

# BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

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# Our Mission - To Bring God's Hidden Treasure Into The Light

## NEW TO CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH?

If you are visiting for the first time, we say kia ora and a very warm WELCOME to you. As you worship with us we trust that you will feel at home, but more than that, to know the presence of God has touched your life through the worship and the Word. It is our intention to provide you with a loving environment, where people are encouraged in their journey of faith. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

## Questions for reflection

1. Discuss the false dichotomy of "faith" vs "works".
2. What is the connection between "believing" and "reliance"?
3. Compare what James writes about faith and works, with the Apostle Paul's statements about the obedience that comes from faith, in Romans 1.
4. Explore the fundamental differences between good works that proceed from ourselves and the good works that proceed from the life of Christ in us.

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## References (NIV unless stated)

### Reading: James 2: 14 - 26

**Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 7:21-23** Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

**Romans 1:5** Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

**Romans 4:4** Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.

**Romans 16:26** ...But now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith...

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Philippians 2:13** For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

**1 Thessalonians 1:3** We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

# What's on and Where's it Happening

**EASTER SERVICES** - we are excited to announce special services for Easter that will cover Christ's journey from Palm Sunday on 28th March, through to Resurrection Sunday on 4th April. We will have two services on Good Friday - one at 10am, with something special for the children, and a special contemplative service at 7pm. Our friends in the Cambridge community will be invited to join us. On Easter Sunday there will be a special combined service of celebration at 10am. Please save these dates, and let's reclaim Easter as a time of great significance for believing Christians.

**MEALS IN FREEZER** - we had a generous supply of meals, during and after lockdown last year, but they have now all been given away, and our freezers are looking rather empty. If you would like to prepare some meals and bring them into the office, they would be very gratefully received.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - a change of day, time and venue! The men who were meeting at church at 7am on Wednesday mornings, are now meeting in the creche at 9am on Friday mornings! All men are very welcome to join. Call Ross Porter 827 5918 for any further information.

**TITHING** - the bank account number, for those who would like to pay online is: 02 0300 0014711 00. Please make sure to include your tithing number in the reference