



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (NIV)

23 Then Job replied:
² "Even today my complaint is bitter;
 his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.
³ If only I knew where to find him;
 if only I could go to his dwelling!
⁴ I would state my case before him
 and fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵ I would find out what he would answer me,
 and consider what he would say to me.
⁶ Would he vigorously oppose me?
 No, he would not press charges against me.
⁷ There the upright can establish their innocence before
 him,
 and there I would be delivered forever from my judge.
⁸ "But if I go to the east, he is not there;
 if I go to the west, I do not find him.
⁹ When he is at work in the north, I do not see him;
 when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

Hebrews 4:12-16 (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
Jesus the Great High Priest
¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." ~ Nelson Mandela



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6 October ~ Val Oates
 7 October ~ Heather Blanch

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake



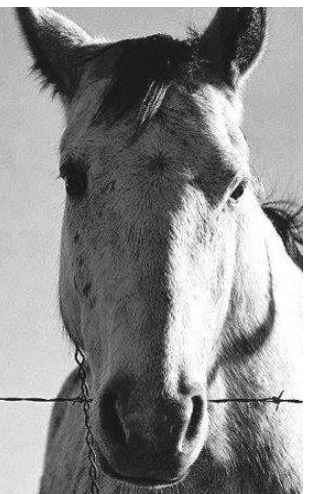
1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West
4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville
3rd Sunday of the month ~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth



Psalms 22:1-15 (NIV)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from saving me,
 so far from my cries of anguish?
² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
 by night, but I find no rest.
³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
 you are the one Israel praises.
⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
 they trusted and you delivered them.
⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
 scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
⁷ All who see me mock me;
 they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say,
 "let the LORD rescue him."
 Let him deliver him,
 since he delights in him."
⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
 you made me trust in you, even at my mother's
 breast.
¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
 from my mother's womb you have been my God.
¹¹ Do not be far from me,
 for trouble is near
 and there is no one to help.
¹² Many bulls surround me;
 strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
 open their mouths wide against me.
¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint.
 My heart has turned to wax;
 it has melted within me.
¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
 you lay me in the dust of death.

You can lead a
 human to
 knowledge but
 you can't make
 him think.



"Many realities hidden behind wall of perception."

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Donna Harrow is in our prayers as she recuperates from a bout of pneumonia.
- Donna's great-grandson, Bryce also remains in our prayers.
- Viv Chaffey is still in hospital, and it seems that she will be moving to a nursing home. We pray that the transition goes well for her, and that she is able to make frequent visits home.
- Nancye Forrester has also had a return trip to hospital. We pray that she will recover quickly.
- Shirley Whitten was in hospital last week. We pray for her at this time.
- We pray for sufficient rain for the crops to reach maturity.

Meg's Musings

Today I picked my first bunch of roses for the season. It included blooms from five different bushes. Each was a different variety, but they looked nice together.

The vase which I selected for them was one which I got at a church fete - it came free with the roses I purchased.

It is probably from the 1970's, and it has two narrow branches, but the base is a single vase. At first I thought that it was a bit ugly, but my friend Lynn helped me to see its' value. She said that it allowed the stems to be better supported so that the blooms don't flop. It showcases the blooms to best advantage.

I needed Lynn to help me see the potential within that vase.... to see what it does for the flowers, rather than how it looks by itself.

God and my church family help me to see the potential within the people around me. They show me the hidden depths of people, and their potential. Instead of "writing people off", I can try to see them as God sees them, and as other Christians see them. And that makes life so much richer and better.

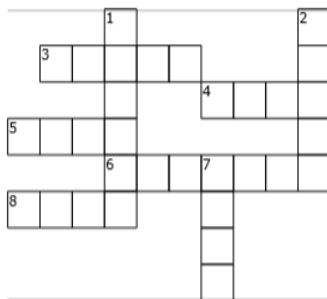
Blessings from Meg



Are You Good Enough?

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. Mark 10:18 (NIV)

Based on Mark 10:17-31



ACROSS

3. The opposite of old
4. The period between birth and death
5. The opposite of bad
6. Without end
8. To have little money or possessions

DOWN

1. To take the life of another person
2. To take something that does not belong to you
7. To have much wealth and possessions

CHURCH SERVICES

16 October	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev Hansford
18 October		Gowrie	NO SERVICE
18 October	9am	Hallsville	~ Trevor Forrester
			Baptism
18 October	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fischer

Mark 10:17-31 (NIV)

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

- ¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.
- ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"
- ²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."
- ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
- ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
- ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"
- ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
- ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
- ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"
- ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."
- ²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"
- ²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel
- ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.
- ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

"I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the culture of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible."~ Gandhi

Come and join Max and Shirley Whitten as they celebrate 50th wedding anniversary at the Hallsville Church -12.30pm for lunch on Saturday 24 October. Please do not bring a gift.

A savoury or sweet dish to share would be appreciated.

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It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody. ~ Maya Angelou