



# DCFA Newsletter

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## “Created holy”

Genesis 1: 26—31

We read in the last issue of the newsletter (Summer 2015/16) re- the Bible study:- ‘What is Reformed Theology’ on the subject of **‘God is holy’**.

Read Genesis 1\_ 27 (ESV) ... **“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”**

A question:- “Did God create man to be wicked and perverse (contrary, and wilful; stubborn)?

**No**, but God created man good and after His own image, that is, in righteousness and true holiness, that he (man) might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him and live with Him in eternal blessedness, to praise and glorify Him.

Having spoken of our sin and misery apart from Christ, the Catechism (to teach by questions and answers on the Bible), in logical progression, addresses a common challenge to the idea of total depravity (corruption / wickedness): ‘If God is our Creator and we are by nature wicked sinners, shouldn’t God be held responsible for our current condition?’

The Catechism looks at this challenge and considers the possibility that God created us in our fallen estate.

Its answer immediately rules this out in no certain terms. God created us righteous and holy. His Will was that we should know Him, love Him and live with Him through all eternity to His praise and glory.

That is His Will today. Through Christ, the second Adam, our eternal Father is creating

a people who will be a righteous and holy people, a people who will know Him, love Him and live with Him forever in a new and eternal paradise.

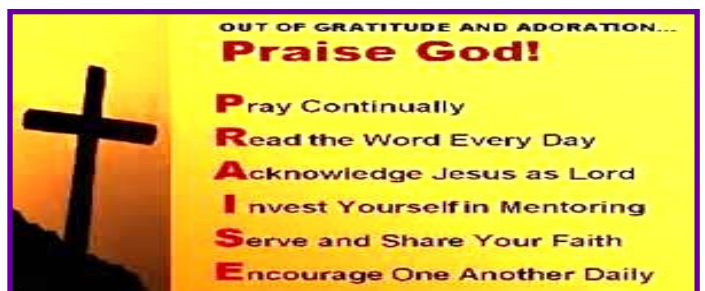
As Paul says in his magnificent introduction to Ephesians. God chose us in Christ ‘before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.’ (Ephesians 1: 4)

We have been “included in Christ ..... having believed, (we) were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1: 13—14)

We have been raised up “with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might clearly show riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2: 6—7 ERV)

God did not create us wicked and perverse. God created us righteous and holy. And that is what those who are members of God’s new creation in Christ Jesus are and will forever be — righteous and holy people who will reign through all eternity with their eternal King to praise and glorify God.

(Extracts from “Righteous in Christ” by Doug Erlandson, inserted by the editor.)



**The Shorter Catechism with Scriptural Proof**

**Question 25:- How did Christ work as a priest?**

**Answer:-** Christ worked in this role. In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, **(1)** and reconcile us to God, **(2)** and in making continual intercession for us. **(3)**

- (1) *Hebrews 9: 28:* Christ was once offered to take away the sins of many.
- (2) *Hebrews 2: 17:* For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful priest in service to God, and He might make atonement for the sins of the people.
- (3) *Hebrews 7: 25:* Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

**Question 26:- How did Christ carry out as a king?**

**Answer:-** Christ worked in this role, in subduing us to Himself, **(1)** in ruling and defending us, **(2)** and restraining and conquering all His and our enemies. **(3)**

- (1) *Psalms 110: 3:* Your people shall be willing in the day of Your power (A.V)
- (2) *Isaiah 33: 22:* For the LORD will be our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is He who will save us.
- (3) *1 Corinthians 15: 25:* For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

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**Australian Church Directory**

**Deaf Christian Fellowship of NSW (Sydney)**

The minister:- Rev Alan Kilborn 0439 030 339 sms  
Enquiries:- Matthew Thornley 0439 368 483 sms  
Hans Smit 0421 402 871 sms / voice

**Deaf Presbyterian Church (Melbourne, Victoria)**

The minister:- Rev Tony Salisbary (03) 9551 3634  
(TTY / voice) or email :- [tasalisb@tpg.com.au](mailto:tasalisb@tpg.com.au)

**Adelaide Deaf Community Church**

The minister:- Rev John Hoopmann (08) 8331 0540  
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**Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia**

Co-ordinator / editor :- Peter Mundy (Sydney)  
**Email:- [petermundy28@gmail.com](mailto:petermundy28@gmail.com).** Next deadline for winter newsletter to the editor by 30th April 2016, please send any documents or articles.

**Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia Camp**

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/1610192872536985/>



The registrar noticed some comments and queries in the Facebook, regarding the National Camp in Perth, 7th to 14th January 2017, and he wishes to answer them:-

Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia is an evangelical and interdenominational body focusing on reformed teaching of God's Word.

The camp committee agreed that the camp fee containing bed and meals cost each camper \$703.50 for seven nights and donate \$50 flat rate for all excursion trips making the total of \$753.50.

DCFA will contribute the balance to meet the costs of excursion trips because of very expensive quotes given by Perth transport companies. Meantime the camp committee has already started fundraising to help the gap needs only for excursion trip costs..

May we suggest you make a booking with the airline for return flights as soon as possible and if you wish to pay insurance with the ticket in case of any cancellation might occur and they would refund the money back.

The camp committee will decide after the closing date of registration closure and full payment by the deadline of 31st October 2016 to look at the number of applicants.

It was noted that the readers of the Facebook asking for queries and comments. Why not, any reader should contact directly by email to Mrs Gail Smit:- [hgsmit@bigpond.com](mailto:hgsmit@bigpond.com) or text 0409 255 890 for information and help and Peter Mundy by email [petermundy28@gmail.com](mailto:petermundy28@gmail.com)

When you wish to register as application form, please include the deposit either by mail or online (Commonwealth Bank with your surname for identification) anytime from now.

Please plan now if you are keen to come to the camp for the fellowship of God's Word. Thank you.

## 18th DCFA National Camp 2017

(Please read carefully on this page and next page)

We are looking forward about our camp in January 2107. We pray for a successful camp with plenty of:

- \* **biblical teaching centred on God**
- \* **encouragement for each other**
- \* **new friendships and people new to Christianity**
- \* **and renewed strength to spread the Gospel**
- \* **welcome any older and young people.**
- \* **encourage Deaf leaders of any Deaf church within all states to come and study God's Word together.**

**Theme:- 'Growing in Christ'  
Ephesians chapter four.**

Come and join us in our fun summer camp and enjoy fellowship, hear God's Word and explore beautiful Perth.

Our camp is at Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre at Bicton. Point Walter overlooks the Swan River with spectacular views to Perth city and is located 10 mins from Fremantle, 20 mins from Perth and 10-15 mins walk down to the river where you can swim or paddle, have a coffee and relax.

All are welcome and it will be great to meet new faces and have memorable and challenging experiences together. Each day we will have spiritual activities with plenty of time for fellowship, recreational fun and relaxation.

The accommodation is modern and functional and has mostly and has mostly two bund beds per room and provides full bedding: sheets, pillow / slip, blanket and a towel. There is a clean outdoor pool. We have 3 excursions planned in subject to approval by the camp committee after 31st October 2016.... Kings Park in Perth, Rottnest Island and Fremantle.

Please be early to make booking by paying a deposit of \$50 per person as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Cost of the Camp

#### Accommodation and meals:

For 7 nights accommodation, 7 days of meals and 3 excursions total is \$753.50. Child under 12 \$462.50 for accommodation and meals. Excursions for children under 12 are free.

When you make a deposit confirming you are coming to camp, you are welcoming to start lay-by payments any time by cheque (mail) or direct-deposit (online banking) after submitting your registration form (see page 4 of this newsletter)

Please notify Peter Mundy, Camp Registrar when making your flight booking giving details of: airline name, flight number, time of arrival at Perth domestic terminal on Saturday, 7th January 2017 and time of departure on 14th January 2017.

Our committee will organise a free shuttle bus to pick you up at the domestic airport and drop you at camp! Our shuttle bus leaves at **4pm** and **6pm** from Perth airport to the camp on 7th January.

On the 14th January shuttle bus will leave the camp at **2 pm** sharp to go to the airport. It will take 55 minutes journey to reach the airport. Try to book your return flight departing Perth for homeward from 6pm depending on airline timetable. If any problem, please let the registrar know that the adjustment would be made.

- On arrival meet us outside the front of the domestic airport.
- We want to get a large group to hop in the shuttle bus.
- **Please make final payment by 31st October 2016.** If any problem, please let the registrar know about the arrangement of final payment.

**Note:-** Camp opens at 5 pm on 7th January & closes at 2pm on 14th January. The camp is located at 1 Stock Road, Bicton. If you are staying in Perth longer before or after the camp, you can catch the train to Fremantle and catch a taxi to the camp or someone may meet you there. Please let the registrar know where you are staying in hotel or apartment in Perth, needing an address and your sms mobile number, please.

#### ***For enquiries or information:-***

Please contact Peter Mundy, Registrar DCFA Camp, text 0404 299 055, fax (02) 9873 2900 , email [petermundy28@gmail.com](mailto:petermundy28@gmail.com) or Gail Smit, text 0409 255 890, email [hqsmit@bigpond.com](mailto:hqsmit@bigpond.com)

#### **Note of day visitors:-** (people are living in Perth)

Please contact Peter Mundy by 30th November 2016 via email or text, if you wish to visit the camp and would like to stay and eat with us. Meal fees per adult for lunch \$16.50 or dinner \$21.00 or both, total \$37.50. Lunch for children under 12 is \$10 for lunch and \$14 for dinner or both \$24.

**Do not visit Point Walter Camp site on Mon 9th, Wed 11th and Fri 13th because we will be away for excursions during the day.**

Campers to bring; Bible, note pad / pen, vibrating alarm clock, small insect repellent, sunscreen, sunglasses, swimwear, toiletries, camera, mini-torch, umbrella, hat, beach towel, empty drinking bottle (if you go by air to Perth and return), spending money, medication/s and light summer clothing.

**Registration form** (if you did not receive an original camp form before, please fill this form as necessary)

18th National Deaf Christian Fellowship Camp  
2017

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**Starts at 5 pm January 7th 2017**

**Closes at 2 pm January 14th 2017**

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fax (02)9873 2900

Gail Smit text 0409 255 890, email [hgsmit@bigpond.com](mailto:hgsmit@bigpond.com)

We are looking forward seeing you at the **CAMP**



**Payment by:** Deposit \$50 per person or full amount:- Adult \$753.50 Child \$462.50 under 12

Cheque/ money order to: **“Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia”** or a direct deposit can be made to **Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia** thru Commonwealth Bank **BSB: 062-279 Account 0090-9631**. Please include **your surname** as ensure we can identify your payment.

**Please make full payment by end of 31st October 2016.**

**Price includes: linen, blankets, pillow, bath towel, meals and excursions.**

Please fill the form as below

Names :- \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/mobile \_\_\_\_\_(fax or text) Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child names \_\_\_\_\_ (age ) \_\_\_\_\_ (age) \_\_\_\_\_ (age)

**Please circle:** I would like to sleep on **top bunk** or on **bottom bunk**. Who would you like to share a room with? (2 bunkbeds per room) Full names **Top** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bottom** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transport:-** please circle:- \* Yes, I would like a free shuttle from airport to camp.  
\* No, I have my own transport.

Our shuttle bus leaves at **4pm** and **6pm** from Perth domestic airport to the camp on the 7th January 2017.

On the 14th January shuttle bus will leave the camp at **2pm** to go to the airport.

**Emergency contact:-** Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number Phone/ mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cost per person/child** Adult [ ] X \$753.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Child [ ] X \$462.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special dietary needs?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes specify, \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:-** If you change your mind, or something happens and you need to cancel, you can have a full refund if you let us know before **31st August 2016**.

Please photocopy this form for your upkeep before you send your registration form and bank cheque payable to Deaf Christian Fellowship of Australia to:- **Peter Mundy, Registrar DCFA Camp**  
**28 Hibiscus Avenue Carlingford NSW 2118**

*Thank-you*

*How did you hear about this?* \_\_\_\_\_