

- 1) This Persian word for garden occurs 3x In the New Testament Luke 23:43, 2 Corinthians 12:3, Revelation 2:7
- 2) The first Biblical reference to Garden in Genesis 2 is verse...?
- 3) Who wanted a vegetable garden? 1 Kings 21:2
- 4) This King made gardens and parks? Ecclesiastes 1:1,2:5
- 5) The hanging gardens of this city was one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world General knowledge question
- 6) Who is compared to a Garden in Song of Solomon 4:12?
- 7) In what verse in Isaiah 1 is the imagery of a garden without water used as a picture of desolation?
- 8) How did Jeremiah tell the people to plant gardens? Jer.29:1,5
- 9) From this small seed a plant greater than the garden plants grows Matthew 13:31-32
- 10) Which brook did Jesus cross to enter a garden? John 18:1
- 11) This woman thought that Jesus was the gardener. John 20:1,15
- 12) What was in the Garden? John 19:41





WITHOUT THE LORD ALL IS IN VAIN

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But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15"

There was something about the way these early Christians lived that made a deep impression on others. They were ill-treated because of their faith yet they bore no hatred or bitterness in their hearts. What people were aware of was the hope that they had. Hope in the New Testament is not a vague wish that things will turn out okay but a calm and confident assurance that Christ is returning and we will spend eternity with Him. In chapter 1 and verse 3 of this letter Peter calls it a living hope. This hope controls us, directs us and empowers us.

At this time when many are filled with anxiety and dread this hope should burn ever brighter in our hearts and as it does so people will notice and ask us a reason or account of the hope we have. The question might be What makes you tick? Why are you not afraid? How can you forgive? When this life ends is that it?

I want us to consider on the inside pages how we can share our faith. How we live and what we say is so important. It is good to use tracts and booklets and above all to hand out a Bible or one of the Gospels. We can direct people to Christian web-sites. All in a spirit of gentleness and respect and under the Lordship of Christ.

## **Living and Speaking for Jesus**

As those who have trusted Christ we want to share the Message of His love with others. This time gives so many opportunities to share the Good News. Someone might say, "I'm really afraid." and that gives an opportunity to say that in coming to Christ we are coming to One upon whom we can cast all our anxiety.

What we say needs to be backed up by how we live. That text you sent, that letter you wrote, the call you made and the parcel you left on the doorstep can speak volumes.

Often though we do not have long to speak with a person and so it is good to leave literature-a Gospel, a tract, a book. I have found that in this present time a really good book to give to people is "Where is God in a CoronaVirus world" by John Lennox-see opposite.

Also at a time when more and more people are using the internet there are some excellent sites to visit. Bible Gateway is an excellent site that enables you to read any part of the Bible in almost any translation or language you might care to use. If you wish you can click on the audio symbol to hear a clear reading of the passage.

In recent weeks we have expanded our website to include Messages found both on the Home Page and the download section-please see opposite



At this difficult time when very many are perplexed and anxious about the Corona Virus we have opportunities to share from the Bible the answers to questions that are being asked. A booklet by John Lennox entitled "Where is God in a Corona Virus World" deals with many of the profound questions raised. I would be delighted to supply, free of charge, copies of this book to anyone requesting them

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At the beginning of this crisis Nat Brett gave a talk entitled <u>a christian</u> perspective on the coronavirus. It is well worth a listen.

Ken has a number of short talks on different aspects of the crisis.

Recently added are some Messages from John Keable.

There are also Messages from other Speakers

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