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Newsletter



Thought – “Have a nice day...”

"Have a nice day, please come again..." How often have you been spoken to kindly and politely in a shop? Lots of times I imagine, this is how shop assistants are trained to be welcoming. If you were cynical you'd say that this was simply to encourage you to come back and spend more money!

You'd be surprised, wouldn't you, if a genuine friend spoke to you in the same impersonal way that a shop assistant would.



In the same way you can't be a genuine Christian just by ticking a "Religious Denomination" box on a Census form. There is no culture in the world where you can be Christian by default, you can't even be born a Christian, there's just much more to it than that. The Christian message is not about wishing people to "have a nice day" nor is it about performing "righteous" acts. Jesus reserved his sternest words for religious people who were too concerned with an outer show of religion and not with the heart underneath.

Being a true follower of Jesus goes deep, it touches our inner most motives. It begins on the inside when somebody decides to commit their life to Jesus, then it grows and grows as God's spirit affects the whole of your life. As far as my experience of life goes it's just impossible to live up to the ideals of Christian life on our own. It is only by allowing God to work in our lives that we can be changed.

(Thought "Have a nice day" continued...)

In a series of talks on Sunday evenings called "Deeper Christianity", we're hoping to explore just what it means to live our lives everyday as a follower of Jesus. This series takes it's inspiration from Galatians chapter 5 in the Bible which describes some of the many practical ways that being a true Christian affects your life.



What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

The Bible Course: Sep 21st – Nov 16th. A free 8 week course at "Chorlton Park Adult Education Centre" learning to read and understand the Bible. Tuesday evenings 7:15 till 8:45 phone 877 7569.

Jumble Sale: Saturday Oct 16th, 2:00 pm. Come along and find some real bargains, all proceeds to go to charity.

Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise stated)

DATE	SUBJECT	DATE	SUBJECT
3-Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Starts at 3:00 pm)	21-Nov	Meet your maker - God as our Father
10-Oct	Deeper Christianity - Self control	28-Nov	Meet your maker - A compassionate God
17-Oct	The Impact of Grace	5-Dec	(Guest Speaker)
24-Oct	Deeper Christianity - Faithfulness	12-Dec	(Guest Speaker)
31-Oct	Why it matters what we believe about... Life after death	19-Dec	Carol Service
7-Nov	Why it matters what we believe about... The Devil	25-Dec	Christmas Day service (11:00 Saturday morning)
14-Nov	Deeper Christianity - Kindness, Goodness	26-Dec	Boxing Day Service

Regulars:

- Sunday
 - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
 - Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
- Tuesday
 - Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
 - "The Bible Course" (See "In Focus" section above)
- Thursday
 - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
- Friday
 - Senior Youth Club 7:30 p.m.

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