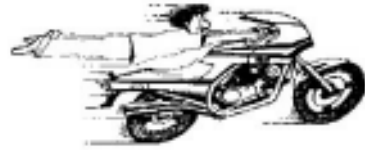


## WHAT'S ON?

**8th-10th June** Rallyman Rally NSW. Grevilia, north of Kyogle on the Summerland Way. Kog 02 6633 3104



**10th June** The Mark Kean Memorial Poker Run QLD. Fernvale Park, opposite the pub. Registration 8.30 for departure 9.00am sharp. Destination is signposted from Esk. Southern Cross Association (Brisbane sub- committee) Greg 0417 771 184 This is a camp over poker run, camping will be at the Esk Jockey Club. Fully catered too!

**16th July** Concourse d'elegance QLD. Brisbane, Story Bridge Bike Show, Capt. John Burke Park. Club Laverda Big Al on 0401 980 369

**August 10-12:** Tinny Rally at Tingoorra 22Klm's north of Kingaroy \$10 at gate even gets you a badge, shaded camping, catered from Sat Arvo Gymkhana.

**October 5,6,7:** Blues Rally Cooyar Hotel \$17 gives you entry, badge, camping and band. Band playing are the "Wolverines" I have heard they are pretty good too! Hosted by the Mount Lindsay Ulysses.

## Shirts; Jumpers; Caps

Currently we still have a large stock of shirts, unfortunately some are way to big for anyone like 3xl and 4xl but I would like to move the shirts out as we have too many, all shirts, jumpers and long sleeve shirts are **currently \$20** each which is below cost. We will not have another order now for a while like maybe next year so be quick to get one or two. I will also be reverting to other Christian Clubs and Christian supporters being able to purchase shirts or caps. If you are interested ring Roscoe on **3388 3980** or drop in and see me.

### Sizes currently available are:

#### *Jumpers*

Medium = 1  
Large = 1  
2XL = 2

#### *Long Sleeve Shirt*

Child size 10 = 6 (**These are \$10 each**)  
Large = 2  
3XL = 4

**\$20**

#### *T'Shirts*

Size 8 = 1  
Size 16 = 1  
Medium = 1  
Large = 2  
XL = 2  
2XL = 3  
3XL = 3  
4XL = 4

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## **GOODNEWS LETTER**

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

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*June 2007*

## The Christian Attitude

Have a read of **Matthew 5v1-16**. This is typically known as the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, or if you like, the beatitudes. I have written on this topic before and titled it "Be Attitudes" I want to come at it from a different angle this time. We read these verses and we see what our attitude "should be" but sometimes we overlook exactly what the Christian walk is all about too, as Jesus spoke of in these verses. Many times I have heard this sermon preached in the church about the beatitudes or parts of it, I have done so myself, but looking at them today I was thinking, OK, we know what we have to do but why do we still do the opposite? Well, I think it is because we don't know what the opposite is!

OK, I will go through one at a time, "poor in spirit". Basically it talks about those who understand and know there need of God in their life,, so what is an area opposite here? When we know we need God in our life, is mostly when we are at our lowest point, physically and emotionally, but what do we normally do? I will look at my own life here and state some things I see in my life, you work out your own. When I am the lowest in my life, I usually get pretty morbid (in my opinion) and negative, I am down on myself, I am not worth anything, noone loves me, noone cares..... but the scripture says blessed are the poor in spirit! Why? "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven"! In other words, if I were to truly seek God like I should when I am poor in spirit, I am open, willing and receptive to receive from him because there is nothing else. So instead of getting all negative and out of joint, I should be seeking God on this very problem that I have, telling him how I feel and not others, telling him I need **HIM** and not the sympathy of others!

"Blessed are those that mourn"..... Vines dictionary shows it "as one who beats himself". Now how should we refer this to our situation? Mourns talks also about grief, but sometimes we beat ourselves up by saying I am not worthy, I am not worth a pinch of salt or maybe other references when God sees us as his own, a vessel that can be used regardless of being out of shape emotionally. Problem is, we beat ourself senseless and we can't hear from God, we need to go to God sit before him tell him our problems, our insecurities and ask him to help us get over them, then we shall see the result of "they shall be comforted", I know some people who are their own worst enemy! They have the attitude of give me a gun as I need to go out back and shoot myself as I am nothing but a rabid dog! We need to see ourself as God sees us, as his child, the devil is the only dog who looks at us differently, who cares what he thinks!

“The Meek” Vines shows us it means “gentle or mild” toward God and man. How do we treat our fellow man, even our enemies? It says not to struggle with God or with man, are we meek in everything we do? I mean I struggle with what God wants me to do sometimes, and I believe it even covers that too. If we treat others gently and kindly the bible says we shall inherit the earth..... in other words when we are in need we are going to have people there for us at our time of need too! But the opposite would be, if you as much as think someone is a scumbag, or a conman even, this is the opposite of being meek, God sees our heart, he knows our every thoughts toward him and toward others.

“Hunger and thirst after righteousness”. This is doing it Gods way! The opposite is pretty plain and simple really - doing it our way! When we do things our way we are never satisfied! When we do things God’s way, we “shall be filled”, or if you like satisfied, if you are never satisfied with what you have or who you are, then maybe you need to seek God on what or how he wants you to be or do something, are you satisfied in your work place? Do it Gods way? Are you satisfied with where you live, Do it God’s way, and Gods way as a whole is to be thankful and give him praise, honour and glory.

Merciful, is pity! When you come across a junkie who has nothing and is starving, do you take pity on them and buy them a meal, or maybe a drunk in the street, yes there are a lot of “cons” out there but mercy has no favourites, see the real need and meet it, then when you have needs, someone will help you out, the opposite would be to say get a hair cut and a job ya bum! This may be an extreme example, how about your neighbour who spends too much of his money on whatever and his kids go without, do you have mercy on those kids or do you just see the neighbour who is an imbecile and not see the kids starving or in need of clothing?

“Pure in heart”..... wow this is a big one! What is our heart attitude? Are we just playing church, are we just going by in our daily life and doing what we want, sinning, disobeying God and then go to church on Sunday and act all spiritual? Then, we ask the question how come I never see any miracles, how come I never see God do anything, then you have your answer, God sees our heart.

“Peace makers”. Are you a peace maker or a trouble maker, what comes out of our lips at times, gossip, judgement of others, do we cause trouble for others? Are we called the sons of God, or better said are we recognised as Christian in our every day life?

“Persecuted for the **words** sake”. Don’t get this mixed up with plain dumb given a hard time by the devil.... are we persecuted, jeered at, seen as a fool by others because of our Christian walk? Or the opposite would be, noone even knows I am a Christian, no one ever hackles me because of my Christianity because I hide it so well? I never speak about the bible to people because I don’t like it when they put me down, this is the opposite!

“Reville and persecute” is basically the same as above, but on a higher scale of being “picked on”. Both of these last two beatitudes reveal that the kingdom of God is ours if our lives reflect it. So what is the kingdom of God? Read **Mark 9v1; 1Cor 4v20; Luke 9v2; Romans 14v17**. Do you have these Kingdom principles in your life? If not, I would take a look at my life and see where I am going wrong in the beatitudes. I believe there is no reason that we can not operate in the power of God today! Every single one of us, no reason! I know many including myself who want to, some do some times but not all the time, but it **should** be on a daily basis, I believe we should be praying for the sick **daily**, preaching the gospel to the poor, seeing lives changed and transformed before our very eyes **every day!**

## What’s Been Happening?

It has been another busy month, well for me anyway, weddings, and counselling and things to do with chaplaincy. As for Bikers 4 Christ, Highway and I made a long weekend trip to Coff’s harbour, had a great time there with a few other Christian bikers and we had a ball, it was freezing cold but as you see below we made some new friends. I was going to sign up at the Ulysses AGM to win the Triumph (would be nice) but they wanted 80 bucks and we were not even going to stay, not only that there were about 10,000 others registered too.

Then a few of us at the end of the month headed down to Mullumbimby/Ocean Shores to Ron Stiles place for the weekend and shared in his church, we made a weekend of it and we all had some great fellowship. Ron has a beautiful place there in the forest, a great cook, and his church is excellent, we had an excellent weekend, thanks Ron. Actually the only thing was I got myself a leech on the back of my neck walking through the bush, that was it for young Levi, he just started screaming and peeling his clothes off and throwing them!

Steve on the Gold Coast is going well, he has been out visiting new members and also riding with some Christian mates of his down there, Jungle in Sydney still has family issues so please keep him in your prayers, Spanna in Bowen is going great guns, Wayne is still riding that MT01 around on outlaw rides and getting heaps of lookers and talkers about it. Tony out at Toowoomba hasn’t stopped riding, he is currently in Victoria somewhere I think, he has gone to visit a new Bikers 4 Christ fella down there, he seems to enjoy it! So he should!! Again this month we were able to help out another Christian Brother financially which was great as well as help out a son of a member who had some serious hardships.

**“I value all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity.” - John Wesley**



## Tech Tips Revisited (July 2002):

Don't hurry be happy! Buying household items, bike parts, another bike, tyres, leathers, helmets etc... **Shop around!** There is nothing worse than buying something and then seeing it a week later cheaper elsewhere! That is the usual story with me, well was anyway. I learnt to shop around, the yellow pages is the quickest but riding is more fun, get different prices from different places, never settle for the first price given unless it is the cheapest.

Unless your bike is so new that you cannot get after market parts, find out where you get after market parts as you will find that the original items will be expensive to say the least. Never pay full price, there is always room to talk people down with the exception of tyres as there is not a large mark up on them, but basically everything else is marked up pretty high.

As for tyres, I have always found Tyres 4 Bikes at Albion or Springwood Suzuki are pretty competitive against each other. Looking for a helmet, the helmet shop at Mayne is a good look-in but shop around as the same brands vary in price from shop to shop believe it or not.

Thinking of buying another bike, take heaps of them for test rides to see what you do and don't like, nothing more fun than test rides, you will pay more from a shop as GST is involved, but be careful if buying private, get **clearances on titles** before handing over your hard earned money. This can be done through the **REVS** internet site.

### Mid Year Financial Assistance Summary

So far this year we have been able to help people out with bills, food, Fuel, rent assistance and other areas to the tune of **\$688.59**. This includes this month of June which has been really great, thank you to all who give finances into Bikers 4 Christ as this is exactly where it goes, to those in need, maybe we don't help a lot, but if we can help just one person it is all worth it!

### Bikers 4 Christ Bank Account

Heritage Building Society    **BSB: 638080 – Account: 00 9012338**  
Name of - Bikers 4 Christ

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### Bikers 4 Christ Finances

#### Incoming

Offerings **\$104.25**

**Starting Balance: \$646.08**

#### Outgoing

Postage **\$25**

Assist with Interstate Christian Riders

Ministry Travel Expense **\$150**

Assist Bro Hospital transport **\$50**

Rent Assist B4C's son **\$121.50**

**Final Balance: \$408.83**



## JUDGE NOT

*Submitted by Phil Heaton in Bowen.*

**I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.**

**But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics, the trash...**

**There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.**

**Herb, whom I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.**

**I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.**

**"And why's everyone so quiet,  
So somber? Give me a clue."  
"Hush, child," said He, "They're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you."  
Judge NOT!**



## Nursery Rhymes

I visited a church a couple of weeks ago and the preacher used the first words of this Nursery Rhyme for his message “Mary had a little Lamb”, I loved the outcome so I have pinched the idea from him to finish it off!

*Mary had a little lamb its fleece was white as snow;  
And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.  
It followed her to school one day, which was against the rule;  
It made the children laugh and play, to see a lamb at school.  
And so the teacher turned it out, but still it lingered near,  
And waited patiently about till Mary did appear.  
“Why does the lamb love Mary so?” the eager children cry;  
“Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know” the teacher did reply.*

Mary did have a lamb, it was the Lamb of God - Jesus! As the preacher said, it was very obvious that Mary was pregnant, imagine her walking around 7 months pregnant, everyone knew she was carrying Jesus, maybe they didn't know it was the Messiah but they knew even in the early stages there was something different about Mary, she glowed not to mention she wasn't married!!! Our lives, everywhere we go, people should say, there is something different about you, are we carrying Jesus inside us? Can people see we are different? The fleece of the lamb was white as snow, The Bible tells us that Jesus blood or the blood of the lamb cleanses us from all sin and cleanses us whiter than snow! **Ps 51v7; Is 1v18**; In Isaiah it talks about us obeying the teachings of the Lord and we shall be whiter than snow.

The second line of the verse tells us that everywhere that Mary went the Lamb was sure to go. Does the Lamb of God go with you everywhere, is it a sure thing in your life, in my life, why was this verse written, maybe because it was so evident, the lamb was extremely white, maybe moreso than other lambs, it stood out from the pack, do we stand out from the pack? It followed her to school one day which was against the rules? Uhoh, here comes trouble now! Do we follow rules and traditions of man, the ancient way of doing things or do we allow Jesus to come along and really throw a spanner in the works? Do we stand up for righteousness and holiness or do we just let the wolves do and say as they please?

When we allow Jesus to follow us around, his joy, his peace, his love touches people and it should cause them to laugh and play, the world is our school yard of life, but we should be the difference in that school yard, we should be the one where everyone else comes running to us and asking can I play with the Lamb too, people should see such joy and love in our lives that they want what we got! The lamb in the verse even though it was not allowed in the school, it still lingered near, I would imagine that every time it saw Mary it would bleat and run up to her and again the children would laugh and play, maybe it is not possible for us to allow Jesus to come into say the board room of a business meeting, but He should still be nearby, and if unrighteousness sticks its ugly head up, the lamb will bleat and we should stand up and be counted.

Jesus and the Holy Spirit, they wait for us patiently, just like the lamb, they wait until they are allowed or invited, the Holy Spirit is as gentle as a dove which is easily frightened, did you know, it is a fact that where a dove is frightened from it will never return to that spot! Jesus waits patiently for us to start talking about him, or sharing with someone our lives and how Jesus has changed it, then Jesus through the Holy Spirit begins to move on that person we are talking to.

The last two verses of the rhyme show us that the children ask why the lamb loves Mary so, in other words they saw the lamb acting special toward Mary, that is the same as with us and Jesus, he loves us, but we need to put both these verses together in our case or maybe twist it a little bit. See Jesus blesses us, people will ask why is God so good to you? Our reply or other peoples reply should be “didn't you know, they love Jesus, it is really evident they just can't stop talking about him, it is like they are on a honeymoon or something it is sickening”, or something to that effect. When we Love Jesus; When we Love on Jesus; When we truly adore him and look to him as our **Lord** as our **Saviour**, all he can do is bless us, he can't help himself.

I know some people who are extremely business minded with the things of God, they continually brag that God is blessing them and that they know God in a special way, they make out they know God more than most other Christians come to think of it, but when you look at their life, there is no fruit, **no love, no patience, no gentleness, no kindness, no meekness**, no fruit of the Spirit. Why? Like Mary in the verse, she could have said “oh yes I have thousands of lambs at home”, she could have had her business of wool selling, providing jobs for others as shearers (wonder if she was an aussie) and other things pertaining to lambs and sheep. But no, Mary had **“A”** Little lamb, one lamb, everyone knew she had one lamb, all through history since Sarah Hale, of Boston, in 1830 wrote the poem and Thomas Edison first put it on a tin foil record, everyone since those days knows Mary only had one little lamb.

Mary and that little lamb had a special bond to each other. Maybe the Lamb even slept at the foot of the bed, does Jesus sleep at the foot of our bed, is he in our dreams, Mary would have talked to that lamb every day, telling it her inner most secrets, do we treat Jesus the same, is He our Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world like John the baptist declared? Mary didn't have a business partnership with that lamb, she had a personal relationship, that my friends is two different ships, one is a relation, the other is just a partner. Jesus has to have a relationship with us for him to work through us, he is not our partner in business, or finance, or anything at all, partnerships go sour, businesses go broke, people buy and sell partners, maybe Mary would have bought and sold sheep, but she still had one special one!

For the last 2000 years everyone has heard the gospel of the Lamb of God who had a mother who's name happened to be Mary. The Catholic church really blew it out of proportion getting people to worship Mary, when really in life, Mary loved the lamb, even Jesus' mother knew he was the Son of God, he was the messiah, she would have loved him even moreso! Do those around you know that you are a Christian? At work, in the street, ya mates? If not, why not? There are many reasons people don't know we are Christians, but they all lead back to the very same scripture **Proverbs 29v25**. Mary didn't have any fear of her lamb following her to school, and obviously all her class mates enjoyed the visit too. Do we have any fears of taking Jesus into the streets, into our friends homes, our work place? Notice the story tells us that the people saw both Mary and the lamb! Not only Mary, the lamb was not a figment of her imagination. We need to be transparent, people need Jesus or they will have an eternity of hell to look forward to.

Mary shared her lamb with those around her, we need to share Jesus with those around us, not by good works either, yes they are good, but words are better, even a simple “Jesus loves you” don't use the words God bless you as they have become a cliché and people don't even hear it these days, it goes in one ear and out the other. Tell people, “Jesus loves you” and take notice just how much attention it attracts, people will stop and think, maybe ask you how could he love a bum like me? There my friends is an open door to share the Lamb of God.