

"Narrow Gate, Narrow Way" (Matthew 7:13-23)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church 'To know Christ and make Him known'

> "But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it" (Matt 7:14)

9AM Pastor Harrison

(Matthew 7:13-23)

## Thought for the Week

"From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. Peter took him aside, and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This will never be done to you." But he turned, and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men." (Matthew 16:21–23)

(A devotional by J.C. Ryle)

"Let us learn.... from these verses, that there is no doctrine of Scripture so deeply important as the doctrine of Christ's atoning death.

We cannot have clearer proof of this, than the language used by our Lord in rebuking Peter. He addresses him by the dreadful name of "Satan," as if he was an adversary, and doing the devil's work, in trying to prevent His death. He says to him, whom he had so lately called "blessed," "Get behind me, Satan! You are an offence unto me." He tells the man whose noble confession he had just commended so highly, "for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men." Stronger words than these never fell from our Lord's lips. The error that drew from so loving a Savior such a stern rebuke to such a true disciple, must have been a mighty error indeed.

The truth is, that our Lord would have us regard the crucifixion as the central truth of Christianity. Right views of His vicarious death, and the benefits resulting from it, lie at the very foundation of Bible-religion. Never let us forget this. On matters of church government, and the form of worship, men may differ from us, and yet reach heaven in safety. On the matter of Christ's atoning death, as the way of peace, truth is only one. If we are wrong here, we are ruined forever. Error on many other points is only a skin disease. Error about Christ's death is a disease at the heart. Here let us take our stand. Let nothing move us from this ground. The sum of all our hopes must be, that "Christ has died for us." (1 Thess. 5:10.) Give up that doctrine, and we have no solid hope at all."

Blessings Pastor Harrison

Prayer Points

- Pray for our pastoral search committee, as they seek out God's man for the Senior Pastor role here
- Pray for the Beaumonts as they return to PNG (27th July), pray for the translation work, for their health and for safe travel for them and their co-workers, and pray for the transport to be provided for some of the workers
- Pray for all our folk who have ongoing health issues: Leslie Gallagher, Inga, Elaine
- Praise God for sending Jesus Christ into the world so that all those who would believe in him might be set free from their sins

What's on?

If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer 0449 584 284

MONDAY 5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY 9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

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

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BIRTHDAYS: 5th Len Claven, 7th Harrison Gallagher

PRAYER MEETING

We will be holding a special prayer meeting on the 11th of August to seek God's will for the current needs of CBBC. We are planning to have a session of prayer after morning tea, to have lunch together (church to provide) and then more sessions of prayer after lunch. We have much to praise God for and we have much to seek His blessing on for the future. Would you join us as we meet together with God.

## SOCCER HOME GAMES

We have another soccer home game coming up in the next Saturday on the 10th August. Please see roster out in the gallery if you are able to help and put your name down.

## THANKSGIVING SOCCER SERVICE

On the 18th August we will be having our Thanksgiving Soccer Service, where we give thanks to God for the soccer season we have had, invite everyone from the club to come along to church, because after our soccer service we have our break-up for the year as well. Please put this date in your diaries, it is always a great service. We will also be asking people from the church family to bring a plate of food to share which will be taken over to the fields for everyone to enjoy, and there will be other roles for people to get involved with, so stay tuned for more information.