



**The Grapevine** 14/3/2021

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## **WEEK 4: Following Jesus: DO THE TRUTH**

John 3:

<sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true ... come to the light...  
so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been  
done in God."

I had a great conversation when I was in the Army with a young  
soldier on the gate. As I was driving out he saw me and said,

*"Padre I am an atheist!"*

I gave him a big smile and said *"Ah, a man of Faith!"*

Then I drove off.

It was an attempt to provoke some reflection in him, because how  
confident can anybody be that there is NO God? Now I am distracting  
myself because the theme for today is about doing the Truth. Before  
we can do the truth we need to have some point that is a truth that we  
are trying to DO.

John 3:16-17 is a summary of the gospel ... The love of God for all.

It is an affirmation of Grace... undeserved favour, but as Christians  
and human beings it is so easy to get caught up in proving our worth.  
Faith in Jesus comes first... but what is our faith foundation based  
upon?

This week in our Lenten studies we look at the link between Grace  
and Works... is there a relationship?

Rev DJPrior

## OUR MISSION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of faith,  
reaching out in God's love,  
brinaing others to Christ.



Dear Vines family,

Once again, our sincere thanks for your ongoing faithful prayers for healing, comfort and strength for each day.....sustaining and blessing both of us.....and our families. We truly appreciate all the wonderful expressions of your love and caring support through these past 5 and a half weeks.



Now after 4 weeks of Rehabilitation, we are thankful Keith is responding well, in positive ways, to all aspects of his physio & O/T sessions & especially speech....as he speaks more words and phrases. Also some sensations of feelings are evident in his right arm and leg.....but no movement, as yet. We are grateful for the professional Rehab staff and all medical carers.

Keith is working hard with determination and courage.... patience and peace..... God's peace & protection, I believe). Fortunately, he has not suffered any facial paralysis, so he is enjoying his "mainly modified" meals. He still tires easily & needs bed rest each afternoon.

We miss you all at The Vines.....but are very aware we are deeply connected with the Steadfast Love & Grace of our Lord. Each new day is filled with love and prayer, healing and thankfulness.....and rest as needed.

Please accept this as our personal **THANK YOU** to you all.....for your thoughtful cards and words, phone calls and messages.

God bless you all,

With our love & thanks,  
Judy & Keith xx

**This year we will be giving away Easter Eggs at the Happy Valley Shopping Centre on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

To assist in this, we would be grateful for donations of small solid chocolate wrapped Easter eggs, which can be left in the marked basket in the church foyer.

Thank you and may God Bless you for your help in this wonderful outreach opportunity.

Marj and Leon, Mission and Outreach.





Next week:



## Week 5: JESUS UNDERSTANDS OUR PAIN

*Our Children's Church....Sessions will be held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.*

*See the table below for the scheduled weeks.*



**21/03 Sunday 21st March**

**04/04 Sunday 4th April (Easter Weekend)**

*Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel*



### NAME TAGS

*Please take your name tag and wear it for the benefit of new people in our congregation. When you are leaving, please take it home with you, to wear when you next attend.*

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