

Upcoming Events

Outreach every second Friday night, one night we go to the Woodridge Tavern and have dinner with the Logan Ulysses, the next fortnight we go to the Vietnam Vets and have dinner with them, see Roscoe for more info.

Every 2nd Sunday we help out the God's Squad with "the church in the park" at Loganholme the next dates for these are October 10th & 24th, November 7th and 21st starting at 10am.

October 30th Saturday Ride change. We did not make it to the western route last month so this month we try again we are heading for Gatton and turning right to Esk, Somerset dam, Kilcoy, Beerwah and home along the highway. Approx 300 Klm's we will be stopping at Esk at a pub for lunch.

November 28th a Sunday arvo ride crossing Mt Tambourine 3 times on different roads. Stopping for coffee at the café on Mt Tambourine.

This is our first newsletter printed on the Laser printer by myself, I have had some cleaning problems with it so please excuse any smudge marks that may be on a page. Also I thought to use white this time round to see how the printer went before buying coloured paper. Next month I have a go at it on colour.

Goodnews letter Subscription

Subscription for the newsletter falls due at the beginning of January 2005. Anyone wishing to pay his or her \$10 for 2005 now is welcome to. Please do not send money in the mail! Various people already have their subscription paid for and next month if your subscription has been paid, you will see a **PAID** stamp over this notice. Each month it will have the stamp on it, which will be done for each individual prior to being mailed. This will indicate that your subscription has been paid and there is no need for you to send \$10. Some people have supported us financially in a big way throughout the year and I regard this as their next year's subscription.



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Goodnews Letter

Freely you have received, freely give Matthew 10:8

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PRIDE. GOD'S PET HATE

I was surprised when I made a search in my Bible of the word pride to find it **only 67** times in the Literal translation, that was the best I could do. I expected to see that word thousands of times. Yet, we read in **Ezekiel 16:49** "*Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy*". Lately I have been going to the God's Squad church in the park and they have been reading through the book of Mark and looking at the character and traits of Jesus and applying it to our lives, it has been an interesting time. Pride basically is living for self and none else.

If we look at the life of Jesus he lived for others, he was unselfish in his own personal well-being ultimately to death, but always helping others all the way through his 3 years of ministry here on earth. If he was the forerunner of what we are supposed to be we really need to look at what Pride is and ensure it is not in our life. Why? Because the Bible also tells us in **Pro 16:18** *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall*. So if we have pride in our Christian walk we will eventually fall. Yes we all have some pride at one time or another but basically that is covered by the grace of God until the Holy spirit gets us to deal with it.

I have heard and wondered myself about some people who are full of pride and yet God seems to bless them and they seem to go on, notice I said, "seem". I know people who preach prosperity and say how holy they are and that they are God's elect and so on and yet at the same time all they are doing is harping on what they have got. Does God see that as pride? Sometimes yes! If we look at the above scripture we can line up the lives of those people and ask ourselves, "Do they help the needy"? Do they have an abundance and do nothing to help their neighbour whoever that may be? This is the type of pride that God hates.



So you may ask when will God deal with it? I say in his own good time. Although some may be full of pride in their possessions and lifestyle, if they do not fall here in this life they will stand before God and fall into hell eventually. People who harp on what God has done for them and how holy they are if you really look closely at their lives, they are in debt, have leased cars that they have to pay for, a mortgage and strife and division around their lives. Those who God blesses are those who have no pride, are not in debt and have an abundance of things or finances that they have been blessed with that have no strings attached. That is the true blessing of God. Is a mortgage are downfall? No, it is part of life, especially with the price of housing today.

I can honestly say that God has blessed me, I am debt free, I have an abundance of things and finances to help others and I love going out of my way to help others. Bikers 4 Christ currently have about \$500, which we will be using to help others, and we have done recently. God has blessed us and we are to be a blessing. Recently I handed a Bikers 4 Christ cheque to a Pastor who travels a long way to help a group, now pride would have done that out in the open, but instead I handed him the cheque under the table so noone else could see.

God hates pride, basically because it is selfish. We need to take a look at our lives daily and ask the Holy Spirit and ourselves am I living a prideful life? One of our Bikers 4 Christ Associates recently donated a 250 motorcycle, which will soon be going to Spanna in Bowen to help some youth get off the streets at night. Another lady donated a little car to us which is going to a young lady who is related to a bikers 4 Christ rider, but they don't harp on about it. I am not harping here either otherwise I would be passing names. They are unselfish acts. The Bike is not a great looking motorcycle but only a project was wanted anyway, the car is a really nice car, which needs little work for a roadworthy and is going to a young lady who has pulled her life out of the gutter over 2 years ago and is really firing on for God.

We have been blessed for a cheap price with a Laser printer, which is great because the cost of this newsletter was climbing; now we are able to keep the yearly subscription at \$10 for the newsletter. So why are we blessed? Because God loves us! We have a few core group members who have a one tract mind and that is to reach other motorcyclists and we go out of our way to do it at least fortnightly, they use their own finances, their own time they could be sitting at home with family or working or something else, they are selfless acts and I thank God for everyone of them.

What is the opposite of Pride? Humility, Humbleness, an unassuming nature and meekness. Caring about others and showing it by your actions. So check your life today, is their any pride in your life? There is a little in mine in a particular area and I need to deal with it, how about you. Stick with God, be humble, be teachable, wait for things to come to you and don't go chasing things just because you can't get you own way. God has timing, a plan, and if we miss it, we may just start moving off into pride. I know a man who has been blessed with a house very cheaply, chose all his own colours, carpets and curtains, he was also given a car at the same time, he also was blessed with getting his bike on the road, Why? Because he waited. Yes I have known him to be a person with a pride problem at times past, but hey, we all have our own little demons to deal with and on a weekly basis, if we wait for God's blessing we will not have to fall under his judgment like Sodom and Gomorrah did. That may be extreme but think about it, how far can a person go when they let pride take over their lives?

Bless ya, Roscoe.

Software needed!

Recently I got a virus on my computer and had to crash it to get rid of it, now this is nothing unusual as I am constantly on the Internet and you get used to it. The problem is when I rebuilt my computer the program I use to write up this newsletter has finally given up the ghost after many years. If anyone can help me in any way to get some new software or if you have the program but don't use it and would like to donate it please contact me. The name of the program is "Adobe PageMaker" version 6.5 or later. I am currently using Microsoft word and it has been a very challenging time to get this newsletter right, as it is not a publishing program.

If you can help, ring me on 3388 3980 or 0412 490 115. Roscoe

What have we been up to?

We have had a busy month with Rallies, rides and visiting other bike clubs. We had our first visit with the Vietnam Vets and we bumped into a God's Squad member there, I also bumped into him at a later date. I found the Vets a little cold towards us and was wondering if to return there when my friend from the Squad encouraged me to keep going as there many Christians there and that yes they may be cold toward us at first but they would soon open up to us if we keep going. So anyone interested in coming contact me.

I visited the Southern Cross association recently as well and have offered to help them get a web page going, they recently raised \$35,000 dollars for children's Spina Bifida, I have a few friends there and decided to also join up with them as a member. God has been speaking to me recently that we need to get out more into the world and have unsaved friends that we can be a witness to, if we just sit around with our Christian friends we will not be that shining light that we are meant to be and the other bike groups just look at us as a social group that sit back and sip tea and gossip. So I encourage you, come along, not to witness or Bible bash them but to be a friend and be there for them if needed.

The Logan Ulysses are a familiar spot of people for us to visit and we are making many friends there thanks to Rodriguez becoming a member, I have already performed one marriage for them and have another one booked for new years eve. Recently we had our rally church at the Virago owners "Back to the Future" rally and it was a good time, numbers were down on last year but still we made an impact with about 20 bikers passing through our campsite on the Saturday night and some opening up that they were or used to be Christians, thank you Jesus, we are making progress.

Home church is going well on a Wednesday night, we have had our problems and numbers are few but they are faithful. At times I feel like giving it up but God keeps me going with his grace. My health is not the best so please keep me in your prayers, Rodriguez is also having some health problems so pray for him as well, he is my driving force and bucket of ideas, without him not much would happen.

This newsletter now goes out to 51 people, with 35 of them being Bikers 4 Christ and 16 of them associates all throughout Logan, Brisbane, Bowen, Mackay, Biloela, Dubbo & Cairns. We have interest in Sydney, Canberra, Toowoomba & Beaudesert, **God is good!**