

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bible Talks

Each fortnight on
Sunday evenings

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Commencing

17 FEB (7pm)

The Bible has
predicted world
history

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Is there life after death? - The Bible Perspective

What happens when we die? Some people believe we go to heaven or hell. Some say that we get reincarnated. These beliefs give hope to those facing the finality of death and the thought of never seeing a loved one again. But what is the truth about life after death? What does the Bible say?

The Bible does say that death is not the end. It says that although God's followers die, God will make them alive again. Not in heaven or in the body of another creature, but as themselves, living forever on earth. This is God's promise of resurrection.

The Bible teaches:

All people die
People are in the grave
and return to dust
(symbolised as "sleep")
Resurrection: God
makes people alive
again (like waking up)

Judgement: God acknowledges people who choose to follow Him

Believers are alive again and live forever on a renewed earth

Bible references:

Romans 5:12, Genesis 3:19, Psalm 104:29, Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:2, Ecclesiastes 12:12-13, John 6:40, Romans 2:6-10, 1 Corinthians 15:22-23, Psalm 37:27-29, Galatians 3:27-29 (promise given in Genesis 13:14-17)

This follows the pattern of what happened to Jesus:

He died,
was in the grave "asleep" for
3 days,

then God made him alive again

Jesus never did any sin so God judged that he was righteous

and he now lives forever

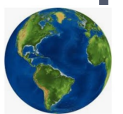
We can have hope in God's promise to make us alive again because He already resurrected Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:14).

This is the consistent message of the Bible regarding life after death. It differs from some mainstream church teachings and you may have questions about heaven and hell or other commonly taught ideas. We would be happy to answer any of your questions by email or in person.

The following Bible verses may also be interesting to you in your search:
Acts 2:22-36,
1 Corinthians 15,
Ecclesiastes 9:4-6



Bible Truth: God made the world



Most people are curious about the origin of life and the universe. Different cultures have different stories to explain this, while in some places the big bang and evolution has been suggested as an answer. The Bible is very clear that "in the beginning God made the heaven and the earth" and everything in them. In Genesis 1 - 2 we are shown the order in which God made the world.

Day 1 - light and dark
Day 2 - heaven
Day 3 - dry land and trees
Day 4 - sun, moon and stars
Day 5 - sea animals and birds
Day 6 - land animals, insects

Day 7 - God rested from his work

This process is described simply and shows how powerful God is - He commanded and, immediately, something appeared. God has absolute control over everything.

Romans 1:19 - 20 says that creation is evidence of God's existence and power. For many people, this can be hard to accept when scientists are trying to push a different story. However, the Bible says that it is "through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are

seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3).

More information

The Bible has hundreds of verses that refer to God as 'Maker', 'Creator' or 'maker of heaven and earth and sea', or talk about God creating. Some interesting chapters you might like to read on these subjects are **Psalm 104** or **Job 38 - 41**.

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker"
(Psalm 95:6)



The Christadelphians are a world-wide lay community who believe in the Bible as the word of God. We believe in one God and his son, Jesus, and believe that God has a plan with this earth. It is God's, and our, desire that you learn about Him and become part of that plan.



Bible Tip for Life: Be content with what you have

The Bible gives practical suggestions that help your life now. It tells us to be content with what we have. God will give us what we need for our daily life and says that “having food and raiment let us be therewith content” (I Timothy 6:8). In Hebrews 13:5 we are urged to “be content with such things as [we] have: for he has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you”.

One of the 10 commandments God gave was not to covet anything that was their neighbours’ (Exodus 20:17).

We should be satisfied by working hard and enjoying the rewards of our labour as a gift from God. (Ecclesiastes 3:12 – 13)

Jesus tells us that “a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which

he possesses” (Luke 12:15) Whether rich or poor we can be content. It is our decision. It is important that we “beware of covetousness” (Luke 12:15), not being envious of others’ belongings. If we don’t compare our possessions with others, we can be content with what we have as a blessing from God.

Money, the newest phone, cars or homes—all these are temporary. God is looking at eternity and wants us to think the same way, not to worry about life now. Jesus compared it to treasure in Matthew, warning to “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt,

and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19 – 21)

Finally a point to consider. A rich young man asked Jesus how he could receive eternal life. Jesus told him what he should do but the young man thought it was too hard.

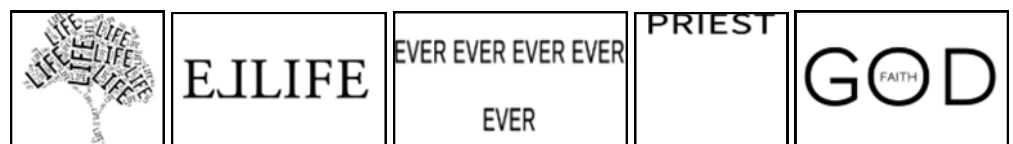
Jesus said unto him, ‘If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.’ (Matthew 19:21)

Could we rise to his challenge and be content?

Puzzle:



Can you find what word or phrase these puzzles represent?



Puzzles taken from <https://biblepuzzles.com/dingbats.php> (Accessed: 13/1/19)

Last Issue’s Answers (in order): Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, Hebrews, Peter

Upcoming Events: Bible Talks

Talks will be held 7:00pm on Sunday evenings at the Mt Waverley Christadelphian Hall , 354-358 Waverley Rd, Mount Waverley

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| 17 February 2019 | The Bible has predicted world history |
| 3 March 2019 | The Bible predicted Russia taking control of Syria |
| 17 March 2019 | The Bible predicted the return of the Jews to Israel |
| 31 March 2019 | The Bible predicted Britain’s exit from Europe |