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# Summer Time

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Those of us who are city dwellers, head to cool off on beaches. Please remember to Slip Slop and Slap.

Enjoy the sun and open air. Keep hydrated.

We all await a glorious sunfilled run of summer months. Already this year the sun has certainly come out quite a lot - rather hot actually. We must think of the farmers in the country, already having a drought season, now with summer here in force, we must give prayers for them and any help they can have is necessary. They grow our food for us and rear the cattle; some for food and some to be sheared for clothing for us. They work such long hours and need water and food for their stock.

# The Ten Commandments

#### Exodus Ch.20; v 1-17:- ..

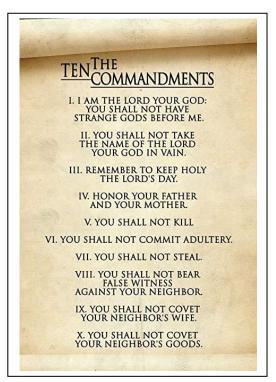
It is well known that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, up on the mountain, and Moses was instructed to write them down on a tablet.

Over Christmas, having watched quite a bit of the Cecil B DeMille film (it was a very long film) it is an incredible film of what happened to Moses. It it always quite well known that his Mother, to save baby Moses' life, placed him in a woven basket – well known to this day as a Moses basket – in the bulrushes along the River Nile. Baby Moses was adopted by the Pharoah;s daughter and brought up in the Egyptian Royal Court

This of course, is way back ages ago in the Old Testament. These Ten Commandments were confirmed again by Jesus in the New Testament. For the Ancient Church these were Ithe guidelines for living. Then all Christian faiths continue the same. As do Legal Systems though out the world. Reading the 17 verses, it is good that they now compose of 10 more concise values to go by.

Last year we covered in depth some of them via Sermons, this year we will continue to cover some more.

The picture here is one with You, a little more modern one.









ADELAIDE CHURCH MOTTO

"The Law of the Lord is perfect"

This motto was created at the time the New Church began here in Adelaide in 1844. As relevant today as it was then.

## **Inspirational Thoughts**

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord..he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green."

Jeremiah 17:7,8

"To be blessed is to be happy; and the greatest happiness comes to those who trust in the Lord. They are compared in the Bible to trees planted by waters that in consequence flourish; and the leaves are always green.

To trust in the Lord is to trust all the way; not just for those few steps you can see, but for all the subsequent steps as well. This we become trees of the Lord."

### Prayer:-

B e merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge.

Amen

# Let's start the New Year with God's Love

# **Ten Ways to Love**

- 1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
- 2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- 3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- 4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- 5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- 6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- 7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
- 8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
- 9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- 10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)





# Babies and Children in Heaven

At the time parents, relatives and friends grieve for the loss of a little child or infant;

Be comforted that grieving is a normal human emotion in such circumstances.

Time will pass like a rainstorm and the sun will shine again.

A series presenting our beliefs in plain English on life after death. This time we'll look at the teaching about **children** and also **children** in heaven.

Children, up to some stage in their teenage years, are not spiritually equipped enough to start regenerating, or working on their own spiritual life and choices. That's an 'adult' skill, and it needs rationality, experience and a sense of life values.

But of course children can say and draw and come up with some amazingly spiritual ideas and pictures. Just ask a child to draw God and you'll be astounded how they catch something we adults have lost or never see. Yes, we can lose things by becoming adults!

Children have innate wonder, imagination, and feelings about life, and some see angels too. Even more, hold a baby and you feel the presence of heaven in them. But they also need to be guided in a lot of things for their first years - things they simply know, and need to obey. These 'go in' and get stored so that when they become an adult, they can work with choices and decisions about what's good and what isn't.

All this takes around let's say 18 years to take shape, while for some wild animals, it needs to be 18 minutes!

Because of all this preliminary innocence and lack of maturity, when a child dies (and globally about a third of people die in childhood!) - ALL children go straight to heaven where they will mature a bit differently because they will never be at risk of turning towards their lower nature and choose it for keeps, because they simply CAN'T. Oh yes, like everyone, they have a lower nature but the sphere and help of pure heaven with angel expertise will always be protecting them directly.

This is a Divine provision but do understand that it is not what the Lord WANTS. He wants people to be children, then be adults, and choose heaven.

Babies go straight to heaven and angels are there to look after them. Even SIDS parents who grieve so much for their little one, can rest assured, through their own grieve, to understand that maybe their little baby was just too perfect for this world. At the same time, the parent's deceased close relatives will be there to love and share in the well being and looking after.

Dedicated to some special people who need our prayers at this time.



# A Visitor from US is arriving

Roslyn Taylor is visiting Adelaide again this year. Roslyn will be arriving from Sydney to Adelaide airport at approximately 6.00pm on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be leaving on April 12<sup>th</sup>, flight 9.00am to Sydney.

Please make Roslyn welcome, she will be staying in Australia again for a short time. While here in Adelaide, will be delivering services on 24<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April (just a little bit of advance information for April).

During her time here, Roslyn will be sharing in the Church activities listed below for March and April. Even though we are in the middle of preparing for Heritage month, we will make the most of Roslyn's time here.

For our local Adelaide ones, maybe we will plan a social evening at the Church and have a dinner there too – that will make quite a lovely change. Plenty of light background music to accompany diners.

**Please note:** That some of our dates have changed for Services in February and March, due to events here in Adelaide.

## Service for February and March 2019

### **February**

3rd - Musical Traditional

17th<sup>th</sup> Service, Holy Supper. Shared luncheon

### March

Due to Bank Holiday weekend on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> in SA Service order changed a little

3<sup>rd</sup> Traditional Musical

24<sup>th</sup> - Service, . Shared luncheon.

### February and March Activities

<u>Presentations</u> In the Church Hall will begin in February 2019. Information next Newsletter. <u>Adelaide Bible Study -</u> and discussion time: - This is being planned as a Skype group meeting, to accommodate those in different suburbs.

<u>Coffee and Chat time & Computer Awareness</u> held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February; 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March; mornings from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Just arrive.

Children are welcome, as we have facilities - Apple TV and colouring in for them and a rear garden lawn area and a childproof gate on the driveway, making it a secure play area for young ones.

### Jewellery Making Tuition

We are very happy to announce that Ruth, who is a maker of Jewellery, will be giving free tuition and sessions on Thursday mornings 10.30am. We are very lucky to have her **Further Information** for any of the above, please phone 0417632207,

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### **Contributions for Newsletters**

Any articles, poems, news or submissions for the Newsletter, please email to us. It would be so nice to have some contributions.

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