

# The Corner Post



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## Welcome to Cornerstone!

We continue our series on John 13-17 today, with Jesus' vital words of warning and encouragement in John 16:33. *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

**John 16:16-33** "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." <sup>17</sup> Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." <sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me?'" <sup>20</sup> I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. <sup>25</sup> "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup> "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. <sup>32</sup> "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**"



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## Prayer Meetings

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray continually.



### Before Church

9:15 – 9:45am upstairs before church

### City Prayer on Wednesday

7.45 – 8.15am at the church office

### Combined Church Leaders' Prayer Tuesday

9.15 – 9.45am at the church office



You can sign this important  
ACL marriage petition on the  
laptop in the foyer after church

## Pray for the Stand4Marriage

Rally at 10am Saturday, the  
3<sup>rd</sup> December in Martin Place, Sydney.

## Vision 100 Leaders Prayer Meeting

1pm Thursday 24 November at  
the Crossroads Office (123  
Bathurst St.)

## Vision 100 Leaders Conference 19 October from 4-9pm at Kingston Reformed Church.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

INTERNATIONAL  
HOBART CITY LADIES' DAY CLASS  
Held at Hobart City Church of Christ, 8a  
Goulburn St, Hobart

From 10am - 12pm

Children's Programme for ages 2 - 6  
held concurrently

It is a non-denominational Bible Study  
celebrating our unity in Christ.

**LAST 2 weeks for the year finishing  
22nd November, so come & get a  
taster & consider joining next year.**

Any questions: Call Alex Randall on  
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**Giving at Cornerstone** Budget 2011  
\$169,370 \$14,114 per month

At Cornerstone you can give either by putting your  
offering in the Blue Box at the **back of church**, or,  
even better, **electronically**.

BSB: 037001 Account: 586161

# Bible Study Groups



## Tuesday Ladies' Group

1-3pm with Amanda Bartle, 39 Schouten Way, Warrane. 6244 4051

## Tuesday Night in New Town

7.30pm with Steve and Karen Fair, meeting at the Van Emmeriks', 10 Archer Street. 6228 1960

## Tuesday Night in Blackmans Bay

7.30pm with Ian and Kym Headley, 6 Tanina Mews. 6229 1345.

## Tuesday Night in Warrane

7.30pm with Doug and Natalie McKinnon at the Webbs', 209 Blich Street, Warrane. 0438 288 452.

## Wednesday Night in Margate

7.30pm with Simon Boonstra, meeting at the Boonstra's, 295 Nierinna Rd, Margate. 6267 1113

## Wednesday Night in Warrane

7.30pm at David and Anna Gee's. 12a High Street, Bellerive. 6244 3208.

## Wednesday Night in the City

7.00pm with R'jaye Rojas at the Church Office, 123 Bathurst St. 0407 924 797

## Thursday Night in West Hobart

7pm with Campbell and Amanda-Sue Markham, 11 Sherbourne Ave. 6234 4719

## Thursday at Calvin Christian School

1.30pm with Paul and Heather Hutchens, for students and staff. Phone 0424 141 349

## Thursday Night in Mt Nelson

7pm with Paul and Heather Hutchens, 3/327 Mt Nelson Rd. 0424 141 349

## Friday Night Youth

7 - 8.30pm with Adam and Jess Latham, 123 Bathurst St, 0419 446 312

NOTE: Campbell and R'jaye's groups have combined for the present Wednesday night course: *How to prepare and run a Bible study.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Church Meeting to decide on 2012 Budget Sunday 20 November immediately after the service.

## PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

### 2011 CHRISTMAS CARDS

PIM Christmas Cards come in **packs of 10** including envelopes. Each pack contains 10 cards.

**Cost: 1 – 9 packs at \$6.50 per pack. 10+ packs at \$6.30 per pack.**

[pim.org.au/merchandise.htm](http://pim.org.au/merchandise.htm)

Email: [admin@pim.org.au](mailto:admin@pim.org.au)

## Personal Holiness

by Arthur W. Pink

*"That opinion that personal holiness is unnecessary to final glorification is in direct opposition to every dictate of reason; to every declaration of Scripture."* -Augustus Toplady

By our fall in Adam we not only lost the favor of God but also the purity of our nature, and therefore we need to be both reconciled to God and renewed in our inner man, for without personal holiness *"no man shall see the Lord"* (Heb. 12:14). *"As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation* (behavior); because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:15, 16). God's nature is such that unless we be sanctified, there can be no communion between Him and us.

But can persons be sinful and holy at one and the same time? Genuine Christians discover so much carnality, filth, and vileness in themselves that they find it almost impossible to be assured they are holy. Nor is this difficulty solved, as in justification, by recognizing that though completely unholy in ourselves we are holy in Christ, for Scripture teaches that those who are sanctified by God are holy in themselves, though the evil nature has not been removed from them.

None but *"the pure in heart"* will ever *"see God"* (Matt. 5:8). There must be that *renovation of soul* whereby our minds, affections and wills are brought into harmony with God. There must be that impartial compliance with the revealed will of God and abstinence from evil which issues from faith and love. There must be that directing of all our actions to the glory of God, by Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel. There must be a spirit of holiness working within the believer's heart so as to sanctify his outward actions if they are to be acceptable unto Him in whom "there is no darkness". True, *there is perfect holiness in Christ for the believer, but there must also be a holy nature received from Him.* There are some who appear to delight in the imputed obedience of Christ who make little or no concern about personal holiness. They have much to say about being arrayed in "the garments of salvation and covered with the robe of righteousness" (Isa. 61:10), who give no evidence that they are "clothed with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5) or that they have "put on . . . bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness,

longsuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another" (Col. 3:12 & 13).

How many there are today who suppose that if they have trusted in Christ, all is sure to be well with them at the last even though they are not personally holy. Under the pretense of honoring faith, Satan as an angel of light, has deceived and is now deceiving multitudes of souls. When their "faith" is examined and tested, what is it worth? Nothing at all so far as insuring an entrance into heaven is concerned: it is a powerless, lifeless, fruitless thing. *The faith of God's elect is unto "the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness"* (Titus 1:1). It is a faith which purifieth the heart (Acts 15:9), and it grieves over all impurity. It is a faith which produces an unquestioning obedience (Heb. 11:8). They therefore do but delude themselves who suppose they are daily drawing nearer to heaven while they are following those courses which lead only to hell. He who thinks to come to the enjoyment of God without being personally holy, makes Him out to be an unholy God, and puts the highest indignity upon Him. The genuineness of saving faith is only proved as it bears the blossoms of experimental godliness and the fruits of true piety.

In Christ, God has set before His people that standard of moral excellence which He requires them to aim and strive after. In His life we behold a glorious representation in our own nature of the walk of obedience which He demands of us. Christ conformed Himself to us by His abasing incarnation; how reasonable therefore it is that we should conform ourselves to Him in the way of obedience and sanctification. *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 2:5). He came as near to us as was possible for Him to do; how reasonable then is it that we should endeavor to come as near as it is possible for us to do. *"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me"* (Matt. 11:29). If *"even Christ pleased not Himself"* (Rom. 15:3), how reasonable is it that we should be required to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him (Matt. 16:24), for without so doing we cannot be His disciples (Luke 14:27). If we are to be conformed to Christ in glory, how necessary that we first be conformed to Him in holiness: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself so to walk even as he walked" (1 John 2:6). *"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity"* (2 Tim. 2:19); *Let him either put on the life of Christ, or drop the name of Christ.*

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ROSTER	13 Nov	20 Nov
<b>MC</b>	Aaron	Aaron
<b>Music</b>	Team 4	Team 2
<b>Data</b>	Christine	Caren
<b>Welcome</b>	Ian and Kym	John Jansen, David Gee
<b>Kitchen</b>	Naomi, Robin, Wendy	Naomi, Robin, Wendy
<b>Food</b>	Andrew R, Ali R	Jane, Amanda Bible, Carlene
<b>Creche</b>	Yan Yan and Zoe	Penny and Amy Vonk