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*Tok bilong God i olsem lait bilong soim rot long mi*



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## THE RISEN SAVIOUR and THE 2012 ELECTIONS

Only three weeks after Easter (or what is better named, Resurrection Sunday) all those who want to contest a seat in Parliament House for the upcoming 2012 election, will have a chance to do so. Campaigning will start. Former politicians and hopeful politicians will be putting up posters and billboards, signs and ads about themselves and their party's platforms all over the cities and villages we call home. Speeches will be given. Radio bulletins will be broadcast. And all of them - the former politician, or your wantok or the business men, the judges, the lawyers, the teachers, the landowners, the police officers, or your pastor and many others - will have the same message: *"I'm the one you need to vote for!"*

### Therefore, you have one question to answer: WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

If I had a choice I would only want Christ to represent me in parliament. Why? Because I know He would run our cities, towns and districts with such care, integrity and holiness so that no one would find one toea missing, neither one act of bribery or corruption to damage His name, nor one act of favouritism to any of his people. He would lead the people with absolute love and justice. But Christ is risen and ascended! He already has His seat. It is not in an earthly parliament house, but in The Parliament House in heaven and seated beside His Father. Having risen from the dead, God gave him "all authority in heaven and on earth." With that authority He is ruling the nations. Of course, He won't be campaigning in the PNG 2012 election! And yet the fact that He has won His SEAT in Heaven, and we are about to enter the 2012 elections, provides the key to answer the question: **WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?**

I think you know that because Jesus is seated in the heavenly parliament, all members of earthly parliaments have what we call delegated authority; they are under Christ and also answerable to Him. Every one of them! Herein lays the answer to our question who we should vote for. You need to vote for the politician that best represents Christ on earth. And be assured that the one that best represents Christ, will

best represent you, and your people, in the Parliament House in Port Moresby once elected.



*Parliament House in Port Moresby*

To assist you further in deciding who will best represent Christ in Port Moresby as your member of parliament, you need to ask the following questions about the candidate.

1. **Is he humble?** Our Saviour came not to be served but to serve. A good politician is a humble politician who puts the needs of others before himself!
2. **Does he speak the truth?** Christ is the truth. There is no lie in Him and He hates lying, for all who lie are workers of the Father of lies, Satan.
3. **Is he full of grace?** The Son of God was full of grace. This is not a weakness in a politician, this is a strength! Grace allows a politician to stand up for the hurting, the weak and the poor and to be their voice in parliament, expecting nothing in return.
4. **Does he uphold justice?** Jesus died on the cross to uphold the justice of God. All who follow Christ must love justice. This allows a politician to avoid bribery, corruption and keeps him from being partial.

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On the first Easter (or better, Resurrection Sunday), the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead, there was a lot of running according to John chapter 20. First, Mary Magdalene runs. She runs to Simon Peter and the other disciple—“the one whom Jesus loved.” But she is not the only one who runs. Peter and the other disciple go towards the tomb, and what are they doing? They are running. In fact, they are having a race! Just imagine the scene. Why is everyone running?

### Mary runs in shock

Mary comes to the tomb of Jesus early on Sunday morning. She sees that the stone is rolled away and she starts running. Why does she run? She runs because she has news that is very important for the disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The faster she can get to them, the sooner she can tell them the shocking news about the stone that has been rolled away, and the sooner they can do something about it. And so she runs to Peter and John and shares with them her thoughts: “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

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Why could Mary not run with good news? She was not thinking clearly because she was so

upset. She saw the stone rolled away and did not think that Jesus had risen, but that his body had been stolen. From that moment on she missed all the obvious signs. Later, she saw two angels where the body had lain, and yet she wept and talked about some mysterious people who had moved the body.

She saw Jesus himself standing nearby, and yet she wept and hinted to Jesus that maybe he was responsible for moving the body. It was not until Jesus called her by name that her perspective was transformed. Her faith in the risen Jesus came not from sight, but from hearing. So you must respond to the risen Jesus not because you can see him with your physical eyes, but because you hear his word and see him with the eyes of faith.

### The race is on between Peter and John

While Mary runs away from the tomb, the two disciples run toward the tomb. What will their response be to the risen Lord? (See John 20:4.) Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. Surely, John and Peter did not look at each other and say, “First one to the tomb wins!” But in their desire to get to the tomb, a race developed. Why did they race? What did they think they were running toward? After all, the news Mary had brought was tragic. The body of the Lord was gone. They—whoever they are—had taken his body. And yet Peter and John run. They want to see for themselves if what Mary is saying is true, and they are prepared for the confirmation of this horrible news. They do not walk slowly to think about what they might do if the body is gone. They run!



*Peter and John running to the tomb – picture by James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum.*

## Coming in first...

The beloved disciple, John, outruns Peter and he reaches the tomb first. Is there significance in this disciple reaching the tomb first? In a way there is. He is also the first to believe in the risen Christ. He is the first to respond in faith to the risen Lord. Mary came to the tomb and ran away.

Then she came again and wept bitterly despite the clear signs of the power of God and the presence of Jesus. Mary does not respond in faith until she stands face to face with the risen Lord and he calls her by name. The other disciples respond to the empty tomb with fear. Thomas, not present at the first appearing of Jesus to the others, states firmly his unwillingness to believe unless he sees.

But what about John? What did John do when he got to the tomb? (See verse 5.) He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Why not? Scripture does not say. But when Peter arrives, he does enter the tomb. What did he see? He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

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What do you think? If someone had come into the tomb and stolen Jesus' body (after getting past the great big stone), would they have taken the time to undress the dead body of Jesus? Would they have nicely laid out the cloths he had been wrapped in? Would they have taken the time to take the burial cloth off the head of the dead Jesus and wrap it up nicely and lay it to one side? Not likely! The facts, as these two disciples see them, do not support Mary's interpretation of the stone being rolled away. If anything, the facts contradict her story. But what then is their response to the risen Lord? Verse 8 says, "Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside." John follows Peter's lead and enters the tomb. And the verse reads: "He saw and believed." What did John see? He saw the empty tomb. He saw the strips of linen and the burial cloth laid to one

side and he knew that this was not the work of thieves who had come in the night. He knew this was a result of the power of God. And so it says that he believed. The only explanation in the mind of the beloved disciple is that Jesus had risen!

What a contrast John provides to all the others in this chapter. All the others came to faith in Jesus as the resurrected Lord because they found Christ alive. But John came to that faith before he saw Jesus in his resurrected form. John admits in verse 9 that, "they still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." But, even apart from the prophecy of scripture, John saw and believed.

## Should you run this Resurrection Sunday?

But what about you? Should you run this Easter (Resurrection Sunday)? There is nothing for you to see. There is no empty tomb to stoop into and look around in.

There is no place to go and see strips of linen. There is no physical evidence that Jesus is risen. He is not walking around on earth. So how do you believe? What is your response to the risen Lord?

You must respond with faith that comes not from what you see, but from what you read and hear. You have the scriptures and you can know those scriptures.

These are the scriptures which give testimony to the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Even though you have not seen the empty tomb, even though you have not seen the risen Lord, you too are called to respond to him in faith.

You can put your faith in the risen Lord because the word of God is true and certain. You too can run this Resurrection Sunday, not to an empty tomb, but to join with all other believers in running the race marked out for you, keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus the risen Lord and Christ (Hebrews 12:2). Will you join in the race?

In closing I want to share with you the words of the apostle Peter as found in 1 Peter 1:8-9: "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Run and receive the goal of your faith!

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Long PNG, sampela lain i birua nating long ol Kristen lain, o nogat?

## Are Christians in Papua New Guinea persecuted?

Bai mi tok stret, yes, yes, na yes gen. Mi save long planti Kristen mama, papa na mangi na ol i gat wankain stori. Ol i save bungim pasin birua long dispela as tasol: ol i laikim tumas Pikinini bilong God, Em i God yet, na ol i laik bihainim ol tok bilong Em!

Em tru, dispela pasin birua i no wankain olsem sampela Kristen i save bungim long narapela kantri. Long sampela kantri olsem Iran, Saudi Arabia o Egypt ol i save kalabusim, paitim na, sampela taim, kilim i dai ol man i lusim giaman bilip ol i kolim Islam, na bihainim Krai. Tru tumas, planti Kristen long Papua New Guinea i no bungim dispela kain hevi. Nogat. Pasin birua long PNG i narakain liklik. Em i save kamaut long maus bilong ol man. Planti lain, ol haiden manmeri na ol skin Kristen tu, ol i save mekim tok nogut long ol trupela Kristen na daunim ol stret.

Bai mi serim sampela tok piksa o stori long dispela:

### **TOK PIKSA 1 – Man i mekim pasin birua long Kristen meri bilong em.**

Wanpela mama i tokim mi olsem, “Pastor, planti

*taim mi laik strongim ol pikinini bilong mi long tok bilong God na holim liklik felosip long haus bilong mi, tasol klostu klostu man bilong mi i save daunim mi stret long ai bilong ol pikinini bilong mi. Em i save rabisim olgeta. Em i save kotim mi nating na kolim mi wanpela giaman meri o pamuk meri. Em i birua nating long mi. Mi save krai na planti taim mi laik ranewe. Tasol mi no ken i go, mi mas lukautim ol pikinini bilong mi!”*

### **TOK PIKSA 2 – Planti mangi i save mekim pasin birua long ol Kristen mangi.**

Wanpela mangi i tokim mi olsem, “Taim mi save go long lotu ol prens bilong mi long kompaun ol i save tromoi tok long mi olsem, ‘Yu bai lotu wantaim ol meri, a? Yu wanpela lotu meri!’ Na ol i lap long mi na tromoi planti tok nogut long mi. Sampela taim mi tingting long lusim lotu, long wanem, mi les long harim dispela kain tok olgeta Sande.” O, narapela mangi i stori long mi olsem, “Taim mi lukim ol prens bilong mi na ol i save mekim kain kain pasin nogut olsem spak o smok brus o hambag nabaut, mi sori long ol na mi wok long strongim ol long lusim ol dispela pasin. Tasol ol i daunim mi stret na kamautim



*kain kain tok olsem: 'Orait, lotu man, yu go long heven. Mipela bai amamas na go long hel.' Mi les long toktok wantaim ol moa, tasol mi sori long ol.'*

### **TOK PIKSA 3 – Ol famili lain i mekim pasin birua long ol lain i laik kamap memba long sios.**

Wanpela man i tokim mi olsem, *"Pastor, mi laik harim tok bilong God long sios bilong yupela. Na ol teachings o skul bilong yupela long Tok i Tru klas i strongim bilip bilong mi na blesim famili bilong mi tu. Tasol olgeta taim mi go na kam bek long haus bilong mi, famili lain bilong mi i save skelim mi na kotim mi olsem: 'Yu bikpela long sios bilong mipela, yu husat na yu lusim sios bilong mipela na go long Reformed Sios, em i wanpela giaman sios?' Tasol ol lain bilong mi ol i memba nating long dispela sios, tasol ol i daunim mi stret. Sampela taim mi stap nating long haus long taim bilong lotu long dispela as tasol."*

Mi inap serim planti stori moa. Mi inap toktok long ol pasin birua i save kamap long skul long ol Kristen mangi o meri, long wok ples wantaim ol wok mates, o long lain i stap arere long haus bilong yu long settlement na ol i wok long skelim olgeta sindaun bilong yu na kotim yu nating. Yes, pasin birua i stap. Planti lain i save mekim nogut long ol trupela Kristen.

Tasol yumi mas bekim dispela askim: **yumi Kristen i mas holim wanem kain tingting long dispela?**

**Namba wan samting**-yumi mas klia olsem dispela samting bai i kamap! Yu laik bihainim Krai? Bai yu lukim sampela pasin birua. Long 2 Timoti 3:12 Aposel Pol i tok olsem, **"Tru tumas, olgeta man i laik pas wantaim Krai Jisas na i bihainim pasin bilong God, ol man bai i mekim nogut long ol."** Jisas i mekim wankain tok olsem long Jon 15:18: **"Sapos ol manmeri bilong graun i birua long yupela (Kristen), orait yupela i no ken lusim tingting, pastaim ol i bin birua long mi."**

Yes, sapos yu pas wantaim Krai, bai yu lukim pasin birua. Tasol, tru tru ol i no birua long yu tasol, ol i birua long Jisas Krai. Bilong wanem ol i birua long Jisas? Jisas i bekim dispela askim long John 15:22, **"Sapos mi no bin i kam na givim tok long ol, orait ol bai i no gat asua bilong sin bilong ol. Tasol nau ol i no gat rot bilong haitim sin bilong ol."**

**Namba tu samting**-yumi no ken kirap nogut taim yumi bungim dispela kain pasin birua.

Sapos lait na laip bilong Krai i stap long yu, yu tu bai soim ol man wanem ol sin na hevi i stap long bel bilong ol! Na planti manmeri bai les olgeta long yu, long wanem, ol i laik haitim ol sin bilong ol yet. Tasol taim tulait i kamap, tudak i mas ranawe. Olsem na, ol manmeri bai daunim yu taim yu stap lait olsem Krai. Ol bai tok nogut long yu. Ol bai rabisim yu tru. Ol bai tok bilas long yu, long wanem, spiritual laip bilong yu i kotim ol!

**Namba tri samting**, yu mas stap olsem lait, na no ken sem long holim strong bilip bilong yu, na laikim tru ol birua bilong yu! Beten long ol! Soim marimari long ol! Long helpim yu, yu mas tingim laip bilong Jisas olgeta taim. Taim ol birua i kilim Jisas i dai, Jisas i tokim Papa bilong Em long Luk 23:34: **"Papa yu ken lusim sin bilong ol. Ol i no save long dispela samting ol i mekim"**. Yumi mas mekim wankain pasin long ol birua bilong yumi.

**Namba foa samting**, yu mas tingim gut narapela samting tu. Bipo Holi Spirit i opim ai bilong yu na yu luksave long Jisas olsem Saviour na King bilong yu, yu(mi) tu i bin i stap birua bilong Krai! Sin na pasin birua bilong yumi tu i hangamapim Jisas long diwai kros.

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*Tasol taim tulait i kamap, tudak i mas ranawe. Olsem na, ol manmeri bai daunim yu taim yu stap lait olsem Krai.*

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God i kapsaitim belhat bilong Em long sin bilong yumi antap long Jisas. Yumi ken tenkyu long God, long wanem, Jisas Krai i winim pasin birua na pe nogut bilong dispela. Tude yumi bilip manmeri, yumi i no olsem birua bilong God (Rom 5:10), yumi i kamap pren na pikinini bilong Em. Olsem na, yumi mas daunim yumi yet, na soim marimari long ol birua bilong yumi. Na tu, yumi ken amamas! Yumi i bilong Krai, nau! Na harim tok promis bilong Em: **"Yupela i ken belgut...taim ol man i mekim nogut long yupela...long wanem, bikpela pe i wetim yupela long heven (Matyu 5:11-12)."**

Pastor Ian Wildeboer

# Satan em i stap

**Jisas kolim wanpela nem bilong Satan “Papa bilong tok giaman.”**

Jisas i autim dispela tok long buk Jon 8:44: *“Yupela i pikinini bilong papa bilong yupela, em Satan. Na yupela i strong long bihainim ol laik bilong papa bilong yupela. Bipo yet em i stap man bilong kilim ol man i dai. Na em i no bihainim pasin i tru, long wanem, pasin i tru em i no stap long em. Tok giaman em i save mekim, dispela em i tok bilong em stret. Em i man bilong tok giaman, na em i papa tru bilong pasin bilong tok giaman.”*

Long dispela tok long Buk Jon, Jisas i tok moa yet olsem, *“Bipo yet em i stap man bilong kilim ol man i dai.”* Taim Satan i bin tok giaman long tumbuna mama Iv, Satan i bin kilim tupela tumbuna mamapapa bilong yumi i dai. Na taim tupela i bin i dai, yumi olgeta tu bin i dai wantaim. Mi tok long taim tupela i bin kaikai dispela diwai prut na ai bilong tupela i op na tupela i kisim save long ol samting nogut. Satan i no lusim dispela pasin bilong em long tok giaman. Nogat. Satan em i bin soim yumi na ol tumbuna lain bilong yumi planti samting i no tru na planti bilong yumi i pas wantaim ol dispela samting na i no laik pas wantaim Jisas.

**Wanem kain tok giaman Satan i bin soim yumi.**

Mi tok long ol tumbuna stori. Yumi i gat planti tumbuna stori i stap. Nau, mi no tok long ol tumbuna stori na pasin i no gat as long em. Nogat. Mi tok long ol stori as bilong em i bilong tudak. Olgeta dispela kain tumbuna stori i kamap long Satan tasol. Papa bilong tok giaman i as bilong olgeta dispela kain stori na ol i tok giaman tasol.



Tasol Stori bilong Buk Baibel, dispela Tok bilong

God i tru olgeta. Jisas i tok long buk Jon 17:17 olsem, *“Tok bilong yu i tru olgeta, na mi laik bai yu mekim tok tru bilong yu i wok insait long bel bilong ol, na mekim ol i kamap ol lain bilong yu stret.”*

Mi laik tok strong long dispela wanpela samting tasol. Yumi no ken bungim Tok bilong God wantain tumbuna stori bilong lain bilong yumi. Sapos yu tok olsem, *“Tok bilong God wantaim tumbuna stori tupela i gat wanpela as tasol,”* yu autim tok giaman. I no tru. Satan em yet i bin givim dispela tingting long yu na yu mekim dispela tok olsem.

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*Yumi no ken bungim  
Tok bilong God wantain  
tumbuna stori bilong  
lain bilong yumi.*

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Holi Spirit i bin opim ai bilong ol manmeri i pas wantain Jisas. Ol i save pinis olsem Tok bilong God na ol tumbuna stori, tupela i no gat wanpela as, nogat. Tupela i narapela narapela. Man i stap yet long tudak em ting olsem, *“Tupela tok i gat wanpela as”,* Satan yet i wok long stiaim tingting bilong man olsem na paulim em. Pol i bin raitim dispela tok long buk 1 Korin 10:20-21: *“Mi tok olsem. Samting ol haiden i save ofaim, em ol i ofaim long ol spirit nogut. Ol i no ofaim long God. Na mi no laik bai yupela i bung wantaim ol spirit nogut.”* <sup>21</sup> *I no inap yupela i dring long kap bilong Bikpela na long kap bilong ol spirit nogut tu. Na i no inap yupela i kaikai long tebol bilong Bikpela na long tebol bilong ol spirit nogut tu.”*

Taim Pol i stap long taun Efesus dispela i kamap: *“Planti manmeri i bin wokim ol kain kain marila samting, ol i bungim ol buk bilong ol i gat tok long pasin bilong wokim ol dispela samting, na ol i kukim long paia long ai bilong olgeta manmeri. Ol i kaunim pe bilong olgeta dispela buk, na em inap 50,000 mani silva.”* (Aposel 19:19)

Lukluk gut long dispela tok. Satan i bin giamanim bikpela lain manmeri long dispela hap Pol i bin raun long en. Na Satan i mekim dispela wok nau long wanwan ples bilong yumi tude tu. Em i givim biknem long ol lain manmeri i wok

wantaim ol spirit nogut o sanguma, o ol man i wokim posin. Satan em i litimapim dispela kain manmeri na givim namba long ol. Long dispela pasin Satan em i wok long kilim yumi i dai. Bilong wanem, taim yu pas wantaim ol dispela lain nogut, yau bilong yu bai pas long Tok Tru bilong God!



Tasol harim gut! God Em yet bai bagarapim ol dispela giaman lain. Kaunim dispela tok i stap long buk Aposel 13:7 - 8, 11. *“Dispela man bilong mekim posin na marila samting, long tok Grik ol i save kolim em long nem Elimas. Orait Elimas i laik daunim wok bilong Barnabas na Sol, long wanem, em i no laik bai namba wan gavman i bilip long Jisas. <sup>9</sup> Tasol Holi Spirit i pulap long Sol, narapela nem bilong en Pol, na em i lukluk strong long Elimas na i tok olsem, <sup>10</sup> “Yu pikinini bilong Satan. Yu birua bilong olgeta*

*strepela pasin. Olgeta pasin bilong giaman na olgeta pasin nogut i pulap tru long yu. Yu save bagarapim olgeta strepela rot bilong Bikpela. ... Ating yu no laik lusim dispela pasin? <sup>11</sup> Orait harim. Nau han bilong Bikpela em i paitim yu, na ai bilong yu bai i pas. Nau bai yu no inap lukim san, na bai yu stap olsem longtaim liklik.” Pol i tok olsem na wantu tasol samting olsem klaut i tudak olgeta i pasim ai bilong Elimas. Na em i go nabaut na i wok long painim man bilong holim han bilong em na soim rot long em.”*

God i no laik sapos wanpela tok giaman i pas wantaim Tok Tru bilong Em o wanpela tok giaman i karamapim Tok Tru bilong Em. Tok Tru bilong God i no inap bung wantaim wanpela tok giaman.

Olsem na yumi bai mekim wanem? Yumi mas lusim tok giaman Satan i bin givim long ol tumbuna bilong yumi na yumi mas kisim save olsem: Tok bilong God tasol i Tok Tru. Sapos yu laik kamap Kristen yu mas lusim olgeta tok nogut bilong tumbuna pasin. Lusim dispela samting bilong tudak na singautim God Papa long Em i ken sori long yu, na opim ai bilong yu, na givim nupela bel long yu, na bai yu stap laip oltaim oltaim wantaim Kraiss, as bilong Tok TRU!

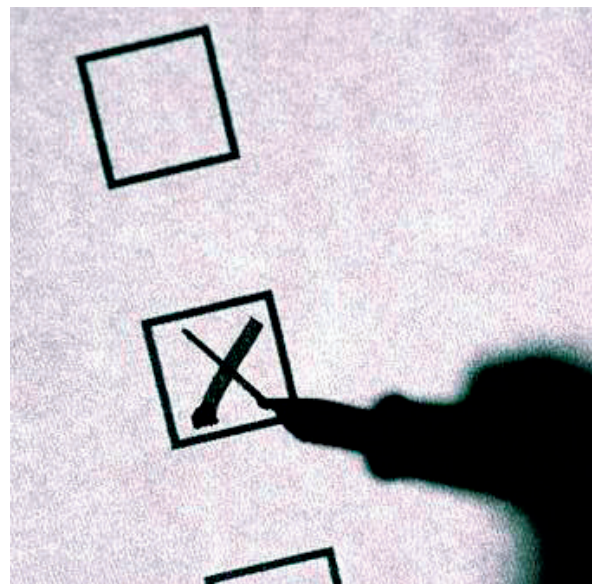
Cheryl Gibello

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**5. Does he value marriage and family?** Jesus valued the family. He renewed the importance of marriage and loved the little children. A politician, who does not respect the holiness of marriage and the importance of family, will not serve you and your family well in POM.

*You need to vote for the politician that best represents Christ on earth.*

To be sure, there will be no perfect politician. But there are leaders who, because God's grace is in them, display these qualities, and you need to find them! Of course, the easy road is to accept a bribe and go to the polling station with K20 in hand, or to bend under pressure from your wantoks to vote for your 'own' man even if he is as corrupt as Satan himself. But you are not serving your wantoks, but Christ, and bribery is a poison that only destroys and never heals.



So consider the reputation of Christ when you put the little x beside the man or woman you feel would best represent you and your family in Parliament House. And remember, your decision finds its way into the heavenly parliament as well, for it will either honour Christ or dishonour Him!

Pastor Ian Wildeboer



## Katekismus bilong Heidelberg Sande 1

### ASKIM:

**Wanem samting tasol i save givim  
yu bel isi taim yu stap laip na taim  
yu dai?**

### BEKIM:

**Mi no bilong mi yet,<sup>1</sup> tasol bodi  
wantaim spirit bilong mi i bilong Bikpela  
Jisas Krai.<sup>2</sup>**

**Em i helpim bilong mi taim mi stap  
laip na taim mi dai.<sup>3</sup>**

**Em i lusim pinis olgeta sin bilong mi  
wantaim blut tudia bilong Em.<sup>4</sup> Olsem  
tasol Em i kisim bek mi long kalabus  
bilong Satan.<sup>5</sup>**

**Em i save lukautim mi gut<sup>6</sup> na Papa  
God i no inap larim wanpela gras long  
het bilong mi i pundaun nating.<sup>7</sup> I tru,  
olgeta samting i mas wok wantaim  
bilong kisim bek mi.<sup>8</sup>**

**Olsem na long Holi Spirit Em i save  
strongim bel bilong mi, na mi bai i  
kisim laip i stap oltaim oltaim.<sup>9</sup> Na Em  
i save strongim mi long mekim wok  
bilong Em wantaim bikpela amamas.<sup>10</sup>**

### (Endnotes)

1 1 Korin 6:19,20

2 1 Korin 3:23; Taitus 2:14

3 Rom 14:7-9

4 1 Pita 1:18-19; 1 Jon 1:7; 2:2

5 Jon 8:34-36; Hibr 2:14-15; 1 Jon 3:8

6 Jon 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Tesalonaika 3:3; 1 Pita 1:5

7 Matyu 10:29-31; Luk 21:16-18

8 Rom 8:28

9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Korin 1:21-22; 5:5; Efesus 1:13-14.

10 Rom 8:14

Dispela askim na bekim em i namba wan askim

na bekim bilong Katekismus bilong Heidelberg (Tok i Tru). Sapos yu skelim gut dispela askim na bekim, yu bai glasim dispela tripela samting:

1. Em i pulap long bel isi. Long tok Inglis, ol i kolim dispela 'comfort.' Olgeta man i nidim bel isi. Bel isi wantaim God i mas i go pas long ol narapela kain bel isi. Dispela em i as bilong bel isi. Tasol planti man ol i no klia long as bilong bel isi. Bia, smok bus, buai, bikpela kaikai, mani, na biknem i no inap givim yumi bel isi. Tasol, taim yu bilip long Krai yu no bilong yu yet. Nogat, yu bilong Bikpela Jisas Krai –tude, tumora i kam inap long taim yu dai, na oltaim oltaim! Dispela bel isi i nogat pinis bilong en.

2. Em i wok long tokaut long Gutnius! Yumi ken tok olsem gutnius i kamap ples klia long dispela namba wan Sande (confession or Lord's Day). Yumi bilip olsem rot bilong salvesen em i kamap ples klia taim Krai i dai long yumi long diwai kros na kisim bek yumi pinis long kalabus bilong Satan.

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*Bel isi wantaim  
God i mas i go pas  
long ol narapela  
kain bel isi.*

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3. Em i wok long putim ples klia wok bilong God Triwan long laip bilong yumi. Yumi mas bilip olsem olgeta wok bilong kisim bek yumi em i bilong God Papa, God Pikinini na God Holi Spirit – God Triwan. Papa God i wokim yumi na em i was long yumi. God Pikinini i dai bilong kisim bek yumi long kalabus bilong sin na Satan. God Holi Spirit i save strongim bel bilong yumi bai yumi i ken kisim dispela laip i stap gut oltaim oltaim wantaim Krai.

Yumi mas tok tenkyu long God Triwan long salvesen bilong yumi!

# Reformed Churches Bible College

Some thoughts from the students in the Diploma program (3 year pastoral training program) and Certificate Program (2 year mandatory introduction to Reformed theology for all students).

## Can a Christian chew Buai?

One can rationalize and say that chewing buai with daga and kambang is okay. But answer this question: what benefits does it have? Studies have shown that the red spittle produced has some harmful chemicals that cause mouth cancer and other diseases.

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*Our love for God should manifest itself in love for our bodies, too.*

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Besides, it stains the teeth and you can't portray a beautiful, natural God-given smile. You become a slave to this deadly king when you can't stop chewing. "But don't you know," the Apostle Paul asks, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Corinthians 6:19). Our love for God should manifest itself in love for our bodies, too. "So offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). In addition, "No one can serve two masters." (Matthew 6:24). Who do you want to be your King and Master?



By Anthony Aufa (Year 2 – Diploma Program)

## What does it mean to marry in the LORD?

To be married in the Lord means that both the man and the woman must be true Christians; both must love the Lord with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their mind (Matthew 22:37). They must be a member of the same church in which they profess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The husband must love his wife, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her and the wife must be submissive to her husband, just as the church submits itself to Christ (Ephesians 5:22-25). Both the husband and the wife must be faithful to each other. They must also honour each other in good or bad times, in times of sickness or in health and in all things. The love of the Lord Jesus should be between them in all circumstances.

By Isidore Aufa (Year 2 – Diploma Program)

## What is God's Will for me?

We can know God's will only through His Word. Here are five biblical principals that may help us as Christians to know God's will.

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*This means that to be a Christian will bring persecution from the world, because to be a Christian is to stir up opposition from Satan.*

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Remember:

1. God wants us to come to the knowledge of the truth and to be saved (1 Tim 2:3-4). That means that only those who are saved by faith can seek God's will. To be an unbeliever is to be a stranger to God.

2. God wants us to be transformed and to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-3). That means as Christians, by God's grace in us, we need to surrender every decision to the control of the Holy Spirit.
3. God wants us to be sanctified in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). This means, as Christians we are to flee from sin and live Godly lives.
4. God wants us to submit to His ordained authorities. (1 Peter 2:13-15). This means that as Christians we must recognize His ordained authorities (government authorities, police, principals, judges) and submit to them.
5. God wants us to suffer for Christ (Philippians 1:27-30). This means that to be a Christian will bring persecution from the world, because to be a Christian is to stir up opposition from Satan. Therefore, to follow God's will is also to suffer.

Try out these five Biblical principals in whatever situation that you may face!

By Edwin Damar (Year 2 – Graduate)

### Are mobile phones good or bad?

Mobile phones have become an important part of human life. People are using mobile phones in both good and bad ways.

**The Advantages:** You use mobile phones to keep in touch with family and for emergencies. For example, if you left your family some miles away and you come into trouble it is easy to contact family to let them know that you need help.

**The Disadvantages:** Mobile phones can encourage improper communications, like pornography. It is bad to use the internet to watch or send bad movies or pictures via blue tooth to another person. For we must be careful about the things we see, hear, read and touch. If you feed your mind with pictures, books or films that are erotic, your mind will always be thinking about these things.

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*What a man thinks  
is what he really is*

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It can lead you to live an immoral life. So you must guard your thoughts; because your thoughts lead to actions. What a man thinks is what he really is (Proverbs 23:7). If you want your actions to be pure you must start by keeping your thoughts pure. Think only true, pure, lovely and worthy things. (Philippians 4:8)

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