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CHRISTADELPHIANS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bible talks each fortnight on Sunday evenings (see p2 for details)

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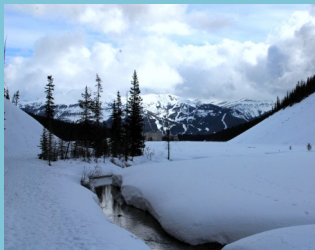
May 9th

- Does it matter to God what we believe?

### BIBLE VIDEOS

All Bible talks are videoed and will be uploaded to our Youtube channel:

[Bible Truth](#)



## What can we expect from 2021?

2020 was a very difficult year for most people around the world. Now that we have entered 2021 without certain answers to the Covid-19 pandemic and with other more normal issues still happening around the world, it is very easy for us all to worry and ask ...

What is going to happen this year?

The quick answer is that we don't know. We don't know the future, and we have no real control even over events in our own lives. We can plan, we can use all our resources, but still there will continue to be things happening in our lives that we haven't been able to control. And when you think about all the events happening in the country and the rest of the world, we are forced to acknowledge the truth expressed by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon about 2,500 years ago.

*"At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honoured him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, 'What have you done?'" (Daniel 4:34-35)*



What does this tell us? God is in control. He has a plan with this world, and he will see it through. He sent his son to be the saviour of the world (1 John 4:14), and he will reward all who try to live their lives for him with a place in his kingdom here on earth.

Will this happen this year? Perhaps – but God hasn't told us exactly. There are hints, but we're told not to worry about that, but instead to take one day at a time.

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matt 6:31, 33)

## Bible Truth: God's promises to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

God has made important promises to people throughout history. Some of these promises were to a man called Abraham. The life of Abraham is recorded in the first book of the Bible and he is described as a man of faith, who believed and obeyed God.

God made many promises to Abraham. These included promises for his immediate family and promises that would last forever. Abraham was promised:

- A son to be his heir
- Descendants as many as the dust / sand / stars
- To be the father of a great nation / many nations
- His name would be well-known
- Blessings for himself and his immediate family
- Blessings for people who blessed him
- Blessings for the nations of the

earth through him

- Royal descendants
- Land from the Nile to the Euphrates River

Abraham believed that God could, and would, keep His promises. God said that even though Abraham's life was not perfect, He saw his faith and would count him as a "righteous" person.

God repeated these promises to Abraham's son, Isaac, and grandson, Jacob. God said some of these promises would last forever! God said Abraham's descendants would have:

- An everlasting covenant with God
- The promised land as an everlasting possession
- God with them forever

The exciting message of the New Testament is that these promises are not only for the direct de-

scendants of Abraham, but to anyone who shares the faith of Abraham. No one can do enough "good works" to be perfect before God (including Abraham). But through faith we can become children of God and share in the promises of Abraham. More details about these marvellous promises can be found in the Bible verses below.

Promises to Abraham:  
Genesis 12:2-3; 13:14-17; 15:2-7, 18-21; 17:5-8; 17:15-16; 22:17-18

Faith of Abraham:  
Romans 4:20-25, Hebrews 11:8-18

Promises to Isaac:  
Genesis 26:3-5, 24

Promises to Jacob:  
Genesis 28:13-15

Promises to people of faith:  
Galatians 3:7-9, 21-29, Romans 4:16

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

*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 Honest

The Bible gives many practical suggestions that can help your life now. One such advice is to be honest.

Being honest helps our relationship with other people but most importantly, helps our relationship with God. God's laws to His people, Israel, emphasized how important honest was. God commanded them to "not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Exodus 20:16) and to "not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another" (Leviticus 19:11). In Proverbs they were warned that "a false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight." (Proverbs 11:1). At this time, dishonesty had serious impacts on neighbors and could even result in someone been

killed for a crime they didn't commit!

We now have many technologies that can help catch out others' dishonesty. However, it is still just as important for people to be honest. Being honest with our family, friends and at work will ensure others trust us and value our presence in their lives. Without others' trust, life will be a lot more uncomfortable and unfulfilled.

God describes Himself as 'abundant in truth' (Exodus 34:6) and in another verse we are told that it is "impossible for God to lie" (Hebrews 6:18). We have all been given the challenge to be perfect like

God (Matthew 5:48). Part of that is to be honest, and honest all the time. We can't afford to tell 'white lies' or withhold some of the truth. We must be honest at all times so that we are like our Father in heaven.



*"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Colossians 3:9-10 ESV)*

## Puzzle: Bible Anagrams

*These clues contain the letters of Bible characters—see if you can identify them!*

O! MESS! \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSE HJ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I MOAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENHANCE BUZZARD \_\_\_\_\_  
 A LUSH THEME \_\_\_\_\_

ARM AHAB \_\_\_\_\_  
 HAZE HIKE \_\_\_\_\_  
 HE CON \_\_\_\_\_  
 JAIL, EH? \_\_\_\_\_  
 HA, NO! \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming Events: Bible Talks

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

May 9 Does it matter to God what we believe?

May 23 What God teaches about Himself

June 6 What the Bible teaches about Jesus Christ

June 20 What the Bible teaches about escaping eternal death

