



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Ephesians 5 8-14 (NIV)

Walk in Light

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you* are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

¹⁴ Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light.”

John 9:1-12 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

⁹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.

⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”

⁹ Some claimed that he was.

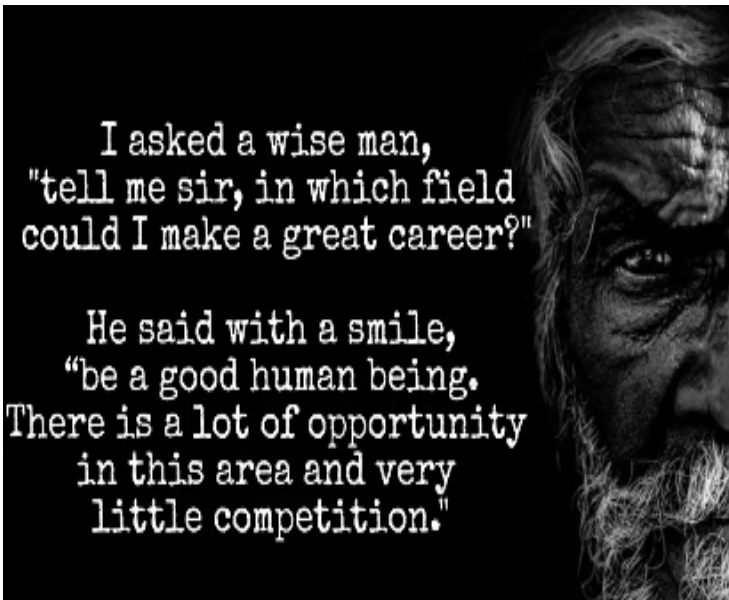
Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him.



I asked a wise man,
“tell me sir, in which field
could I make a great career?”

He said with a smile,
“be a good human being.
There is a lot of opportunity
in this area and very
little competition.”

CHURCH SERVICES

26 March 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23
John 9:13-41



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @

Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Uniting Churches in Tamworth

LENT and EASTER - Combined Services

Maundy Thursday 6 April – Tamworth Southside

7pm ~ Rev S Hansford

Good Friday 7 April – Tamworth City

9am ~ Rev S Hansford

Easter Sunday - Tamworth Southside

9.30am ~ Rev S Hansford

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth, who is seeking medical treatment away from Tamworth.
- We pray for Doug, who is receiving treatment at John Hunter Hospital.
- We continue to pray for Glenda Whitten.
- Our prayers for Evelyn and Tony continue.
- The people of Ukraine continue to need our prayer support.



Meg's Musings

The disciples asked Jesus, "Why was this man born blind?"

There is much more to this story, but it begins in a way which evokes our interest.

It is such a human trait to ask, "Why?"

We want to know, to understand, and to be able to act to ensure that similar calamities don't happen to us.

Sometimes God provides us with answers. In other cases, we will have to wait to have our curiosity satisfied.

It can be tricky to continue life when we have burning, unanswered questions eating away at us.

At times like that, it is important to trust that God has things in hand.

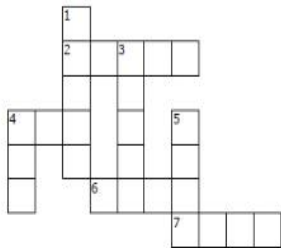
His way of arranging things may be different to ours.... but trust him; he can see the really BIG picture.

Blessing from Meg

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
- 4. An adult male human being
- 6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
- 7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

- 1. Unable to see
- 3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
- 4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
- 5. To clean something using water

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

~Christian Worship: Hymnal #553

Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the Ark.
Professionals built the Titanic.

~ anon

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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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