



NATIONAL CONFERENCE – June 11th-14th, 2010

“A wonderful time of fellowship, edification and encouragement!”

The recent CCCAust National Conference at Mueller Community Church in Brisbane by each and every account was a great and wonderful success! People travelled from as far away as WA, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. There was an obvious sense of excitement and expectation as people began to pour in on Friday, the 11th June. Having a strong contingency of energized young people from both interstate and local churches attending throughout the weekend was especially appreciated and generated a special atmosphere of excitement! There was, as well, a wonderful environment of close community or should I say – Common Unity - throughout the entire conference!

Of course most of the attendees would probably say that the greatest highlight was the opportunity to hear 9 challenging messages brought to us by 3 highly motivated speakers, each of whom spoke with a clear sense of personal conviction & passion as well as with their own unique style of presentation! We were blessed to have Jeremy McQuoid, a teaching elder from the UK, who preached 4 rousing sermons; Mark Strom, an Australian living and teaching in New Zealand, who led us on an historical journey via 3 fascinating talks; and George Verwer who kept the “young at heart” very much awake in two highly animated evening challenges!

David Smith, Principal of Perth Bible College, who did a superb job as the conference MC, had this to say in giving an insightful final surmise of some of the messages:

Messages from Jeremy McQuoid:

Salvation:

We are confronted with our hopelessly lost state in the face of a holy loving God, yet at that moment we encounter the saving grace of God in Christ.

Slavery:

Freed from sin we find we are slaves to Christ called to serve him with our whole being.

Sonship:

We are adopted by God, now in a place of no fear, assured, longing for him, living now in the hands of his divine love.

Sovereignty:

God's inseparable love calls us, transforms us, and holds us as a people set apart for his glory.

Messages from Mark Strom:

A Gospel that transforms Culture - in Paul's day and ours.

The gospel of unity flies in the face of ethnic nationalism.

The miracle of the incarnation destroys dualistic thinking and validates our humanity.

The servant king abolishes any place for rank and status in his kingdom.

In the resurrected Lord we see our future – the transformed unity of heaven and earth, and our place - new creations in Christ by the Spirit, forever with the Lord.

Creation and redemption speak of a God of relationship loving us as people of his image living inside his creation temple, called to live lives of faith, hope and love, bringing glory to his name.

(Please note that these messages are available on the CCCAust website and inDVD hard copy format

– please email us at CCCAust to place any DVD orders!)

Quite a few who ordered DVD's of the messages commented how they wanted to use them in their own churches both for edification and to encourage more to plan on attending the next National Conference in 2012 to be held at Craigmore SA! There have been some "whispers" that Jeremy McQuoid could return for this next Conference!! More information regarding the 2012 National Conference is pending – keep an eye on the CCCAust website!

I know everyone would join with me in giving a special note of appreciation to Mueller Community Church for such a wonderful job of hosting the National Conference on their beautiful property and in their superbly designed facilities. Their attention to detail, and their desire to provide a comfortable – well organised event void of any confusion meant that everyone could be at ease and simply enjoy the event. The ladies of Mueller CC faithfully provided delicious meals and snacks throughout the weekend - most important, of course when it comes to keeping everyone happy!!

A special thanks, as well, to the CCCAust National Committee for organising this very encouraging and uplifting, special event. It was so greatly appreciated that many attendees indicated their desire to have the Conference annually rather than just Bi-annual.

The National Committee is keen to keep everyone abreast of all that is presently happening and, as well, to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to any plans going forward! There was a very positive public discussion during the conference concerning many new ideas and opportunities. A detailed handout entitled 'National Initiatives' was provided as a basis for the discussions. Further communication is planned with all churches across Australia outlining how we may work together in furthering the Kingdom of God. By the way, a copy of the 'National Initiatives' handout is available on the website (www.cccaust.com) for your perusal.

Finally and most significantly, we are thankful to our Great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for all He is and has done, and for all He continues to do to make events like this so deeply and intimately fulfilling. Truly our glory and joy is in Him alone and our rich fellowship is a result of His Spirit working in and through all who respond to His loving call!

The deep and longing desire of each church associated with CCCAust is to together faithfully and continuously lift up and magnify the wonderful name of Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of this world! To Him be the Glory both now and forever, Amen!!

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