God's Truth

God designed and made human beings to know and love Him, and to live in His presence - under the authority and direction of His Word, the Bible. When Adam and Eve disobeyed and rebelled, they (and we) became afflicted with a devastating, terminal, spiritual condition the Bible calls "sin." God regards this as cosmic treason and imposed various threatened penalties on mankind, including death. Instead of life being rewarding and fulfilling - as it originally was - it is now often difficult, painful and frustrating. The world is now broken and subject to God's curse because of human sin.

Best Good News!

The amazing good news of the Bible is that God initiated a rescue plan to restore His spiritually lost human creatures back into a right relationship with Himself. God's Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth as a substitute to pay the penalty of sin that every person owes to God because of their sin, and to enable each of us to experience God's very best life through Christ, once again.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16 NLT).

Those who respond positively to God's good news benefit from God's solution to the problem of human sin. At conversion they begin a brand new life living daily in God's presence: a life lived under the Lordship of Christ (rather than self); a life of radical spiritual transformation; a life that transcends death and lasts for eternity.

SE Christchurch

Like NZ in general, Christchurch is spiritually an "old waste place:" people are convinced by our secular culture that God is irrelevant. Contrary to the words of our National Anthem, we do not live "at thy feet" under either God's rule or the authority of His word of truth, the Bible. Instead we each try to live as if we are "god," convinced that we control our life and destiny etc. Why would we even consider God, after all, we are convinced that we know what is best for us in life. We value freedom above all else: no one has the right to tell me how to live, not even God. But what if I am wrong? What if what our culture indoctrinates into us is wrong? What if what God tells us in the Bible is the truth we desperately need? Mankind has a long history of rejecting it's Creator. Before Christ came, the Bible reveals that *"all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes"* (Judges 21:25 NLT). If this is God's world, but I ignore Him, opposed to His laws/sovereignty, nothing is surer than that one day this will all "come back to bite me."

A Different Life?

We all know that God exists but because of sin, we refuse to respond to Him as we ought. If we remain alienated from God, then on Judgment Day, when all will give an account to Him (Romans 14:12), it will be too late to start thinking differently! Now is the time to "get right with God." These are the ultimate issues that determine our destiny; not our bank balance, achievements, status or worldly success etc.

If you'd like more information, or to talk about these things, please get in contact?

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Good News







Good News?

Everyone loves good news! But in our modern culture, "good news" is often understood primarily in materialistic terms e.g. win a lottery; a higher paying job etc.



Our society reinforces a belief that "just a little more" will make life much better. Now new things and experiences are great - for a while. But soon we long for something else, and then something else again etc. We are on a relentless quest for personal fulfillment which focuses on the "immediate" but which ignores life's "ultimate" issues. Yet at the end of the day (or our lives), it is the ultimate issues which are more important.

Ultimate Issues

Here are some "ultimate issues." Why is there something, rather than nothing? Who am I? Why am I here? What happens when I die? Why can't people get along? Where can lasting meaning, fulfillment, peace and security be found? What is God like? Why do I avoid Him?

The Bible reveals better good news than the very best financial news! As Almighty Creator, Owner and Ruler of the entire universe, God offers a vast spiritual heritage - not as a reward - but as His gift. Our modern materialistic prophets entice us to "buy more," but God says that real life is sourced in a deeply satisfying, personal relationship with Him - the One who made us for Himself.



In NZ today, God plays little part in the everyday lives of most people. Educated to think in naturalistic terms, we believe that the universe (reality) equates exclusively to the physical realm. We are convinced that as our knowledge of the natural world grows through science, we will unlock a perfect Utopia for mankind - independent of God.



But have you listened to the news lately? Are things really getting better? Politicians continue to make promises; yet they - and their policies - are soon gone. We long for a better tomorrow, but do not see that whenever a people ignores God, the foundations of their society begin to crumble!

World Views

Secularism and the Bible are contrasting world view foundations for life. Secularism is based on the wisdom of finite, mortal, flawed humans. But the Bible unveils the wisdom of the infinite, immortal, perfect God who not only made the entire universe, and everything in it, but who also upholds and sustains it every moment of every day!

The Bible reveals that humans are God's image-bearing creatures, created by Him to live in a deeply fulfilling, dynamic relationship with God; and in community with others. It also informs us that the universe is far greater than the tangible, physical, visible realm. There is also an intangible, spiritual, invisible realm - which is beyond the reach of scientific discovery. Human beings uniquely mirror these realities - each person is a blend of a physical body and a soul (spirit), created to experience deeply satisfying companionship with God and with other people.



Rebel Heart

At the dawn of human history, God reveals in the Bible that Adam and Eve, the first human couple, were enticed to rebel against Him, bringing devastating consequences on themselves, the human race and God's wider creation! We have each inherited their rebel nature, and so we begin life alienated from God i.e. alive physically, but spiritually dead to the things of God - living "as if God does not exist" for me. If we remain in this state, two consequences result. Firstly, we forfeit any possibility of experiencing the abundant life God promises, which the first humans once knew; and secondly, we will die subject to God's penal judgement against us, incurred by all because we are cosmic rebels.