



Newsletter September 2007

What is judgement all about?

Some of the subjects of the “New Life Class” (11.30-12.30 each Sunday) for this month focus on judgement – both God’s judgement and ours. Have you ever wondered how God judges, or thought about what might happen on the day of judgement, when Jesus returns to the earth? Maybe you want to know how you should (or shouldn’t) judge others. Come along and find some Biblical answers.

- September 2 The Christian and gambling
- September 9 Judgement: How God judges
- September 16 Judgement: The day of judgement
- September 23 Judgement: Judging others
- September 30 *Unlocking the mystery of life*
Video – see the enclosed flyer

“In Search of Life” - Book review

At the funeral of her alcoholic father, Verity Lovell begins to realize how little she knows about what happens after death. Had her father really gone to heaven when he’d been drunkenly abusive and mocked anyone and everything religious? Determined to find the answers to her questions, Verity begins reading the Bible for herself.

This search for life continues throughout all the upheaval of moving with her family from the Canadian province of Saskatchewan to the province of Ontario. Unfortunately, her angry, homesick brother – desperate to finish high school and move back to Regina – gets involved in trouble he should have known to avoid. Is she able to help him? Or forgive him?! Will tall, kind Peter Bryant be a true friend to her brother, or to her – even when life gets difficult?



Join Verity’s search through the Bible as she uncovers many more questions, before she at last makes a stunning discovery! “*In Search of Life*” is available at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre for \$18.

Join us for 3rd Birthday Celebrations!



Saturday October 13 is the date for our 3rd birthday celebrations, with plenty of interest for all! For the shopper there will be a 10% discount on all items in the shop (including gift vouchers!). You may buy books, gifts, foreign language items and cards. Free give-aways include show bags, balloons, leaflets and Bible information sheets. The children can enjoy a free craft activity, enter a colouring competition and watch a puppet show of David and Goliath. For the food lover there will be a free barbecue and café. Bring your oldest Bible and enter the “Oldest Bible competition”. Come and see a display of old Bibles as well as other displays. You can also watch a DVD if you wish. Got some curly Bible questions? Bring them to the “Your questions answered” corner.

Saturday October 13, 11am - 2pm.

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Watch! A modern day story

There is a story about a rich old man who lived in a small town and who was well known to all its inhabitants. He had no living relatives and when he died, the townsfolk were surprised and astonished to learn that his funeral was scheduled to be held at 2 a.m.

Even though he was held in high esteem by all who knew him, his request to have his funeral take place in the wee hours of the morning caused most of them to decide to forego attending his service. A few did set their alarms and were present at the funeral. He had instructed his attorney to be sure that the names of all those in attendance were recorded. A few days later when his will was read, they were all surprised to learn that he had left his entire estate to those few who had been present at his funeral. He explained in his will that he believed his true friends would put themselves out to attend, and so he wanted his money to be equally divided among those faithful few who thought enough of him to go to his 2 a.m. funeral. Those few people were all instant millionaires and those who had thought about going, but did not bother to get up in time to attend, were filled with remorse.

Do we love the Lord Jesus Christ enough to put ourselves out for him? It is not always convenient to put him first in our lives. Serving him means that we are constantly doing things and going places that we would not do or go, if it were

not for the fact that we love him so much.

The reading of this man's will put everyone in town into one of two groups – a very small group who were rewarded beyond their fondest expectations and a large group who then realized that they had been excluded because of their own refusal to make a personal sacrifice for their departed friend.



At the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will also be divided into two groups. One small group on the right and a large group on the left. What will be the difference between the two groups? The only picture we have given us of the judgment seat by our Saviour depicts him explaining to each group why they have been placed either on the left or right. The group on the right really did put themselves out for him. The group on the left did not. Each group is surprised. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to

visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37-40 (NIV)

We need to remember that we are paying the highest price it is possible to pay, if we neglect serving others to please ourselves. We are paying for it with our eternal life which will be forfeited because we thought more of our own wants and desires than we did of the Lord's.

If the people in town had known the contents of the will, they would have all been at the funeral. We have an advantage because we have been given a warning of what we should be doing to prepare for the coming of the Son of God. We do not know the day or the hour of his coming but we know He is coming. "Watch and pray... lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say to you I say to all, Watch."

Mark 13:33, 36-37 (RSV)

This meditation is taken from "Minute Meditations" by Robert Lloyd.

"Learn English" class not on for a few weeks

Please note that the *Learn English through the Bible* course will not be operating for a few weeks. Classes are planned to begin again on October 4.

All our plans are subject to the will of God.