

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

10th November, 2013

Our purpose is to bring glory to God. We will do this as we:

1. are transformed by enjoying Christ;
 2. love by serving others; and
 3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world
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Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Teaching Sessions

We all are tempted to see ourselves better than others. ‘Surely, God would find it easier to love me more than bad people!’, we might be tempted to think. We find excuses justifying our sin making it only a little thing for God to forgive.

Our self esteem might prevent us from seeing ourselves as God would see us, but if we could glimpse the depths of our depravity, we would appreciate all the more the extent of God’s love, grace and forgiveness. Have you ever considered that perhaps our self esteem may be robbing us from experiencing the depths of God’s love.

We are children of the promise first given to Abraham and realised through Christ. The promise of blessing is experienced as God’s Spirit enters our lives and the Spirit within us cries “Abba, Father”. It

would be foolish to do this any other way. This is what Paul is addressing in the passage today.

Next week we will be looking at Gal 4:7-31.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

Community prayer night is generally on the 4th Sunday of the month which is 24th November.

Weekly prayer group 6am Thursdays.

The FGB Dinner will be held on 18th November. Please see John S. for more information.

Keep Matt and Becky in your prayers. The weather is getting hot and humid which may drain both Matt with his chronic fatigue and Becky with her pregnancy. They have been attending the Baptist church in the township and feel very welcomed there.



Living Faithfully in Our World

Christmas Carols

Blacktown Anglican Church are running “Carols in the Park” on Saturday 14 December, 7.30-9.00 pm at Francis Green Park (Blacktown Showground Precinct). They are inviting all churches in Blacktown to come along and assist in evening. They particularly require volunteers to help with venue management, information agents, selling battery

operated candles and so on. Please speak to Tony for more information.

Praying for the Persecuted

The [World Watch List](#) identifies the most persecuted countries in the world. A new country will be listed each week for us to pray for. So far 1. North Korea; 2. Saudi Arabia; 3. Afghanistan

#4 Persecuted Country: Iraq

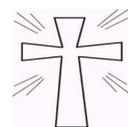
There is a long history of Christians living in Iraqi but are currently on the verge of extinction. Islamic Extremism is the main persecution and Sharia law makes it impossible for freedom of belief. There are estimated to be approximately 330,000 Christians left from the 1.2 million at the beginning of the 1990s. The church faces many challenges –members succumbing to pressure, fleeing or being killed or abducted and a lack of capable leaders. There is a lot of fear among Christians in the country, ever since the bloody attack against Christians during a church service in Baghdad two years ago.

Teaching

Galatians: Jesus Alone!

5. Faith and Law (Galatians 3:15-4.7)

Abraham / Moses / Jesus
/ Covenant / Promise
3:15-18



The Law leads us to Christ 3:19-22

How do you hold onto the promise?

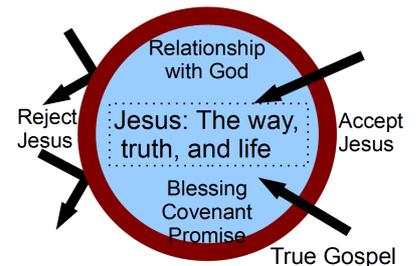
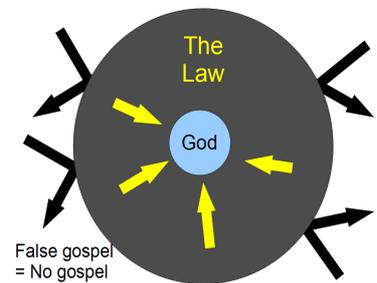
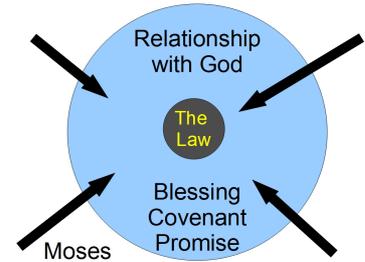
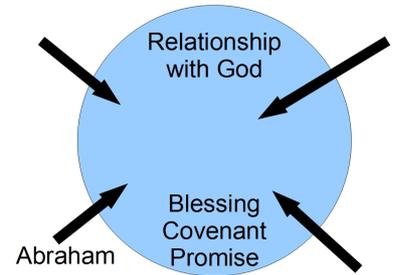
But how do you hold onto the God who made the promise?

How then are we to live?

Under Law or In Christ: Children of God

3:23-29

Legitimate Children of God 4:1-7



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