

# Christ the Lord our Righteousness

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## CHINA REPORT

The current anger and fear that exists in Hong Kong is very real. This has been widespread and peaked in the final months of 2019 as millions of "Honkies" marched – furious with their present circumstances and haunted by the future.

They are aware that in but a few short years they could well be living in very different conditions. Due to one of history's arrangements, in 1997, the British Colony was returned to China with the agreement that it would for the next 50 years exist as a special entity, separate and self-administrated. Yes, it would be accountable to the central capital Beijing, which would have the power of approval over Hong Kong's leadership.

Many fled elsewhere in that year of 1997, of note is the fact that half of the registered pastor/clergy section of Christendom here departed Hong Kong.

The Communist Party of China, the CCP began then to exert pressure and an increased interference. Much of this was tolerated until a dreaded extradition bill was introduced into the Hong Kong Legislature. Millions then protested and a sustained rebellion began. The cherished hope of a continuation of past freedoms were shattered and the year 2047, the actual completion date of the 50 years of "One Country Two Systems" became to many, **a lost cause.**

There are those here locally who welcome governmental socialism/communism and others who fear that the demonstrations will only make matters worse.

Others (and it is the majority) can hardly believe that their government would treat them as it has. The "modus operandi" has become similar to that of greater China and this has produced hard-core **"resisters."**

Those with generational experience under Communist China are scarred by the memory of a world where everyone is forced to live under a total surveillance **all the time!**

Hence it is that many here have become strong **"resisters"** during 2019 and 2020. With a clarity that terrifies them, they see a future under a one-party totalitarian rule as no small nightmare!

As for the Coronavirus (Covid-19), it is far worse throughout China than the BBC, the WHO and social media have been reporting. We have long been stating "grim" and now at last they too are quoting it. Ten times worse are the infections and deaths.

Also there is a growing chorus throughout China of energized believers who are asking, begging at GOD'S Throne of Grace – (Hebrews 4 verse 16), to grant a government (not what the people deserve (?)) but a fresh management by leaders who know something of the lavish love of the Living GOD.

We can safely and thankfully report to you of the good and preserving hand of our GOD and Father, undertaking for us through January and February. We were in the capital Beijing during Chinese New Year (CNY) for 10 days, just two weeks back for precious daily meetings with assembly brothers and sisters from 6 provinces. We mostly did studies in the Hebrew epistle.

Upon return to our home base in Hong Kong we have received the Lord's confirmation in feedback of their ongoing serious in-depth enquiry into Hebrews among local churches. PTL!

The coronavirus has nationwide, introduced severe restrictions and even some total citywide lockdowns, but our Christian Book Room co-workers in the north have been able to work on further productions of 10,000 each of "The Challenge of John's Gospel" and "Born Crucified."

It is most encouraging to see our fellow local saints enjoy the great fact that the Word of GOD, called the Bible, **is the believer's resource** even in the midst of distressing disease, declension, and despair. Thank you in the Name for every reminder and request you make at the Throne for China's millions and ourselves here.

John & Karen Short

p.s. I am so thankful that I was not called to be a journalist in today's China! Why? Because China's journalists, who report truth and fact, just disappear! - JAS