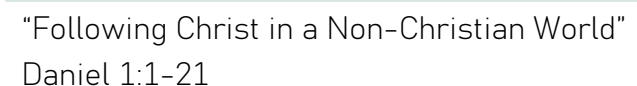
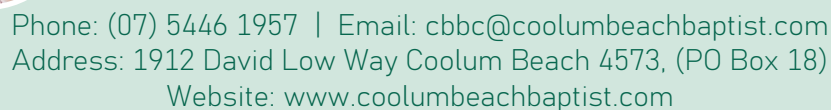


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## Thought for the Week

### THE NARROW GATE

"This gate is called the narrow gate, and it is not called so without cause. It is always narrow, and difficult to pass through to some people; and it will be so as long as the world stands.

It is narrow to all who love sin and are determined not to part with it. It is narrow to all who set their affections on this world and seek first its pleasures and rewards. It is narrow to all who dislike effort and are unwilling to take pains and make sacrifices for their souls. It is narrow to all who like worldly company and want to keep in with the crowd. It is narrow to all who are self-righteous and think they are good people, and deserve to be saved.

To all such, the great gate which Christ made is narrow and strait. In vain they seek to pass through; the gate will not admit them. God is not unwilling to receive them; their sins are not too many to be forgiven. But they are not willing to be saved in God's way! Thousands have tried to make the gate wider! Thousands have worked and toiled to get to Heaven on lower terms. But the gate never alters. It is not elastic; it will not stretch to accommodate one man more than another. It is still the narrow gate.

As narrow as this gate is, it is the only one by which men can get to Heaven. There is no side door; there is no bye-path; there is no gap or low place in the wall. All who are ever saved, will be saved by faith alone, in Christ alone! The best works that any man can do, are little better than splendid sins. When we have done all that we can, we are still poor "unprofitable servants." It is a mere waste of time to seek any other gate to eternal life. Proud men may dislike the gate if they will. Debauched men may scoff at it, and make a jest of those who use it. Lazy men may complain that the way is hard. But men will discover no other salvation, than that of faith in the crucified Redeemer! Between us and Heaven, there stands one great gate. It may be narrow, but it is the only one. We must either enter Heaven by the narrow gate, or not at all!"

-J.C. Ryle

## Prayer Points

- Praise God for his justice, that all evil will one day be punished and justice will be done, and for his mercy, that he sent Jesus despite our rejection of his laws (Isaiah 6:8-13)
- Thank God for answering prayers; for the safe return and fruitful trips by Trish and Kat in Bangladesh with HOHI, and John and Margaret in PNG continuing Bible translation work
- Pray for those who are unwell in our church, please continue to pray for Annette Harper
- Pray for the parents and children that attend playgroup, that playgroup would be a first step for families hearing the gospel and investigating further

## What's on?

### MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

## Birthdays

1st Dean Pfeffer,  
3rd Jill Mathewson

### AGM DATE SAVER

Our AGM is happening on Sunday 7th December after the morning Service. An email will be going out in the next couple of weeks with information regarding Church Leader and Ministry Convenor positions open for nomination.



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

### CHURCH EMAIL LIST:

If you would like to be added to the church email list to receive weekly updates, please add your name and email to the list in the foyer, or email [cbbc@coolumbeachbaptist.com](mailto:cbbc@coolumbeachbaptist.com) and ask to be added to the list

### SOS OUTING: CALOUNDRA AIR MUSEUM

Thursday October 9th 10am , \$18 per person, followed by fish & chips at the Mooloolaba Spit. More details available at church this Sunday.

### SUNSHINE COAST CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

Welcome to Dave Fowler this morning as he comes to share with us about Uni students on the Sunshine Coast as well as preach.

### BACK INTO MARK

We will be getting back into our sermon series on Mark next Sunday (Oct 5), and Home Group booklets will be available at church that Sunday, so please make sure you remember to pick one up next Sunday.

### REFTOONS

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