

The NORTHLAKES Salvation Army Community Church



From the Coalface



11th December 2011

A Way Of Escape

Psalm 23:5

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

The table is set. The bread and wine are there, and Jesus says to you, "Come, My child, partake." But you tell Him, "Lord, I am unworthy!" You are afraid to come to the Lord's table perhaps because you have been taught that if you partake in your "unworthy" state, you will come under God's fiery judgment.

My friend, Jesus has washed you whiter than snow and qualified you with His own blood, so you are as worthy as worthy can be! The most humble thing you can do now is to acknowledge His perfect sacrifice and accept His invitation with gladness.

In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul tells the church how to partake of the Lord's Supper so that they will not drink judgment to themselves. The word "judgment" in verses 29 and 34 is *krima* in the original Greek text. It refers to a divine sentence. And in the context of this passage, the divine sentence refers to sickness.

But when was this divine sentence of sickness passed? It was passed when Adam sinned. (Genesis 3:19) When he sinned, death entered the world (Genesis 2:17), and man would grow old and weak, fall sick and die.

So it is not that God is passing sentences of sickness on people today. How can that be when Jesus said, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17) God is not in the business of condemning but saving. And the Greek word for "saved", *sozo*, also means to preserve, heal and make whole.

God does not want you to suffer the divine sentence of sickness that is already in the world, so He has given you a way of escape, paid for by the blood of His Son. He wants you to be healthy and whole, without the diseases of the world, and He has made this possible for you through the Holy Communion.

So don't be robbed of this tremendous blessing any longer because of erroneous teachings that have put fear in your heart. Come boldly to the Lord's table today and receive afresh His health, strength, wholeness and life!

Our church notices..

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PRAY WITH US THIS WEEK

MONDAY
6.30 am at
The O'Dea's
24 Candlebark Way
New Lambton Heights

WEDNESDAY
6 pm
Prayer walking
See Kylie/Cameron

THURSDAY
IPOD
5.30pm at
The O'Dea's

FRIDAY
6.30 am at
The O'Dea's

SUNDAY
8.45 am at
Church

The Promise of His Presence

The virgin will...give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel-which means, "God with us." Matthew

Brighten your Christmas

Join us for
Northlakes Salvos'
CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT!

Macquarie College Grounds
Lake Rd Glendale



That Can't Be Right!

Read [Matthew 10:37-39](#)

37 "If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. 38 If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. 39 If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. (NLT)



Sometimes Jesus doesn't make any sense at all. In this passage, he seems to speak from a monstrous ego that demands we love him more than our own loved ones. He just won't take second place. What saves this from being such an outrageous statement is the way Jesus uses his own speech idioms. And also the fact that whatever we might think about it, he is Lord and ruler of all: God in human form.

Jesus is not telling us to stop loving our loved ones. Elsewhere he commands us to even love our enemies, so it would be strange if he forbade our loving those closest to us. He is rather reminding us that love for him is the great overarching reality which gives meaning and empowerment to all our other deepest loves. Love for him is the context within which we best love others.

But he is suggesting more. When he himself had to choose between going along with the requests of family and following his Father's leading, he chose the latter. He is reminding us that if at any time there is a clash, then this is to be our decision. We assume this would be an uncommon occurrence. But to give even our family priority over a clear call of God reflects loss of priority. It would be to make family our God.

It seems as if loving Jesus first and foremost is the best way we can love our families. No matter how precious is the cart, we dare not put it before the horse.

The Promise of Joy The joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10



Ita Buttrose is perhaps one of the most famous women in the Australian media world. She ran several of Australia's most successful magazines during her career and worked for every major media company in the country, plus launching a magazine named after herself.

When she was interviewed by Andrew Denton on his show "Enough Rope," he made this statement about Ita Buttrose...

"You're single after your two marriages, and you said to our producer that you were on Lord Howe Island a while ago, walking alone, and had this thought that, 'No-one in the world is thinking about me.' It seems like a lonely thought."

Success is wonderful to achieve and is to be applauded. Yet it will never replace relationships and having people who love us.

The Old Testament writer of the book Ecclesiastes reflected on a successful man who had much wealth yet nobody in his life. The writer said that this was meaningless, a miserable business. To strive for success is admirable, but to burn all our significant relationships in the process is foolish.

The Promise of A Saviour Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**November 29th
Abby Greentree**

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For Our Church Family at Northlakes

Please pray for:

- Sale of houses and wisdom for the future.
- Provision for Christmas
- Healing for family issues
- Peace and harmony over homes
- Release from addictions
- Matt—healing and wholeness
- Protection for the Chadban family as they travel overseas
- Protection for Meredith; Reece; Stephen; Stan; Victoria; Britt
- Fine weather for our Carols
- The EPIC Formal next Sunday night
- The Lines family as they leave for England next Friday

SHARE A PRAYER

The Promise of Rest

Come to Me...and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Matthew 11:28,30



DOING THE MOST GOOD™

Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 33:2-3

For the Salvo's

- Wagga Wagga Corps, NSW—Lieutenants Ian & Tammy Shelley
- Warringah Place Retirement Village, NSW—Captains Annette & Aland Keane and Team
- Warwick Corpss, QLD—Captains Mark & Cathryn Williamson
- Wereroona Village, NSW—Kelvin NEave, Captains Joy & David Morgan and Team
- Wellington Corps (oversighted by Dubbo Corps), NSW
- West Wyalong Corps (oversighted by Temora Corps), NSW
- Westlakes Corps, NSW—Majors David & Beth Twivey

Every Sunday we have a prayer meeting 45 minutes before Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the Sunday Celebration Service and also any urgent prayer needs.