

Daily Devotion For June 30, 2020

“We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather **to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.**” 2 Corinthians 5:8

John Mitchell is with the Lord. I received a phone call from June yesterday morning at 9:30 a.m. telling me that her father John had passed away about 15 minutes earlier. When I would visit with John he would often remind me that he had been a Christian all his life. That his mother had encouraged him to go to church at a very early age and it was through that time that he came to know and love Jesus. In fact, when I visited him a couple months ago after he had just returned home from CHOMP with a bout with pneumonia and rehab, the first thing he told me when I saw him was “I love Jesus, Jesus is my Savior.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 says that “to be **absent in body** is to be at **home with the Lord.**” John was a faithful servant of the Lord for many years and was always a great encouragement in my life since I served as Sansei/Yonsei Director. The great hope of the Christian life is that God has prepared a place for all those who have put their hope and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord. John is **home in heaven** in a place that Revelation 20:4-5 tells us that there is no sorrow or suffering, mourning or pain.

Thought For Today: How often do you think about the heavenly home promised to believers? Take time today to thank God for the hope of eternal life through your personal faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Do you know for sure that you have eternal life?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Please remember to pray for those who mourn and grieve. The Mitchell family as well as the Yamanishi/Omoto families. Pray that the comforting arms of the Holy Spirit would surround and embrace them. Continue to add this week’s prayer fuel to your daily prayers.