

WHAT'S ON?

Bikers 4 Christ on the 13 and 14th of February are supporting the Vino Calypso rally, see details below and if you want to come along ring Rod on **0413302509** for more details.

Bikers 4 Christ Ride: Saturday 28th February: Leaving McDonalds Coorparoo at 8.30am sharp, the CMA are joining us and we are headed up through Samford, Mt Mee, Woodford, around Somerset dam over Mt Glorious and Mt Nebo stopping somewhere along the way for views and lunch, an excellent ride be there! Bring ya swimmers for a cooling off in a dam along the way.

Bikers 4 Christ Ride: Sunday 28th March meeting Roscoe's place at 12.15 pm we are headed for Beaudesert (**meeting with Don from bikers 4 Christ Toowoomba**) for a BBQ and to meet some friends who have a collection of old British bikes apparently. Bring ya family, RSVP how many coming by 20th March.

Bikers 4 Christ: First Weekend in May (*yet to be confirmed*) a few of us are riding up to Bowen in North QLD (1162 Klm's) to join with Bikers 4 Christ up there (*Aussie*) and the Southern Cross Association, CMA QLD and International for a Motorcycle and Hot Rod type Spectacular. Aussie may also be officially recognised as the Coordinator For Whitsundays Bikers 4 Christ by the Lord Mayor up there, and other members may be joining on that same day. If you have a bit of time off work, join with us, a couple of hundred motorcycles and Hot Rods are expected, there will be bands, street evangelism and many more things happening, contact Roscoe for more info on **0412 490 115** or email me on **roscoe@bikers4christ.org** Later in March.

Throughout the year we will be joining with the CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) of QLD for their rides and they will be joining some of ours. we are hoping also to see them come along on some of the Rallies later in the year as well.

Other Biker Events

* **February 8** Cleveland Auto Spectacular: Swap meet, car show, bike show and the whole works \$3 entry for more info ring 07 3396 6941

* **February 13,14 Vino Calypso Rally:** At Dalveen Sports Grounds - 200kms from Brisbane – Between Warwick & Stanthorpe on the New England Hwy **\$12 Pre-Paid \$15 at Gate \$10 day pass–no badge \$2 kids under 13** Rally Pre-Registration and Info : **vinocollapsorally@hotmail.com** Annie - 0414771367 or Red - 0428482275 Snail Mail: 3 Bambil Street CRESTMEAD 4132

* **February 14 Downs Motorcycling Sporting Club Toowoomba: Swap Meet:** At Valleys Rugby League Club (motorcycles only no cars) Pillar St Toowoomba QLD. Camp over, catered showers etc Site holders \$5 Admission \$2 per person more info contact Mark 07 4636 4100 or Garry on 07 4637 9386

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Ephesians 4:1-6 One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

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Man's Spirit Renewed

Have you ever seen a person who calls themselves a Christian doing something very unchristian and saying to yourself "how on earth can that person call him/her self a Christian?" Is that person really saved? What about a person who gives their life to Christ, goes on really well for a while and the next thing you hear is that they are back in jail? You think what is going on around here? Is anyone really saved?

Well, I want to explain something to you about salvation. If you read **Romans 10v9** it says: "*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*"

This means that if you ask Jesus into your heart and really mean it, He, Jesus, will come into your life by the power of the Holy Spirit. (**Rev 3v20**), (**Rom 8v11**)

Now the bible says that God looks on the heart, not on the outward actions of the body. What has taken place is that the person's spirit has been born again, given new life. We see this prophesied in **Ezekiel 36 v 26** "*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*" **v27** *I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*" The unregenerate heart, as we see in **Jeremiah 17v 9** "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?*" This is the state of a mans heart before he is born again but afterwards Gods says that He will remove that old heart of stone (without feelings or convictions) and replace it with one that is soft towards God and others.

The problem of wrong actions exists because the heart fails to tell the head that the person is now a new creation in Christ. (**2 Corinthians 5 v17**) **Romans 12 v 1&2** says: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* A person who has lived a large part of their life serving themselves and the devil needs a lot of regenerating; God has got a lot of work to do in their life. What I have found is that, not only do we need to be born again in our spirit (heart), but, we need to be born again in our soul (mind, will and emotions). This of course is a process and can take some time but there are ways that can greatly increase the speed of this process.

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#1, Read your Bible every day at least one chapter, but three chapters is better. In the book of **Eph 5 v 26** the Bible says *that Christ might sanctify and cleanse you with the washing of water by the word.* In other words the Word of God is like taking a bath for the mind. **Heb 4v 12** says: *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* In other words the word of God will penetrate your thinking and convict you of the things that God does or doesn't want for you. I thank God for the years I spent in Sunday school as a child, it was like a seed planted in my heart which, when I matured, it became a harvest to me of God's word and direction for my life. Jesus tells a parable in **Luke 8v5** onwards, about a person sowing seeds into four different types of soil. The soil represents the heart of men while the seed is the word of God. It is only the soil that has been ploughed up and broken for God that produces the hundredfold return. It's the heart that has been softened with all the weeds pulled out which is a good soil for the Word of God to grow in.

#2, Prayer is the other important part of the Christian's walk with Christ. I was at a bikers 4 Christ meeting recently when a member read out **Matthew 6 v9**: *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Jesus gave this as a model prayer to His disciples to help them understand how to pray to God. He starts off with Identification, who God is, and who we are in God. We are his children and He is our father. Unfortunately father-son relationships in this country over the past fifty years have become a nonevent with up to **40%** of children in some areas living in single parent (mother) homes. Nevertheless God says that He is a loving God not an Authoritarian or overlord as most of us would have experienced in our own lives. Jesus talks about the names of God, so that we know the power of our God.

He is the God who see all (**Gen 16 v 13**), He is our Healer (**Ps 103v3**), He is our provider (**Gen 22v14**), He is our Banner (**Gen 17v15**), He is our peace (**Judges 6 v24**), He is our Strong Tower (**Ps 61v3, Pro 18v10**), He is our Deliverer (**Ps18v1, Ps144v2**), our Redeemer (**Isa 48v17, Isa 63v16**), He is our guide (**Ps 32v8**), our Righteousness (**Ps 4v1**), Our intercessor (**Heb 7v25**), our Counsellor (**Isa 9v6**), He is our Propitiation. **1 John 4v10**: *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* Propitiation means that He has provided a scapegoat to take all the punishment that we rightly deserve. Christ has reconciled us back to God by becoming the mercy seat and appeasing God of the requirements of a sin sacrifice. **2 cor 5v21** *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* You could praise God for eternity just on these few scriptures. As you can see, every thing else in the prayer stems from the names of God, Forgiveness, deliverance from temptation, provision and the power of His kingdom. God wants us to live life and establish earth like it is in Heaven. Of course the earth will never be like Heaven, but we as believers can experience Heaven in our own lives.

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JUST FOR A GIGGLE

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

One for the ladies!

As the bus pulled away, I realized I had left my purse under the seat. Later I called the company and was relieved that the driver had found my bag.

When I went to pick it up, several off-duty bus drivers surrounded me. One man handed me my pocketbook, two typewritten pages and a box containing the contents of my purse. "We're required to inventory lost wallets and purses," he explained. "I think you'll find everything there."

As I started to put my belongings back into the pocketbook, the man continued, "I hope you don't mind if we watch. Even though we all tried, none of us could fit everything into your purse and we'd like to see just how you do it."

Thought for Today

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

Take up your cross and follow me Jesus said, lose your life and you will find it...

TECH TIPS:

"RULES FOR THE ROAD"

Recently I found out some interesting information regarding road rules for Motorcycle riders. **1.** Did you know you can be booked for riding 2 abreast in one lane of traffic, it is called "Lane Sharing". **2.** Did you know that 10% rule of allowing you to speed no longer exists but people are now being booked for going 2 and 3 Klm's / Hr over the speed limit. **3.** That if you have a pillion who is wearing a helmet too big for them and they get killed or seriously hurt in an accident, you can be charged for Manslaughter or grievous bodily harm. **4.** If you carry a child on your motorcycle, they must be capable of placing their feet flat on the footpegs or you can be booked again. **5.** When you pull up at a stop sign, if you do not put your feet down but balance your bike when you stop you can be charged for running a stop sign. **6.** If you are wearing a helmet that has a serious bit of damage to it, you can also be booked as it will be deemed as unsafe and not complying with the Australian Standard, and actually helmets are supposed to be replaced every couple of years (not sure exactly on the time). **7.** Did you know that modifications to your handlebars, indicators, exhausts, or seat height also make your Aus standards non compliant as well, (not really enforced though).



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#3 The third most important thing is Fellowship. Fellowship means spending time together as Christian friends. We need each other and were made for each other. I need the support of my brothers in Christ to encourage me and strengthen me when I feel down or experiencing difficulty in my Christian walk. I recently experienced great difficulty dealing with a problem from my past. It was something I had suppressed but not thoroughly dealt with. I knew that while I refused to seek counsel I would never be free of its oppressive hold over my life. I first discussed this with my wife and then went to my Pastor and confessed to him the problem that I was battling. After two counseling sessions and prayer, I now have the victory in this area. We must understand that “**Brotherhood**” is not a bikers invention, **it is Christ’s. I John chap 1v7-9** has a lot to say about fellowshiping together with Christ. *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* **Heb 10v19** says: *Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. **1Pet 2 v17** tells us to love the brotherhood So when you are struggling, go and see your brothers and allow them to minister to your needs.*

God Bless ya. - Don - A Biker 4 Christ.

Take part in this newsletter and be a blessing to others like Don has to me. More testimonies are needed, or if God has laid something on your heart, get it to me (Roscoe) personally or by snail mail or email. Everyone can be a blessing and share what God has showed them!

Need Intercessory Prayer, or maybe a friendly chat or a listening ear?

Marina is an Honorary Bikers 4 Christ and has supported us financially and prayerfully from the word go and also in my life prior. If you have a need that is a prayer need, Marina will go before the throne of God on your behalf on a daily basis in intercession. You decide if you give your name or all the details or just ring her to ask for prayer for healing, finances or whatever the need may be without divulging personal information, entirely up to you! Marina has offered and asked that this be placed in the newsletter as she feels this is what God would have her do.

Marina can be contacted on **3808 8664** or by email on marinaj@smartchat.net.au please keep contact at reasonable hours unless in emergency.



Testimony of Lyn Wilson - Roscoe's Mother Inlaw. Or is that outlaw? :)

I was born in 1944 in the north eastern Victorian town of Mansfield. A pretty picturesque town, that nestles on a Plateau with hills and mountains all around it. I am the eldest of three girls each of us being five years apart, my parents were middle class modest hard working people, there was always plenty of food on the table and a dry, clean place to sleep and my mum bless her heart always had us beautifully dressed as she made most of our clothes.

Whatever Dad was doing I would help him out on the farms that we had, we mainly had sheep on a bush property that we had in the early 50's. I'd follow the sheep back along the tracks which would eventually lead to the sheep yards, of course at that time we always had horses which were an important part of life at that time and a most important part of my life. Later on dad sold the bush property and bought a farm that was all flat, what a difference! Going from a brand new house to an old dump, that took a lot of grace on my mum's part. No power, no gas, only kero lights and no hot water, but we managed. At this time I was 12 years old and very involved with pony clubs going on trail rides and riding in horse shows, and then I started to get interested boys at the age of 15.

I was friendly with a girl who's parents owned a green grocers shop and she rang me one night and said that there were some young blokes she knew from Melbourne. She asked if I wanted to meet them and go to the pictures with one of them. This is where I met my future husband and after 2 years of engagement we were married, we had four children by the time I was 24 and had moved to Terang in the western districts. My husband Lee was a herd tester which means he tested the butter content of each cows milk sample, he would take the samples to the butter factory and put hypochlorite in the samples and then they would be placed into little bottles with long necks for further testing after being put into a centrifuge for a certain period of time, the butter fat content for each cow told the farmer if to keep the cow or sell it.

We were on that job for a while and then took an opportunity to go onto a dairy farm; eventually we contracted a disease called Brucellosis, which is a lot like chronic fatigue. We were advised to move away to Melbourne away from the cows, a totally new life-style which was hard on the children and us as well, although we both had gotten jobs lee working at General Motors and I was working at International. Eventually we got itchy feet to move again and acquired a 30-foot bus, which we did up and lived in for 4 years, we moved to Mildura, and worked there for 2 years and decided then to move to Queensland.

What a day that was! The skies seemed bluer and everything seemed to grow bigger like cockroaches and stick insects. That was July of 1978. We had 2 boys and 2 girls and the girls met a lady in the caravan park we lived who used to take craft for the kids up at a church in Birkdale, it wasn't long before Sharon and Marlene gave their hearts to Jesus as young Teenagers. Sharon kept inviting me to go to church with her and I decided to go one day just to shut her up and I also received Jesus into my life.

Thanks to sound teaching I am a stable Christian today, unfortunately our marriage finished in 1996 and it was a hard time, but my ex husband and I are still friends and I still pray for his salvation. I am now the grandmother of three boys and 3 girls. Three out of four of my children are walking with the Lord today and after 40 years away I have returned to my hometown of Mansfield. I have found many good friends both new and old but this time I am the kings' kid which is so much better. There has been many hard times as well as joyous times, but the Christian walk is the only way I want to live, being a servant to others and showing the Love of God by example.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR GOD?

Isa 58:1-12 Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice like a ram's horn, and show My people their rebellion, and the house of Jacob their sins. **v2** Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and one who did not forget the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in drawing near to God. **v3** They say, Why have we fasted, and You do not see? Why have we afflicted our soul, and You take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and crush all your laborers. **v4** Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast as you do today, to make your voice to be heard on high. **v5** Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast and a day pleasing to Jehovah? **v6** **Is not this the fast that I have chosen?** To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed ones go free, and that you break every yoke? **v7** Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, and that you should bring home the wandering poor? When will you see the naked and cover him; and you will not hide yourself from your own flesh? **v8** Then shall your light break out as the dawn, and your health shall spring out quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Jehovah shall gather you. **v9** Then you shall call, and Jehovah shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If you take the yoke away from among you, the pointing of the finger, and speaking vanity; **v10** and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. **v11** And Jehovah shall always guide you and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make your bones fat; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. **v12** And those who come of you shall build the old ruins; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Recently I had a visitor at my home for the weekend, and during that time, he looked at my wife and I and began to quote this scripture from verse 6 to 12 from memory, so I thought! The following days this very scripture burned within me and I just had to look it up and read it, I immediately heard a question that many Christians ask - What can I do for God, or how can God use me? My friend had spoken to me under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, because it has made me question my walk with God, it has made me look at many ministries, pastors and other Christians that I know closely and study their life and mine according to this scripture.

I think and a blind person could even see that the church today (that is you and me) does not fully abide by the golden rule and we wonder why we are not blessed. I know pastors who would say that they are blessed, they drive the latest model car and live in the biggest house therefore they believe they are walking in this above scripture, but what they don't tell you that those cars are leased, and the bank owns the house not them! Therefore they too do not walk in the above!

I am not condemning them because I would also be condemning myself as well, but what I do want to try and accomplish is that we take a good hard look at our lives and ask ourselves, are we like the Pharisees and Sadducees of Jesus day who walked around strutting their stuff and saying "I am blessed because I follow the law to a tee, I pray, I fast, I tithe and read my word", and yet we do none of the above that tells us to help others!

What can I do for God Continued ...



So many people want a Pulpit ministry, they think it is all glorious and only because the pastor makes it out to be! So many people want a "ministry" in general, some a large one and some small ones, yet do we do what Isaiah tells us to do? I know Christian organisations who will take large wages for themselves, use all the voluntary help they can get for many years, show no respect to their volunteers and think they have a ministry. This visitor I had said something to me that struck home with me, he asked me who is the most important person in the church (other than Jesus)? His reply was the newest person to walk through the church doors and the least important person was the man behind the pulpit!

I think we have got our priorities wrong, if we want to do something for God, this is what we should be doing, treating that new person like they are welcome, not pretending. We should be visiting the sick, the oppressed and the lonely and destitute and praying for them, feeding them, clothing them, talking with the elderly that are lonely, taking time out for one another regardless of who we are or who they are. See Jesus did not go about gathering together all the money he could and building up church buildings and creating his "own kingdom", he came to build his Father's kingdom! I knew a man that once said to me you will know the true servants of God by their fruits and not by their suits, that same man now brags of what he owns and what God has given him and no longer has fruit of the Spirit in his life. God wants us blessed, but we need to keep our priorities right, we need to be chasing Him and not mammon, if you chase after money, you will be pierced through with many sorrows **1Tim 6:10**.

When you decide that you are going to place this scripture into practice in your own personal life like I need to, don't forget that not only do we supply a need for someone, but at the same time we **MUST** minister the good news to them that Jesus died for their sins, that is what it is all about! If we fail to do this then we fail God as far as I am concerned. When Jesus said go and preach the good news, what was the good news? I have heard many different versions, like you can be poor no more and be rich, you can be healed and not sick, you can be happy and not sad. All these things are true but the main point is still missed, the true good news was and still is that Jesus died and rose again therefore we can have a relationship with God through faith and the Holy Spirit. That bridge that Adam and Eve burned has been rebuilt by Jesus! That's the **GOOD NEWS!** In Mathew 28 Jesus said ALL authority has been given unto me therefore you go... And do what? Destroy the works of the enemy in people's lives just like he did.

Unfortunately no more do we hear much from the pulpit who we are in Christ unless it is a "feel good sermon" whatever happened to the days of praying for people to be delivered, strongholds to be broken and the oppressed set free, whatever happened to the days where a Pastor took the time to minister to someone from his congregation or neighbourhood, whoops I got that wrong! It never was the Pastors job we used to do it, the congregation, but now everyone thinks it is the Pastors Job. But **Acts 6:1** onwards shows us 7 people were appointed by the Apostles to serve and Jesus appointed 72 to go ahead of him in **Luke 10v1,2** and Jesus is known as our high priest, so maybe it is time for us to let our pastor get on with his job seeking God for the congregation and building himself up to minister to us, while we go out and minister to others instead of inviting them to church for the Pastor to do it, you minister to them and lead them to Jesus yourself and then bring them to church.

Bless ya - Roscoe