

## The Word of God ...

### Luke 23

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left. ... <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> **Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."**

### 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

### Proverbs 12

<sup>15</sup> The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

### 1 Corinthians 15

<sup>14</sup> If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead ... <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins ... <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

### John 17

<sup>4</sup> "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began." ...

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

### Proverbs 1

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

### Psalms 14

<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

# Heaven: a fool's paradise?

## Introduction

Chocolate, ice-cream or sex?

The answer you were not expecting

Three types of fool

## 1. The Christian fool

Preaching is foolishness

The cross is foolishness

I'm willing to be a fool

## 2. The gullible fool

A figment of fertile imaginations

A fact of history

How would He know?

## 3. The fearless fool

Demanding his own paradise

Heaven is no paradise

Choosing a fool's paradise

## Conclusion

The real choice

The real thing

The real fool

## Want to know more?

Here are your options (take as many as you like)

- Talk to one of the members or leaders here tonight
- Take a free copy of *Ultimate Questions* from the entrance table
- Come next Sunday  
Morning service: 9:30am  
Evening service: 6:30pm
- Ask for a personal outline of what it means to be a Christian
- Ask to join a group of people exploring what the Bible says
- Contact Geoff Findlay 6251 7727  
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geoff@wpc-belconnen.org.au

## Want to leave it & take your chances?

Hoping there is no heaven, no God and no hell?

We would not recommend it.

The consequences of being wrong are far too great to risk it.

# Heaven

## A Fool's Paradise?

The answer you were not expecting!

Sunday 19 August

Welcome to WPC

(Westminster Presbyterian Church, Belconnen)

We hope you will be glad you took the time to come here tonight.  
The things we will be considering have implications for all eternity.

Tonight we will be reading God's word from the Bible

singing about God

praying to God

hearing a talk based on the Bible (by Geoff Findlay)

enjoying a cup of coffee together