

# The Pastor's Corner

## Will You Graduate?

This is a very joyous time of the year in America, a time where families come together to celebrate the accomplishments of their graduates at all levels of the education system. For the young children in elementary level, it is a time to finish off one grade and look forward to the next. For the teenagers in high school, it is not only a time to advance to the next grade but also to prepare for more difficult subjects in the next grade. For the college students, it is a time when all of the frustrations, disappointments from sporadic feelings of inadequacy, the late nights, and just the normal struggles of schooling are appreciated. In any case it is a traditional time for celebration in America. It's like a big and long awaited payday. It's a feeling only a graduate can understand and appreciate. The sense of accomplishment and receiving a reward is a great feeling.

On the other hand, while there may be lots of celebrations going on, unfortunately there are also those who experience disappointments due to not meeting the requirements for graduation especially in the secondary and college levels. Those individuals will certainly have a different experience altogether. They can feel a sense of unworthiness not to mention many other emotions just from the thought of not participating in the graduation ceremony and being part of those who made it.

We are also looking for to a great graduation day when Jesus, our great teacher, comes to give us our reward. It is a day when all of the pains and struggles of this life will come to a halt. A day when we will look back and say, "it was well worth the effort." It will be the greatest reward and the most fulfilling time ever felt in our lives as we anticipate a place where everything will be made new...can't wait! Will you be one of the graduates when Jesus comes?

Rev 22:12 – "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

-by Fred Toailoa