfully.

Christ Jesus died, was raised from the dead, and is at the right hand of God to intercede for us. (8.34) Jesus not only died for our sins, justified us, and never was accused again; after his death, he resurrected and ascended to heaven to pray for us. When we are in trouble, Jesus can intercede for us and help us anytime and anywhere, because Jesus lives forever.

Vicki suffers from a rare disease that causes various organs in her body to slowly fail, so you can imagine that she suffers from the disease every day, but she relies on the Lord to get through every day. This year, she traveled to the Great Barrier Reef with Sister Wendy Xue. They often prayed and read the Bible together. Also, she studied the Bible with Brother Ronny. She has enough faith in God. As the scripture says, sickness and suffering cannot

separate people from God. Even today Vicki Sister is at rest, and death cannot separate her from God. Sister Vicki is now resting in the arms of her heavenly Father.

Why is it so certain? 8.35 Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Christ's love is not just an emotional expression of "I love you", but also an act of sacrificing His life. Through the Lord who loves us, we are more than conquerors in all hardships and hardships (8.37). Relying on Jesus, Vicki cares about the people around her. I remember Wendy Xue said that Vicki accompanied her to swim every day and encouraged her. Because of the love of Christ, it seems that Vicki, who is physically weak, is also capable of loving others.

On what facts are man's miraculous changes based? This year is 2023. The original calendar, AD, is also calculated based on the birth of Jesus, so Jesus really appeared in history. Throughout the ages, many people want to find out that there is no such person as Jesus, or that he has not been resurrected. The more people look for evidence, the more they discover that Jesus was truly born, died and resurrected. We ask: So where is Jesus now? Jesus ascended to heaven to prepare a place for people to live in heaven. Today many people buy houses, perhaps more than one, but few reserve a residence for themselves in heaven.

When the night is quiet, we ask ourselves, what is the purpose of life? There is a hole in the human heart. In the beginning, when God created heaven, earth and man, the place where man lived was as beautiful as heaven, but man sinned and strayed away from God, destroyed the earth, and hated each other.

God so loves the world, but hates sin. . . When Jesus was on earth, in order to bear our sins, he sacrificed his life on the most painful cross and became our scapegoat. (The left and right hands actions, we are like sheep going astray, each going his own way. God puts all our sins on Him, in exchange for the life of the resurrected Jesus). We only need to hand over our sins, confess our sins, repent, and open our hands to accept Jesus. This gift of eternal life can fill the hole in your heart.

In the future in heaven, there will be a resurrected body with no more disease or pain, just like Vicki seems to be moving now, to heaven. Everyone sitting here who believes in the Lord and has eternal life will meet Vicki in heaven in the future. After not seeing each other for many years, will they recognize Vicki? But if you talk to her, you will recognize Vicki from her smile and her voice. So we are sad, but we are hopeful that we will be reunited in our heavenly home in the future, talking and laughing again, and thanking the Lord for his salvation. The church is a place that helps everyone know God. I hope that everyone will surrender and confess their sins, repent, accept Jesus, the gift of eternal life, and meet Vicki in heaven in the future.