



SOUL FOOD

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I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live (John 11:25).

And He said unto them "These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me"

Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,, and He said unto them,

"Thus it is written , and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins shpuld be preached in His name among all nations beginning in Jerusalem. And ye are witness of these things. And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven.

And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jeruslaem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. Luke 24: 44-53

*Let him who wishes to be eternally happy
know and believe that he will live after death.
Let him think of this and keep it in mind,
for it is the truth (Arcana Coelestia 8939:3).*

Life is eternal. It is a never-ending gift from the Lord. While we are immersed in the details of our natural lives, we may not think about life after death. But the time will come when each of us will cross from this world to the next. Death is but a bridge to the spiritual world, a place where the inner person or spirit continues life. The natural body dies, but the Lord provides everyone with a spiritual body that reflects the inner person's loves and desires.

The purpose of creation is a heaven from the human race. And so the Lord created each one of us with the potential to become an angel. He wants to give us the happiness of heaven, but he leaves us in freedom to choose.

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Do we want the peace and joy of life in heaven? Or will we reject heaven and instead choose life in hell? We make this choice gradually as we nurture thoughts and feelings and find ways to express them in our lives. Knowing this, we should live for our eternal future, not just in the present. (From the New Church Vineyard)

Personal Preparation for Easter

Read prayerfully day by day the book of Mark, chapters 12 to 16 where the events of the Lord's last week leading up to his final temptation on the cross are clearly documented.

From Mike Gladish

.....you who have been with us on the Heaven & Hell course may find this interesting. "Vaishali" is a radio talk show hostess and general promoter of spiritual thought, and she has on several occasions featured interviews with New Church or Swedenborgian leaders. In this article she speaks about where we focus our attention....

<http://www.spiritside.net/Mar07/Vaishali0307.html>

Visit of Bishop Kline later in the year. Bishop Kline will be visiting Perth later in the year. A time is being organised by Elaine York, the Heldons and John Frost.

*Book café (Corner of Douglas Street and Mill point Road) We meet at the Bookcafe every **first Sunday** of the month at 3pm for a discussional topic led by John. Bring your friends along for a sociable time before we go to church at 5pm.*

***Singing Practice.** We will practice singing before church at 9.45am on the last Sunday of every month. Bring along your old favourite that you would like revived or a new one to try out.*

***Doctrinal Studies by Rev Mike Gladish** for the study of Heaven and Hell designed by Mike Gladish and used at Val's home for a class led by Alex .*

<i>Calendar for April</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Class</i>
<i>Sunday 1st</i>	<i>FIRST SUNDAY 5pm</i> <i>Worship 5pm</i> <i>Shared meal to follow</i>	<i>3.00pm</i> <i>Discussional</i> <i>topic at the <u>Book Café</u></i> <i>Douglas Street /Mill Point rd</i>
<i>Thursday 5th April</i>		<i>Young People's Discussion</i> <i>at Smuts' home</i> <i>7pm</i> <i>Topic: Misconceptions in Marriage</i>
<i>Good Friday</i> <i>6th April</i>	<i>Worship</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	
<i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>8th</i>	<i>Worship</i> <i>5pm at</i> <i>Frosts home Willetton</i> <i>Shared meal to follow</i>	
<i>Friday 13th</i>		<i>Heaven and Hell</i> <i>class</i> <i>11am at Val's</i>
<i>Sunday 15th</i>	<i>Worship</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	.
<i>Thursday 19th April</i>		<i>Young People's Discussion</i> <i>at Smuts' home</i> <i>7pm</i> <i>Topic: Misconceptions in Marriage</i>
<i>Sunday 22nd</i>	<i>Worship</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	

<i>Friday April</i> 27 th		Heaven and Hell class 11am at Val's
<i>Sunday</i> 29 th	Singing Practice 9.30amWorship 10.30am <i>Shared meal to follow</i>	
<i>Thursday May</i> 3 rd		Young People's Discussion at Smuts' home 7pm <i>Topic: Misconceptions in Marriage</i>
<i>Sunday May</i> 6 th	FIRST SUNDAY 5pm Worship 5pm <i>Shared meal to follow</i>	3.00pm Discussional topic at the Book Café <i>Douglas Street /Mill Point rd</i>

Sunday School every Sunday during Worship. It is great if you can let Mary know whether to expect you or not for preparation purposes. 0407 448405

Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) at 10.30am except the first Sunday of the month when it is held at 5pm.

You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.

Classes and systematic study

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