



THE JOG

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS LETTER
JANUARY 1ST - 8TH 2012.

Partial Obedience

It seems that many people try to justify a person who does only a part of what God says do. They seem to think that God is pleased as long as a person does some (a part of) what He commands. However, a study of the Scriptures will reveal that such is not the case. God is not pleased with nor does He accept only partial obedience.

Speaking through Samuel God clearly said to Saul (in 1 Samuel 15:3): "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and sucking, ox and sheep, camel and ass." We learn from verse 7 that "Saul smote the Amalekites" and, in verses 8-9, we read that Saul "... took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed." Although Saul claimed he had performed the commandment of the Lord according to verse 13, we learn from verse 11 that the Lord had said to Samuel, "for he ... hath not performed my commandment." Saul's rejection of the Lord's word was rebellion and stubbornness. It was sinful! Saul admitted that he obeyed the voice of the people because he feared them. (Cf. V. 24). NOTE: God rejected Saul from being king because of his partial obedience!

In Mt. 23:23, Jesus pronounced a woe on the scribes and Pharisees because, although they paid "tithes of mint and anise and cumin", they had "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." Jesus also said: "These ought ye to have done, and to leave the other undone." NOTE: Partial obedience was not acceptable!

James said: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (2:10). Cf. Rev. 21:27; Mt. 7:21.

No, no, no, no, God does not accept partial obedience!

Upcoming Events

- 1st January Sunday night BBQ & singing 6:30 pm at the building.
- Dipalma Series 14th through to the 15th.
- Congregation "Picnic in the Park": Sunday 15th 1: p. m. Sutherland Park on Frankleigh road.

Please take a copy of the BIBLE READING programme for 2012. Read for thirty minutes a day and see the change in your life.

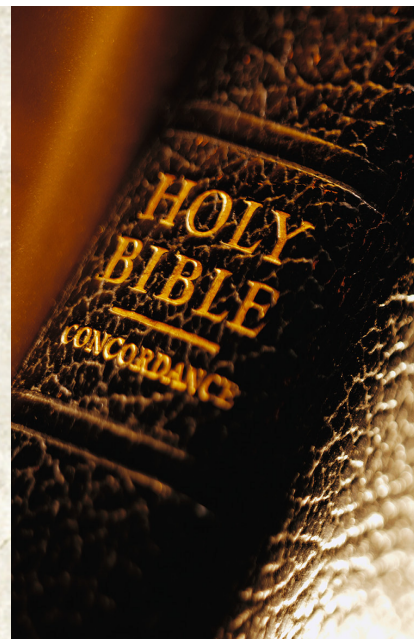
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105

Family Matters

"..From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:16)

- **The "JOG" is now available on line at www.churchofchrist.org.nz**
 - Several have asked me for copies of sermon notes, again these are available online.
 - **Take a moment to scan the ever changing notice board in the Foyer.**
- **A special thanks to Ma for the boxing and labeling of the Voice of truth that will be sent out to other N.Z congregations**
 - **Keep in our prayers those travelling at this time of the year and remember, travelers be safe on the roads as you make your trips to and from your destinations.**



Family Fellowship, Worship and prayer. . .

Roster Responsibilities

Sunday 1st Jan

Service Leader: Tony.

Open Prayer: DAve
Scripture: Rob (2nd John 7-13)
Song Leader: Kane
Communion: Steve/Chris
Sermon: Allan
2nd Prayer: Allan
Creche: Debbie+Parent
Communion prep: Perry's
Clean Building: Jensen's 1st-7th.

Sunday 8th Jan

Service Leader: Tony.

Open Prayer: Peter
Scripture: Kane (3rd John 1-8)
Song Leader: Steve
Communion: Tony/Jason
Sermon: Tony
2nd Prayer: Ken
Creche: Jean + Parent
Communion prep: Perry's
Clean Building: Pipers

Wednesday Night:
4th Steve – 11th Allan
Devo Classes

Prayer list Update

Jimmy B and Linda Hill
Jerry, Anne.
Bro Tony.
Bro Peter
Quinn Tattersfeild.
Mary Dipalma
Gaye Kyle
Sandy Payne.
Lisa VanKuyk.
Anna as she travels in Oz
The 15 New contacts
viewing the DVD.
Evangelism programme.
Members who are in the
search for new
employment.
Upcoming New Year
programmed
Up coming camps and
meetings throughout the
country.

Coming up in the New Year.

1st Jan New year singing +

**Palmerston North Camp: 19th
– 20th Jan 2012**

**Pirongia Camp: 28th-30th Jan
2012.**

**Begin praying for the New
Plymouth camp in April.
Mike Vestal will be our
keynote speaker over that
time.**

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New Plymouth Church Family

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am.

Bible Study: 11:15 am.

Sunday Night Men's Class: 6:30pm

Wednesday Night Study: 6:30 pm.

Monday Night Ladies Class: 7:00 pm.