



# The Weekly Jog

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**"The New Plymouth Church Family Experiencing and Sharing the Transforming Power of Jesus."**

## What's missing in your Life? (II part)

### Ancient Playboy Suffers Burnout.

In the Bible, King Solomon was the affluent playboy of the ancient near eastern world. He wrestled with man's search for meaning. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity...he who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income" (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 5:10). This physical world can never provide the lasting satisfaction you seek because you have a higher, spiritual dimension. It's like trying to satisfy our thirst by drinking salty sea water; the more we drink the thirstier we become. He realized life without God is not worth living (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

God has "set eternity in our hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). We have an eternal dimension that only God can spiritually fulfil. Your inner empty feeling is your soul starving to connect with its divine Creator. "He made from one man every nation of mankind...that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist" (Acts 17:26-28). Your inner being yearns to connect with your Maker.

**Watch this space for next part!**

## Allan's Psalm's Journal

### Psalms.22.

- 1- This psalm, to me, is the portrayal of God turning His back on the Son at Calvary because of the burden of the sin of the whole world. . (IS 53, Matt 27, John 19)
- 2- Psalm of the cross. (Verses 1, 7-8, 16-18.)

### Psalms.23.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. The watch care that God has over His people in difficult circumstances.

### Psalms.24.

- 1- Who is the King and Lord of Glory? God. He is the one that is holy no one else can stand in such a place but we will one day be with Him in the heavenly citadel.

### Bit's and pieces.

- 1- **Marriage of Ryan and Andrea Saturday 3p.m. at the building. Congregation welcome. Afternoon tea 4:15 p.m. Church Family welcome to witness this occasion.**
- 2- **Remember that we have another 'Friends Day on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August; this is combined with our regular monthly family luncheon. Invite cards are on foyer table. Past friends days have been very successful and great evangelistic outreach tool lets continue to get behind it and make it even more so. I remind us all of Ephesians 4:15-16 "Every member working in the Body to the Glory of God."**
- 3- **This year the flu and viruses have been rather hard so continue to remember those of our church family in prayers, still suffering from this and other sicknesses.**

Allan

## **WHAT CHURCH DID JESUS BUILD?**

### **Matthew 16:13-19; Philippians 1:19-23**

#### **Introduction**

1. Long before I became a Christian, I thought it odd that there were so many churches.
2. Today, I find one of the most peculiar conditions to centre on why more people don't ask which church Jesus built.
3. Even the most broadminded of people would not find everything people do in the name of Christ to be acceptable.
4. Yet, our pluralistic age has bewitched the people so they do not ask, "What church did Jesus Build?"

#### **The Identity of Jesus' Church**

- A. It is the church established on the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4, 14-21, 36-39, 47).
- B. It is the church brought to full development in the Apostolic Age of the first century (Jn. 14:26; 16:13; Eph. 4:11-16).
- C. It bears the mark of love (Jn. 13:34-35).
- D. It bears the mark of unity (Jn. 17:21-23).
- E. It is the church that honours the principle that acceptable worship must be in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:19-24).
- F. It is the church that embraces the idea that all of life must be governed by the truth of God's word (Jn. 17:17; Matt. 28:20; II Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17).
- G. It is the church that recognizes the inter-dependence of all members in doing the work of Christ (Eph. 4:16; I Cor. 12:20-27).
- H. It is the church that proclaims the excellencies of Christ (I Pet. 2:9).
- I. It is the church that is organized biblically (I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9).
- J. It is the church that is entered into via: hearing, believing, repenting, and being baptized (Rom. 10:14; Acts 16:31; Acts 2:38; I Tim. 6:12-13; Rom. 6:2-4; Acts 2:47).
- K. It is the church that is not denominational (I Cor. 1:10).
- L. It is the church that takes self-denial seriously (Lk. 9:23).
- M. It is the church where sin is rebuked, yet forgiveness is also practiced (Lk. 17:3).
- N. It is the church that owes its existence to the blood of Christ and lives in appreciation of that fact (Gal. 6:14).
- O. It is the church where the full plan of salvation is preached (Acts 2:36-38).

#### **Conclusion**

1. Since the question about the identity of the church is not often asked, let us create an environment that will change things.
2. Let us ask the question of others.
3. Let us know well the answer in its completeness.