



Peel Valley Congregation

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Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV) Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

"A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, and it sparks extraordinary results."

~ Wade Boggs

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22



"When I hear somebody sigh,
Life is hard, I am always tempted to ask,
'Compared to what?'" ~ Sydney Harris



CHURCH SERVICES

21 March 11 am West ~Peter Battle

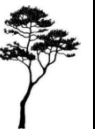


I asked for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I had asked for,
but everything that I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



The true meaning of life is to plant trees,
under whose shade you do not expect to sit.

~ Nelson Henderson



"I want to change the world," said Tiny Dragon.

"Start with the next person who needs your help," replied Big Panda

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 the rain - our gardens have really enjoyed the soaking.
- We pray for Beulah's granddaughter Rachel who has recently had some medical problems.
- We pray that Susie has a great week's holiday - well Deserved, Susie.
- We give thanks that John Davey has had successful cancer surgery.
- We give thanks for loving and supportive friends.

Meg's Musings

Last Sunday was a very special day for the family and close friends of Mel.
 We prepared by making some willow wreaths adorned with lots of pretty flowers.
 I had never made wreaths before, and found it surprisingly straightforward.
 One friend had collected the willow strips. and managed to keep them fresh and supple.
 Another friend brought some fragrant and pretty pink and yellow roses from her garden.
 In the area where we were staying, we were able to pick grevillias and other native flowers.
 We made more than enough wreaths for each person to cast into the ocean, and we also had some frangipani blossoms.
 Each person helped to cast Mel's ashes.
 Some friends also drew some hearts into the sand, and wrote Mel's name in them.
 It was a moving and fitting tribute to a loving and vibrant friend, wife and daughter.

Blessing from Meg



"Fabulous Finds" ~ ~ Op-Shop at Hallsville.
 Our op shop opening soon.

I've finally reached **"The Wonder Years"**.
Wonder where I parked the Car?
Wonder where I left my phone?
Wonder where my glasses are?
Wonder what day it is?



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Suggestions include: toys, hygiene items, school supplies, small clothing items and fun gifts.

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. ~ Dr Seuss



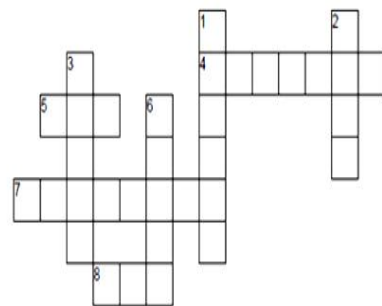
John 3:14-21 (NIV)

- ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."
¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.
²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.
²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

- 9 March ~ Barry Constable
 12 March ~ Joyce Dowsett
 13 March ~ Reg Meyer
 13 March ~ Doug Crowell



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