

Thought for the Week

IF GOD IS LOVE, GOD MUST BE A TRINITY

The kind of love that's real, the kind of love Scripture actually teaches, the love that's higher and deeper and stronger than all our stupid pop songs and romance novels and chick flicks is impossible to manufacture out of emotions and human ambition. So how do we get it?

The religious person will suggest that love comes from God. But Christianity teaches that God is himself love (1 John 4:8, 16). Love isn't God. But God is love. So what does it mean for God to be love?

It doesn't necessarily mean God is simply loving. Judaism and Islam and Mormonism proclaim a God who loves. But when Christians teach that God is himself love, they're saying that real love itself has its origin and essence in God.

And this cannot be true unless God is a Trinity. Think about it: A solitary god cannot be love. He may learn to love. He may yearn for love. But he cannot in himself be love, since love requires an object. Real love requires relationship. In the doctrine of the Trinity we finally see how love is part of the fabric of creation; it's essential to the eternal, need-nothing Creator. From eternity past, the Father and the Son and the Spirit have been in community, in relationship. They have loved each other. That loving relationship is bound up in the very nature of God himself. If God were not a Trinity but merely a solitary divinity, he could neither be love nor be God.

By Jared Wilson, from The Gospel Coalition website

Prayer Points

- Pray for John and Margaret Beaumont as they had back to PNG very shortly to continue translation work. Pray for provision and for productivity in their work
- Praise God for the soccer season we have had, that there were no major injuries this year, and was a year of fun playing soccer with friends and family
- Pray for our Alpha course continuing on Wednesday nights. Pray for clear communication of the truths of the gospel, and soft hearts to reflect and respond
- Pray for Bill and Melissa Close, founders of Care Outreach based in Coolum. Pray that would have the opportunity to share the gospel with many of the outback families in Australia
- "The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law" (Psalm 119:69-70)

Birthdays

18th Lucas Elford,
22nd Catherine Daly,
23rd Jim Goodwin & Ros



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

SOCCER HOME CELEBRATION SERVICE

Welcome to the families joining us today from our soccer club, we hope you enjoy the service at Coolum Beach Baptist Church.

SENIORS PLUS CONFERENCE

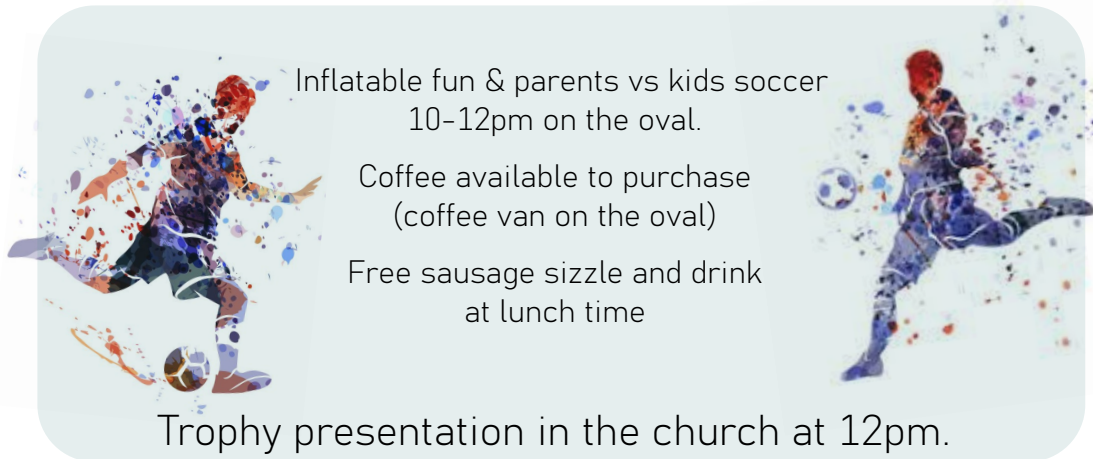
This is a Bible teaching conference which will be held on August 19th & 20th, Buderim. Feel free to pick up a brochure in the foyer, or talk to Brian & Pam Scales for more info

MARK HOME GROUP BOOKLETS

Pick up a home group study booklet for this term (covering Mark 1-4) from the front desk.

WOMENS MINISTRY OP-SHOP OUTING

Next month we were scheduled to have our Women's Conference, but we have pushed this event back to November. This mean we will be having our OP-shop crawl & lunch next month on September 13th—more info soon!



Inflatable fun & parents vs kids soccer
10-12pm on the oval.

Coffee available to purchase
(coffee van on the oval)

Free sausage sizzle and drink
at lunch time

Trophy presentation in the church at 12pm.

WALKING SOCCER 5pm Mondays \$5

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PRIMARY AGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm –5:30pm Fridays (school term)

\$3 Afternoon tea provided

HIGH SCHOOLAGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm-5:30pm Fridays (school term)

Afternoon tea provided \$3



PLAYGROUP

9:30am—11:30am

"Play, learn and grow... together." Tuesdays and Fridays (school term) \$5

"SENIORS OUTINGS SOMEWHERE"

Organised outings for over 50's every 2nd month



WOMENS AND MENS EVENTS RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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SOCCER Celebration Service



Pastor Bill Forgeard

"We Love Others Because God Loves Us"

1 John 4:7-12

"Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:11)