

# The North

Christ Church, Monthly Newsletter. Issue 1.

As time slides toward Autumn, I want to welcome you to our first monthly newsletter. I'm thrilled with what has come together over these last few months, and I am so grateful to the Lord for the inspiration on how we can change our lives for the better.

I will be sharing some new information each month about Christ Church, explore how we can take intentional steps to live like Jesus in a stressful world, and learn from the Bible to have a closer relationship with God and each other. Doing so, we build a solid biblical foundation for safe, significant and sustainable spirit-filled life.

I'm looking forward to connecting with you each month so, if you're as excited as I am, please read on and share with your friends.

It feels like an exciting time to be alive.

Love, Josep

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### Ancient Wisdom for Modern Life

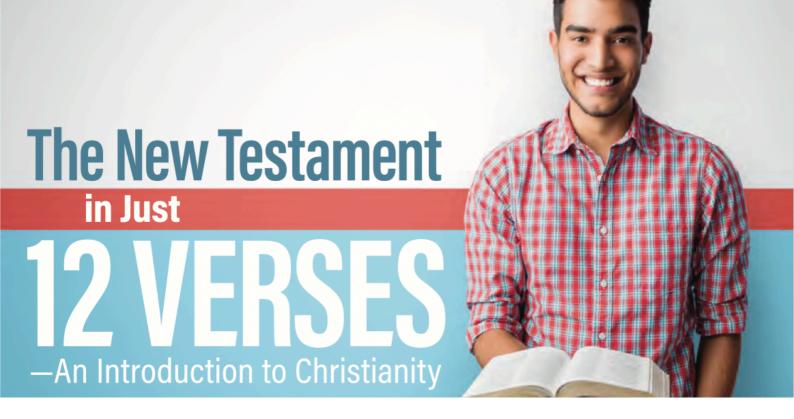
The Psalms contain an enormous amount of God's wisdom. When you:

- need help in finding words to pray to God, read Psalm 86.
- struggle to find comfort in times of grief, read Psalm 23.
- wrestle with the problem of evil men do, read Psalm 10 and Psalm 73.
- look for words to use to praise God, read Psalm 100.
- seek to find ways to confess sin to God, read Psalm 51.
- want to know more about the character of God's word, read Psalm 119.

What the Psalms are to our relationship with God, the Proverbs are to our relationship with man. They provide:

- wisdom for the young (Proverbs 23:20–21).
- advice on avoiding sins of the flesh such as fornication (Proverbs 7), partying (Proverbs 1:10–17), and drunkenness (Proverbs 23:29–35).
- advice on having and raising children (Proverbs 22:6, 15).
- information on how to get along with neighbours and friends (Proverbs25:17-19).
- information on how to avoid foolishness (Proverbs 26:1-12).
- advice on how to use one's tongue (Proverbs 15:1-4).
- advice on how to view wealth and poverty (Proverbs 13:7).

Time spent in reading Psalms and Proverbs is well invested.



The New Testament is about Jesus and His people who lived about two thousand years ago. He was a Jew, born in Israel to poor parents, and He did carpenter work most of His life. Yet He was no ordinary man. The New Testament has 7957 verses, but the story of its 260 chapters can be summarised in just 258 words (12 verses):

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God (John 3:16-18).

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left (Luke 23:33).

He is not here; for He is risen (Matthew 28:6).

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38-39).

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age (Titus 2:12).

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32).

I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:3).

#### John 3:16-18

Sin is humanity's great nemesis and destroyer. It started with Eve's forbidden bite in the garden (Genesis 3:1-6). It continued with murder (Cain), lying (Abraham), fornication (Samson), adultery (David), idolatry (Solomon), pride (Nebuchadnezzar), and so many more violations of the Creator's will.

Sin separates man from God (Genesis 3:24). Its wages is death (Romans 6:23)—a first death of separation from God now (Isaiah 59:1–2), and a second death in an eternal burning lake (Revelation 21:8). Everyone sins (Romans 3:23), so everyone faces this danger.

God's solution was to send His Son as a man to die for man's sin (Romans 3:24-26; 5:8). Jesus is God's indescribable gift to His sinful

creation (Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 9:15). The entire Bible is about Jesus the Messiah:

- Old Testament: Messiah is coming.
- Matthew–John: Messiah is here.
- Acts: Jesus is in heaven ruling.
- Romans-Revelation: Jesus will return.

The New Testament's great requirements are faith and love. These are the foundation of all its commands and the indispensables of acceptance with God. Faith is believing something unseen based on evidence (Hebrews 11:1). Without faith, it is impossible to please God (11:6; John 8:24; Romans 1:17). God is love (1 John 4:8); He delights in mercy (Micah 7:18); He extends grace (Ephesians 2:8). Without a response of love to His love, nothing humans do is acceptable to Him (Matthew 22:37; 1 Corinthians 13:1–3; 1 John 4:19).

#### John 1:14

God long prepared for the Messiah to come. Humans were not privy to the master schedule (Acts 15:18), but much of it can be seen in retrospect. God's plan gradually unfolded (Ephesians 3:11). There was an early hint in Eden (Genesis 3:15); there were promises and covenants made to/with patriarchs (Genesis 12:1–7; 17:1–21). Shadows and types appeared in Moses' law (Hebrews 8:5; 10:1), and prophets made astounding predictions (Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 31:22; Luke 24:27, 44).

The New Testament continued the narrative of the Old Testament. For centuries, the Jews longed for the Messiah to arrive. In the Jewish year 3790 (the Christian year 4000, modern reckoning, 4 bc), the appointed time had come (Matthew 1:21; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:10). By linking Jesus' birth to a census decree of Roman Caesar Augustus, Luke provided a historical framework for Christianity (Luke 1:1-4; 2:1-2; 3:1-2).

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The Messiah came disguised as a baby—helpless, hungry, vulnerable, weak, immobile, and incommunicative—then a boy, a working man, and finally a teacher. The world's Creator had come to live in His creation (John 1:10–15). A Maker of worlds, He was content to be a carpenter for thirty years. Used to being worshiped, He attended worship services for His Father. Israel's King, He was subject to Herod. The future Judge had come to pay the law's penalty for billions of people who, at the time, did not understand or appreciate it (Luke 19:10; Romans 5:6–9; I John 2:1–2).

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To be continued.

#### The TABERNACLE & **The CHURCH**

God is amazing. No one else could put the shadow of future things into the past. Types and antitypes are examples of God's prefigures of the future. Types are the shadow in the Old Testament of things that were to come (antitypes) in the New Testament.

An example of this type/antitype relationship can be found in comparing the tabernacle to the church of Christ.

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## THE TABERNACLE | THE CHURCH

Moses was given the pattern for the tabernacle (HEBREWS 8:5).

> Moses was the lawgiver for the tabernacle (DEUTERONOMY 31:9).

Priests for the tabernacle were to come only from the tribe of Levi (NUMBERS 3:6).

> The altar of burnt offering was where offerings were made and burned for the sins of the priests and people (EXODUS 40:29; LEVITICUS 9:7).

The laver of water was placed between the tabernacle and the altar where the priest could wash before entering the tabernacle (EXODUS 30:18-21).

> The candlestick gave light in the tabernacle (NUMBERS 8:2-4).

The table of showbread was for the priests to eat and was replaced each Sabbath day (EXODUS 25:30).

The altar of incense is where priests offered burned incense (EXODUS 30:1, 7-8).

## ANTITYPE

Jesus gave a pattern for the church (HEBREWS 8:1-5).

Jesus is the lawgiver of a better covenant with better promises (HEBREWS 8:6).

All Christians are priests (1 PETER 2:5, 9).

The sins of Christians are covered by the offering of Christ (GALATIANS 1:4; EPHESIANS 5:25).

Sinners must be washed in the blood of Christ before entering the church (ACTS 22:16; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11: ROMANS 6:3: 1 PETER 3:21).

The Word of God gives light for the church (2 PETER 1:19; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17).

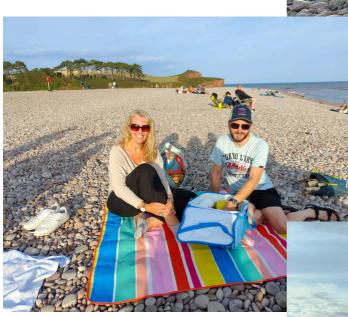
Christians eat at the Lord's table each first day of the week (1 CORINTHIANS 11:20-29: ACTS 20:7).

The prayers of Christians take the place of incense (REVELATION 5:8; 8:4).

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## **BBQ** Evening







## AGENDA

Sunday 4	Communion Service at 10:30 am. Church.	
	Praise & Worship Evening at 7:30 pm. Church.	
Wednesday 7	Street Evangelism at 10:30 am.	
Ghursday 8	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Church. No Zoom.	
Saturday 10	4Women: An Evening at 7:30 pm. Hall.	
Sunday 11	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Church. Communion Service at 6:00 pm. Church. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Church. No Zoom.	
(Donday 12	Arise & Shine at 10 am. Church.	
Wednesday 14	Street Evangelism at 10:30 am	
	Prophetic Evening at 7:30 pm. Church.	
Ghursday 15	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Church. No Zoom.	
Friday 16	Revival Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Church.	
Saturday 17	Workshop on Spiritual Gifts, starts at 10 am.	
Sunday 18	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Church. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Church. No Zoom.	
(Donday 19	Arise & Shine at 10 am. Church.	
Wednesday 21	Street Evangelism at 10:30 am.	
Ghursday 22	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Church. No Zoom.	
Saturday 24	Children Movie at 10 am. Church.	
Sunday 25	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Church. Communion Service at 6:00 pm. Church.	

- Sunday 25 Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Zoom.
- (Donday 26 Arise & Shine at 10 am. Church.
- Wednesday 28 Street Evangelism at 10:30 am.
- **Ghursday 29** Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Church. No Zoom.

#### **OCTOBER**

- Saturday 1 Harvest Supper at 7 pm. Hall.
- Saturday 8 Envision Day at 10 am. Ministry/Team Leaders. Church.
- Sunday 16 All-age Service at 10:30 am. Church.



### Just for FUn Word Scramble

1 Corinthians 13:13 VEOL	Romans 6:4 BTASIPM
Psalm 23:1 SPRHEHED	Acts 11:26 CRHSAIITSN
Ecclesiastes 7:8 PINETAT	Philippians 4:7 PCAEE
Matthew 5:48 FAEHTR	Romans 6:14 GACRE
2 Chronicles 6:19 PEYRAR	Psalm 32:11 YJO
Isaiah 40:28 CEORATR	Ephesians 1:7 FSGERINOVES
Matthew 16:16 CSRIHT	Matthew 1:21 SUEJS
	2 Thessalonians 3:3 FTFHUAIL

Just for FUN Word Search



Blessed are the **poor** in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteous**ness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the **pure** in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the **peace**makers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are **persecuted** for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed** are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **Rejoice** and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.