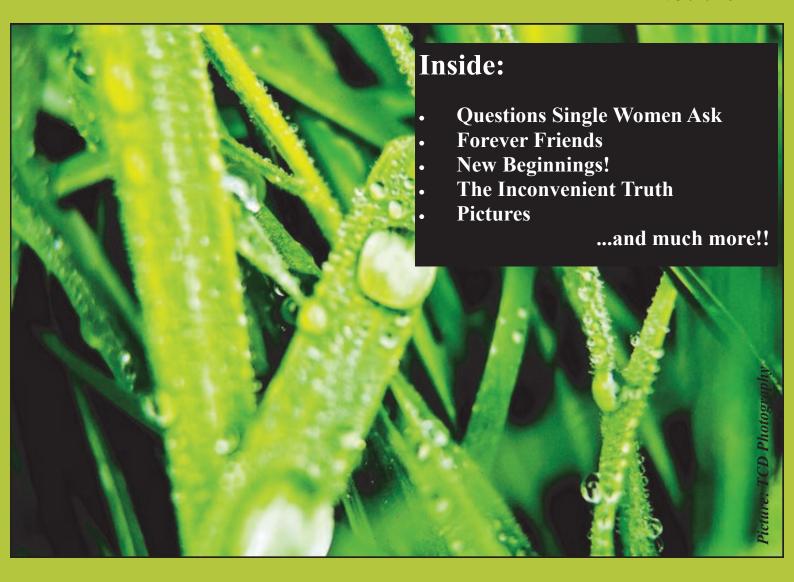
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new beginnings!

I know it's grim and I know it's dark; yet I say, "Be still and know that I am I! For I am about to do a new thing. Trust me, hang in there. Your lot is about to change. You've come too far to give up now. Your change is around the corner... New Beginnings!

Dear Readers.

Welcome to the first issue of L-PEM 's (The Lord 's Pentecostal Evangelistic Ministry 's) brand-new magazine called "Hatchalah", the Hebrew word for "New Beginnings"!

There have been quite a few issues with the running of L-PEM's old magazine; ranging from the lack of articles submitted, to the availability of volunteers working on editing and gathering interesting and informative subjects to discuss and furthermore deliver to readers. This, however, in line with God's promises for the ministry, its leadership, its members, and its well-wishers, is the first of many milestones the Church is making in preparation to receiving all that God has in store. Many prophecies have come and many challenges had to be won, but it is finally our time and our season! This magazine marks the beginning of NEW things to come; just as the Lord promised the children of Israel to be their God as they followed Him and were obedient children, so has our Heavenly Father promised us to be with us as we allow Him lead us, direct us, and guide us in the way to go. It has been a rough time, but His grace as been sufficient. As the storms of life raged war against us, the LORD has indeed set us on a strong and firm foundation, far above principalities and allowed us to come out of hardship stringer and more dependent upon Him. And although 2010 was a year in which the enemy attacked the ministry, it was the very same year in which God decided to show His might, defend His name, and cause us to find peace and joy in serving Him. He, who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, is He who gives us the grace to work in His ways and receive strength as we do so.

So, dear readers: be encouraged! The God of Abraham. Isaac and Jacob is not merely the God of L-PEM, but the GOD of YOUR life too! Find joy in serving Him, let praise be your weapon! Let your heart and mind, your soul and lips continually be filled with songs of thanksgiving, adoration and exhortation, for the Lord inhabits the praise of His people. In spite of what you might be going through right now, I beseech you to judge Him faithful and you will see Him work in your life like never before. Let this month be a **Hatchalah** in

your life too!

The Editor





Should you wish to ask any questions in regards to the content of this publication, would like to share your views and opinions, or even share a testimony, please do not hesitate to email us at: hatchalah@hotmail.com

Year 2011: Living in Obedience

"He that hath ears to hear let him hear." (Mt. 11:15)

The Dictionary of the Bible states that the verb 'to obey' in Hebrew actually means 'to hear' or 'to observe' the commandments of God. In Psalm 119 (: 9-11, 33-35, 105) the Psalmist praises the righteousness of God's Word and prays for grace to observe it. He understands its goodness and strongly desires to live therein. This too should be our innermost desire: to hear the Word of God, and follow it intently.

There are many blessings in obeying the Word of the Lord (Deut. 28: 1-14) just as there are dreadful consequences for disregarding it.

If you can, do purchase the book "The Blessings of Obedience" by Andrew Murray, which gives a thorough explanation of what obedience to God really means and the blessings that come with it.

Memory Verse:

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!" (Luke 1:45)

Rejoice and sing aloud, for the Lord will surely fulfil His promise to you. Only Believe!

There are many blessings for which you must thank God in advance; so please do not just wait for the manifestation of that which the Lord has promised you as an individual, your family and even your church before your praise God. Praise Him because you have judged Him faithful and know for certain that He will surely bring it to pass. Praise Him with understanding and a grateful heart that believes. Your faith pleases Him (Hebrews 11:1,6)!

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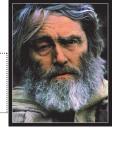
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Forever Friends Forever Friends

"Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." -Saint-Exupery

In order for one to study at university, one must have completed secondary school. In order for one to be able to practice as a doctor, one would have had to go through medical school. Marriage and ministry are the only two things people can enter into without adequate preparation and training! So what are the reasons why marriages fail?

- 1. Society's increasing acceptance of temporary marriages. You know there is an escape route and- unlike the olden days where divorces were seen as scandals- people do not even bother making their marriages work.
- 2. Inadequate preparation for marriage (be it formal or informal)
- 3. Sexual involvement prior to marital commitment, which undermines the foundation of marriage and allows doubt and the aura of suspicion into the home from the very start.
- 4. Changing roles (neither men nor women know their duties)
- 5. Romantic Love is not enough! Many people picture their marital life to be picture-perfect all the time, similar to what we see on TV (e.g. Hollywood movies). This fantasy idealizes romance and the sex-life that ordinary life now becomes a disappointment.

So, how do you ensure a marriage works? *Can* one in actual facts really make it work? Are there rules that- if one abides by them- guarantee a successful and happy fulfilling marital relationship? The answer to these questions is Yes! In the following paragraphs we will look at a few very significant points that need to be addressed but are often neglected altogether. Apply these to your relationship and you can be assured a positive change. Making a union work is never an easy thing, but with just enough effort on both sides and a willingness to change a bit, you can have a very happy marriage.

God - Man - Woman

God created everything with and for a purpose. After God created man, He first of all gave him an

assignment: "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2: 15), and then explained the limits within which man was to live in his new environment by stating "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2: 16-17). With the man adhering to both instructions received by God, which were to work and not to eat of the tree, the Lord saw that "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Gen. 2:18).

It was not until Adam *understood and played his role as a man* that the Lord found him ready to have a wife.



Mr. & Evang. Mrs. Makinwa (G.O. Of L-PEM)

Are Men and Women the same?

The word "help MEET" (notice: not "mate"!) means:

appropriate, suitable, comparable, "as before him"

God created man in His own image (a reflection of Himself) and woman stands "as before him", which means that woman is a reflection of man, who is a reflection of God.

You in essence get the person you deserve, as you pick the woman in who you see your own reflection! That is why we are to treat our loved one with respect, as you disrespect yourself by looking down on your partner. He or she will carry that reflection wherever they go- it is *your* name too!

Wives SUBMIT; Husbands LOVE!

Ephesians 5: 21–33 gives a perfect picture of how wives and husbands are to relate to each other. God knew that women would have problems submitting to men, so said "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands" and at the same time, knowing that man's natural tendency was to set priority on labour first, commanded "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her".

But what does this really mean? If God has been calling mean "head" does that mean they are superior? By no means; for according to 1 Peter 3:7 we "are all one in Christ Jesus". But being equal does not mean having the same function. Just as one finger differs from another, and one body part from the other, there are distinct but equally important roles for the woman and the man to play in a marriage.

How to love your wife

To be and feel loved is a woman's greatest need. A woman needs constant reassurance that she is loved and still important to you; woman need attention to thrive. Just as flowers in a dark room lean to where there is light, woman tend to go to where they feel loved. That is why it is so important you constantly show her how important she is to you. If you don't, there will be someone out there noticing her new hair, her lovely new dress, and all the things she wished you would notice, and her heart will start drifting. Woman want to be appreciated!

So, if you want to communicate love to your wife:

- Express your love! It must not be costly or big, but thoughtful.
- Sacrifice for her. Where there is genuine love, there must be sacrifice.
- Hold her in high esteem. You have the power to build her confidence
- Make allowances for her mistakes. Don't be too harsh when correcting her and don't make her feel bad about every little mistake she makes.
- Encourage her to share her feelings and opinions. Men and woman have different perspectives on most things; show her that what she thinks and feels is important to you.

How to submit to your husband

Men are not as much affected by the lack of the display of love, as they were created to work. A man tends to just throw himself into work and get on with it. So how do you submit to your husband?

- Transfer to him the responsibility for final decisions. Every man acts in the best interest of his home. Allow him to decide what he has worked out in his mind and with you to be the best thing to do.
- Give your husband all the respect you can muster. A man thrives when he is assured of the respect of his wife. People tend to aspire to live up to expectations: always encourage, never discourage.
- Be wise in the way you handle money. Wives' support in money matters can either make or break a man. Always offer support; never make him feel he can't provide.
- Ask God to show you any ways in which you might have assumed leadership or taken away power from your husband, and determine to take God's word, regardless of how you feel.

L-PEM Linz



The Old Man

Once long ago, there lived an old man. He had no money. He had no plan. All that he had was a horse oh so grand and he and his horse lived off the land.

The King offered riches for this horse oh so fine, "I'll give you money if you'll make your horse mine."

But the old man said, "My horse will not be sold, he lives with me. He lives free and bold."

Then one day the horse was plain gone. "The horse had been stolen," the townsfolk cried on. The old man said, "Friends, don't look so sad, Though the horse be gone that may not be so sad."

"You foolish old man, look what you've done. You had a fine horse and now you have none. A curse it is and a curse it will be, you shouldn't have let your horse wander free!"

The horse soon returned with others by its side.
There were twelve now of beauty and pride.
The townsfolk said, "Old man, you were right.
You are blessed to have horses of unearthly delight!"

"I have 12 horses, yes that is true but that does not mean I am blessed with them too. It is too soon to judge, who knows what will be? Try not to make stories from the little you see."

As it came to pass, the old man's only son tried riding a horse, just for fun.
Yet he broke both his legs while playing this game and the townsfolk cried, "Oh what a shame!"

The old man said, "Friends don't speak so soon. You hear just one note yet you sing an entire tune. Who's to say what the future may hold? My son's legs are broken but the future lies untold."

Soon there was war, and the young men of town were all sent to fight and were shot down. But the old man's son was saved from this plight. He had broken his legs, he was forced not to fight.

And the townfolk cried out, "Again you were right!"
But the old man replied, "Have you no sight?
Only God knows what is and will be.
To live and let live is to live and live free."

— by Jonathan Robinson

The Inconvenient Truth

Truth they say is bitter to the soul of man. It is part of the intricate nature of the flesh to desire and court the association of sycophants who will surround and always tell him sugar coated words, which his ears are desiring and itching to hear. The un-regenerated mind of a man has the inordinate desire to encourage his weakness and strengthen his wicked tendencies even though he knows that truth is the greatest weapon and the only vehicle to the high way of peace and tranquility, good success and prosperity.

Undoubtedly, this dispensation of ours is fast transforming our world into an organized system of falsehood and wickedness engineered by satan, who doubles as the arch-enemy of the truth and the father of lie. In any generation where judgment is turned backward, and justice stands afar off, then it is evident that truth is fallen in the street and morality greeted with disdain and scorn. In fact, men and women of this crooked age have done and are still engaging everything in the book to circumvent the gospel truth about the reality of the existence of the Almighty God, the creator of the earth inhabited by men. Yes, some section of mankind are closely working with the spirit of doubt and unbelief to discredit the infallible Word of the King of kings. We have deliberately chose to embrace falsehood and placed deception on the front burner while honesty and sincerity have been relegated to the back seat.

It is equally instructive to know that Satan, in his desperate bid to destroy the incontrovertible truth about the reality of life after death, has found some section of the scientists, the religious leaders, and the politicians in particular as willing tools and loyal allies to propagate his heinous crime to deceive and lure humanity into rebelling against God, so that he would have as many candidates as possible that will enjoy the wrath of God with him both in the here and in the hereafter, because peace and serenity are alien to the wicked. With all sense of humility, I dare say and stand to be corrected that all enemies of truth and integrity can neither have peace nor rest of mind until they repent and turn to Jesus Christ!

It is disheartening to know that a man who once stood and preached against all sort of immorali-

ties and illegalities before he was deceived by the lure of money, power and fame suddenly gave in to the doctrine of political correctness to shamelessly canvass support for the gay communities, immorality and other vices against the standard of God for the institution of marriage and righteous living. It beats the imagination of any sound mind how a man could get greedy and exchange God for money and power. This is inexplicable and acceptable by the true soldiers of Christ! If not for money, power and position, how can a man who was once a foot soldier of righteousness and holiness (without which no man can see the Lord) now abhors and preaches against the principles of conservative Christianity in the name of legalism, liberal democracy and political correctness just to win the votes of both those without the mind of Christ and the unsuspecting ignorant Christians held captive by Satan, the adversary of the truth and man's true happiness.

Yes, it is amazingly overwhelming how men have volunteered themselves to avoid associations and associates that could help direct and instruct them in the right path of living, by telling them the inconvenient truth about the immutable and unfailing standard of God. In fact, this generation that has no regards for the inconvenient is equally putting the highest premium on and preferring falsehood, manipulation and the high way that leads to eternal damnation to that of truthfulness and faithfulness consequent upon which honesty and integrity have been murdered, while the spirit of excellence and meritocracy is fast going unfashionable can only be likened to that of Noah, the preacher of righteousness.

This honorless generation has systematically and technically rebelled against and assassinated the inconvenient truth about life and judgment after death. Indeed, Man no longer wants to hear the indisputable fact about the reality of accountability for his stewardships on earth after death. We have sealed our hearts with a red hot iron and killed our conscience so that we can conveniently rebel against the law of righteousness unperturbed and unhindered thereby discrediting the doctrine and principles of Jesus Christ. (to be contin-

End of the Year Thanksgiving, L-PEM Vienna



L-PEM Children



Happy Birthday to You! L-PEM's December celebrants



The choir singing God's praises



The men dancing in the presence of God



Congregation



Men's Thanksgiving



Questions Single Women Ask

Question 1: There are some things I have done in my past that I am not very proud of. If I meet a guy I really like and know he wants to be serious, must I tell him everything about my past or are there things I can keep to myself?

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Answer: According to the Scriptures, once we give our lives to Christ, we are new creatures and the old is gone. As Christians this is exactly how we are to view others: new creatures in God. That's why it's important to date someone with the same belief; someone who will not judge you based on past mistakes. We have all made mistakes we are not particularly proud of, so we do not have the right to judge others.

However, it would not be fair to withhold delicate information from your intended life-partner; So be sure about the person you are dating, having prayed about it, and be honest enough to open up about anything you feel he should know. There are things we can only overcome with the special grace of God and if he is your husband, he will have the grace to deal with whatever information you might present him with.

Question 2: *Is masturbating really wrong?*

Answer: Sex was and is still God's design. Sex is beautiful and fulfilling if carried out within the right environment: marriage! Sex within marriage is an act of worship: obedience to God, the unification of man and woman in the flesh (a blood covenant). Outside of it you are in an unholy affair with yourself. You are in fact committing idolatry, as it would be the worship of "Self"- you're becoming the object of your lust and fleshly desires. In addition, it becomes addictive and you are causing yourself more trouble than is really worth. Many people who have struggled with masturbation have opened up to say "It got to a point where I couldn't go a day without touching myself." and "Even when I got married, I couldn't stop. I enjoyed touching myself more than I enjoyed sex with my partner." If you find yourself struggling with masturbation, please don't be shy to talk about it. You can email us to discuss your struggles or alternatively meet with a pastor or counsellor for help.

Question 3: I've been waiting for a partner for such a long time and I'm feeling so lonely. I'm finding it difficult to wait any longer! Is it OK if I take matters into my own hands now?

Answer: You need to identify what the issue really is: Do you feel ready to be in a committed relationship, or are you just lonely? If you are ready to be in a relationship, concentrate on becoming all that you need to be in order to complement your husband. But if you are feeling lonely deep within: what you need is to draw closer to God. He has promised us an ever-present Comforter (the Holy Spirit) who really makes us whole. If you feel incomplete, you won't have much to give to your spouse either, so allow God to make you whole first. Most people go into relationships expecting their spouse to complete them and make up for their own weaknesses; which is wrong! While a healthy relationship is a reflection of both individuals complimenting each other; expecting the other to make one whole and happy puts an unfair burden on the partner. God alone is able to meet your innermost desires and fill you with joy, so let Him!



Question 4: What should I do while I wait for my life-partner?

Answer: The best thing to do while you are waiting for your partner is work on yourself! While it is natural for you to look forward to being in a relationship, there is more to you than just being someone's wife. The Lord created you with and for a purpose. There is work that needs to be done regardless of whether you are single or married; so for now: work on You! The Proverbs 31 woman was an industrious and hard-working woman; a woman skilled in trade and bringing pleasure to her husband. All of which are skills that she must have learnt before she was "found" by her partner. Work on yourself, beautify yourself both on the outside and on the inside. Be a woman of virtue, skilled and of commendable character: these are the things that will cause your partner to esteem you high above other woman. Do this and you will not remain a single woman for long.

Question 5: I am a very hard-working woman and recently met a guy I really like but with no qualifications and no job. Is that a problem? Money is not really an issue to me but I just want to know whether marring someone who is out of work is advisable.

Answer: When God created Adam, the first thing He gave him – long before Eve- was something to do. While hard labour and sweat was the curse man received for sinning against God, for man to be occupied has always been part of God's design. So, if you are seeing someone who does not work: ask the question Why? If he has got no qualifications, ask the question Why? Not having either of these two could always be circumstantial: It could be that he is a very smart and intelligent individual but was not fortunate enough to finish his education. If he doesn't have a job, it could always be the case of still working out one or two things. Hence, the most important thing to look at is not whether he has a degree or even a job, but: Is he hardworking and does he know where he is going? No woman wants to follow a man who has no plans and doesn't know where he is going; as a matter of fact: she shouldn't! It would be like a blind man leading the blind. If you as a woman want to be secure in the fact that your husband can indeed provide for not just himself but also for you and your prospective children, he must be a man willing to work hard. A man who does not shy away from hard labour and who is willing to make sacrifices.



So, bottom-line is: find out why he is not working and make sure it is for a an acceptable reason.

Q&A Note:

Share your views!

In the next Hatchalah issue we would like to discuss "Dating for Christian Teenagers. Is it OK? If Yes, <u>How</u> should it be done?"

We want *Hatchalah* to be as engaging and inclusive as possible; so please share you feelings and opinions by emailing us at: *Hatchalah@hotmail.com*

The Hatchalah Fast (Jan 10- Jan 16)

Fasting has- through all generations, nations and religions - seen to be an extremely powerful tool in the communication between man and God.

Moses, when on Mount Sinai fasted for 40 days and nights, and received the Law from God (Exodus 34:28); King Jehoshaphat called for a fast throughout Israel, when under attack from enemies (2 Chronicles 20:3); Nehemiah fasted when he found out that Jerusalem was still in ruins (Nehemiah 1:4) and Esther, when troubled and scared of what might happen to her entire clan, called for a time of devotion, consecration and fasting unto God (Esther 4:15-16). Jesus Christ also pointed out that there were some things that simply could not be done "except by prayer and fasting".

The Hatchalah-Fast is a fast of and for *New Beginnings*. The focus therefore is on rededicating one's life to God, allowing Him to cleanse the heart and asking for a new start: a life of intimacy and total devotion to the Lord, where you hear Him speak to you yourself. Expect a change as you go through these days of prayer and fasting and be sure to testify to all the good the Lord is bringing your way as you step into your Hatchalah; *your new beginnings*!

Day 1- Repentance and Purification

- 1. Repent of rebellion: every act of sin is in fact an act of rebelling against God's word and a violation of His will. Ask Him for forgiveness and for grace to overcome. (Psalm 51; Isa. 55: 6-7)
- 2. Pray for a new heart, a heart that is sensitive to His word. (Ezekiel 11:19)
- 3. Pray for spiritual sensitivity: God speaks at all times, take time to listen. (1 Sam. 3: 1-10; Jn 10:27)

Day 2- Repentance for and Purification of the Land

- 1. You must stand in gap for your nation and the nation you live in. Prayer of repentance and for the healing and peace of the nations. (2 Chronicles 7: 14; Psalm 122: 6-9)
- 2. Pray for both your spiritual and secular leaders and those in authority. (1 Tim. 2: 1-4)

Day 3- Destroying Foreign Altars

There are forces that fight to take all that you have sincerely laboured for; altars have also been erected to monitor your movement and prosperity and attack when it is time for you to reap. Identify those altars and tear them down! Do it on behalf of yourself, your family, your extended family, your descendants, your church, and your nation. There might be physical objects that you must throw away too; let the Spirit of God reveal these to you. (**Study**: Judges 6; Gen. 35: 1-15)

Day 4- Establishing the Counsel of God

Ask God to reveal Himself to you; ask Him to show you His plans for your life. God's plan for your life are *good*. As the Spirit drops His plans in your heart, write them down! As you also study the Scriptures let them birth expectations in you. Read with a believing heart.

(Scriptures: Psalm 125: 1-3; Jer. 29:11; Habakkuk 2: 2-3; Jude 1:20; Hebr. 11: 1,6)

Day 5- Leading and Direction

As the Lord shows you little by little His plan for your life, hand it over to Him. Pray for leading and direction. Your success lies in total obedience and following what the Lord is telling you. (Ps. 37: 23; Prov. 9:10)

Day 6- His Glory to Shine upon you

When the Lord delivered the Israelites from the hand of their oppressors, He showed forth His mighty power. Pray that the presence of the Lord in your life be so great that the unbelievers will see and turn to Him, and the enemy be embarrassed. (Isa 48: 9-11; Isa. 64: 1-4; Ezek 36: 22–38)

Day 7- Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank God in advance for all that you are believing Him to do according to His Word. Sing a new song unto Him! Don't ask for anything today, just let Him enjoy your praises! (Ps 136; Ps 149)

"Go yo into all the world and preach the good Aews to all Creation"

Memory Verse for the year 2011:

Luke 1:45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her.

Our Doctrine

- 1. We believe the Bible is the Word of God (2 Timothy 3: 16; 2 Peter 1: 20-21)
- 2. We believe in the Triune God (Colossians 2: 9; 1 John 5:7; John 14:7-11, 17: 21)
- 3. We believe Jesus Christ is the Saviour of mankind and was born of virgin Mary. He is sinless (John 8: 7), He died for the sins of the world (John 1: 29) and rose on the 3rd day (John 20:11-17; Romans 14: 9).
- 4. We believe exclusively in the name of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2: 9; John 14: 6; Ephesians 1: 20-21; Acts 4: 12)
- 5. We believe in preaching the Word of God from house to house (Acts 2: 46; Mark 16: 15-16)
- 6. We believe in the Holy Communion, Baptism and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit (Matt 3: 13-15; Luke 4: 18; 22: 19-20; Acts 2: 1-3; 2 Corinthians 11: 23-26)
- 7. We believe in holiness and perfection (Matt 5: 48; 1 Peter 1:16; Colossians 1:28; 4:12)
- 8. We believe that Christ has come to choose some Apostle, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the equipping of the Saints for the work of the Ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- 9. We believe in the second coming of our Lord and the judgement of this world (James 5: 5-7; Hebrews 9: 27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 22: 12-13)
- 10. We believe in the new heaven and the new earth. (Matt 13: 37-43; Revelation 21:1-4)

Our Places and Days of Fellowship

Vienna: Stuwerstr. 1-3, 1020 Wien

Linz: Freie Christengemeinde, Reuchlin Str., 32; 4020 Linz

Klagenfurt: Sonnenwendgasse 52, 9020 Klagenfurt

St. Poelten: Jugendzentrum Steppenwolf; Herzogenburger Str. 18,

3100 St. Poelten

Weekly Activities

Wednesday Bible Study 7pm-9pm Thursday Counselling By Appointment Friday Prayer Meetings 7pm-9pm Sunday Sunday Service 11am-2pm Last Friday of the Month Night Vigil from 11pm

