

A central verse in the Gospel is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son; so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"

## (2) The Greatest Commandment

Jesus said "The greatest commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:36-38)

Our love for God is simply our response to His love bestowed on us. The greatest manifestation of God's love for us is that He sent His Son to die for us and to grant us the gift of eternal life. Likewise, the greatest manifestation of our love for our neighbour is to share those good news about Jesus with him or her. Our banners reflect that objective; they read "We are Christians, Sharing Jesus and Engaging with Islam" and "Jesus loves Muslims, so do we".

## Why do we have literature about Islam?

But, you might ask "Why do you engage with Muslims in particular?" The reason is that Muslims make many claims about Jesus and the Bible that are not true. Besides sharing the good news about Jesus with Muslims, it is our responsibility as well as our duty, to answer their claims about Jesus and about the nature of God in a spirit of love, gentleness, respect and in a scholarly manner.

## (3) The Greatest Commission

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus gave a command to his followers: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 22:18-20)

So our literature stands in the City of Melbourne stem from our belief that salvation is found in no one but Jesus. They are a manifestation of our love for others and in obedience to Jesus' commission.

# Who are we?

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We are a group of ordinary people. We come from a range of Christian denominations, as well as different walks of life.

All members of this group are united together on the belief in One God who reveals Himself in Three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son who is Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit.

In addition to the main belief in the Unity of God, we also share beliefs in these aspects of the Christian faith: (1) The Divine Nature of the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) The Great Commandment, and (3) The Great Commission. It is our firm belief in the first two aspects above that motivates us to pursue the third one as this brochure would attempt to explain.

## (1) Who Is Jesus Christ?

Jesus is the most remarkable person who ever lived. He is the centre-piece of our civilization. Everything that happened before him we call 'BC', meaning 'Before Christ', and what happened after him is 'AD', meaning 'after Christ' in Latin language.

Some people think Jesus Christ is just a 'good religious teacher', while others consider him 'one of the Prophets'. However, those suggestions don't fit with the facts.

### **His claims**

Jesus claimed to be the unique Son of God — on an equal footing with God His Father. He stated that he had the authority to forgive sins. He also said that one day he would return to judge the world. So it really matters how we respond to Jesus in this life.

### **His Character**

Many people who do not profess to be Christians regard Jesus as the supreme example of a selfless life. There is no one who is lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus.

As far as his teaching is concerned, there seems to be general agreement that it is the purest and best ever to have fallen from human lips.

### **His Conquest of Death**

The evidence for the physical resurrection is very strong indeed. When the disciples went to the tomb they found that the grave clothes had collapsed and that Jesus' body was absent.

Before his death and resurrection, Jesus confirmed that he would die and rise again. He said that the entire reason for his coming was to die for us. The word 'for' means 'instead of'. He did it because he loved us and did not want us to have to pay the penalty for all the things that we have done wrong.