

SBC BULLETIN



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SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

It is so good to be able to meet together here in Scarborough each Sunday morning. We are also thankful that Chad will be preaching today and we look forward to what he has to share with us. Andre is in Moora this morning but will be back for Sundays at Six this evening.

If you are a visitor, we trust that you feel very welcome amongst us. Please make yourself known to us and join us for a cup of coffee or tea after the service.



Prayer

- Please continue to pray for the earthquake survivors. Pray for the Christian organisations who are involved in the relief work, that they may share the compassion of Jesus in words and deeds with those they serve.
- Please continue to pray for the church's finances and for more people to serve with us.
- Pray for Scott and Bek Falconer and their family in Mozambique.

Notices

S@6 will be on Tonight
Join us for a light meal and a fun service

LARK is open this week

Craft Tuesday at 9am

Mainly Music Thursday at 10.30am

Bible Study Thursday at 7pm
at the church

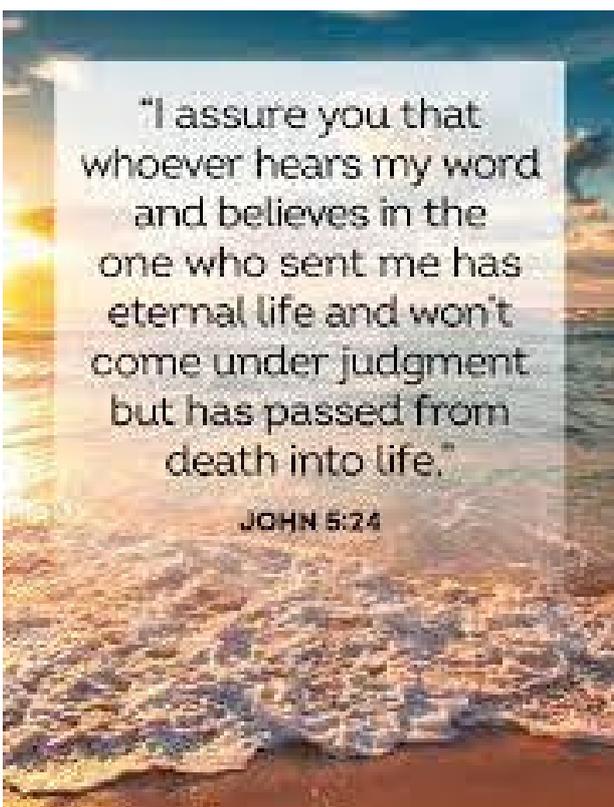
Birth and Death

In TS Eliot's poem "Journey of the Magi" the narrator, one of the wise men says:

Were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

So what is Eliot saying here?

The wise men (magi) had seen Christ as a baby; they had celebrated his birth and acknowledged him as king. One of their gifts was myrrh, a reminder of the way Jesus would die, but this is not what Eliot refers to here. Here the man is thinking about his encounter with the living God, his thought is that he had to leave his old life behind him. He felt compelled to follow Christ, to die to his past and go through what he considered as a painful death in order to embrace the life he recognised in this baby. Eliot had walked this path himself. The wise man is going through what Eliot himself experienced.



Jesus said in John 12: 24
"Listen carefully: Unless a grain
of wheat is buried in the
ground, dead to the world, it is
never any more than a grain of
wheat. But if it is buried, it
sprouts and reproduces itself
many times over. In the same
way, anyone who holds on to
life just as it is destroys that
life. But if you let it go, reckless
in your love, you'll have it
forever, real and eternal."

1-2 I, Peter, am an apostle on assignment by Jesus, the Messiah, writing to exiles scattered to the four winds. Not one is missing, not one forgotten. God the Father has his eye on each of you, and has determined by the work of the Spirit to keep you obedient through the sacrifice of Jesus. May everything good from God be yours!

A New Life

3-5 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

6-7 I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

8-9 You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

