



SOUL FOOD

October 2005

*And it will be said in that day;
"Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him.
and He will save us.
This is the Lord;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice
in His salvation."
Isaiah 256: 9*

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Repentance of the mouth and not of life, is not repentance. Arcana Coelestia 8393

Thought for the Day

There are times in our lives when we want to consciously work on building a relationship with the Lord and we want to consciously grow a rich and full spiritual life. So what do we do? How can we go about "growing spiritually"?

The first place to begin is in our everyday lives. The spiritual life is our daily life. It isn't some lofty, meditative place up on a mountain. We don't need to be away from the mundane aspects of our lives to grow closer to the Lord. The Lord meets us in our jobs, at school at in our home life. He is a part of our relationships with loved ones and people we meet everyday.

The Lord is there when we have a deadline at work and we begin to stress out and react. At that moment we have a choice to go with the stress and negative feelings, or we can get centered, say a prayer under our breath, and ask the Lord to help us stay calm and centered, trusting Him to take care of any situation. Does that mean the Lord makes us meet the deadline? It's possible. But if we don't, we will feel less stress and more accepting of the circumstances.

When we are struggling with a relationship with a spouse, significant other, child or friend, we can struggle with trying to gain control and to arrange things "our" way. Or we can give the problem over to the Lord and ask Him to guide us. We can trust that God is in charge and will show us the right thing to say and do, if we are open and willing to let go of our own agenda.

Every day is filled with a myriad of opportunities to let God be in charge of our lives and let the Lord run the show. We just need to be willing to do the work that is contrary to our somewhat self-

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centered nature. And the Lord is interested in our progress not our perfection. So if we go through the day and 99 times forget that the Lord is in charge and leading us, but one time turn it over to Him and ask that he take the reigns, we have made progress.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I ask You today to lead me and guide me and show me what You want me to do today. I know I may forget to ask You. I know that I am far from perfect. But today I want to at least be willing to be open to Your leading.

Thank you for an opportunity to build a relationship with You. Thank You for Your unending patience and love.

Help me to be patient and loving and kind to all whom I meet today. Help me to see how You want me to treat others. Help me to think of You often today.

Visit of Peter and Lisa Buss 28th September to 3rd October

What a wonderful extended weekend we all experienced. with three doctrinal classes, a young people's class, a children's class, men's and women's meetings, counselling appointments, and worship on Sunday with Holy Supper including three confirmations and 2 baptisms.

It was great to also great to catch up with old friends John , Ming Pei and Esther, and Ian with sister Carol , neice Ellen and nephew Brendan.

The public lecture on Saturday afternoon was advertised on Sonshine FM thanks to Alex, and was well attended by members, friends and relatives. We learnt new truths about the fulfilling of desires and loves between married partners.

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Tony and Alex were baptised, together with the confirmations of faith of Verity, Annaleen and Lisa.

Our concluding farewell picnic at Matilda Bay was a happy occasion marred only by the knowledge that we may not see Peter and Lisa for a long time.

Thank you Peter and Lisa for all your love and attention to us during your stay here. All our lives have been enriched in many ways by your presence, words of comfort and encouragement.
May you be very happy ministering in South Africa with your son.

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October Calendar

Thursday 6th	TCR class 7.30pm	Smuts Home
Sunday 9th	Class 9.30am Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thursday 13th	Reading group 7.30pm	Smuts Home
Sunday 16th	Worship 5pm Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thursday 20th	TCR class 7.30pm	Smuts Home
Sunday 23rd	Class 9.30am Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thurs 27th	Reading group 7.30pm	Smuts home
Sunday 30 th	Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)



Peter and Lisa Buss at 10 Broome Street South Perth
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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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