

# The Corner Post



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## Welcome to Cornerstone!

Today we begin a lengthy series on **Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome**, undoubtedly one of the most important books of the Bible.

To get the most out of this series read Romans repeatedly yourself, join a weekly Bible study, and follow along with a commentary by either John Stott or F.F. Bruce (in the bookstall). Prayerfully immerse yourself in this great book, and the Holy Spirit will change your life.

We begin with the first seven verses, which are Paul's introduction to his letter.

**Romans 1:1-7** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God--<sup>2</sup> the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup> Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. <sup>6</sup> And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cornerstone's sermons can be downloaded at [www.cornerstonehobart.org](http://www.cornerstonehobart.org)

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## Preaching series 2012

# ROMANS

The righteous will live by faith



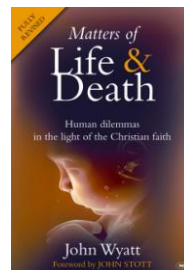
## Romans 1:1-7 The Gospel

## Cornerstone Summer Seminar Medical Ethics for the Beginning and End of Life

The New Town Bible Study group is hosting this 3 week summer series for all the church and interested people before small groups start.

Chong Ong is a doctor in our church with a strong interest in medical ethics. He will lead us in helping gain an understanding of a biblical framework and the technology used in this complex and sometimes grey area. It will assist us to think through the issues we or someone we know may face. It will be a combination of talks and group interaction.

Thursday 2, 9, and 16  
February 2012 7.30 -  
9.00 pm at the Philip  
Smith Centre.



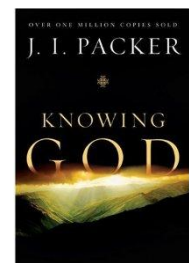
## Prayer Meetings

1 **Thessalonians 5:17** Pray continually.



- 1) Before Church**  
9:15 - 9:45am upstairs before church
- 2) City Prayer on Wednesday**  
7.45 - 8.15am at the church office
- 3) Combined Churches Prayer**  
9.15 Tuesdays at the Church Office
- 4) Vision 100 Prayer Meeting**  
The next Vision 100 prayer meeting will be held at **1pm, Feb 16 at the Presbyterian Churches office** (123 Bathurst)

The Christian classic *Knowing God*, by J. I. Packer, is now available as a free audio book. Listen and grow!  
[christianaudio.com/knowning-god-j-i-packer/](http://christianaudio.com/knowning-god-j-i-packer/)



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# Bible Study Groups

In recess over January.



## 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 Bligh 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.

## Thursday at Calvin Christian School

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

## Friday Night Youth

7 - 8.30pm 123 Bathurst St, 0419 446 312

## TASpy Summer Camp

January 26-29

### **THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, & AND THE GOOD**



Guest speaker Ian Partridge

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## Preachers' Workshop

The 2012 Preachers' Workshop will be held on the first Sunday of each month from 1.30-3.00pm, starting on February 5th. The year long course will be run by Des Smith and held at the Kingston Reformed Church, 17 Denison Street.

Please RSVP to Des

at [des.smith@crckingston.org.au](mailto:des.smith@crckingston.org.au)

by February 1st.

## News from the Maarseveens

We trust all is well with you all, and wish you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and for the New Year.

We are staying on Christmas eve and Christmas night with Chris and Helen Hawthorne, the pastor and his wife of St Johns Wood Road Baptist Church, their three children, Joshua (8) Reuben (6) and Rebekah (3), and another family living with them at the moment - Cornelius, Nellie and their daughters Natasha and Chantelle. Pete will be with us, so there will be a house full and an early start to Christmas morning! We will join the congregation for the Christmas service in the morning and enjoy lunch with the members on the church there.

On Boxing Day we fly to Holland with Peter to stay with our family for a week - we are looking forward to the break after a busy time with the Christmas Outreach program, which finished today - the 23rd. Please pray for all the participants, for all the conversations they had during street evangelism, gospel literature and tracts, Jesus DVD's that were distributed during the two weeks of the outreach. A young women from Romania gave her heart to the Lord last week at the Oasis International Church service - pray for her and follow up of other contacts.

Pete's cousins are looking forward to seeing him again, after four years. He stayed with our sister in law Joke for three months in 2007, and worked nearby for two month and he was there when Ciska, the daughter of our niece Jolanda was born - she is now four and has started school. He will also meet Julian (2 1/2 years old), the son of our nephew Menno and his wife Heide.

Will is driving Jane's parents and her Aunt Mary to Campbell Town to spend Christmas Day at brother John's house with Callie, his wife and their family - all five of their offspring will be there - the first time for a few years. Will's girlfriend Lorraine is working that day at the Hawthorn Nursing Home at Kingston. Please pray for our family in Tasmania as we miss them at this time, as you can imagine. Hopefully next year we will celebrate Christmas with them all.

We will be thinking of you, and are looking forward to catching up when we return home late next year,

From Heinz and Jane

## Martin Luther's Preface to his commentary on Romans

An excerpt...



This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes. Therefore I want to carry out my service and, with this preface, provide an introduction to the letter, insofar as God gives me the ability, so that every one can gain the fullest possible understanding of it. Up to now it has been darkened by glosses [explanatory notes and comments which accompany a text] and by many a useless comment, but it is in itself a bright light, almost bright enough to illumine the entire Scripture.

Faith is a living, unshakeable confidence in God's grace; it is so certain, that someone would die a thousand times for it. This kind of trust in and knowledge of God's grace makes a person joyful, confident, and happy with regard to God and all creatures. This is what the Holy Spirit does by faith. Through faith, a person will do good to everyone without coercion, willingly and happily; he will serve everyone, suffer everything for the love and praise of God, who has shown him such grace. It is as impossible to separate works from faith as burning and shining from fire. Therefore be on guard against your own false ideas and against the chatters who think they are clever enough to make judgements about faith and good works but who are in reality the biggest fools. Ask God to work faith in you; otherwise you will remain eternally without faith, no matter what you try to do or fabricate.