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Chinese New Year Parallels

Chinese New Year (CNY) holds many fond childhood memories for me though the excitement over the day weans off with each passing year. For one, I remember CNY was the only time when we the children had the chance to indulge in F&N orange and sarsaparilla bottled drinks. I would relish every sip because I know I have to wait another year for that "luxury"!

CNY was the time when the women folk in the family would sweat over the flipping of *kuih kapit* molds over cut iron pipes filled with charcoal briquettes. At the end of each session, my fingertips would turn bright red from folding the *kuih kapit* into fan shapes and slapping them with a tin lid before they harden.



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Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 3:16-19
"... out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." That is our true riches!



In Chinese tradition, all debts are to be cleared, otherwise, the debtor will be in debt for the whole year. Accumulated debt is particularly a no-no for Chinese businessmen. We may not have monetary debt but we carry a lot of other types of debts and burdens accumulated throughout each year. So let's clear out our debts of grudges, bitterness, and other negative traits and start on a clean slate.

The custom of wearing red for prosperity and giving out *ang pows* (red packets) symbolizes good fortune. Red is also the color of the gift from God. It is the color of the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is the Father's greatest *ang pow* to all His children by paving the way for a "reunion" with Him and is given the whole year round to all – whether you are a child or adult, single or married. How you choose to celebrate the CNY - whether you still adhere to the traditions or not - let's not forget this important thing. While farmers in China prepare and plant new seeds on their land at the start of spring, Christians can also prepare and plant Gospel seeds at the reunion table, and the days that follow. The "fields" are your immediate family members, your relatives, friends, school or office friends. So share the gospel with others this CNY spring.



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PrayerSpotlight

Alpha 23 (2 February 2023)

1. God to help us to reach out to more people to join the next Alpha program which starts on 2-Feb-2023, especially seekers and younger people. Pray that all names on the Starfish project will accept the invitation to Alpha 23.

2. For those who already signed up, God to protect them and clear any obstacle so that they will join the intro night on 2 Feb and participate comfortably, and continue the program thereafter.

3. God to guide and encourage helpers to serve faithfully in Alpha, provide them with gifts, talents and loving hearts to draw people to know Jesus. Pray that God will empower them with listening hearts and wisdom.

4. God to guide the Alpha team in organising the optimum grouping for Alpha 23, with the right numbers of groups; the right mixture of participants; and the right distribution of helpers.

