

# HOPE



## BAPTIST CHURCH

*"For whatsoever things where written  
aforetime were written for our learning,  
that we through patience and comfort of the  
scriptures might have hope".*

**Romans 15:4**

### Welcome to Hope Baptist Church

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2017

531 Elizabeth Dr Sunbury  
Service Sundays 10:30am today

# Hymn To Remember

## Jesus Paid It All

Author: Elvina M Hall. 1818

Composer: I.D. Sankey 1878

Source: 19<sup>th</sup> Century America

Scripture: Isaiah 1:8, Mark 14:48

**1** I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

### Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

**2** Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

**3** For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. [Refrain]

**4** And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat. [Refrain]

# Order of Service

Welcome

Announcements & Prayer

Hymn – Jesus Paid It All

Bible Reading Acts 8:26-40

Hymn – I Am Resolved 389

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## A word on The Word

*“The Bible is endorsed by the ages. Our civilization is built upon its words. In no other book is there such a collection of inspired wisdom, reality and hope.”*

**- President Dwight D. Eisenhower**

# Sermon Notes

## A Hindrance To Heaven Removed (Acts 8:32-35, Isaiah 53)

## A Hindrance To Baptism Removed (Acts 8:36-38, Acts 16:30-31, John 3:16-19, Heb 9:27)

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## Deutero Bible Club

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 23 April 2017 SUN   | <a href="#"><u>Job 35-42</u></a> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 29 April 2017 SAT   | <a href="#"><u>Ps 51-65</u></a>  |

### Reading of the Bible Daily

There is a hope and a joy in the scriptures that provides for us the sustenance we need in our daily walk with the Lord. We go about in these days hearing and seeing much which may sadden and grieve our hearts. Yet the Bible is a book of hope, its words speak truth, its message is profound, and all that it teaches brings to us understanding in all that occurs; it does indeed what the apostle tells, it renews our minds (Rom 12:2).

Wisdom not only is gained through the daily reading of this oft neglected volume, but peace is also granted through the comfort in knowing the Lord is in control, with all things working together for good to them that love him (Rom 8:28).

Pr Edi Giudetti

# The Gospel, Opportunities of Hope.

*Tract given*

*Shared an audio message*

*Shared About 'The hope you have within you'.*

*Invited to Church*

*Gave a Testimony*

*Gave this Newsletter (or a page of) to*

## Anecdotes Of Hope

### THE SHIP WHICH IS ALWAYS SAILING ON

*"The ship holds on her course, and makes for the desired port, whether they on board sit, lie or walk, eat or sleep."*

Thus time is at all times bearing us onward to the land where time shall be no more. There is never a pause in our progress toward eternity, whether we trifle or are in earnest. Even while we read these lines the great ship is still speeding onward at the same rapid and unvarying rate. We shall soon see the shore of eternity; far sooner than we think! It becomes us to be ready for the landing, and for the weighty business which will then engage us, namely, judgment at the hands of Christ.

If we could lie becalmed a while and make no movement toward eternity we could afford to sport; but if we look over the ship's stern we may see by her shining wake how she is cutting through the waves. Past time urges us to diligence, for it has reported us in heaven; and future time calls us to earnestness, for it must be short, and may end this very day. AND THEN!

*C.H. Spurgeon*

## Evidence For Hope

# Exploding evolution

Creatures found as fossils in 'Cambrian' rocks have no evolutionary ancestors. And no new basic body plans have appeared since.

**by Carl Wieland**

'Evolutionary biology's deepest paradox'. That was how a *Scientific American* article described an evolutionary problem concerning the so-called 'Cambrian explosion'.<sup>1</sup>

'Cambrian' rocks are a system of fossil-bearing rocks containing certain 'index fossils'. In evolutionary theory, these rocks represent an 'age' beginning nearly 600 million years ago and ending about 500 million years ago. Going from the bottom of the evolutionist's geological column upwards, the 'Cambrian' has for years been known as the 'first' system in which there is a proliferation of significant, multicelled animals.<sup>2</sup>

In creation theory, of course, the division between 'Cambrian' rocks and other catastrophically deposited fossil-bearing rocks is not due to vast periods of time. The reasons for the distinctive fossil assemblages are largely sought in physical and ecological areas. Marine creatures would tend to be buried in a Flood catastrophe in different zones (and at varying stages during the Flood) than those living on land, for example. The kinds of creatures found fossilized in 'Cambrian' rocks once inhabited the same earth at the same time as those kinds found fossilized higher up the 'geological column'.

Creationists have long pointed out the problem for evolution theory, namely that *all* the major groups (phyla) of life which we know today appear in the Cambrian with *no evolutionary ancestors*. This is why evolutionists refer to it as an 'explosion' of evolution. There are no groups which have been identified as ancestral to any of the phyla, and geologically these phyla 'seem to have appeared suddenly and simultaneously'.

The evolutionary conundrum, the deep puzzle to which the *Scientific American* article refers, is not, however, this absence of ancestors. Each of the phyla represents a basic blueprint, or unique body plan.

Evolution's 'deepest paradox', claims Professor Levinton in this article, is that in rock layers above the 'Cambrian' **no new or different body plans appear**.

This is, of course, no puzzle at all in the context of creation. All animals were created as variations on a given set of unique themes. The groups which were buried in the layers now called 'Cambrian' included representatives of all of these unique themes. The 'Cambrian' creatures are a subset of all animals created, with no need to regard them in any way as more 'primitive' than those found in other rock systems.

If in fact more and more 'unique body plans' appeared as one went higher through the rocks, this would fit the predictions of evolution better than creation. As it stands, however, the deep, puzzling question being asked by evolutionists is stated in this article like this: 'Why haven't new animal body plans continued to crawl out of the evolutionary cauldron during the past hundreds of millions of years?' According to evolution theory, enormous and radical evolutionary changes have taken place in this time, and evolution has not ceased today. So why no new 'body plans' (*Grundbauplane*) since the time they all allegedly evolved in the Cambrian?

The author of the article in question, Professor of Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York, describes the experimental development in aquatic worms of resistance to the toxic metal cadmium in only three generations (see sidebar). He says that he finds this 'capacity for rapid evolutionary change in the face of a novel environmental challenge' to be 'startling'. If evolution is this fast, he wonders, why is it, as evolutionary biologists are still trying to determine, that no new body plans have appeared during the past half a billion years?<sup>3</sup>

Why indeed?

Evolutionists at present have no real answer. However, the paradox vanishes when one removes the glasses of evolutionary presuppositions and sees the data in the light of biblical creation/Flood. The entire set of unique body plans ever created is represented in all rocks bearing substantial numbers of animal fossils. The 'Cambrian' creatures, many of which are now extinct, are not 'primitive ancestors' to today's, but are complex creatures in their own right, with no trace of evolutionary ancestors.

<http://creation.com/exploding-evolution>



## Words Of Hope

### INHERIT

“For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth” ([Ps. 37:9](#)).

Jesus taught, “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth” ([Matt. 5:5](#)).

Paul declared, “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” ([I Cor. 15:50b](#)).

“Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” ([Heb. 6:12](#)).

“Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing” ([I Pet. 3:9](#)).

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son” ([Rev. 21:7](#)).

### GOLDEN THOUGHT

**He that overcomes shall inherit all things.**

## Devotion for Hope

### *The Manifesto of The Manger*

**T**he episode at Bethlehem, simple in itself, is recorded in the simplest language. *The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.* It is a string of monosyllables; yet it gleams and glistens like a rope of pearls. The announcement constitutes itself the most sublime manifesto ever uttered. The sentence seems to stand, inscribed in letters of light, above the manger. The Son of Man is come! He is come to seek and to save that which is lost! Into an age of big things, the biggest of all big things was precipitated.

Every student who has attempted to fit the New Testament story into its historical setting must have admired the strategical splendor that marks the Incarnation. He reviews all the ages and asks himself at what other moment the Son of Man could have appeared with so superb a chance of winning to Himself earth's vast continents and scattered islands. He surveys his atlas and can find no spot at which the Son of Man could have been born with greater opportunity of compassing a world-wide conquest.

The moment was made for Him. The civilizations of the world were being recast. In that age of crisis and reconstruction the accouchement in an inn-yard of a Syrian peasant-girl appeared negligible. The destinies of nations were being battered into a new mold. The prerogatives of authority and the powers of government were moving westward, not as the sun moves westward, slowly, quietly, almost imperceptibly, but swiftly, dramatically, and by leaps and bounds. Asia was waning; Europe was waxing. The hoary civilizations of antiquity were crumbling; vigorous young nationalities were twitching into life.

The spot, too, was ideal. The babe that was cradled among the cattle was born in a little buffer State. In a sense it belonged neither to the East nor to the West; in another sense it belonged to both. Territorially it was Asiatic; economically it was European. It was an Oriental country overrun and dominated by an Occidental Power. The Palestinian had recently fallen under the iron heel of Rome. That situation represented, as in a cameo, the trend of a pivotal period. Where East and West met, where ancient and modern mingled, that little child was born. And, born in that particular place and at that particular period, He was able to throw out His baby arms and lay one hand on the civilizations that were passing out, and the other on the civilizations that were rushing in. Time and territory were felicitously, because divinely, appointed. The stage was set; every detail was prepared; and, at the most favorable hour, in the best possible place, He appeared. *The Son of Man is come! He is come to seek and to save that which is lost!*

F. W. Boreham.

## Missionaries Of Hope

### The Golden Kingdom

*What was the exotic, distant land of Burma like? Ann Judson's memoirs gave 19th-century Americans a Provocative glimpse.*

Just like the church spires of New England,” Ann Judson thought as she gazed over a Burmese landscape dotted with bell-shaped, golden pagodas. And just as the churches of her native Massachusetts announced Christianity’s dominion, so the pagodas and temples that seemed to be everywhere underscored Buddhism’s centrality in Burmese life.

No pagoda, however, spoke of Buddhism’s importance quite like the monumental, gold-plated Shwedagon Pagoda that towered over Rangoon. In an 1817 letter home Ann tried to convey a visitor’s experience: “After having ascended a flight of steps, a large gate opens, when a wild, fairy scene is abruptly presented to view. It resembles more the descriptions we sometimes have in novels, of enchanted castles, or ancient abbeys in ruins, than anything we ever meet in real life.... Here and there are large open buildings, containing huge images of Gaudama; some in a sitting, some in a sleeping position, surrounded by images of priests and attendants, in the act of worship, or listening to his instructions. Before the image of Gaudama, are erected small altars, on which offerings of fruit, flowers, &c. are laid. Large images of elephants, lions, angels, and demons, together with a number of indescribable objects, all assist in filling the picturesque scene.”

Located on a rise of land near the city’s center, the Shwedagon offered a commanding view of what Ann described as “one of the most beautiful landscapes in nature.” From the hilltop, “the polished spires of the pagodas, glistening among the trees at a distance, appear like the steeples of meeting-houses in our American seaports. The verdant appearance of the country, the hills and valleys, ponds and rivers, the banks of which are covered with cattle, and fields of rice; each, in their turn, attract the eye, and cause the beholder to exclaim, ‘Was this delightful country made to be the residence of idolaters? Are those glittering spires, which, in consequence of association of ideas, recall to mind so many animating sensations, but the monument of idolatry?’ ” *To be continued...*

# Announcements and Things to Come

## **Studies and Encouragements.**

- Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month 10am (7<sup>th</sup> May)
- Hope Baptist Church Charter members close April 30th.
- **Baptism Today after Lunch.**
- **Website Update.** [Hopebc.org.au](http://Hopebc.org.au) Bible Audio. Jeremiah/Phil
- **Prayer meeting / Bible Study** (Gospel of John). Every Wednesday Night 8pm See Br Kest or Pr Edi for details.
- **Faith Young Adults Fellowship.** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. 6:30pm at 22 Elloura Ave Wollert. Food included!!!!

- **Prayer & Praise List**

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The Gospel to Friends/Family