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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.

Psalms 22:23-31 (NIV)

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honour him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ 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^[a] I will fulfil 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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are again taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Boxes are collected and distributed to children living in vulnerable situations across the world.

CHURCH SERVICES

7 March 11 am West ~ Sue Budden



"Fabulous Finds" ~ Op-Shop at Hallsville.
Clothes, bric-a-brac and a coffee machine.
We hope to be open in early in March.



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Leonard, from Vancouver, Canada has been released from hospital, and is continuing to recover from Covid19 at home.
- We pray for Evelyn's niece, Hillary, who is in hospital in New Zealand awaiting surgery.
- We pray for Judy and John Nowland. Judy recently moved into a nursing home very near their unit at Nala Village, Judy is very happy and the staff love her.
- We pray that leaders throughout the world will be happy to share the Covid19 vaccine with poorer nations.
- We pray for John Davey who will undergo cancer surgery on Tuesday in Sydney.

Meg's Musings

One day recently I was having "one of those days". Nothing dreadful had happened; things just weren't working out as I would have liked. We all have days like that from time to time, and we get through them. I was downtown, walking between shops, when I felt a tiny drop of rain fall onto my hand. It was so small that, when I looked down, I couldn't see it. But I had felt it. I saw a couple of spots fall to the footpath, and that was it..... much too small a fall to register. It seemed to be a very gentle reminder from God that He was there beside me, sharing my day. I felt so grateful for that simple reminder!

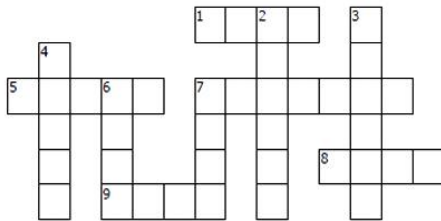
Blessing from Meg



Take Up Your Cross

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

Mark 8: 27 - 38 (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

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."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Mark 9:2-9



4 March ~ Ella Davidson



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

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