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Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NIV)

The Covenant of Circumcision

¹⁷ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Romans 4:13-25 (NIV)

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless,

¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Psalm 22:23-31 (NIV)

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

²⁴ Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned

the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him

but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;

before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the LORD will praise him—

may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth

will remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations

will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,

declaring to a people yet unborn:

He has done it!

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mum, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice,

he answered,

'I think it's Adam's underwear!'



Forward Planning: We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. If you notice any bargains suitable for children 3-14, it might be worth setting them aside for the boxes. Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all suitable.

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for Mondays' rain - and continue to pray for steady follow-up rain over the coming weeks.
- We pray for Beulah's grandchildren at the moment.
- Viv Chaffey has been unwell this week, and we pray for her return to health.
- We continue to pray for Jodie Bishop, Jim and Lorraine Newton's daughter. Chemotherapy can be difficult to tolerate.

Meg's Musings

Last Tuesday, I enjoyed watching "The Checkout" on TV. There was a segment about what to look for when building or renovating. Lego buildings and Lego people were set up to mimic the realities of what can happen when people take the step of engaging with a builder.

The realities of plans, contracts, costs, delays and options were discussed, and the pitfalls were highlighted.

It seemed to be a most worthwhile topic, as vast sums of money are often involved.

Some builders are unscrupulous, and some people have unrealistic expectations. People have their hopes and dreams bound up in such projects, and sometimes dreams are well and truly shattered by the process.

Isn't it good that no such pitfalls exist between us and God.

Gods' word can be relied on in all circumstances. He will never let us down, or attempt to shortchange us.

He plans the best for us.....always.

He has promised to love us forever!

Blessings from Meg



When He cometh, when He cometh
To take up his jewels
All his jewels, precious jewels
His Loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning
His bright crown adorning
They will shine in their beauty
Bright gems for his crown.

He will gather, He will gather
The gems for His kingdom
All the pure ones, all the bright ones
His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning
His bright crown adorning
They will shine in their beauty
Bright jems for his crown.

Little children, little children
O love their Redeemer
All the jewels, precious jewels
His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning
His bright crown adorning
They will shine in their beauty
Bright gems for his crown



If you have a Bible that is falling apart, you'll have a life that's not. ~ Adrain Rogers



Mark 8:31-38 (NIV)

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

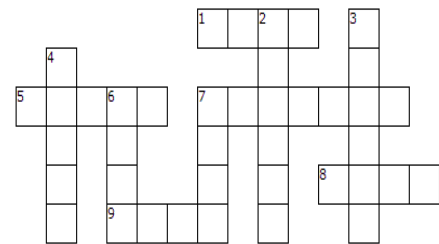
³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Game of Life

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37



ACROSS

1. The period between birth and death
5. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
7. To care about what you want without thinking of others
8. To refuse to allow yourself something
9. To no longer have something because it has been taken away

DOWN

2. To be guided by someone else; to go behind
3. The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
4. A large number of people gathered together
6. The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
7. To keep someone or something safe from harm



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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