

**April 25, 2020**

Dear Friends,

The Bible says, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die ...” (Eccl. 3:1-2).

The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly reminded us of this truth, and of our need to trust daily in the salvation that Jesus offers us by his death on the cross for our sins, and his resurrection from the dead.

I read this yesterday:

When we accept the truth about our mortality, we can also experience remarkable freedom: to take the time to say ‘I love you’; to stop nursing resentments, thinking that forgiveness can always wait for another day; to cease pretending that little annoying things matter so much; to pick up our heads and look at the beauty of the world; to examine our beliefs about what really, really counts in life; to mend relationships; to pray.

No sane person would ever give thanks for a pandemic. But if we take the chance it gives us to become truth-tellers, lovers and reconcilers, we may well end up giving thanks for what we have become.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Paul & Janet