



For me to say the least, in all situations, circumstances, **in** all things - not **for** all things give thanks! If we do not have a thankful attitude, we are **not** in the will of God! If we are worried about things of this world like finances, food, clothing; if we do not have peace or joy in situations or circumstances regardless of what they be, it is because we do not have a thankful attitude. Think about it, I have, and it is true, “in all things **give thanks**”, when we do this, what happens, the cares of the world are not ours, when we wake in the morning have I got a thankful attitude, am I giving thanks to God for a new day, a new opportunity, a new beginning?

Over the past 18 months I have struggled in areas of my Christian walk, I look back now and know why, it was because I did not continue to give thanks to God for my life, for his son dying for me, I questioned God, I was hurt and ripped off by man and his accusations therefore I lost my peace, my joy, and all the fruits of the Spirit because I quenched the Spirit by not doing the perfect will of God **which is giving thanks**. If we lack any of the fruits of the Spirit it is only because we are not living a life of **thanksgiving**.

I used to have charge over a couple of different computer stations in ministry including a TV editing system, it was my responsibility to ensure their running good order and to fix any problems, I was continually asking Jesus to help me and **thanking** him prior and after helping me, when I was truck driving on a new route I was forever getting lost, but I would ask God to show me the way and **thanked** him for it, trusting, relying and depending upon him (having faith in him). I was forever thanking God for my bike, my car, my family, my home - everything. My life was great until an Injury got worse.

I started pondering upon the injury, upon how “I had been ripped off by people”, then I started blaming God, then I started thinking He ripped me off, in due course things got worse, my **thanksgiving** had well and truly stopped and I felt empty right up until this particular meeting. Yes I had been ripped off and hurt I do not deny that, but the problem was **I stopped** giving thanks to God that he would show me another way, he would look after me and take care of me. The Holy Spirit worked with me and made different things right in my life over the past 18 mths, I learned to forgive and try to forget, there has been a major work in my life over the past 18 months. But I lacked one thing; Thanksgiving until now.

Now I have **Gal 5:22-23** the fruit of the Spirit back in my life, “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law”. I have the peace of God which passes all understanding again in my life. If you lack any of these fruits in your life, it is only because you need to have a **more thankful** attitude in life in general, try it, you will see that what I am saying is true. If the cares of the world are pressing around and hammering you, thank God for his mercy and his grace, be like Peter and Paul, give thanks in all situations (not for them, but in them) and watch the Spirit of God move on your life.

Oh, by the way, the meeting never happened, he got up shook my hand and walked out after ministering to me for 2 hours, a divine appointment of God. Thankyou Jesus! Do it, give thanks to God for what you do have, not whinge and whine about what you don't have, there are worse off people in the world you know. Give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus, his blood, his death and resurrection, that you are born again, that is a good start, and remember - Jesus loves you and I love you, if we are of God we must Love!

**Stay upright - Roscoe.**



## **NOVEMBER RIDE - Mt Cootha / Gravatt Night Stalkers.**

Once again, we got washed out, a rainy night stopped the ride, there seems to be a bad pattern here maybe I should change the time of month that we go for a ride? Rod even rang me the next day to go for a ride on the Sunday after church a great idea? Yeah but then my wife decided to go for a ride in the morning and did not return early enough for me to leave Bumma! I even missed the Toy Run getting the dates mixed up, if I were a horse they would take me out to pasture for retirement, anyway, will see what happens with the new years eve, if I am still here and not in Victoria I will be going on a new years eve dash from NSW back to QLD. If anyone is interested give me a ring, I have 2 other riders already but we will see what happens.

### **(Back to) THE FUTURE**

Next year “Bikers for Christ” will take a totally different course, the intentions are for it to be a social club, but at every opportunity, I will be going on other bike club runs (not outlaws runs) and taking the opportunity to share with rally goers the gospel. The front patches will be available by January if not earlier. There will be no such thing as membership, but there will be “requirements” to be able to purchase a patch. It can be used as a ministry tool to your choosing, or just a patch to show association as part of “Bikers for Christ”. It will be more family orientated and if anyone would like to give input into this letter, feel free to contact me - I could use it, even testimonies would be great, giving Glory and thanks to God through your testimony can bless others. - **Stay upright, Roscoe.**



### **TECH TIPS. - Problems can be many - but many can make problems easy.**

If you have a wiring problem - call Ron. If you have a engine problem call Peter. If you have a paintwork problem call Dave. If you have a problem buying a new bike - call Rod. If you have a problem lacking food, ring Jock. If you have a problem with not enough rides to go on ring Brian from the CMA. If you have a problem getting a trike to hire ring Wayne. If you get lost on Mt Tamborine and need fellowship ring Craig and Linda. If you have problems with an XV250 Ring Levi he has done it all to his! If you have a problem finding good artwork, leather work or good fellowship -ring Joey. If you have a problem falling off dirt bikes or need to find some tracks - ring Craig. If you get lost in Sandgate , Redcliffe areas and need a cuppa and great fellowship - ring Rolf from the “Spirit Riders”. If you need Pastoral advice - Ring Greg. If you want to know how to worship in Spirit and in Truth - ring Len and Val. If you have computer problems or a problem falling off your bike all the time - ring me!

Problems are small when they can be answered and many can help, Don't spit the dummy, fellowship is great and that is exactly what Bikers 4 Christ is all about. If you have a problem, ring me and I can pass on a message or put you in touch with someone that can help, the body needs each part and we are all a part.

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