

“Lord, my  
hope is in  
You”

Psalms 39:7

and my life is fleeting, there is only one place I can put my hope and that is in a God, who is powerful and eternal. This is the hope that sustains me and my family; we know that Jesus became a frail human being and that he lived a short life and died in place of people like us. He allowed himself

to suffer weakness and death so that death would not be the final word for us.

Jesus said, **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die...** (John 11:25-26 NKJV). Eternal life with God is possible through Jesus, who takes away the sins of His people and enables them to live forever with God.

Are you aware of how frail you are? How fleeting your life is? Have you put your faith in the only One able to give you life that goes on after you die? Jesus is able to give hope to mortal men and women. Come to Him and enter into eternal life!

Richard Holdeman  
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# Living with Cancer

A Christian Perspective on Understanding  
and Living with a Dreaded Disease

The Antrim Suite  
RAMADA HOTEL, PORTRUSH

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm

Speaker

Pastor Rich Holdeman



Everyone  
Welcome

Rich Holdeman is a lecturer in the Department of Biology at Indiana University in USA as well as being a Pastor in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He has been living with leukaemia for the last two years. Read a little of his testimony inside and come to the meeting in the Ramada on 4<sup>th</sup> July to hear more. **For further information ring Samuel on 70823794**

## Living With Cancer

*(A word of personal testimony and challenge from Pastor Richard Holdeman. Mr Holdeman is a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America who is currently spending 6 weeks ministering in Northern Ireland. )*

When the doctor called me the day after my annual medical check up to tell me that he had made an appointment for me to see an oncologist, I thought there must be some mistake. I was 47 years old and, as I thought, in tip-top shape. I had never been seriously ill in my life. I prided myself on the fact that I was still a competitive athlete at my age. Besides, I felt fine. Yes, I had been more tired than usual the past few months but that was just because I had been working extra late – or so I thought.



*Eternal life with God is possible through Jesus*

Subsequent tests revealed that there was no mistake. I was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. According to the doctors, I have an incurable disease that will likely take my life sometime in the next 5-10 years.



From one perspective this diagnosis has thrown my life into complete confusion. I am married and have four young children at home. My wife and I have many plans and desires that do not

involve doctors' visits, chemotherapy, and all the rest. Our future seems suddenly completely uncertain. From another perspective, though, nothing at all has changed. I am still a mortal man, who will certainly die exactly when God calls me home – not a minute before or after.

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In the 39<sup>th</sup> Psalm, David says, **“LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am”** (Psalm 39:4 NKJV).

Remembering that we are frail – no matter how strong we think we are – and knowing that we have but a short time on the earth helps us to have the proper perspective on what is really important in life. God has taught me to call out with David, “And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You” (Psalm 39:7 NKJV). Since I am frail