



But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

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Topic: *Portrait of a Healthy Church:*

Godly Citizens

Speaker: Phillip Gummerson

Chairman: Rhys Morsillo

Creche: Matt & Tamika

Next Sunday...

Portrait of a Healthy Church:
Godly Workers

Sp: Oskars Stubis

Ch: Rhys Morsillo

Cr: Estelle and Rhiannan

The Sunday After..

A Better Story:
Complete Acceptance

Sp: Andrew Cowell

Ch: Nathan Fredericks

Cr: Carol and Emilia

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Kids' Church
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

- * **Allan Woodley** – Attended at Rivo some years ago. Has lung cancer.
Pray – That the treatment which he is now starting works.
- * **Paul Volkart** – Paul is greatly improved, though some questions still remain to be answered from a medical point of view..
Praise – For the great improvement.
- * **Johanna Skelly** – Due for a checkup in a few weeks time.
Praise – Back at work – lingering tiredness but otherwise well.
- * **Tejal, Jahi Patel's aunt (In India)** – cervical cancer. Not a believer!
Praise – For a good prognosis.
Pray – That this prompts her to accept Jesus as her Saviour.
- * **Steve Young, Heather Davis' Niece's husband** – Pancreatic cancer.
Operation cancelled and further chemotherapy scheduled.
Pray – For peace for the family.
- * **HSC Students** – Cate, Josh, Kaylen and Zac.
Pray – That they will be rewarded for their studies.
- * **Kevin Rosolen** – preaching at St Clair this morning.



Pray for those in Libya devastated by last week's flooding.
Especially for the persecuted believers whose life is tough anyway.
(There are believed to be about 35,400 Christians in Libya – just 0.5%
of the country's 7 million Muslim population.)

How do Christians and Jehovah's witness differ?

Christianity is all about a person - Jesus Christ - who lived and died and rose again. He made many claims about himself and backed them up by his actions. His ultimate claim is that He is God made human and that by dying on the cross He has opened the way for all of us to be reunited with God in perfect relationship. He did this because he loves us and as a result, we need to do nothing to be made right with God - simply receive this gift.

The thing to note is that these are central issues of the Christian faith and if you do not believe them then you cannot be called a Christian. If any one of these is wrong then all of Christianity is wrong and is not worth following. This is what Paul (one of the writers in the bible) says in Romans 10:9, *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Also in 1 Corinthians 15:13-17, *"But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"*

While the Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus lived and died, they do not believe everything that he claims about himself. They do not believe that he is God but has been created by God. He is still very important to God but not in essence God. They believe that he is in fact the Archangel Michael become man.

And while they believe he died and paid a ransom for the sins of humanity, they do not believe that he rose again bodily but spiritually and materialised a new body in order to appear before his disciples.

Both these claims are counter to the central claims of Christianity and, if in fact they are true, they condemn Christianity as false and not worth considering.

Jehovah's Witnesses differ from Christianity in many other areas as well - some are important, others are not so. However, in these central issues, the differences mean that we cannot call them Christian.

https://christianity.net.au/questions/how_do_christians_and_jehovas_witness_differ