



THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

East Cape Bible College

Monday, 9th June 18H00 – 19H00

Topic 6: - The Restoration

Presenter: Johan Smulders

PRAYER REQUESTS

We give thanks to God for answered prayers. Please continue to pray for the ill. Many are also battling quietly and privately with not only physical issues, but also those of emotional and spiritual nature.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Please join us for lunch after worship. This is a special time for us to spend time with each other!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Thando Ntozakhe

Opening Prayer: Braam Le Roux **Lord's Table:** Ray Calder

Closing Prayer: Chris du Preez **Attendance last Sunday:** 47

Servers: Thando, Braam, Ray, Chris

GOD HOLDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

There is no doubt that one of our greatest prayer requests is for things to turn out the way we expect and pray for them. However, this is not always the case, is it? There will be times when storms rage in our lives. It's easy to break down during such seasons and forget that no matter what we go through, God is in control. We are more than conquerors, regardless of what we face. We can't know the future, but we know the One who does, and that can give us the confidence to face whatever comes next. *"When we accept the fact that sometimes seasons are dry and times are hard and that God is in control of both, we will discover a sense of divine refuge, because the hope then is in God and not in ourselves."* Charles R. Swindoll

What does the future hold? Will everything work out in the end?

Thankfully, for the Jesus follower, we know that no matter what ups or downs we face in life, God remains in control. As we reflect on God's promises to Israel during an uncertain future, let's take a look at a few of God's promises to help us hold onto hope while navigating the uncertainty of life:

- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3: 5 - 6
- "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." Philippians 1: 6
- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15: 13
- "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30: 21

With so much unrest and uncertainty in our world, we can all be concerned about what the future holds. It can be a scary, uncertain place, but God says, "I will never leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13: 5b

Trusting the Hand

The hand of God, a guiding light,
Through stormy seas and darkest night.
Though paths unseen may twist and turn,
His wisdom guides, we all can learn.
Trust in His plan, His loving care,
He's in control, beyond compare.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

8TH JUNE 2025

Preacher: Johan Smulders

Sermon Topic: "Jesus Forgives Sin"

Scripture reading: Luke 5: 17 - 20

Text: Acts 5: 31

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the book of Romans, with Johan facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S

CLASS – 9 am

If you have any questions about this class, please speak to Shana.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 11th June - 10 AM

All ladies are invited and encouraged to join in this time of study. Gill Brandstetter will give a lesson on Martha, sister of Lazarus.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Keeran Horner – 8 June. In all the hugs you get today, Keeran, may you also feel the embrace of the love of the Lord.

Keam Rd Monthly Benevolence Outreach Project

Matthew 25: reads, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

We are looking for people to "adopt" one of the following items for the Benevolence Program. It is a practical way in which to make God's Love visible and tangible by feeding an empty stomach.

It involves 10 of your chosen item given monthly. We realize only too well that the cost of living has escalated and you may choose to join with a fellow-Christian or family member for the purchase of any of the following.

Oats / Packets of soup / Lentils

2-minute noodles / Samp & Beans

If you have any questions, please speak to Petro.

"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

GOD HOLDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER

The concept that God holds everything together is a central theological idea, often expressed in verses like **Colossians 1: 16, 17**, which states that “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

This means that God is the ultimate source and sustainer of all existence, and He is the one who maintains the integrity and coherence of the universe

Colossians 1: 16 - 17 affirms that all things were created through and for Jesus, and that he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. This passage clearly points to the divine role of Jesus as the creator and sustainer of all things.

In Him, I am held together. Only in King Jesus am I complete. And how good He is, that He offers me rest! He says to me, “My dear child, give me your burdens and find rest in my presence and my arms.” My Good Shepherd, my Wonderful Counselor. In Him I can let go. I can be vulnerable. I no longer have to pretend. I do not have to hold my world together. Jesus does this, and I lay at His feet each day in love and awe.

*I lay it all down, at Your feet I stay.
I give it all up, I need You every day.
Your grace, Your mercy, Your loving kindness.
I surrender to You, my King, and find true rest.
My soul cries out as my arms are failing.
I need a Savior who can hold all things.
My legs shake, my knees give out.
The burden is too great, and I begin to doubt.
But my God is able, and He loves me so.
By His blood I am free to live and hope forevermore!
In the arms of Jesus, I have no fear.
For my enemies lurk, but none may draw near.
Oh death, where is your sting?
I have been saved by Christ the King!
In Him, all things hold together.
So I will carry on, in His presence forever.*