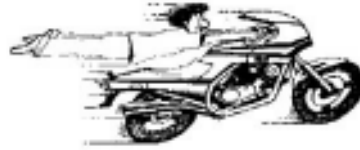


## **WHAT'S ON?**

### **BIKERS 4 CHRIST BRISBANE/LOGAN**



**Outreach night Every Second Friday Night:** Next ones being **July 2nd, 16th, 30th, August 13th, 27th** We are meeting at a Roscoe's at 6.30pm and headed out into the streets with the gospel to other riders throughout Brisbane where-ever they hang out, to build friendships and share Jesus. **For more info ring Roscoe on 0412 490 115**

**Ride Sunday July 25th:** Leave Roscoe's at 12.15pm for A short Sunday ride to Redcliffe Peninsula via all the back streets. Lunch will be at a hotel or similar at Redcliffe and then a stroll along the waterfront, BBQ's will also be in the area if you would like to bring your family in the car for a family day out.

**August Sunday 15th Combat Veterans Sunshine Coast Poker Run:** 4th Annual run \$20 per hand includes a T'Shirt depart Ettamogah Hotel 10.30 am. For more Info ring Picko on 0418 714 445. ALL Proceeds got to Make a Wish Foundation Major prize: 4 Days 3 Nights on a luxury Houseboat in the Sandy Strait.

**Rally August 27,28: Back to the Future Rally:** with the Virago Owners club at Lowood, this is a Bikers 4 Christ annual attendance Rally and is a great rally for bringing the kids. Usual gate prize they give away a brand new motorcycle.

**Check out our web site for heaps of Biker events that can no longer fit in here, just click on the "Events" link on our website.**

### **BIKERS 4 CHRIST BOWEN NTH QLD**

#### ***The land of sunshine, warmth and beauty!***

Our recent trip to Bowen as seen in this newsletter had its hiccups but rest assured "Bowen" Bikers 4 Christ are going strong. Other riders up there decided to run with the Bikers 4 Christ Shield and will be advertising their events here soon.

Future Bikers 4 Christ in other areas of Australia will no longer be recognised as a "Branch" as such, but I will gladly be advertising their events according to their city where they are situated.

It so happened that I got sidetracked and God pulled me into line that setting up coordinators was wrong, that Jesus is the leader of Bikers 4 Christ and only he gets the glory, honour and praise. Even I am not a Coordinator! What we all do is support one another in what we think God would have us do.

## **BIKERS 4 CHRIST**

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

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## **GOODNEWS LETTER**

*Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8*

**[www.bikers4christ.org](http://www.bikers4christ.org) July 2004**

## **Why God?**

Last month I talked about the Grace of God and how it is God through the Holy Spirit who ministers through us and not us regardless of our selves basically. I thought well maybe someone may take this to the extreme and think they can wilfully sin and still be used by God or get what they want from God, so I thought I had better add to what I wrote last month.

**Rom 8:1-8** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set me free from the law of sin and of death. For the Law being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous demand of the Law might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is enmity towards God; for it is not being subjected to the Law of God, for neither can it be. And those being in the flesh are not able to please God.*

The above scripture shows us that we should not feel condemned about our lives as we have been set free by the blood of Jesus. Yet at the same time the writer says that this only applies to those who walk after the things of the spirit and not the flesh. Many times when we are believing God for something we don't get it like praying for "things" or healing or finances etc, we turn around and ask "**Why God?**" The grace of God can be limited in our lives according to how and what we do during the week. Some people may seem all holy and righteous but like in Jesus' days there are pharisees and sadducees today, those that seem clean on the outside but are really dirty on the inside.

You may ask what am I talking about? I am talking about people that "live in sin", not those who sin occasionally and make a mistake but those who continually live in sin, their prayers will not be heard according to **1Peter 3:1-7**, yes this may be talking about husbands and wives but I believe it would also apply to all Christians as we are also seen as the bride of Christ.



Many people automatically think of sexual sin when you say “living in sin”. But the word shows us that there are secret sins, like all through **Matthew 5** Jesus talks about Hate is as Murder and Lust as Adultery, not sticking to your word is as a sin as well, unfortunately people have been programmed to see the outward things in our lives as sin like smoking, drinking, sex outside of marriage, taking drugs etc and all the big bold print we see in the media a lot. When all the time we might hate our parents and no-one knows about it, we lie or exaggerate stories, just little white lies, or we are gluttons and overweight because we have no control over our eating habits and food may be a god to us, we can not but help ourselves to eat that chocolate or ice-cream.

So what am I trying to say? Not everyone including me is as holy as you may think! / Everyone has their own little secret sin between them and God, like Anger, Hatred, Gluttony, despising others, envy, unforgiveness, and the list can go on forever, each one of us knows we have something in our life that God wants us to deal with and it is a sin at that point because once we know God wants us to deal with it the Bible shows us in **1John 1:8** that we all have sin and if we think we don’t we are only fooling ourselves, and it tells us that truth is not in us and God is truth.

I will get to the point! If your prayers are not being answered, with either a **yes or a no** (God **does** say no too) stop and take a spiritual check of your life. Is there something stopping it. Be truthful to yourself and to God and say hey, I have a problem with, anger, hatred, lust etc. Stop looking at other people’s lives and judging them as well Judging others is a sin too. What type of judging I mean is “condemning judgement”, speaking about them behind their back etc. Once we have got all that out of the way, then we can say OK God I have repented and asked for forgiveness, please answer my prayer. But also be ready for God to say NO! He promises us certain things in the Bible like prosperity, healing, peace, love, joy etc but they all come with an “**IF**” or a “**when**” we do something else.

If you are believing God for finances, do you bless others financially? If you are believing for healing do you pray for others healing? Or do you sit back and say they have sin because they are not blessed? That my friend is judging! So maybe you tithe, and do all these things (at church) but see others in need and do nothing to help them, this could be a blockage in your life and cause you to ask “Why God?”. The last verses of **Romans 7** tell us that we will always sin and struggle with sin, as long as we acknowledge it, repent and ask for forgiveness, instead of continuing in it we will see God start working through us in our lives toward others.

I always say the centre of sin is “**I**”, s.. i... n if you always look out for yourself and you are selfish that is sin! The centre of pride is “**I**” p..r..i..d..e.. as well, if all you can do is talk about yourself and how great “**I am**” and what God is doing “**for me**” it is sin! Then if we can honestly look at ourselves and say we are clean, there is no reason for God to not answer my prayer. Then read **Ecclesiastes 3** there is always a timing. **Isaiah 55:8** also shows us God’s thoughts and ways are above ours. Watch your mouth and what you are saying, your confession! Does it line up with what you are believing in the word, your heart attitude, it all has to do with our asking “Why God” when things do or don’t happen, he looks at our heart not our mouth..

If you live a negative lifestyle you will receive a negative report in the heavens, if you live a positive lifestyle you will receive the positive, not just at church but all week long! Night and day.



## JUST FOR A GIGGLE

*Proverbs 17:22*

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

A pastor and two of his deacons are out on the river fishing in their rowboat. Twelve o’clock rolls around, and one of the deacons notices a nice spot on the bank to have lunch. He turns to the others and says, “That looks like a nice spot for lunch. What do you say we have lunch over there?”

The other deacon agrees, and so does the pastor. The deacon stands up in the boat, steps out onto the river and walks over to the bank. The pastor looks on with amazement, and thinks to himself, if his deacon is holy enough to walk on water, surely he can.

The other deacon stands up, picks up the picnic basket, steps out of the boat, and walks over to the bank and sits with the first deacon. Again, to his amazement, the pastor thinks again, if his second deacon is holy enough to walk on water, surely he can.

The pastor stands up, steps out of the boat, and sinks into the water. The first deacon turns to the second and says, “Think we should have told him where the rocks are?”

## TECH TIPS:

### Riding Long Distances on Highways.

Our recent trip to Bowen revealed to me some bad habits I have. When riding long distance on a highway out bush, it is a good idea to have your head light on as vehicles coming in the opposite direction that may be overtaking trucks etc, might not see you coming. If you are alone or the lead rider of a group, the lead bike is better off situated in the left hand wheel track of the lane as vehicles coming the opposite way again have a better chance of seeing you than if you are in the right hand wheel track.

When overtaking a truck or other vehicle yourself, remember that you are doing 100 Klm’s / Hr and the oncoming vehicles are also, if not more, so ensure there is plenty of time for you to go around. On overtaking a truck, be aware that there may be a cross wind coming in front of the truck which may force you sideways, be prepared to correct your bike. Trucks travelling in the opposite directions can also cause a great burst of wind against you as well, again be prepared.

Always make sure you are watching for kangaroos and wildlife on the sides of the road and upon seeing such brain dead animals that know no difference, reduce your speed a little and be ready to grab the brake, Kangaroos are the most stupid animals I have ever seen crossing the road, they tend to cross in front of you and then change their mind upon seeing you and cross back again right in front of you.

Watch out for fresh road kill as it is the best to cook up for breakfast and also the most slippery if you happen to run over it. Must be something to do with all the blood and guts on the road I think.

***Just a reminder!***

Hope everyone keeps this in mind and understands that Bikers 4 Christ is not a club, Association or Ministry. It is a fellowship of Christian Bikers identifying that they are bikers and they Love Jesus. The sale of the shield is for a personal identification with a fellowship group of like-minded people with no strings attached, it is yours to keep, just like buying a Kawasaki badge or something similar.

Associates are those who Associate with Bikers 4 Christ in their own way and receive the newsletter, they are recognised as a part of Bikers 4 Christ and are involved in different activities that happen, those who do not ride a motorcycle can be associates but are unable to purchase the shield as it is entirely intended for Bikers riding for Jesus.

Bikers 4 Christ is a registered business name. I am a Biker 4 Christ, I live for Jesus and Ride for Jesus and declare that to those I meet by wearing my Bikers 4 Christ Regalia.

Bikers 4 Christ was originally started in the early 80's by David Honan and a hand full of friends, David is an honorary member today and Roscoe along with him also helped to start it. Today it is setup different, there are no leaders except Jesus. Bikers 4 Christ Chaplains are ordained ministers of a Religion, but they have **no "ranking"** within Bikers 4 Christ. Currently there are 2 Chaplains, Roscoe in Brisbane and Don in Toowoomba. Misha in Mossman is currently applying for chaplaincy within the army as well. **We have no compulsory events or meetings** at all, everything is of free choice as one chooses to be involved. Bikers 4 Christ is a support group for Christian Bikers who wish to move out into a ministry and we support each other the best we can

***Thought for Today...***  
***Don't say anything about a person that you wouldn't say to their face.***  
***If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all!***

**THE WAGES OF SIN IS**



**THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL**

**Some Bikers 4 Christ shirts are now available Ring or SMS Rodriguez on 0413 302 509**

**Prayer Needs / Praise Points**

\* Pray for Mark Fitzgerald for favour with insurance company as he has smashed his bike last month, he was not at fault and uninsured, the other party are.



**If you have a prayer request send them to us via email, sms, or telephone call. All details are on the front page header of this newsletter.**

***Welcome To:***  
**More riders have become part of Bikers 4 Christ and we welcome you and pray that God blesses you and keeps you upright not only on your bike but also in Jesus!**  
**Mark Fitzgerald** from Carina in Brisbane, Mark has been on many rides with us and has been an associate for quite some time, stay upright mate!  
**Darren Spannegle, Phillip Lasserre** both are up in Bowen Nth QLD. Some people live in the land of holidays while we live in the land of workaholics, Bless ya Guys, ride for Jesus, keep smiling and God Bless to all of our new riders and their families.

***FOR SALE***

***(Bikers 4 Christ fund raisers)***

**Small Cloth sow - ons.**

**777**

**Inside of a diamond.**

**\$5**



**\$10**  
**for the pair as a set**

**Loud Pipes save lives**

**Jesus saves souls**

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# The Bowen trip

Well what can I say? Firstly and foremost my dream of riding across the Nullabor plains has become a nightmare after riding the Malborough Stretch! 350Klm's of flat straight nothing except for a couple of oversize dead kangaroos and a servo or two in the middle. We took two days to get there and really pushed ourselves to do it. Our first stop over was at Gladstone with Geoff from the CMA and he blessed us on the Thursday night stay over with heaps of good fellowship. We arrived at Bowen 6.30pm Friday night and were whisked off to 2 different youth groups.

Many things happened on the Saturday and Saturday night and a few events led Aussie to having an argument with someone and deciding that Christian Motorcycling fellowships were not for him and he then burnt all of his CMA and Bikers 4 Christ Regalia and paperwork, we felt unwelcome so left and stayed with Spanna from the CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) who is also going to run with Bikers 4 Christ up in Bowen.

Bowen would have to be one of the most beautiful places I have been to in a long time with it's 5 or 6 secluded and small beaches and number of outlooks. On the way up Dave's BMW began to play up so we could not go far, we went to the bikers church service with the CMA on the Sunday morning and before we knew it they had taken up a collection for us to help us out. We thanked them and returned the money as Spanna had decided to look after us. A couple of guys from the CMA got dave's bike going for him but it would only run for about 2 hours then play up again, we ended up at a truck mechanic and found that the Condenser had been broken and the points were not much better, we bodgied a car condenser and got the bike going.

After spending a few days with Spanner and running around town sight seeing and generally having great fellowship we headed off for Mackay. Spanna rode with us as far as Proserpine and Wayne from mackay met us outside Mackay and took us through to Sarina and Grasstree beach where he lived. We ordered parts for dave's bike and sat back and had some great fellowship with Wayne and he took us in his car all over the place checking out all the sights, we visited the Hay Point port at night and saw a spectacular sight of 4klm's of conveyor belts all lit up going out into the bay where the ships were loaded.

Mackay is a nice place, and I must admit that all the North QLD CMA crew know how to ride hard. Some of them ride over 100 Klm's just for a meeting! We done the shopping mall thing and on the Friday picked up the parts for the BMW, we decided to fix it at the shop in case I stuffed it up as I had already done so a couple of days prior. I have definitely lost my touch with points, not that I ever did do any good with them when I was a mechanic anyway. As I was trying to tune the Carbies again after putting in the new parts, the shop decided to start this Harley up that sounded like a drag bike and totally blow our ear drums out.

I eventually got the bike running the best I could and off we went again, all of a sudden we realised the temperature change in the air, we had enjoyed 19 degrees temperatures in Bowen and all of a sudden it was 6 degrees. A drop I will never forget, we soon headed back to Wayne's to pick up the car and go cruising with the heater on, funny enough though wayne was still wearing shorts and thongs, Dave and I were rugged up to the eyeballs trying to stay warm.



Saturday morning saw us head off to Gladstone, I had this bright idea that if we tackled the Malborough stretch first thing in the morning it would be easier to handle it. Yeah right! It was still 350 Klm's long, flat and boring and those same dead kangaroos were still there but a bit more on the nose as we flew passed. We were surprised at the price of fuel, we averaged paying 91 cents a litre to 94 cents most of the trip with only one stop on the way back costing us \$1.07 a litre. We also had a hamburger at the same stop that cost us \$6.90 which included a free coffee, it wanted to be free at that price we were thinking when all of a sudden our burgers were brought to us, they were humungus. Dave and I were flat out eating them and then we sat there looking at our free coffee wondering how were we going to fit that in, the cup was huge as well.

We arrived at Rockhampton and God looked after us as I had gotten lost looking for the CMA shed night, when all of a sudden Alan O'rourke from the CMA came around the corner giving us a wave. We followed him and were treated to copious amounts of coffee which was needed and a BBQ. The fellowship was great and then it was time to fuel up again and leave with Alan leading us back to Gladstone 138 Klm's away. Again the temperatures dropped and we froze our butts off, especially in the gullies between mountains, Alan rode hard and did not care too much if a roo jumped out, he had some great spotties on his bike so I just sat back and let him get ahead a little.

We arrived a Geoff's once again and were showered with coffee, tim tams and great fellowship and laughter. Sunday morning saw us get up and head off to the Baptist church for more fellowship and to find that BMW mechanic again to fix the carbies. Graeme was not impressed when I told him I stuffed them up, and I received my slapping behind the shed! He got the carbies going well again and sternly warned me not to touch them, I thought cool, I hated working on carbies anyway. So back to Geoff's we went, with me getting lost again (I always seem to get lost) but eventually finding the house, we packed our gear and headed for my dad's at Maryborough where the temperature dropped even more.

Monday morning saw us packing the bikes again and starting Dave's bike with a little hassle but we got it going, then guess what? My bike would not start, the battery had died, we could not even jump start it from my dad's car, so it took three goes at clutch starting it on flat ground. I finally got it going and shot off out the driveway just in time for a truck to come passed and I missed him by inches. All I wanted to do by now was get home and go to bed for a week. We stopped in at Caboolture at Dave's brothers who poured more coffee into us, and as we left my head light decided to die, thankfully Repco was still open and they helped us out with tools and another bulb. I no longer cared about radars I just wanted to get home, I don't even remember the last 80 K's.

Home at last, I crashed into the gate on the way through, fell of in the shed and threw the push bikes out of the way, and headed inside and straight to bed. It was a good 10 days clocking up 3,000 Klm's, spending over \$600 between us and basically we thank God we went. Aussie no longer has anything to with Bikers 4 Christ. But in the meantime 4 others have run with it, Keith in Cairns is starting up there, and a possible start in Atherton, Mackay and maybe Gladstone and Townsville. The CMA guys were great to us, a few of them are joining with Bikers 4 Christ but there priority is with the CMA which is great, because they looked after us so well, I also am going to be joining the CMA as they are a great bunch of guys and girls but my priority will stay with us of course, it was a good trip, a God trip and we were blessed, thankfully we came back alive and no major problems with the bikes or those dead roos. **Thankyou Jesus!**