



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Micah 6:1-8 (NIV)

The LORD's Case Against Israel

6 Listen to what the LORD says:

"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

2 "Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the
earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of
the LORD."

6 With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NIV)

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of
the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has
not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through
its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased
through the foolishness of what was preached to
save those who believe.

22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for
wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling
block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to
those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human
wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than
human strength.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when
you were called. Not many of you were wise by
human standards; not many were influential; not
many were of noble birth.

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to
shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the
world to shame the strong.

28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the
despised things—and the things that are not—to
nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast
before him.

30 It is because of him that you are in Christ
Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—
that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

31 Therefore, as it is written:

"Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

Memory Lane

10:00am at West

Tuesday 4 February

Tuesday 18 February



1 February ~ Beth Scorgie
2 February ~ Daryl Lush



Silence and smile are two powerful words. Smile
is the way to solve many problems and Silence is
the way to avoid many problems. ~ Anon

CHURCH SERVICES

9 February 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

9 February 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people working to stem the spread of the Corona virus.
- We thank God for the rain we have received, and pray for further falls.
- We pray for teenagers leaving home to attend university or TAFE.
- Our prayers go to everyone who has been feeling the heat and humidity recently. It has been a very long, hot summer.
- We give thanks for the many self-less fire-fighters, and pray that all of the fires will soon be out.

Meg's Musings

This weeks' Gospel reading is "The Beatitudes". That can sound a bit difficult to know what it is all about. The way that I remember it is to rename it "The Be-attitudes". It is all about what God is calling us to be.... gentle, peace-making, merciful etc. Jesus was asking people to change their focus from trying to keep track of the many rules and regulations. Instead, Jesus asked them to act in ways which honour God, and honour other people. After all, that's what we do when we are merciful, gentle and seek the way of peace.

Blessings from Meg



The Beatitudes

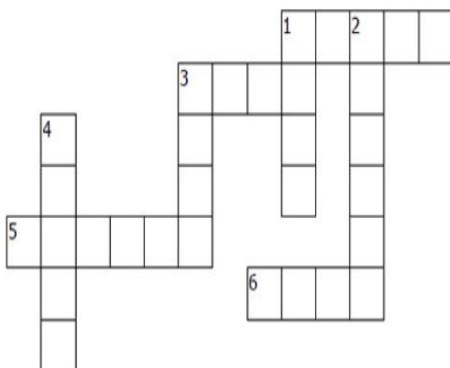
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



Blessed
are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.



ACROSS

1. To show great kindness toward others
3. To be without any faults; without sin
5. A need for food
6. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

1. To be humble in spirit or manner
2. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
3. Having little money or few possessions
4. To feel sadness

Mathew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Psalm 15 (NIV)

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?
 - ² The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;
 - ³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbour, and casts no slur on others;
 - ⁴ who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;
 - ⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
- Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

"May all beings everywhere be happy and free, and may the thoughts, words, and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and to that freedom for all." ~ Lokah Samastah Sukhino

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