## Eyes for Only You, Jesus! Pastor's Desk – December 31, 2017



I believe that we must keep our eyes on the Lord at all times, not only for direction, but also for empowerment to live "The good life" that is available for each one of us. The writer of the book of Psalms wrote: Psalms 141:8 – "But GOD, dear Lord, I only have eyes for you. Since I've run for dear life to you, take good care of me." (NLT)

He discovered that having eyes only for our God pleased the Lord so much that God took good care of him! Many times in life our eyes are on the circumstances where it "should not be" instead of being in *God* and that's when life can get pretty miserable! If we could just grasp the fact that it's so crucial to seek Him in all we do and spend quality time in His presence, life would be much sweeter!

Isaiah said:: "with this message from GOD, your Redeemer, the Holy of Israel: "I am GOD, your God, who teaches you how to live right and well. I show you what to do, where to go. If you had listened all along to what I told you, your life would have flowed full like a river, blessings rolling in like waves from the sea." (MSG)

We need not be burned out, let's keep our eyes on Him! It's not an onerous task, but rather a delightful privilege. I guess that's why the Psalmist wrote: Psalms 16:11 "You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever."

Bottom line: I firmly believe that the Lord wants to continue leading us into this good life prepared for us before the foundation of the world. Can we agree that, in this new year, we will keep our eyes fixed on Him and not on the problems? He wants to guide us and bless us with the good life and the pleasures of living with Him!

Have a blessed and powerful New Year, Pr. Paul