

Daily Devotion For December 2, 2021

**“In hope of eternal life**, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

Last Friday I made a quick trip to Orange County to visit one of the longest members of Wintersburg Church, Ron Fukuoka. He was recently diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Yesterday I received the sad news that Ron had passed away. I know that his is a very difficult time for Ron’s wife Becky who many of us met when the Wintersburg Ukulele group came to visit and we were able to “jam” together.

On Sunday, we lit the first Advent Candle which is the candle of hope. Despite going through times of sorrow and grief, we remember that the advent of Jesus brings hope. In Titus 1:2 Paul writes that before the world began, God in his infinite wisdom and mercy, ordained that we might experience the “hope of eternal life” that is offered through faith in our Lord Jesus.

While I’m saddened at Ron’s passing, I am also filled with hope that now he is in the kingdom of heaven.

**Thought For Today:** During this advent season, what is it that brings you hope? How does the hope of eternal life make you feel? Rejoice today in the hope that you will spend an eternity with God in heaven.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the hope we have for eternal life and remember the Fukuoka family in prayer. Pray also for the family of Helen Nakano whose daughter Susan suffered a massive heart attack yesterday. Pray for God’s healing touch to be with them. Deo Volente.