



SOUL FOOD

March 2007

***“Watch and pray that you may not enter into
temptation;
the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”
Mark 14 :38***

Our picture of God is the foundation for our outlook on all of life. When people think of the Lord God Jesus Christ, many people imagine Him at the time of his crucifixion. Yet, Jesus's resurrection is even more amazing than His death on the cross. Jesus embodied the power God has when seen in Human form. This power of the Lord's is ready and available at all times to help you in your life.

The image of Jesus Christ as God in human form plays not only an important but a critical role for humankind. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of the Divine in human form; as the Apostle Paul said,

"For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." Colossians 2:9

In Jesus we see the loving tenderness, the gentleness (and appropriate firmness), the guidance, the love, the healing, and the forgiveness of the Divine. In him we see God even as Jesus himself said to Philip,

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." John 14 : 9

What Jesus gave us was a visible and human picture of God.

Message excerpted from [You Can Believe](#), by Grant Schnarr.

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.

Visit of Doug and Christine Taylor

We had a great visit with the Taylors beginning with a class at Bernice's on matyrs and martyrdom. Doug addressed us outside in the cool of the evening and began with readings from Rev 2 and Matthew 20. Here is a summary of some of the content of his class.

The word martyr means to suffer and have no fear of death as the death of the physical body is of no significance to spiritual life. There is no ratio between 100 000 years and eternity. Looking at time in this way puts things in perspective.

He then described how we may feel as martyrs when others put down or criticise our religion. Doug gave a short summary of what happened in Gottenburg ,Sweden when Dr Beyer and Dr Rosean were not allowed to teach the truths. Swedenborg advised them to follow the Lord God Jesus Christ to regenerate even though persecuted.

He described the dangers of martyrdom in that matyrs can feel a sense of merit for their suffering (SD 317) Amongst the early Christian martyrs not all of them went to heaven. Those who thought that they were wise from themselves would be in this category. (AE 533 and AE 358)

Occurrences in the NT can be found in Acts 22:20 and Rev 2:12-17.

Doug then went on to explain the meaning of spiritual temptations. The denial of the truth of the Word. People in spiritual temptations have their thoughts bound to call forth the evils in their lives and hold them in the thoughts of what they have done in the past. The way to overcome this is by the Lord flowing in from the interiors and that they are to realise that these temptations are coming from evil spirits.

Using Antipas as an example Doug described how he was slain for allegiance to Jesus. He had faith and believed in the Divinity of Christ. (AE 137)

Then Doug told us that hatred is just like killing. He who hates is continually killing. Matt 24, John 15. The Hells hate all people. The Satanic hells are those who justify their evils, and the Diabolic Hells those who love evils.

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The young people met Doug and Christine on Saturday and enjoyed a class on how to answer the question "What is the New Church?"

He asked them to quote John 16 and also to remember that " In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" is ONE name !

On Sunday we enjoyed a Holy Supper Service and a sermon on "Mary and Martha". The visit ended with a lovely musical concert that evening at Subiaco Art Centre.

Calendar for March

	<p><i>Sunday 4th</i></p> <p><i>3.00pm Discussional topic at the <u>Book Café</u> Douglas Street /Mill Point rd</i></p> <p><i>Worship 5pm 10 Broome street, S Perth</i></p> <p><i>Shared meal to follow.</i></p>
<p><i>Friday 9th March</i></p> <p><i>Heaven and Hell class 11am at Val's</i></p>	<p><i>Sunday 11th worship 10.30am</i></p> <p><i>10 Broome street, S Perth</i></p> <p><i>Shared meal to follow.</i></p>
	<p><i>Sunday 18th</i></p> <p><i>Worship 10.30am 10 Broome street, S Perth</i></p> <p><i>Shared meal to follow.</i></p>
<p><i>Friday 23rd March</i></p> <p><i>Heaven and Hell class 11am at Val's</i></p>	<p><i>Sunday 25th Singing practice 9.30am</i></p> <p><i>Worship 10.30am 10 Broome street, S Perth</i></p> <p><i>Shared meal to follow.</i></p>
	<p><i>Sunday 1st April</i></p> <p><i>3.30pm Discussional topic Book Café Douglas Street /Mill Point rd</i></p> <p><i>Worship 5pm 10 Broome street, S Perth</i></p> <p><i>Shared meal to follow.</i></p>

Book café (Corner of Douglas Street and Mill point Road

Beginning this month 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 which is being run by Mike Gladish over the internet to a world wide "audience". And used at Val's home for a class led by Alex (see next heading)*

Morning Class at Val's *The study of Heaven and Hell continues at Val's home on every second Friday morning, (see calendar) and online in the homes of those who cannot attend at that time (see above) Phone Alex to find out the reading for next time.*

Visit of Burneys

It was delightful to see Norm and Lois last Sunday on a visit to Perth. They have been working at Pinjarra recently and are both in good health. Our very good wishes to you both.

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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