



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NIV)

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith

2 We always thank God for all of you and
continually mention you in our prayers.
3 We remember before our God and
Father your work produced by faith, your labor
prompted by love, and your endurance inspired
by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by
God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our
gospel came to you not simply with words but
also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep
conviction. You know how we lived among you
for your sake.
6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for you welcomed the message in the midst of
severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy
Spirit.
7 And so you became a model to all the
believers in Macedonia and Achaia.
8 The Lord's message rang out from you not
only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in
God has become known
everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say
anything about it, 9 for they themselves report
what kind of reception you gave us. They tell
how you turned to God from idols to serve the
living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son
from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—
Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Psalms 99 (NIV)

1 The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
2 Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome
name—
he is holy.
4 The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.
5 Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron were among his
priests,
Samuel was among those who called on
his name;
they called on the LORD
and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he
gave them.
8 LORD our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.
9 Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

CHURCH SERVICES

28th October 2pm City Church ~
Commissioning Service for Rev Geoff Flynn.



29th October 11am Southside ~
Peel Valley will be joining City & Southside
congregations for worship, followed by lunch.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The boxes are packed ready to send to
Sydney by 5th November.

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville



Open 9:30 to 1:00pm
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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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Mathew 22:15-22 (NIV)

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

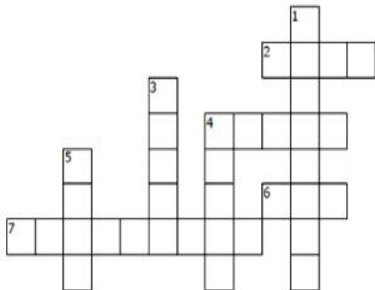
Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

**Other Lectionary Reading for this week:
Exodus 33:12-23**

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
- 4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
- 6. To give someone money in return for something.
- 7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

- 1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
- 3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
- 4. Money paid to the government.
- 5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Hugo, whose operation has been delayed by a week, and will now take place on 25th October.
- We pray for Mavis, who is still in hospital.
- We also pray for Phyll Bylund, whose health is declining.
- We thank God for our families.
- We pray for farmers making difficult decisions about stock numbers



Meg's Musings

The Referendum is over.

The results are quite different to what was expected on election night almost 18 months ago.

So much has changed in that short time.

There were many perspectives on what exact question should be asked.

Personalities and politicking have played a big part.

Some commentators have said that we need to change our focus back to "what's important" - the economy.

But "what's important" varies greatly, depending on where you're standing.

Seeing life from another's perspective is important if we are to understand the "why's" of life.

Jesus did that well. Is it something that you are good at?



Blessings from Meg



War does not determine who is right - only who is left. ~ Bertrand Russell

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