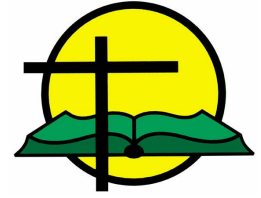


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday 22nd May 2016

Hebrews 10: Only Jesus Brings Complete Salvation

We read these words "...it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins", and as we saw with the passage last week the obsolete nature of the Old covenant law and sacrificial system. We saw there that the old was pointing forward to the need for the new. The old has been fulfilled and superseded by the new. What then is the new covenant?

It is: that complete salvation from sin, death and judgement comes through Jesus Christ – and only through him. His once for all sacrifice on the cross for sins does away with the need for sacrifices because they were pointing forward to the need for the perfect and once for all sacrifice of the God-man, Jesus Christ. And through his sacrifice his people have now become holy by faith in him. There is no longer any offering for sin because for those in Christ sin has been forgiven fully and finally in the cross.

No other way of salvation works. No works can bring about salvation. If there was another way, Jesus the Son of God, the perfect man would not have come to die. He is the ONLY way to forgiveness and peace with God. He is the ONLY way to eternal life. His own words still echo today: Jesus said... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

But how will you respond to this great salvation? How will you continue to respond? ONLY Jesus Brings Complete Salvation for those who place their trust – not in their own goodness – but in his goodness, in his life, in his death, in his resurrection. He is the ONLY way to eternal life, and joy, and peace in God our Father.

Family News

Bob Stock still in Hospital

Bob is still presently in Nowra Hospital. He has pneumonia and some fractured ribs. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.

The Next Question Box Sunday Is Coming Up – 19th June

Have you got a question? About the Bible? About God? Maybe something we have been going through in Hebrews that you don't really understand? If you have a question, why not write it down and put it in the wooden box on the back table. Or you can email it in: questionbox@westview-baptists.info



Solid Joys Daily Devotional Bible App

I have recently been put onto this daily devotional and found it really encouraging and a great tool for short devotionals/reflections on the Scriptures. "Solid Joys is a daily devotional app from the ministry of John Piper. These short but substantive readings aim to feed your joy in Jesus every day of the year." Another way to keep meditating on the Word. This free app can be downloaded from your smartphone app store or viewed online at: <http://solidjoys.desiringgod.org/en>



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What's Coming Up?

Sunday Prayer Night – 22nd May – 7pm

All are welcome Sunday 22nd May from 7pm at the church property to come together to pray to our God. This time usually goes for about an hour.

Sunday Morning Prayer – 5th June – 8:15am

All are welcome Sunday 5th June from 8:15am at the church property to come together to pray to our God. This time usually goes for about an hour.

100 Days of Prayer Starts Monday 6th of June

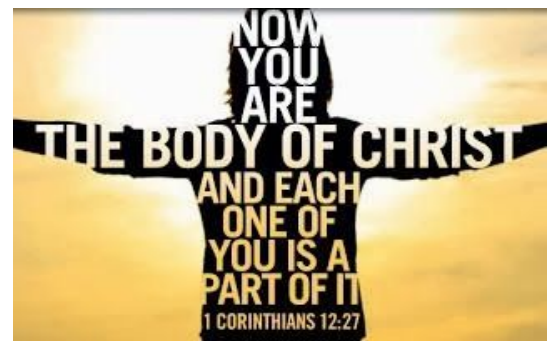
Join with us from Monday 6th June for 100 days of prayer. 20 weeks. Monday to Friday. Daily reflections and prayers + suggestions of things to pray for. More will be said about this over the next few weeks.

www.facebook.com/100daysofprayer2016



WRAP Meeting – Sunday 19th June

This will be a significant WRAP meeting as we aim to affirm our purpose, mission, values and vision together as church. If you are able to make it that would be wonderful. If you have any questions or further suggestions about the vision and this process please speak to Tony, JJ or Lee before the WRAP meeting. Also if you have any other items for the agenda for that morning please speak to them. As usual the meeting will follow the service, starting about 11am.



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Eritrea **Leader:** President Isaias Afworki
Population: 6.5 million **Main Religion:** Islam/Christianity
Government: Authoritarian Presidential Regime
Main Source of Persecution: Dictatorial Paranoia

A dramatic increase in persecution

Eritrea has jumped up to third place on the 2016 World Watch List, with the largest score increase on the list. The authoritarian regime restricts all forms of meetings, opposing views and free expression. Eritrean Christians face extreme persecution in all spheres of life. Radical Islam, sometimes supported by the government, contributes to the toxic environment for believers.

After 150 years of growth, now restriction

Protestant Christianity arrived in Eritrea in 1864. Churches grew and missionaries continued to arrive and work in Eritrea, with particular growth following World War II.

However, following Eritrea's declaration of independence from Ethiopia in 1993, the government announced strict registration policies for churches. Registration required providing the names of members to the government. Many churches chose to continue operating without registering, in order to protect the safety of their members.

Pressure, violence and imprisonment

Christians who don't belong to registered churches face massive pressure from the government. Believers who are found with material that is not from a registered church face violence and imprisonment in horrific conditions. It's estimated that thousands of Christians have been imprisoned in Eritrea over the years and many have died as prisoners. Many have also been killed by security forces while attempting to flee the country.

Please Pray:

- > For the hundreds of Eritrean Christians who have been imprisoned for their faith.
- > For the many Christians who don't have enough food to survive and are forced to flee.
- > For wisdom for unregistered churches as they seek to continue gathering to worship Jesus despite the threat of danger.

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