

## GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE 8

In Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul asks this question. *If God is for us, who can be against us?* (Romans 8:31). Of course, this question is not posed in isolation. He asks it of his readers during a fairly extensive narrative.

Jesus told his disciples, *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you"* (John 15:18). We, as Christians, are going to face opposition in this world. Many people in the world actively oppose Christianity. Many of the philosophies of the world oppose us. Look what is being taught to our children. The Bible and its teachings are ridiculed, and there is a concerted effort to drag society on a downward spiral away from the teachings of our Lord. In some western societies the Bible is banned from schools, although, perversely, it is allowed in their prisons.

In our earthly lives, we can be persecuted, defeated, even killed. However, God has promised that we will overcome. *"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith"* (1 John 5:4). If you have been "born of God" you will enjoy

eternity in the most glorious place imaginable. Paul states, *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* (Romans 8:18).

However, when Paul asks, *"who can be against us?"* in our original question, he is not asking whether we will have opposition in this life, he is asking who will be there to condemn us in eternity. There is nothing that can separate us from God in eternity.

*"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:37-39).

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*In peace I will both lie down  
and sleep; for you alone, O  
LORD, make me dwell in safety  
(Psalm 4:8).*

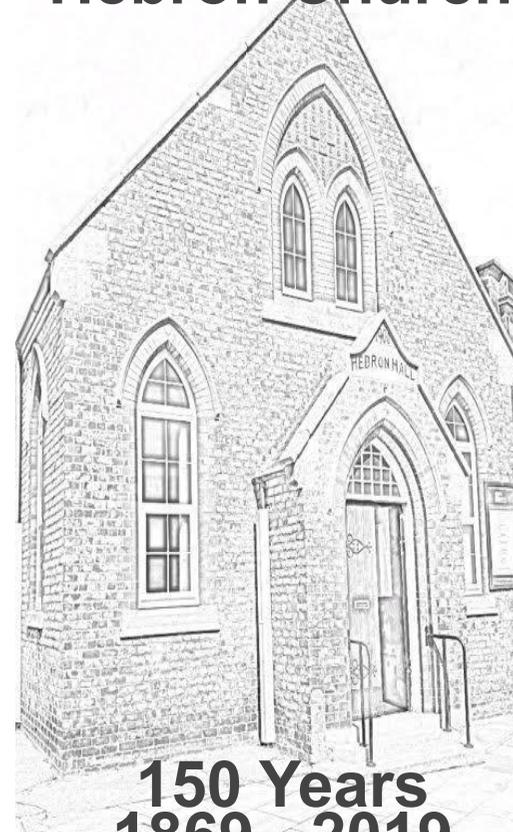
# November 2019

Monthly Bulletin



## Hebron Church

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**Sunday, 24  
November at  
6:30 pm,**  
as we celebrate 150  
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## Weekly Schedule

(\*See the panels on the right for details of speakers)

### Sunday

10.00 am -- Breaking of Bread  
11.15 am -- Good News Service\*  
6.15 pm -- Prayer time  
6.30 pm -- Evening Service\*

### Monday

2.30 pm -- Ladies Meeting\*  
8.00 pm -- Bible Study

### Tuesday

10.00 am -- Carpet Bowls  
6.00 pm -- Carpet Bowls

### Wednesday

10.00 am -- Food Bank

### Thursday

10.00 am -- Coffee and Chat\*  
(First Thursday of the month only)  
6.00 pm -- Pathfinders  
7.30 pm -- Midweek Meeting

### Friday

10.00 am -- Food Bank  
6.00 pm -- Pathos

### First Saturday of the Month Only

8.30 am -- Prayer Meeting

## Speakers

### Good New Service Sunday Morning -- 11.15 am



3 November -- Family Service  
10 November -- Barry Laidler -- Acts 11  
17 November -- Ian Jacobs -- Acts 12:1-24  
24 November -- Koen Hellendoorn -- Acts 12:25 - 13:12

### Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

4 November -- Barbara Ryder  
11 November -- Major Nichola Barker, Salvation Army  
18 November -- Rebecca Hill  
25 November -- Christmas Praise

### Just For Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites?
2. Barnabas, who we meet in the Book of Acts, whose name means "Son of Encouragement" has another name. What is it?
3. Where, in scripture, do we find the "Sermon on the Mount"?

#### Answers from October

1. Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Malta while being taken under guard to Rome.
2. When Jesus called Matthew to be a disciple, he was working as a tax collector.
3. The apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation.

### Evening Service Sunday -- 6.30 pm



3 November -- Koen Hellendoorn  
10 November -- Phil Gibson, Ossett  
17 November -- John Aitken, Echoes International  
24 November -- Matt Oliver

### Coffee & Chat Thursday 5th -- 10.00 am

James Hadman  
Billingham Environmental Link Programme, and  
Billingham Legacy Foundation



"When Moses writes that God created heaven and earth and whatever is in them in six days, then let this period continue to have been six days, and do not venture to devise any comment according to which six days were one day. But if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honor of being more learned than you are. For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But since God is speaking, it is not fitting for you wantonly to turn His Word in the direction you wish to go."  
(Martin Luther)

