

## Seeing yourself In the Pasha Bulka



It quickly became the talk of the whole town. "Have you seen the Pasha Bulka yet? Isn't it amazing? Anyone who saw this enormous coal carrier beached at Nobby's was truly amazed at such an extraordinary sight.

Why was this? The answer is before our eyes we had the extraordinary or what was not normal.

Everyone who observed her saw the obvious, this ship is meant to live in the water not be beached like this. She is not able to do what it is designed to do and If she is not rescued it will be lost forever.

The amazing thing is that the Pasha Bulka is a picture of you and me and Jesus Christ. How is that? Just as the sight of grounded Pasha Bulka was not normal so... You are lost to God, your life is abnormal. You are shipwrecked like the Pasha Bulka. How is that?

God made you to be under his loving rule, to be in a relationship with Himself...to know Him and love and serve Him, that's normal yet you have ran aground so you can't live how you were made to live.

But amazingly God sent His Son Jesus Christ to bring us back into that relationship by living and dying as the God – Man. He can rescue us from being abnormal and living shipwrecked lives.

God sent Jesus Christ to rescue you. He came from God, He was prepared to become abnormal; a human and be grounded and in fact he was lost to God on the cross so you might be rescued...

The message of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is that we cannot understand ourselves or what is happening in this world apart from humbly submitting ourselves to God and His story in the Bible which is simply this...

## **God wants you to be in a relationship with Himself – that's normal**

To deny that God exists is foolish in the extreme. The Bible says, "The fool has said in his heart there is no God."

The record of the creation of the world and man as a perfect moral being made for relationship with God fill the early chapters of the Bible. (Genesis 1-3) Here we find the basis of true reality. This world was by God and for God. We are the crown of His creation and made to for relationship, first with this God then with each other. This is the basis of true happiness. The truly happy person the Bible says is the one who is in relationship and submission to this creator God.

## **You choose to live wrecked like the Pasha Bulka – abnormal**

Every one of us is in rebellion to God because of what happened not long after creation. Two historical people; Adam and Eve chose to ignore God and rebelled against His rule over their lives. The result was they chose to ignore God and live independent of Him. We have been reaping the consequences ever since. Death and a world that is out of sink are the sad results. God said that if we went our own way, He would punish us and so life is not easy.

The Bible gives the answer to why there are wars, fighting with families and crime. It also tells us why there are accidents and sickness and death. The answer is that this world is no longer perfect because of our rebellion to this Creator God. Only a fool would be blind to the fact this world is in a terrible mess.

Why is it that we are so quick to blame God when things go wrong, yet we totally ignore Him when life is good? Our response to dish it out to God is proof that deep down we believe He really does exist. How sad that it takes a tragedy for us to acknowledge Him. And then it's wrongly!

Does Christianity have a response to the recent Newcastle floods and the human suffering that has followed? Or do events like this just discredit God and therefore Christianity because it seems He is so judgmental and unloving?

The Apostle Paul in the book of Romans 1 tells us that God is the creator of the world, ignore it and all we see around us shouts his existence. It also tells us that we choose to ignore the evidence before us. It also goes on to tell us that God will one day execute a judgment to right all the wrongs we commit and send those who reject God's amnesty now through Jesus to eternal punishment in Hell.

Again, isn't it curious that whenever we see injustice and oppression in the world we are quick to seek justice? Surely, this is another proof that we are made in God's image. For God seeks justice also.

Why does God allow evil in the world? Is there an answer? Can we reconcile the fact that if God is a God of love how can He allow so much suffering and evil in the world? The Bible tells us that from beginning to end we are not neutral beings. The reason is rather shocking to us humans and very sobering. But the...

## **Good News is Jesus became wrecked like the Pasha Bulka so you can be rescued and normal again...**

The Bible also begins by tells us that although we messed up things, God promised to send someone who would make everything right. This person is Jesus Christ God's Son. The reason why God came Himself and took on human flesh was He like us saw the injustice of our rebellion. The miracle is that rather than punish us He punished His Son on the cross 2000 years ago. In Jesus God does two things. He proves He is God. How? In the Gospels Jesus proves He is God record. He has the power of nature, death and disease. We see he calmed storms, healed diseases and rose again from the dead. God says, stop rebelling and let my love rule you

## **Respond to what Jesus has done – become normal again – Living under His loving rule...**

God in the Bible says you are to accept his invitation of forgiveness for your rebellion, your abnormal ship wrecked life...

Amazingly Jesus died in your place. He now calls you to commit your whole life to Him. By asking Him to be your new King or boss and not living selfishly you can know his love and peace and joy. That's normal. Also He adopts you into His family. How? By no longer trusting yourself but His Son Jesus and what He has done in living, dying and overcoming death by rising from the grave for you!

He is calling you now, why not surrender and run into His loving arms and cry out for His forgiveness and cleansing from your rebellious life. He will hear you and make you new from the inside.

Next be sorry for living your life with no reference to God or His Son. You have ignored God as Father and so you must turn away from your independence to live his way as told in the Bible. Pray that God will change you into a new person and then tell us about it so we can help you grow as a new person that responds by loving God, Jesus and others by the power of His Holy Spirit. You can join our Christian community and learn how to live Jesus Christ and love others from the Bible...

## **Do it now, God is calling you...to come home...to Him through Jesus**