

HOPE IS FOUND IN GOD

JULY 2021

The Comforter

When Jesus was crucified and left this world to be reunited with God, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter, our devoted teacher to guide us into all truth.

The Holy Spirit is God and therefore is love.

Romans 5:5 tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

It is like having a God-inspired life coach at our fingertips 24/7.

Do you ever feel like nothing in your life is turning out the way you had hoped it would?

Do you find it hard to believe that God loves you?

James 1:17 says: every good and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Take note, every good thing in your life, everything that brings you comfort, joy and peace – is a gift from God. You are His child and He loves you.

If there is anything keeping you from believing God loves you, **NOW** is the time to surrender it and let it go. Choose to believe it and accept God's grace and love.

You are worthy. It doesn't matter what has happened in your past—there is nothing you have done or can do to stop God from loving you.

Take in a breath—and, as you do—breathe in God's loving grace.

As you breathe out—let go of anything that has held you back from accepting His unconditional love.

Continue to do this on a daily basis—spend at least 2 minutes morning and night with God—just sitting with Him in silent meditation.

But I will send you the Comforter—the Holy Spirit, the source of all truth.

He will come to you from the Father and will tell you all about me.

John 15:26

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE NEW 3 MONTHS.

For the next 3 months we will be studying the book of Hebrews. Hebrews was written to a group of 1st century Christians who were in danger of giving up. They were facing fierce persecution, physical assault, houses plundered and jail time. Some accepted this adversity but others were wavering. Our crises may be different from the 1st century Christians, but we can all waver in our faith in Christ.

Hebrews demonstrates that Christ is the Zenith of God's redemptive plan—prophesied under the Old Covenant and fulfilled in the New Covenant. I am sure you will find our exploration both challenging and exciting.

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July 4th Hebrews 11:1-16

Theme: What faith is and what faith does

July 11th Hebrews 11:8-19

Theme: The ingredients of a life of faith.

July 18th Hebrews 11:23-29

Theme: Moses—man of faith

July 25th Hebrews 7:18-28

Theme: One priest, one sacrifice once for all.

WHAT IS HAPPENING! **God answers prayer**

Pantry Food—we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the surrounding community in restocking our food pantry to meet the needs of those struggling. We have had to postpone accepting more food due to shortage of storage space, but will recommence in the coming months.

Building Fund—our target was \$10,000 to commence works on Hope Cottage. It started slow but now has reached its target with a number of large donations. We sincerely thank the various donors—without whom we could not go forward. We will continue to deposit to our Building fund to manage ongoing maintenance issues—so if you are able, please donate.

Hope Group—today is our 2nd Hope Group—offered fortnightly. But may be run weekly if desired. Our small, intimate group commenced with exploring the Parable of the Good Samaritan and how this plays out in our lives. Anyone is welcome to come along. Meet for BYO lunch at 12noon for a start at 12.30pm. Tea/coffee provided.

Trivia—get your brains in training for this coming Friday 9th July from 2-4pm. Fun filled, sometimes challenging but extremely enjoyable trivia afternoon with yummy scones, jams and cream provided. Just \$5 per person with prizes to be won. **See Kay our Secretary to book.**