



Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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What we believe concerning...

... differing beliefs. Christadelphians believe that to enable us to behave according to God's requirements, we must first of all have the correct beliefs about Him, His word, and His purpose with the earth and with man upon it. Jesus told the Jews who opposed him: **"Search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me."**^a Since the whole purpose of God is centred in Jesus, it is vital to obey this instruction. A Jew named Apollos was **"an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures"**^b but did not know about Jesus - so Aquila and Priscilla **"explained to him the way of God more accurately"**.^c Then in Achaia he **"vigorously refuted the Jews...showing from the scriptures that Jesus is the Christ."**^d The Jews of Berea also followed this advice when taught by the Apostle Paul: **"they received the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."**^e And the

Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: **"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."**^f

Who they were...

Meet Esther. She was a Jewish orphan, cared for by her cousin, Mordecai. Mordecai and Esther were carried away from their own city of Jerusalem to live as captives of the Babylonian Empire. When the current Persian king, Ahasuerus, required a new wife, Esther was amongst those taken to the palace to be considered for the role. She was very beautiful and following a lengthy preparation she was eventually crowned as queen in Shushan. When enemies of the Jews tried to obliterate them, Esther risked her life by intervening and pleading with the king for their safety. The Jewish feast of Purim was instigated as a celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from these perilous days. Mordecai became an important ruler in the palace and both he and Esther believed she had been directed into her position by God in order to

save His people. **"The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honour."**^g

Did you know?

When children say things that are surprisingly perceptive for their age you will often here the phrase **'out of the mouth of babes'**. This phrase originates in the Psalms and is picked up by Jesus, **"Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?"**^h - if we view the world as if through children's eyes we will want to praise God.



^a John 5 v39
^b Acts 18 v 24 ^c v 26
^d v 28 ^e Acts 17 v 11
^f 2 Timothy 2 v 15
^g Esther 8 v 16
^h Matthew 21 v 16

UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following

- Friday 12th Dec 5pm - Junior Youth Group - **Chocolate party.**
- Sunday 14th Dec 6pm - Bible time - **The importance of baptism.**
- Monday 15th Dec 10:30am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 19th Dec 7pm - Youth Group - **Haribo party.**
- Sunday 21st Dec 6pm - Bible time - **The promise of stability in an unstable world.**
- Sunday 28th Dec 6pm - Bible time - **Holy spirit - God's power, not a person.**
- Sunday 4th Jan 2:30pm - Bible time - **New beginnings.**

Your share in God's promises

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