



# Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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## What we believe concerning...

... the faithful few. Christadelphians believe that there have always been more people who disobey God than who try to obey. The only people to be saved from the flood were Noah and his immediate family (eight in all!), for God stated, "**Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.**"<sup>a</sup> And yet we read that "**the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared**"<sup>b</sup> - but nobody in all that time believed God's warning, and turned from their wickedness! When Moses sent men to 'spy out' the land promised to Israel, only two of the twelve believed God that they could conquer it. Jesus himself pleaded "**enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate...that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate...which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**"<sup>c</sup>

## Who they were...

Meet Ruth. Ruth lived in Moab and married a

Jewish man called Mahlon whom she met when he and his family moved to Moab when famine hit Israel. Sadly Mahlon, his brother and father all died. Ruth eventually returned to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi and remarried. Ruth and her new husband Boaz were blessed with a son called Obed, who was grandfather to King David and ancestor to Jesus himself.



Naomi did try and persuade Ruth to stay in Moab but Ruth had accepted the God of Israel, "**Entreat me not to leave you...for wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you**

**lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.**"<sup>f</sup>

## Did you know?

People looking for recompense when they have been wronged often use the phrase 'an eye for an eye'. It won't surprise you that this phrase comes from the Old Testament<sup>d</sup> of the Bible. But did you know that Jesus overturned this idea? "**You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye...but I tell you...whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.**"<sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Genesis 7 v 1

<sup>b</sup> 1 Peter 3 v 20

<sup>c</sup> Matthew 7 v 13-14

<sup>d</sup> Exodus 21 v 24

<sup>e</sup> Matthew 5 v 38-39

<sup>f</sup> Ruth 1 v 16

## Do you think that the Bible is out of date and old fashioned?

Think again! Visit the blog section of our website to watch a short video by Dr. John Hellawell explaining how many of our supposedly modern hygiene practices actually date back thousands of years as described in the early books of the Bible. Alternatively text your address to 07788 636 919 or write to us at FREEPOST The Christadelphians (BI70) and we will send you a copy of the DVD free of charge.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following

- Friday 10th Oct 7pm - Youth Group - **Board games & hot dogs.**
- Sunday 12th Oct 6pm - Bible time - **Does science disprove the Bible?**
- Monday 13th Oct 10am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 17th Oct 5pm - Junior Youth Group - **Silly games**
- Sunday 19th Oct 6pm - Bible time - **Astrology, witchcraft, spiritualism - Bible teaching.**
- Friday 24th Oct 7pm - Youth Group - **Silly games.**
- Sunday 26th Sept 6pm - Bible time
- Sunday 2nd Nov 2:30pm - Bible time - **The Christian and Humanism.**

