

Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 21st July 2024 10 am

75th Anniversary of Kings Norton Crusaders

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Opening Scripture.

Hymn MP 200 Great is thy faithfulness

⇒ US - Sara and Anthony

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Scripture Psalm 78:1-8 (page 589)

⇒ KN – John Perham

Readings Jeremiah 17:5-10 (page 776)

⇒ Up to date pics FW, Cody, Sheyi and Amelia

Chorus MP 319 I'd rather have Jesus than silver or Gold

⇒ Children's talk Peter Mallet

Notices Plan for today after refreshments, next Sunday,
Thursday Bible Study at 33 WHR.

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 (page 1197)

Hymn MP 1217 The power of the cross

Message Learning the scriptures

Hymn MP 1151 Amazing grace (my chains are gone)

Closing prayer

11:15-11:45 Refreshments

11:45 -12:15 Crus and ex Crus, Cake and photo, 20 mins games Peter Mallet, 5 minutes epilogue, Thanks, bags and goodbye

Prayer

Timothy is now in Heaven. Timothy when he died and left this world went to Heaven. He is alive now in heaven, he has everlasting life. Even though he did wrong, that wrong was, and will never be, counted against him.

He is in heaven now because he was taught the word of God. He is in heaven now because someone took the trouble to sit down and teach him the Bible. Timothy **from infancy** knew **the holy Scriptures, which were able to make him wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.** 2Ti 3:15

I am addressing you who are parents, and I am addressing you who are children, or young people.

Parents - Paul when he writes to Timothy acknowledges that he has true faith, he says in 1:5 **I have been reminded of your sincere faith**, and how did that come about? **which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice - and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.** 2Ti 1:5

Timothy is in heaven by God's grace, - but the means God used was his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois who taught him the word of God.

They taught him because they believed it was important. They didn't just put psalm 23 up on his bedroom wall - no, they spent time with him, they sat down with him - and taught him.

Parents – your children are given to you by the Lord. He has entrusted them to you for you to look after them, not only to make sure they have what they need in food and clothing etc., but to teach them the Truth of God. This is by far the most important thing you can do for your children.

This is a sign you love them that you teach them the word of God; the Greatness of God, the Holiness of God, and also the sinfulness of every human heart and all its dreadful consequences. But too the love of God. Teach them

who Jesus is and what He came to do. Tell them about the work on the cross and the hope of the resurrection. Do not lose sight of the wonder of it. Parents, have you done that? x2

⇒ The cross is as if a King, say King Charles when passing by an execution, should take the criminal's chains, and suffer in his place, what a wonder that would be. That deed would ring throughout all history, and all the media would be full of this amazing instance of heroic pity.

This is what the Lord Jesus, the Lord of Glory did, and infinitely more as he died for those who were not merely criminals but enemies to his own throne and person. This is the wonder of wonders! Let us not lose sight of how amazing it is that the Lord my Maker should come to suffer and die for me!

Have you taught your children this? Have you shown them how to avoid a life of misery now - and more importantly the horror of the judgment to come? Have you shown your children the door to heaven? Have you?

⇒ In your daily life with your children let the scriptures be the air you breathe, let God's way be woven into every conversation.

Ah you say, it's not that easy. - Well, it wasn't easy for Eunice and Lois. They lived in a divided household. Luke records Ac 16:1 that **Timothy's mother was a Jewess and a believer, - but whose father was a Greek. Yes a split family, as so many are today. A disunited, a disharmonious family.**

Here one parent wants to teach the things of God, the other is from another religion and not interested in the things of God, in fact hostile to God.

There was no help from the unbelieving father, maybe even ridicule. Maybe it was difficult to make time in the day and the father looked on mockingly and tried to undo what was taught, teaching instead about the Greek gods. No, it is not easy, but they persevered, and Timothy is in heaven now as a result. If you can - then you must - it is just too important to be left.

Either way Timothy's Greek father did not stop Eunice from teaching young Timothy the scriptures. So having a husband or wife who is not with you in the faith doesn't necessarily mean you can't teach the Bible to your children.

So Mum or Dad - read the Bible to your children, pose questions, use a catechism, use cards and set scriptures to memorise. Write questions and have them write answers in their books.

Suzanna Wesley – was the mother of John and Charles, both known for their labours in the great Awakening. Suzanna Wesley had seventeen children, but is said she gave each of them one day of special attention and training per month. From John's writings we know that both he and his brother Charles Wesley viewed their mother as a vital source of inspiration and encouragement for their ministries.

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To children and young people we say we are glad you come to Crusaders and BapChap. Some parents will not let their children come – That is a serious thing and the Lord will not hold them guiltless for this, for the Lord Jesus said: - **Do not hinder them** x2

We are glad your parents allow you to come. And if they don't teach you God's word – we will, x2 Here is God's word, read this and you hear God speak. Here is the **embodiment of knowledge and truth**, what does that mean?

■ It is a bit like a man heading into the jungle, on his back is a rucksack, packed in it is everything he needs to keep him alive.

So with God's word as you head into life, and it is a jungle out there, then you have here packed all in together, everything you need for life x2.

⇒ Don't carry it on your back, put it in your mind so it is always with you.

It will lead you on the right path, you will know the way to go.

Why do we teach you God's word? As we read earlier that you will put your **trust in God** and would **not forget his deeds** but would **keep his commands**." Ps 78:3-7

They are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**. 2Ti 3:15. Being '**able to**' means it lasts - and it's the best. Every verse of scripture is God breathed, it is needed on life's journey; none should be neglected.

They will help you resist temptation, they will help you make wise decisions, they will help you not make stupid choices as I did in my life. They will strengthen and comfort you in life's troubles.

Why do we teach God's word? They are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**. 2Ti 3:15. That means that behind the ink you will find the person, you will find Jesus – or he will find you – and He is able to wipe away all you have done wrong and take you safely to heaven.

Bible knowledge is not to help you avoid trouble in this life – but **through faith in Christ Jesus** to make you fit for heaven. God's word is God's signpost to Jesus. He is God's gift, He came to bring the gift of eternal life.

In a moment we will sing a modern version of that famous hymn 'Amazing grace'. It was written by John Newton, he wrote it because he knew of that transforming grace in his own life.

- John Newton was born in 1725 in London. His mother was a godly woman who taught him the Bible and to pray as a child. She died when he was only seven years old. John had only two years at school and at the age of eleven his father, who was a Sea-Captain, took him to sea for the first time. His life at sea included being wrecked, becoming the captain of a slave-trade ship, and also becoming a slave himself in Africa. In the providence of God, a friend of his father searched for him sent a ship and John was rescued.
- John was on this ship returning across the Atlantic when it encountered a great storm which threatened to engulf it. This took place on the 10th March 1748. The storm was so terrific that when the ship went plunging down into the trough of the sea few on board expected her to come up again. The hold was rapidly filling with water. As Newton hurried to his place at the pumps he said to the captain, 'If this will not do, the Lord have mercy upon us!' His own words startled him. 'Mercy!' he said to himself in astonishment, 'Mercy! mercy! What mercy can there be for me? This was the first desire I had sought for mercy for many years!' About six in the evening the hold was free from water, and then came a gleam of hope. 'I thought I saw the hand of God displayed in our favour. I began to pray. I could not utter the prayer of faith. I could not draw near to a reconciled God and call him Father. My prayer for mercy was like the cry of the ravens, which the Lord does not disdain to hear.' '**Depth of mercy! can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?**'
- The storm brought him to fear imminent death. Scriptures came to mind - and from where? Those planted by his mother in his heart as a young child. They surfaced - he called out to the Lord - and was saved. All this had its root in infancy - by the faithful teaching given by his mother.

The deposit early in his heart was not wasted. John Newton went from being a slave trader to a church minister. His life was completely transformed.

He wrote many hymns including Amazing Grace. 'That 10th March', says Newton, 'is a day much to be remembered by me; for on that day the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters.'

We sing "**with Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm, smile at the storm**" John Newton sailed into a terrible storm without Jesus. He was filled with fear as he saw disaster looming. A storm so large and overwhelming awakened him to his weakness, failure and sin.

A storm is a warning of the great storm to come on all who travel through this world. Sadly many give little thought to their soul, is that you? The soul that sins will die. - Be warned - Those who leave this world without turning from their sin will face the judgment of an angry God.

For the Lord has already given of himself and suffered greatly on the cross, having been rejected, spat upon, beaten, he paid with his blood for the sins of others. The good died for the bad to bring us to God. The Father accepted that sacrifice for me by raising him to life. Wonderful Salvation is found in no-one else. Do not ignore Him! Hear John Newton speak of Joy. **END**

From his misery John Newton found Joy

Joy is a fruit that will not grow In nature's barren soil;

All we can boast, till CHRIST we know, Is vanity and toil.

But where the LORD has planted grace; And made his glories known;

There fruits of heavenly joy and peace, Are found, and there alone.

A bleeding Saviour seen by faith, A sense of pard'ning love;

A hope that triumphs over death, Give joys like those above.

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開經經。

聖歌 MP 200 你的信實偉大

□ 美國 - 薩拉和安東尼

讚美和感恩的禱告。

經文 詩篇 78:1-8 (第 589 頁)

□ KN – 約翰·佩勒姆

讀經耶利米書 17:5-10 (第 776 頁)

□ 最新照片 FW、Cody、Sheyi 和 Amelia

合唱 MP 319 我寧願讓耶穌感謝銀牌或金牌

□ 兒童談話 Peter Mallet

通知 計劃今天茶點後，下週日，

週四上午 33 點進行聖經學習。

禱告與主禱文

讀提摩太後書 3:14-4:2 (第 1197 頁)

聖詩 MP 1217 十字架的力量

留言 學習經文

聖歌 MP 1151 奇異恩典 (我的鎖鏈消失了)

結束祈禱

禱告

提摩太現在在天堂。提摩太死後離開這個世界去了天堂。他現在還活著在天堂，他有永生。即使他做錯了，這個錯誤過去也永遠不會對他不和利。

他現在在天堂，因為他接受了神的話語教導。他現在在天堂，因為有人不厭其煩地坐下來教他聖經。提摩太從小就知道聖經，這使他有智慧透過對基督耶穌的信仰而得救。 2Ti 3:15

我是在向你們這些父母說話，我是在向你們這些孩子或年輕人說話。

父母 - 保羅在寫信給提摩太時承認他有真正的信心，他在 1:5

中說，我已經想起你們真誠的信心，這是怎麼發生的呢？它首先存在於你的祖母洛伊絲和你的母親尤尼斯的體內—而且，我相信，現在也存在於你的體內。 2鈦1:5

提摩太靠著上帝的恩典來到了天堂，但上帝使用的手段是他的母親尤尼斯和他的祖母路易斯教導他上帝的話語。

他們教他，因為他們相信這很重要。他們不只是把詩篇 23 貼在他臥室的牆上—不，他們花時間和他在一起，他們和他坐在一起—並教導他。

父母—你的孩子是主給你的。祂把他們託付給你，讓你照顧他們，不只要確保他們有食物和衣服等所需的東西，也要教導他們神的真理。這是迄今為止您能為孩子做的最重要的事。

這是你愛他們的標誌，你教導他們神的話語；神的偉大、神的聖潔，以及每個人心的罪惡及其所有可怕的後果。但也有神的愛。教導他們耶穌是誰以及祂來做什麼。告訴他們十字架上的工作和復活的希望。不要忽視它的奇妙之處。 爸爸媽媽們，你們做到了嗎？ x2

查爾斯國王在經過刑場時說，十字架就好像一個國王，應該拿起罪犯的鎖鏈，代替他受苦，那將是多麼奇蹟啊。這一事蹟將響徹整個歷史，所有的媒體都會充斥著這令人驚嘆的英雄憐憫事例。

這就是主耶穌，榮耀的主所做的，而且祂為那些不僅是罪犯而且是祂自己寶座的敵人而死的人所做的還有更多。和人。這就是奇蹟中的奇蹟！讓我們不要忽視造物主為我受苦和死亡是多麼令人驚奇！

你有這樣教過你的孩子嗎？你是否向他們展示瞭如何避免現在的痛苦生活—

更重要的是避免即將到來的審判的恐怖？你為你的孩子打開了天堂之門嗎？你？

- 在你與孩子的日常生活中，讓經文成為你呼吸的空氣，讓神的道融入每一次談話中。

啊，你說，這並不容易。 -

嗯，這對尤尼斯和路易斯來說並不容易。他們生活在一個分裂的家庭。路加記載《使徒行傳》16:1，提摩太的母親是猶太人和信徒，但他的父親是希臘人。是的，這是一個分裂的家庭，就像今天的許多家庭一樣。一個不和諧、不和諧的家庭。

在這裡，一位父母想要教導上帝的事情，另一位父母來自另一種宗教，對上帝的事情不感興趣，實際上對上帝懷有敵意。

不信的父親沒有提供任何幫助，甚至可能是嘲笑。也許白天很難抽出時間，父親嘲笑地看著，並試圖取消所教的內容，轉而教導希臘眾神。

不，這並不容易，但他們堅持了下來，結果提摩太現在在天堂。如果你可以——那麼你必須——離開太重要了。

不管怎樣，提摩太的希臘父親並沒有阻止尤尼斯教導年輕的提摩太聖經。因此，如果丈夫或妻子的信仰與你不同，並不一定意味著你不能向你的孩子教導聖經。

所以媽媽或爸爸 -

給你的孩子讀聖經，提出問題，使用教義問答，使用卡片並設定經文來記憶。寫下問題並讓他們在書上寫下答案。

蘇珊娜·韋斯利 (Suzanna Wesley) —

是約翰和查爾斯的母親，兩人都因在偉大的覺醒中所做的貢獻而聞名。蘇珊娜·韋斯利 (Suzanna Wesley)

有十七個孩子，但據說她每個月都會給每個孩子一天特別的關注和訓練。從約翰的著作中我們知道，他和他的兄弟查爾斯衛斯理都將他們的母親視為他們事工的靈感和鼓勵的重要來源。

對於兒童和年輕人，我們很高興你們來到 Crusaders 和 BapChap。有些父母不讓他們的孩子來 - 這是一件嚴重的事情，主不會因此而使他們無罪，因為主耶穌說： - 不要阻止他們 x2

我們很高興你的父母允許你來。如果他們不教你神的話語，我們會教你， x2

這是神的話語，讀到這裡，你就會聽到神說話。這裡就是知識和真理的體現，什麼意思呢？

這有點像一個人進入叢林，他的背上背著一個背包，裡面裝的是他生存所需的一切。

因此，當你進入生活時，帶著神的話語，外面是一片叢林，然後你在這裡把生活所需的一切都打包在一起了x2。

- 不要把它背在背上，而是放在心裡，讓它永遠伴隨你。

它會引導你走上正確的道路，你會知道該走的路。

我們為什麼要教你神的話？正如我們之前讀到的，你會信賴上帝，不會忘記他的作為，而且會遵守他的命令。詩篇 78:3-7

他們能夠使你有智慧透過對基督耶穌的信仰而得救。 2Ti 3:15。「能夠」意味著它可以持續下去—而且是最好的。經文的每一節都是神所默示的，是人生旅途所需要的；任何一個都不應被忽視。

他們會幫助你抵抗誘惑，他們會幫助你做出明智的決定，他們會幫助你不要像我一生中那樣做出愚蠢的選擇。他們會在生活的困難中給你力量和安慰。

我們為什麼要教導神的話？他們能夠使你有智慧透過對基督耶穌的信仰而得救。 2Ti 3:15。這意味著在墨水的背後，你會找到那個人，你會找到耶穌—或者他會找到你—他能夠抹去你做錯的一切，並帶你安全到天堂。

聖經知識不是幫助你避免今生的麻煩，而是透過對基督耶穌的信仰使你適合進入天堂。神的話是神通往耶穌的路標。他是神的禮物，他來是為了帶來永生的禮物。

一會兒我們將唱那首著名讚美詩“奇異恩典”的現代版本。這本書是約翰·牛頓寫的，他寫這本書是因為他知道自己生命中那種改變人心的恩典。

約翰牛頓 1725

年出生於倫敦。他的母親是一位虔誠的女人，在他還是個孩子的時候就教他聖經和祈禱。她在他七歲時就去世了。約翰只上過兩年學，十一歲時，他的父親（一位船長）第一次帶他出海。他的海上生活包括失事、成為奴隸貿易船的船長，以及自己在非洲淪為奴隸。在上帝的眷顧下，他父親的一個朋友派了一艘船來尋找他，約翰被救了。

約翰乘坐這艘船穿越大西洋返回時，遇到了威脅要吞噬它的大風暴。這件事發生在 1748 年 3 月 10 日。貨艙很快就充滿了水。當牛頓匆匆趕到水泵處時，他對船長說：「如果這還不行，上帝憐憫我們吧！」他自己的話嚇了他一跳。

“上帝啊！”他驚訝地自言自語道，“上帝啊！”憐憫！我還能有什麼憐憫呢？這是我多年來尋求憐憫的第一個願望！

「我以為我看見上帝向我們伸出了援手。我開始祈禱。我無法說出信心的禱告。我無法親近一位和好的上帝並稱祂為父親。我的祈求憐憫就像烏鴉的叫聲，主不會不垂聽。難道，慈悲還為我保留嗎？

暴風雨使他害怕即將到來的死亡。我想到經文了——從哪裡來？那些是他小時候母親在他心裡種下的。他們浮出水面—他呼求主—並得救了。這一切都源自於嬰兒期——母親的忠實教導。

他心裡早有的積蓄並沒有浪費。約翰·牛頓從奴隸販子變成了教會牧師。他的生活徹底改變了。

他寫了許多讚美詩，包括《奇異恩典》。牛頓說：「3 月 10

日是一個值得我記得的日子；因為那天耶和華從高處降臨，將我從深水中救了出來。

我們唱道：「有耶穌在船上，我們可以對風暴微笑，對風暴微笑」約翰·牛頓在沒有耶穌的情況下駛入了可怕的風暴。當他看到災難迫在眉睫時，他充滿了恐懼。一場如此巨大、勢不可擋的風暴讓他意識到自己的軟弱、失敗和罪惡。

暴風雨是對所有穿越這個世界的人的大風暴的警告。可悲的是，許多人很少考慮自己的靈魂，是你嗎？犯罪的靈魂將會死亡。 - 請注意 - 那些離開這個世界而沒有轉離罪惡的人將面臨憤怒之神的審判。

因為主已經在十字架上捨棄了自己，受了極大的苦難，被拒絕，被吐口水，被毆打，他用自己的血為別人的罪付出了代價。為了把我們帶到上帝面前，好人為壞人而死。天父接受了我的犧牲，使他復活了。奇妙的救恩是在別人身上找不到的。不要忽視他！ 聽約翰·牛頓談論喬伊。 結尾

約翰牛頓從痛苦中找到了快樂

歡樂是自然貧瘠的土壤裡長不出來的果實；

在我們認識基督之前，我們所能誇耀的就是虛榮和勞苦。

但耶和華在何處栽種了恩典；並宣揚祂的榮耀；

天堂的喜樂與平安的果實，是可以找到的，而且是獨一無二的。

憑信心看見一位流血的救主，一種赦免之愛的感覺；

戰勝死亡的希望，給予像上面那樣的歡樂。