

Thank God 2005 is Here!!

1Thess 5:18 *Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].*

Thank God 2005 is here, I don't say this because 2004 was a shocker of a year but to actually "Thank God"! A New year means new challenging opportunities with our walk with Jesus and new exciting prospects to look forward to. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Compadre' Roscoe (Thanks Amigo) for the effort you not only put into Bikers 4 Christ but the effort you put into our friendship. I know I don't have to say a thing but I also know it's encouraging to get some acknowledgment too! **Heb 3:13** *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

I would also like to thank the small but consistent members of Bikers 4 Christ who have that yearning on your hearts to take the gospel out into the Biker scene and broader community. Now I get to my wife Deb, thank you Darling for being who you are and the effort you put into the activities of Bikers 4 Christ, the completeness you bring to my life and the blessing of sharing and being a part of your walk with Jesus. **Proverbs 18:22 (Contemporary English Version)** *A man's greatest treasure is his wife— she is a gift from the LORD.*

One of the things that jumped out at me in our latest Goodnews Letter was when Roscoe mentioned about being "led of the Holy Spirit" to which direction he would follow for 2005 in or out of Bikers 4 Christ. At first my reaction was 'shock horror', Roscoe's thinking of leaving, he's laying the groundwork to pull out of Bikers 4 Christ! This was to be the storm before the calm, as I prayed my feelings of 'shock horror' were replaced by contentment and appreciation. Firstly my reaction was a natural one, I won't see my mate as much, who will do the Goodnews Letter, who will run our internet site and so much more?

Luke 12:7 *But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

Once I prayed about it, my super-natural response came upon me. "Thanks Lord that I have a mate that is prepared to be obedient to your Holy Spirit, thankyou Lord for his faith". If we all stopped for a minute and thought about it, God could change the direction we are all heading at any tick of the clock. Our part is to be obedient in our response. I need not go into a panic over who will undertake the many things Roscoe does within B4C, or even if we have the facilities to do them. Because even if we have the best Goodnews Letter, the most unbelievable internet site, attend every Biker event and Rally that we can, have the greatest camp setup or the biggest membership of any club. **If we aren't obedient** to the Holy Spirit to lead us in our Christian walk, then we really don't have much at all!

The Message Bible tells us in **1Samuel 15:22** *Then Samuel said, Do you think all GOD wants are sacrifices— empty rituals just for show? He wants you to listen to him! Plain listening is the thing, not staging a lavish religious production.*

Not only that we won't have much at all but we won't achieve much for God, we won't get the blessings which God intended for us to receive. For us to be effective for God we must lose ourselves in Christ Jesus, in living by the Holy Spirit. **Rom 8:10-17** *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if*

children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

So as we head off down the freedom road for Jesus, lets all go and get ourselves lost in the Holy Spirit hang on tight round those twisties, go like an angel out of heaven down those straights, take time out to refuel our spirit with premium scriptures and take our souls in for regular maintenance checks from our heavenly mechanic - Jesus Christ. **See ya's on the Road, Bless ya heaps.**