



# Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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## What we believe concerning...

... those who will be judged. We believe that only those who have heard the gospel message, and therefore have had a chance to believe God's word and serve Him, will be raised at Christ's return to be judged according to their behaviour in this life. **"Now consider this, you who forget God** (they must have heard of Him if they could forget Him!)...**to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God."**<sup>a</sup> Solomon declared: **"A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead."**<sup>b</sup> Jesus told many parables about his future kingdom on earth, one of which is about **"tares among the wheat"**.<sup>c</sup> Jesus' explanation of this parable is **"As the tares are gathered...so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness."**<sup>d</sup>

## Who they were...

Meet David. The youngest of eight brothers, David was

given the humble task of caring for his father's flock of sheep in Bethlehem. His life changed dramatically when he was chosen by God and anointed as King of Israel, by Samuel the prophet. David is perhaps one of the better known Bible characters. He slayed the giant Goliath with his sling, played the harp and ruled as the glorious king of Israel for forty years. David wrote many of the Psalms we have in our Bibles. He made some big mistakes - not least when he planned the murder of a man with whose wife he had had an affair - but his deep faith in God and tearful repentance of his errors were the overriding factors in his extremely adventurous life. David became known as **the man after God's own heart**.<sup>e</sup> His example is an encouraging one to those who feel they are

too bad to be forgiven. He also helps us to understand that it isn't what other people think about us that matters. God said of David, **"The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**<sup>f</sup>

## Did you know?

The expression 'going the extra mile' comes from the Bible? Jesus says. **"Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away."**<sup>g</sup> The world would be a much nicer place if we all did more of this!

<sup>a</sup> Psalm 50 v 22-23

<sup>b</sup> Proverbs 21 v 16

<sup>c</sup> Matthew 13 v 25

<sup>d</sup> Matthew 13 v 40-41

<sup>e</sup> Acts 13 v 22

<sup>f</sup> 1 Samuel 16 v 7

<sup>g</sup> Matthew 5 v 41-42

## UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following

- Friday 9th Jan 5pm - Junior Youth Group - **Dark treasure hunt.**
- Sunday 11th Jan 6pm - Bible time - **Positive signs of Christ's return.**
- Monday 12th Jan 10:30am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 16th Jan 7pm - Youth Group - **Volleyball.**
- Sunday 18th Jan 6pm - Bible time - **Cultivating a life of prayer.**
- Sunday 25th Jan 6pm - Bible time - **Jesus is not God.**
- Monday 26th Jan 10:30am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 30th Jan 7pm - Youth Group - **Visit to Stafford.**
- Sunday 1st Feb 2:30pm - Bible time

## Happy New Year!

Why not set yourself the challenge to read through the whole Bible over the course of 2015 and find out for yourself what it has to say? If you text your address to 07788 636 919 or write to us at FREEPOST The Christadelphians (BI70), we will send you a free Bible reading planner to help you. It is also available in the 'resources' section of our website.

