

Bethel
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Hawthorn



Newsletter
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Shine Like the Sun

"And those who are wise - the people of God - shall shine as brightly as the sun's brilliance, and those who turn many to righteousness will glitter like stars forever"

Daniel 12:3

Did it ever occur to you that as a child of God you are to radiate in your countenance the beauty and glory of God?

Have you ever considered the inconsistency of having a glum expression while professing that the Son of God, the light of the world, dwells within you?

Proverbs 15:13 reminds us that a happy face means a glad heart; a sad face means a breaking heart.

When missionary Adoniram Judson was home on furlough many years ago, he passed through the city of Stonington, Connecticut. A young boy, playing about the wharves at the time of Judson's arrival, was struck by the missionary's appearance. He had never before seen such a light on a man's face.

Curious, he ran up the street to a ministers' home to ask if he knew who the stranger was. Following the boy back, the minister became so engaged in conversation with Judson that he forgot all about the lad standing nearby.

Many years later that boy - unable to get away from the influence of what he had seen on the man's face - became the famous preacher, Henry Clay Trumbull. One chapter in his book of memoirs is entitled, "What a Boy Saw in the Face of Adoniram Judson."

A shining face – radiant with the love and joy of Jesus Christ – had changed a life. Just as flowers thrive when they bend toward the light of the sun, so shining, radiant faces are the result of those who concentrate their gaze upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we never underestimate the power of a glowing face that stems from time spent with God. Even as Moses' countenance shone, may your face and mine reveal time spent alone with God and in His Word.



Bible Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 5:13-16 New International Version (NIV)

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Thought: I will spend sufficient time with the Lord each day to ensure a radiant countenance for the glory of God and as a witness to those with whom I have contact each day.

By Dr. Bill Bright

Quotes

This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 NLT



Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.

S.D. Gordon



The LORD is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Psalms 27:1



The great gift of Easter is hope.

Basil Hume



At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:27 CEV

Easter Prayer

Let Us Have Hearts of Thankfulness

Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
For your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
Amen.

— Rachel Marie Stone

Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to Olwen who has recently celebrated a special birthday. We look forward to celebrating with her when meetings resume.

Please remember in your prayers

Dorothy continues to need prayer. She is not at all well and will be seeing her specialist at a hospital appointment next week.

Barbara is really unwell. Please continue to bring her before the Lord in prayer. Also Phylis and Keri who are at home and are still recovering.

Please remember in prayer all those of our fellowship who are unwell. And especially those feeling the effects of being so isolated at this time and missing Christian fellowship.

Remember Andrew our Pastor as he continues to minister to us from a distance and as he continues to minister to the bereaved and to conduct funerals. Pray for his protection from the coronavirus.

Remember those of our fellowship in care homes that the Lord will protect them also.

Pray for those who are caring for others within our church fellowship and are so in need of supportive prayer.

We would especially pray for all those working within our community and those front-line workers, whether it be in hospitals, care homes, shops or wherever the need is. Lift them up to God that they may be kept safe and protected.

Ann's cousin Elaine has been very ill and hospitalised with the coronavirus. Thankfully she is much improved and hopefully will be home soon. We thank God for answered prayer.

There are so many ill with coronavirus and many who have died throughout the country and the world. Keep all those in your prayers who need God's comforting and healing arms around them.

Pray for our Government and those in authority who make decisions, that they will seek wisdom and guidance from God in these difficult times.

Pray too, that through all this we will keep our eyes focussed on the Lord, and remember to thank God that we are being kept by Him. As Psalm 46:1 says "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." [Philippians 4:4-7]

Easter Quiz

For those of you missing our regular Quiz Nights, try your hand at this Easter Quiz.

Round 1: The Bible

How much do you know about Easter?

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
3. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
4. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
5. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
6. Who was the first person to see the Risen Christ?

Round 2: Chocolate Slogans.

Which types of chocolate have these slogans been identified with in the past?

1. The lighter way to enjoy chocolate.
2. Feel the Bubbles.
3. The taste of paradise.
4. It's not for girls.
5. Take it easy.
6. And all because the lady loves...

Round 3: Eggs.

Can you answer these Easter questions on an egg them?

1. In which Beatles song will you find the lines "I am the egg man, they are the egg men.".
2. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
3. Who wrote a children's book entitled into 'Green Eggs and Ham'?
4. Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying "An egg today is better than a _____ tomorrow". Can you fill in the blank?
5. 500 million Cadbury Crème Eggs are made each year. True or False
6. The first chocolate Easter Egg was made in 1873.

Answers

Round 1

1. Passover
2. 30 pieces
3. By giving him a kiss.
4. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried.
5. Three hours
6. Mary Magdalene

Round 2

1. Maltasers
2. Aero
3. Bounty
4. Yorkie
5. Cadbury's Caramel
6. Milk Tray

Round 3

1. I Am the Walrus
2. Ostrich
3. Dr Seuss
4. Hen
5. True
6. False

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BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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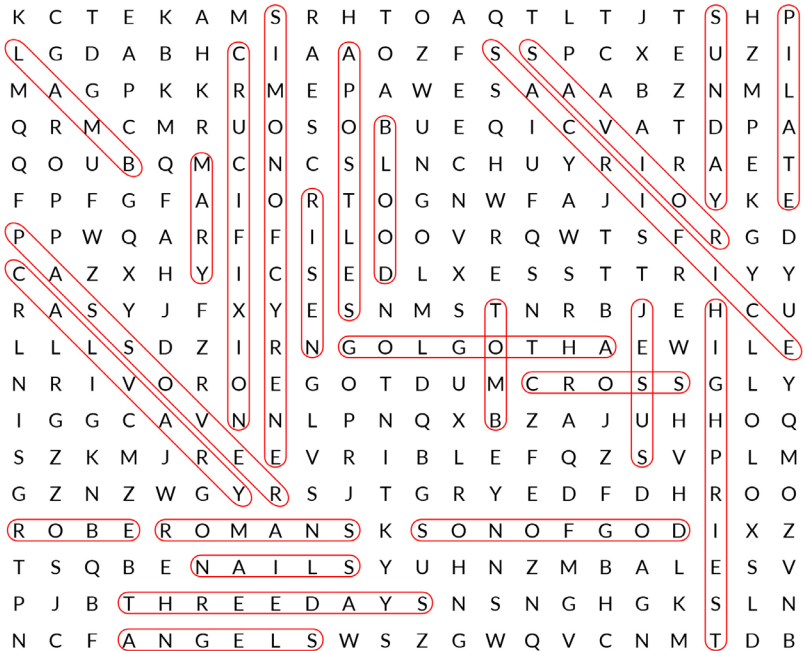
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A thought ...

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence ... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

Mother Theresa