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# Newsletter

The Bethel  
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## Thought – Religion

Religion can be many things, it can mean different things to many people and is practised in countless ways.

- ❑ Is a particular system of beliefs
- ❑ Can be very personally sought and found and devoted to. AND it can also be forced upon the individual, a community, a whole country or even a continent – by man not by God.
- ❑ Can be a belief, or a conviction, and recognition of the existence of a superhuman controlling power. A power in which one can be completely consumed. This power can exist in all sorts of visible and invisible ways. It is recognised that this power is entitled to worship and praise and honour and thanks, one is so devoted or maybe even enslaved by it that one willingly, blindly follows what the emotion dictates.

One can also say that REAL religion is alive. False religion is dead. Real religion provides the key to holiness, faithfulness, love and peace.

The opposite to real religion is emptiness, yes emptiness, because it does not last. Look at the recent European Football Championships, all this excitement, all the emotion, heart attacks and heartaches – and what was it for? Here today and gone tomorrow.

So we can see that religion is as contrasting as man itself. Where it should bring love and peace it can bring hate and worse. How old is religion? When God Almighty, the God of Abraham created man he gave him certain instructions. Did Adam follow them? We are told he didn't and ever since we've had strife, bloodshed, hostility, war. But why? Almighty Gods instructions were good. Regretfully man followed his own devices, his own dead gods imagination. It's all so simple. If only ... we didn't trust ourselves and instead trust the only true and living God. He is true, there is plenty of evidence for that. Please let us trust him and his dear son the Lord Jesus because trusting in him will give us what we long for: Peace, a deep inner peace. Come to our church and we will help you to find it with the help of God. Please come we want to share the peace that we have found with you.



## In Focus – Our Web Site

It seems like any body and everybody has a web site these days, hobbies, information, companies getting into the emerging e-commerce marketplace and just about anything you could imagine can be found on the net. Some of it isn't what you would call very tasteful either!

Well we've jumped on the band-wagon and we have a web site. The purpose of our web-site is simply to assist in our preaching of the gospel.

There's a lot to see on the web-site. The first thing to mention is that the contents of all the newsletters that have been distributed to date are there. There's details of all the regular activities that take place at our church, a common questions section, a Friday club section mostly done by the kids at Friday club, you'll be surprised how much there is. Why not take a look.



## What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

### Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm...

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER(S)
July 2	Psalm 8 'God who made the earth'	Ben Downer
July 9	Psalm 103 'God who forgives'	John Fane
July 16	Psalm 150 'A God worth shouting about'	Tony Tasker
July 23	TBA	Nick Willis
July 30	TBA	Roy Standeven
Aug 6	Psalm 40 'The God who hears'	Martyn Ramsden
Aug 13	Psalm 72 'When God's in charge'	Andy Leng
Aug 20	Psalm 51 'Saying sorry'	Peter Green
Aug 27	In the news	John Downer

### Special Events:

- Saturday 24th June Stretford Pageant – Look out for us in Longford Park and also for our Flags.

### Regulars:

- Sunday
  - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30
  - Sunday Bible School 2:45 (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
  - Evening Service 6:00 (See above for details)
- Tuesday
  - Junior Youth club 6:45
  - Bible reading course 7:00 – Chorlton Adult Education Centre ☎(0161) 286 6471 for details.
- Wednesday
  - Young Peoples Bible reading Group 8:00 (Held at Various homes)
- Thursday
  - Bible Class 8:00
- Friday
  - Senior Youth club 7:30

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