

GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE 11

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)

I wonder how many of us would apply for a job where we were told right up front that we would be unsuccessful in our endeavours; that, although fully qualified, we would fail. That was the prospect facing Isaiah.

Isaiah had a vision. He saw God sitting upon a throne. Seraphim were present, calling out to one another about the holiness of God. Isaiah immediately realised that he was lost, a man of unclean lips, living among people who were of unclean lips. He knew all this because he had been confronted by the living God.

One of the Seraphim flew to him and touched his lips with a burning coal, and proclaimed to Isaiah that his guilt was taken away and his sin atoned for. It is immediately after this that God asks, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah’s response? “Here am I! Send me.”

The question, “Who will go?” did not mean that God did not know if anyone would go. He asked the question so as to give Isaiah, recently cleansed, the opportunity to respond for himself. Isaiah knew he had been a sinner, and was unclean. He knew that the entire nation were sinners, and unclean. He had been cleansed and saw the nation in need of the same cleansing and forgiveness. This could

be accomplished if he served the Lord.

However, God told him that his efforts would not result in much spiritual response. The people had not listened before, and they were not going to listen now. Basically, they could not believe, because they would not believe.

Isaiah asked God how long he was required to preach to people who would not listen. The reply? “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste” (Isaiah 6:11). In other words, Isaiah, you keep preaching as long as there is someone to hear you!

We might feel that our efforts to reach people are in vain. God told Isaiah to persevere, and the message to us is the same -- Never give up.

We may not convert the world, but we might reach individuals. I would encourage each of us to keep on saying, “Here am I, send me.”

Colin R Vine

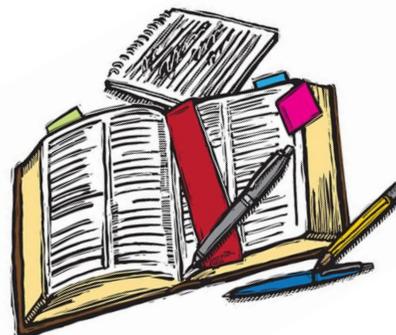
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (Revelation 4:8)

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Monthly Bulletin



GOOD NEWS SERVICE
Sunday morning at 11.15 am

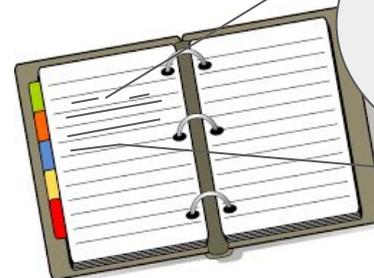


Join us as we continue our studies from
The Book of Acts

On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in February, we will study chapters 17 & 18.

Paul is on his Second Missionary Journey

A Note For Your Diary
Saturday, 14 March 2020
@ 7.00pm
Church Update Meeting



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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
6.00 pm -- Pathfinders

Thursday

10.00 am -- Coffee and Chat*
(First Thursday of the month only)

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

2 February -- Family Service
9 February -- Colin Vine -- Acts 17:1-15
16 February -- Ian Jacobs -- Acts 17:16-34
23 February -- Graham Edwards -- Acts 18:1-17



Evening Service Sunday -- 6.30 pm

2 February -- Ian Jacobs
9 February -- Alex Collins
16 February -- TBC
23 February -- Colin Vine



Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

3 February -- Jen McKie
10 February -- Bob Brown
17 February -- Phylis Marsay
24 February -- Jim Clementson



Coffee & Chat Thursday 6th -- 10.00 am

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"Given Away!" The Search
for a Mother!



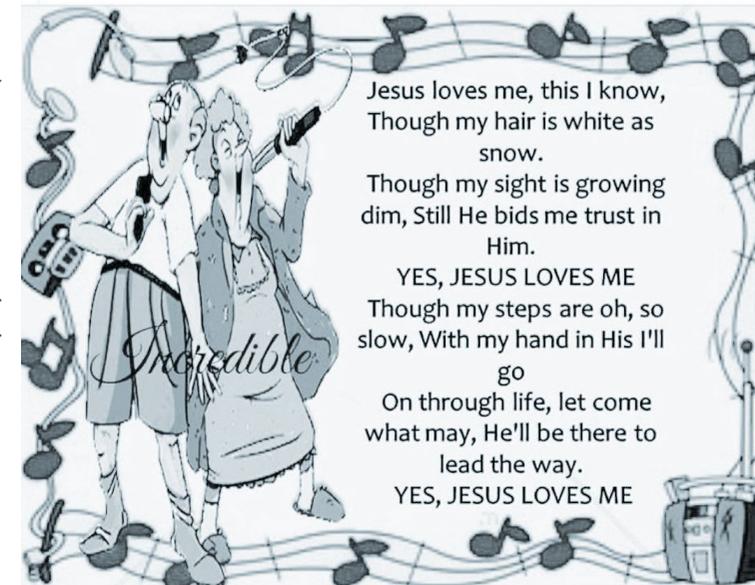
Just For Fun (Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Paul addressed two letters to Timothy. Where did Timothy come from originally?
2. Who were Timothy's Mother, and Grandmother?
3. When Paul wrote 1 Timothy, where was Timothy?

Answers from January

1. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary in the sixth month (Luke 1:26). In the Jewish calendar, this is the month of Elul (Jeremiah 6:15), a 30-day month, which corresponds with our August or September.
2. Jesus was officially named at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, with the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb (Luke 2:21).
3. John the Baptist was the baby who leapt in the womb of Elizabeth, the daughter of Zechariah when she was told the good news of Mary (Luke 1:41, 63).

Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.



Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as
snow.

Though my sight is growing
dim, Still He bids me trust in
Him.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME
Though my steps are oh, so
slow, With my hand in His I'll
go

On through life, let come
what may, He'll be there to
lead the way.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins (1 John 7:10)