

Notes

"A Greater Grace" (2 Samuel 9)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

"To know Christ and make Him known"



"Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!" (2 Samuel 9:7)

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9AM *Clay Hubbard*

November

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Thought for the Week

MOST TO JESUS I SURRENDER (OR MAYBE JUST SOME)

Have ever read through the early books of the Old Testament and noticed the long passages where God lays out His laws for His people? Among those laws there a significant number of passages that describe the system of sacrifices that God expected them to follow. And the one recurring theme of those different sacrifices was that the people were meant to bring the first and best of what they had to the Lord. Where they may be tempted to wait until their sheds and pantries were full before offering their sacrifice, God demanded the first fruits. Where they may be tempted to sacrifice the animals that were blemished and had little value, God demanded they give what is perfect and unblemished. He makes it clear that, if his people are to truly worship him, they must worship him in ways that prove he is their first love and first priority. But what does this mean for us today, when our worship no longer revolves around an intricate system of sacrifices?

Well, the New Testament does demand at least one kind of sacrifice. Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 that God commands us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Instead of sacrificing animals, God asks us to sacrifice our very selves. As we come to Christ, we are to surrender everything to him - our lives, attitudes, actions, time, talents and passions. In singing the great old hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" we would proclaim, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee." Or in the hymn "All to Jesus I Surrender" we would sing, "All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all." But I wonder if we really mean those words? Are we really striving to surrender all? Or are we content to only surrender some or most? Do we offer him the best of what we have or only those bits we know we can do without? Do we give him those things that we love most, or do we only bring him the inconsequential things that are low on our list of priorities? Do we say "I surrender all," except my money and comfort. "Take my life" but not my position or reputation. "Take my heart," but please don't take that sin I enjoy so much. "Take all I have Lord," except my health, strength and family. When we come to Christ, we must come all the way, which means we must be willing to give all of ourselves. Our prayer should be not just "save me" but "use me, even if there is cost." True worship requires us to joyfully proclaim, with our lips and with our lives, "Jesus, I love you, I trust you, and I surrender all to you." May the Holy Spirit challenge and empower each of us to live in such a way. God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- For Lenny and Jenny Claven and Paul and Megan Cracknell hey travel out to rural communities with Care Outreach.
- For our AGM next Sunday - for wisdom, unity and a great time of celebrating another amazing year.
- For John Tomlinson who has been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. For peace and comfort for John and the family, and that they will find a care option (unit) for John.
- Pray for the Lord's comfort and protection over the people of Israel, the soldiers fighting and Jewish communities across the world.

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters

FRIDAY
9:30AM Playgroup
4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS: 27th Julie Elford, 28th Jenny Jenson, 29th Frank Van Der Harst

THANKS TO UNI IMPACT

We are blessed to have the Uni Impact team lead us this morning. A huge thanks to Clay and the team and we are looking forward to hearing the message that God has for us this morning.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas' is happening again this year on 12th December. We will also be putting together some Christmas Hampers. The dates for the Christmas Hamper collections are 26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST—THIS SATURDAY

The next men's meeting will be a visit to Jim Carruthers business Carruthers Contracting this Saturday. It will be a breakfast and then you can have a look at all the Diggers and Dozers. Bring your children or grandchildren with you and let them climb these monsters!!.

We will meet at the church at 7.30AM and will then car pool to Yandina. Please put your name on the list in the Hall if you are intending to come along.

AGM MEETING

Our AGM will be held after the service next Sunday (3rd December).

This is an Important day for our church family as we will be:

- Voting in our church and ministry leaders for 2024,
- Voting in new church members,
- Celebrating the events of 2023, and
- Getting updates on plans for 2024 and beyond..

Everyone, not just members, is encouraged to come along to this exciting event.

SOS FINAL OUTING FOR 2023

Christmas Breakup Lunch at the Waterfront Hotel

Thursday December 7 @ 11.30.

More details later