

We Are on the Move

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*"If you
love one
another,
everyone
will know
you are
my
disciples."
John 13:35*

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All You Need is Love?

The famous Beatles song is well known by many people. It captured the imagination and in many ways has a point, but it was in fact a revolutionary song to turn the world around and led to the 'Summer of love' and 'Flower Power'. All we had to do was to love each other and everything would be fine - no rules, just love. Of course it depends upon what sort of love you mean and in many cases it led to the sexual revolution and free love with all the broken hearts and ruined lives that resulted from it. Sexual love is God given and beautiful in the right context and God uses this in the Song of Solomon to display His great love for His people.

Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind and with all your strength.' (Mark 12:30). Now that is a tough one, it is hard enough to love each other let alone a mighty God who we cannot



see. It talks of an 'unfailing love' written in Hebrew as 'hesed'. A love that doesn't give up when the going is tough - this is God's love for each one of us, no matter what our circumstances. We may be in the darkest despair - God loves us. We may be hungry, imprisoned, close to the gates of death - God loves us. It does not matter what we have done, how worthless we feel or how 'good we think we are?' - God loves us. And as we reach out to Him, he reaches out to us and draws us close to Him and starts changing

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*'How
great is
the love
the
Father
has given
us so
freely!'*

*1 John
3:1*



We Have Moved to the RECREATION CENTRE

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us to be more like Him. For some it can take a long time but for others it is much quicker.

Here at Ainsdale Evangelical we are a mixed bunch of people who are seeking God's Love in our lives. Some have just started and others are part way along the road. We hope to enable people to 'feel loved' with a 'hesed' love.

We have met for Worship at Merefield School for 23 years, but the Lord has now moved us into the Woodvale area and we would love to welcome you there and hope that you will experience at least a little of our 'hesed' love - God is still working on us.

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Recreation Centre

Orchard Lane, off Sandbrooke Rd, Ainsdale **PR8 3RG**

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THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD Psalm 107

This is a psalm of God's love and faithfulness in the most dire and seemingly hopeless circumstances. With image mounting upon image, the psalmist graphically depicts the anguish and distress that despairing people down through the ages have always felt, especially when they know that their agony may be self-inflicted. They are lost, hungry and thirsty and imprisoned. They are at their wits' end. They sit in the deepest gloom, close to the gates of death, life itself ebbing away. Yet all this dark despair is punctuated by four glorious refrains of the faithfulness of God, in verses 8, 15, 21 and 31. The key word in each refrain is that wonderful Hebrew word hesed, here translated as God's 'unfailing love'. This is the supreme attribute of God, standing eternally above and beyond all God's other

attributes of justice, knowledge and power. It flows through the Scriptures, leaving Bible translators feeling inadequate to find words to communicate its profound meaning. English translators through the centuries have struggled to express its depths. Words like faithfulness, goodness, steadfastness, lovingkindness, mercy, constancy and unfailing love have all been used but nowhere do they quite suffice. The power of this psalm lies in its universality. We may not have experienced all these feelings, but in the narratives of our lives we have all felt some of them. We have all felt lost, lonely or trapped. We know what it is to find life directionless, threatening or painful. When, at the end, all the stanzas of our life can be written, may they be punctuated by refrains of gratitude to God for his immeasurable grace towards us.

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AINSDALE EVANGELICAL
"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE" JOHN 8:32
CHURCH

Sunday Worship

10.30—12.15pm (approximately)
Recreation Centre
Join us for light refreshments afterwards
(You are free to come or leave whenever you wish)

*Blessed are those who
TRUST in the Lord,
whose confidence
is in Him'*

Children welcome
(with own teaching)

Jesus is Lord
Recreation Centre



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COMFORT OR ANXIETY GLOBALISATION

Are you living in peace and comfort, and not anxious and under stress? The Bible tells us that God loves us all and that He is the one who is able to comfort us in all the situations of life.

God says that one of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to bring comfort. Is this really true? Have you experienced this or maybe just heard the words sometime and thought it all seemed good. When we are really in a difficult place we need the truth and the power behind the words.

Many older folk will have heard the words but perhaps have no further experience behind the words. It may be that most young people have never heard the words even. Today we read that there is stress and uncertainty and anxiety amongst young people that it seemed was very rare when I was young.

What does lie ahead of us personally and for the world bearing in mind all the tales of gloom we hear from all quarters. Every one of us needs what the Bible calls "The peace that passes understanding". The full meaning is a peace that will survive through all the storms of life. Where is it and who has it?

The Bible says "peace from God will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Hence all who know Him through His forgiveness have Divine peace available to them, even if some have not availed themselves of it. This is God's primary message to mankind.

This is His method for achieving peace in our hearts. For all power in Heaven and on Earth has been given to Jesus. He will eventually bring His peace throughout the whole Earth. However the Bible also says that Jesus will

judge those for their sin who do not receive His forgiveness.

The outlook is not good if we side-line these issues. There are wars going on across the World right now. One is the "war" taking place against all of us by the Globalists. Everything seems to be organised for the benefit of business efficiency for large organisations, even in the area of taxation, amongst others. We are now hearing of proposals to close many hospitals and concentrate services in fewer larger hospitals. Additionally there are still conventional wars happening.. How can all this be stopped?

Our Pastor Writes

The Globalists want to merge all nations, economies, moralities and faiths. In theory this perhaps sounds a possible solution. In practice because of the difficulties involved of bringing all the world population to the same in everything, things don't look so promising, unless all the qualities that make for excellence in many fields are abandoned. Hence a measure of force looks to be necessary.

How for instance can Judeo-Christian reasoning be merged with mystical Eastern faiths without massive compromise leading to virtual abandonment of vital aspects of belief? A sort of One World Church.

The Globalists have some important and powerful weapons, including overwhelming finance and media support. However the biggest and strongest don't always win in the end. Wherever any form of independence rears its head Global opposition will surface.

There is surely going to be trouble, because ultimately according to the Bible the human heart is selfish and wants its own way. As indicated earlier, real peace between God and ourselves and between each other is only attainable through Jesus. Unless we seek Divine forgiveness we will have to pay for our own sins at the bar of God. There can only be one verdict.

Penultimately the Bible foretells that there will be Global Governance but the price to achieve it will be very costly indeed, involving much suffering and premature death. However the only lasting conclusion from all this will be Divine intervention with great joy for some and great sorrow for others.

Where will you find yourself on that great day of judgement? Will you be lost for ever? The bible has good news for you for Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"

The brief time of Global Government will arise, although not with total worldwide agreement. We are heading in this direction with some speed. There will be a period of preparation for this time but when it does arrive it will be termed the time of "Great Tribulation". Only the return of Jesus will bring true personal and worldwide peace which will last forever. This is the expectation of Christians. It is being offered to all now, so start looking.

Everyone will eventually have to choose either live in the "global World" or turn away from that and accept God's terms for forgiveness. This is only available through The Lord Jesus Christ.

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"peace from God will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"



"In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me." — Psalm 120:1.

Come and join us for

Sunday Worship

at

Recreation Centre
Orchard Lane
10.30am

Biblical Worship
and Teaching

Children's Church
& Crèche

Pastor: Geoff Farnell



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Captain Worrier meets his Match

On Monday 20th February, I was called into my general manager's office at work

As I left the office, I felt fine. I felt no worries whatsoever. I felt a lot of thanksgiving to God for the time I had spent there, getting to know some amazing people. For something so devastating and life changing, I felt peace. Peace that I couldn't really explain. Like the whole situation wasn't my problem. I left the office and carried on with my work and how strange it felt not worrying about this burden.

On that fateful Monday morning I was told that I will be made redundant. This to anyone is awful news and automatic worry usually comes upon you, with a heavy burden. Then you start asking questions; how am I going to pay the bills? What's everyone going to think of this? What if I can't find another job? How am I going to provide for the children?

I went back to my work and usually the radio is on in the background, but this time it wasn't and I found myself singing (quietly to myself) songs of praise and thanksgiving. This must have looked very odd to my colleague, who was next to me, but I had a genuine reason for my actions and I couldn't help it, it was flowing from my lips. For the next 48 hours I had a lot of people asking how I was and to their surprise I replied 'I'm at peace with it' but not completely understanding why.

Now Tuesday night I started to think, why in such a difficult time have I felt so peaceful, working with a smile, and not worrying about things. This is unlike me. I'm usually Captain Worrier! As I sat down later on that night to pick the songs for Sunday (I was due to lead worship for the

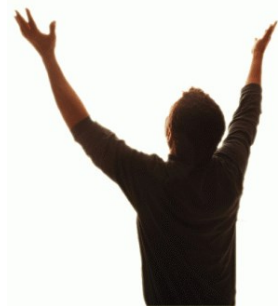
upcoming Sunday service) I remembered the songs that came to me while I was working and so I grabbed the song file from my folder of songs and pulled the song out and there in the top right of this page was a Bible verse John 14: 27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

There it was in front of me, the answer I've been looking for. This Bible verse summed up what I had been thinking and feeling the past 48 hours.

Realizing that none of this was my own doing but from God. It was nothing but His divine peace. That the same God that was with me and my family through 2 years of eye troubles, that saw my sight taken away from me and then brought back by the healing power of God and a year of my wife's postnatal anxiety, where life seem hard and no end to the struggle of depression, is the same God that has THIS situation in His hands and has told me in the verse that I shouldn't worry about things and not to be afraid of the future because everything is in His hands and His divine plan for my life, and my family's life.

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AR is still at peace, even after receiving more devastating news and is actively looking for work.



'ACORNS' Mother and Toddler Group at
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Thursday mornings from 10 till 12. during school term times.

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