



Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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What we believe concerning...

... baptism. It is an acknowledgement of one's sinful state, and if the need to amend one's ways to follow the laws of God. Jesus himself was baptised by John the Baptist, who preached "**a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins**"^a. Jesus taught Nicodemus that "**unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**"^b The Apostle Peter describes baptism as "**not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.**"^c In Acts Peter instructs his fellow Jews, "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.**"^d Baptism described in these passages means the total immersion in water of a responsible person, not the rite of infant sprinkling, since it involves the recognition of one's sin and the resolve to try and serve God going forward.

Who they were...

Meet Rebekah. When Isaac was ready to get married his father

Abraham sent a servant back to his home country to find him a wife. The servant asked God to help him and he soon met the '**very beautiful**'^e Rebekah. She showed great faith and courage by agreeing to go back with the servant and marry Isaac, whom she had never met. For a long time Rebekah couldn't have children but after 20 years of marriage God blessed her with twin sons; Esau and Jacob. God told her, "**two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body, one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.**"^f Jacob the younger, of course, was the father of the nation of Israel and Esau the elder, was the father of the Edomites. The two brothers did not get along very well and the two nations were enemies throughout much of the Bible. The older

will serve the younger in the truest sense when Jesus returns and rules the world from Jerusalem.

Did you know...

When people are worrying about future events, the phrase '*sufficient unto the day*' is sometimes quoted to them. The full quote comes from Jesus and gives sound advice, "**do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**"^g The previous verse explains where our focus should be, "**seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.**"^h

^a Luke 3 v 3

^b John 3 v 5

^c 1 Peter 3 v 21

^d Acts 2 v 38

^e Genesis 24 v 16

^f Genesis 25 v 23

^g Matthew 6 v 34 ^h v 33

UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following

- Friday 6th March 5pm - Junior Youth Group **Theme night: Israel in Bible times.**
- Sunday 8th March 6pm - Bible talk **Are you ready to meet the King of kings?**
- Monday 9th March 10:30am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 13th March 7pm - Youth Group **Talent show & snacks.**
- Sunday 15th March 6pm - Bible talk **Why baptism really matters.**
- Friday 20th March 5pm - Junior Youth Group **Food painting.**
- Sunday 22nd March 6pm - Bible talk **The Gospel in the Old Testament.**
- Monday 23rd March 10:30am - Mums and Tots
- Friday 27th March 7pm - Youth Group **Swimming.**
- Sunday 29th March 6pm - Bible talk **What the Lord's prayer teaches us.**
- Friday 3rd April 5pm - Junior Youth Group **Fridge magnets.**
- Sunday 5th April 2:30pm - Bible talk **Promises, promises.**

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