

SOUL FOOD

March/April 2018



***I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.***

Ps 139 v 14

In God's Footsteps : an Easter Message .

Excerpts from ***The road to Emmaus***

Peter Buss, Jr.

<https://newchurch.org/get-answers/connection-magazine/exploring-jesus-as-god/in-gods-footsteps-an-easter-message/>

The Gospel of Luke records a time after Jesus' resurrection when He **walked** with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). As we recall, the discussion was on recent events, with a focus on the crucifixion. **Those disciples were experiencing great sadness.** Yet by the end of the conversation, they were **exclaiming with joy, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"** (Luke 24:32).

I love this part of the Easter story because **it portrays a very alive and present God** who is doing what He wants to do for all of us, namely **walk alongside in an effort to take away our sadness and replace it with joy.**

In New Church theology, **the Lord Jesus Christ is the one God of heaven and earth.** He is not merely the Son of God who came to die for the sins of the world; rather **He is God Himself who came in human form to show us what kind of God He truly is.**

There is a New Church teaching which states, **"The whole of Sacred Scripture teaches that God exists and that there is one God"** (True Christianity no. 6). This is something that most people intuitively believe, and even what most Christian churches teach, despite confusions over one God somehow divided into three eternal Persons.

New Church teachings clear that up by helping us to see that these three predominant manifestations of God—**Father, Son and Holy Spirit—refer to His unfailing love, His infinite wisdom, and His incredible ability to affect our lives for good.**

Walking with God

Jesus' whole ministry can be seen through the lens of **walking around the Holy Land as He taught people truths** they needed to know and healed them of their ailments. Even some of those healing miracles focused on **walking**, as when He said to a man who had been crippled for thirty-eight years, "**Rise, take up your bed and walk**" (John 5:8).

We know intuitively that **walking means living**. It's in our common parlance that "**life is a journey**", Isaiah the prophet said, for example, "**Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways and we shall walk in His paths**" (Isaiah 2:3).

The beauty of all this is where it brings us: **We now have an active picture of walking with our Lord.**

As a God of pure love,

He wants to bless us with **awesome relationships,**

inner peace,

and a deeply fulfilling sense of purpose in life.

As a God of infinite wisdom, He has many things to teach us about

how to cooperate with Him

how to "Love others as I have loved you" (John 15:12),

how to go the extra mile (Matthew 5:41),

how to use our gifts and talents to invest in the lives of others

and "be a blessing" to them (Matthew 25:21, Genesis 12:2).

As a God of incredible ability

He enlightens us, inspires us, protects and leads us.

Rev Todd Beiswenger visited Perth on the 16, 17 and 18th February 2018. He led two classes, visited parishioners, performed a baptism and administered Holy Supper at our Sunday Service. Thank you very much Todd. Your visits are invaluable in reviving, stimulating and healing. The young children benefit so much from seeing you as a minister in your robe, praying, and teaching. Thank you very much.



Todd Visits us again this year in June 8,9,10 and November 9,10,11.

Baptism. Our love and best wishes to **Jason and Chelsea** on the baptism of their second son **Oliver Stephen** born on 12/7/17.

Logopraxis. There is a group joining the LP community meeting before church on 25th Feb. Thank you to Sarah for her facilitating role. Some others of us are planning to do LP online. Contact Sarah Ralls for more information.

Birthdays. March: Keagan 18, Cynthia 23, Elaine 27 **April:** Mary, Anni 22

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11 March	Worship 10:30 am Godly Play	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
16/17/18	Retreat at Lesmurdie with Rev Brunne	Details to be sent later
25 March	Logo praxis group 9am Worship 10:30 am Godly Play	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
1 April	Easter Sunday	Environment Centre North Beach
8 April	Worship 10:30 am Godly Play	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
22 April	Logo praxis group 9am Worship 10:30 am Godly Play	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
10 June	Todd Beiswenger June 19th 10:30am Worship and shared meal	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
11 November	Todd Beiswenger 10:30am Worship and shared meal	McDougall House Clydesdale Road

***We are all created to become angels of Heaven
which is a kingdom of communities.***

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