

Buying a Dream House



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You can do what I have done, and even better!
Life is for living, so trust in the Lord and **Go, Go, Go!**
I can do all things through Christ that can strengthen me.
(Phil. ch4:v13)

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One of the things that seems to be unavoidable when buying a house, is having a mortgage. There seems to be plenty of people lending money, but it is worth the time to look around and get a lower interest rate.

There are people that have been born into this world that have inherited a house; that could be a winner. But to work and pay a house off, in the end you seem to appreciate it more and it is a good feeling.

There are creatures in the world that have not exactly inherited a house, but still don't get to choose it. They are born with a house and are stuck with it whether they like it or not – colour and/or living space. These are mainly snails, tortoises, hedgehogs, etc. If they don't like the town they are living in because of the



neighbours, gossip, or the rates are too high – there is no problem to shift home to perhaps a better neighbourhood and climate. The advantage of this sort of house is they have no telephones or letter boxes, so nobody can send them a bill. This style of living is cheap cheap.

If you are looking for your dream house and you go through a real estate agent, it is very important if you can, at some stage, meet with the owner. Why? Because in the end, you will find out a lot more about the history of the house first hand. For one thing, how many

square metres is the house? Exactly how old is it? How long ago has it been painted? How long ago did it have a new roof? Things that help. Drive on section? Flat section? Not too near streams and creeks?

If it is a mature house, make sure it has concrete piles and no water under the house from drainage or springs. Most of the new subdivisions are away from shops and bus stops. The second house we bought was a more mature house, with a bus stop over the road and a fish & chip shop at the end of the street, there is a tearoom next to it now. Personally we find the mature house it is made from better materials, and is a lot better built than some of the newer houses. We have been here for 33 years, and it has stood up to all the storms. The decision seemed so sensible. It is a three-bedroomed house with a built-in verandah. The main lounge is 5m x 4m, with a gas fire, and is at the front of the house just by the front door. The living room is the same size and also has a gas fire, and adjoins the kitchen.

For an average family with Mum, Dad, and two children, we found it ideal. With the separate



lounge and family room instead of one big room, it was so much more practical. When some of the family were watching TV in one lounge, the others could be doing homework, reading, or entertaining friends in the other. We found them easy and quick to heat with the gas, ideal for city life.

Another advantage of the mature house is that the floors are solid wood, and can be varnished. The modern houses usually have

particle board and, if that is continually wet, it falls apart. My background is a qualified tradesman joiner of 40 years, owning our own business.

When you get married and have nice furniture, and later children arrive, don't get rid of the furniture, just teach the children to respect it.

There is a distinction between a home and a house. A house is prim and proper, and you find it hard to relax. A home is a place that you and your children can do hobbies and most other things, as long as you put it away afterwards. Leave it tidy and clean, and at all times respect the home, and others. We feel God has blessed us with our two homes.

Jesus said "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there you will be also."

In any relationship, respect your partner and share the tasks. Maybe you are newly married and you're handy with a hammer and your spouse is keen, buy the worst house in the



best street – you stand a chance at getting it at a really good price. It can be fun doing old houses up, knocking out walls and making it your dream house and painting it the colour you both like. Clean up the garden, and cut the lawns. By the time you're finished, it will be worth thousands more.

When you have settled in, and perhaps you are running a bit late with the meal preparations, here's a handy tip: set the table all ready for dinner and when your husband comes in, he can see that the table is all set for dinner, and will think the meal will soon be ready.

After welcoming your husband home with a kiss and a big hug, you can then start preparing dinner. If there are hunger pangs, another look at the table will reassure him that everything is under control, and what a good wife he has.

God gives us children and our job as Mum and Dad is to look after them. God's plan is to look after us, and he wants to be our Heavenly Father, but first he wants us to be forgiven for all the things we have done wrong in this life by accepting that Jesus died on the cross at Easter so we can be forgiven.

I have discovered there are only three things you need to know to get to Heaven - the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The Father is love; the Holy Ghost is the power of God, and the word that created the world.



Everyone in the world has done something wrong at some time, so this is where the third person of the Trinity comes in. The only way for people in the world to be forgiven was for God to come down in the form of a human being which was Jesus, and die on the cross and the shedding of his blood was to save the world from their sins.

People know what it really cost God to die on the cross for their sins. Don't get confused by the fact that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all one person, it's not for us to understand,

so here is Jesus to tell you what it was like: “I was in the Garden of Gethsemane with my disciples, when these wicked men arrived. They grabbed me and took me to the Sanhedrin. The next morning they wanted me to carry this huge cross. It was far too heavy for me and I dragged it, and in the end they carried it for me. After all, I was only human. When we got to Galgotha, big strong men held me down on the cross while they drove huge nails into my hands and feet. I was so terrified. When I looked around, I saw that these people were the people that I had created. Then they stood the cross up with a jolt which was very painful. While I hung there, they were making fun of me. The pain from the nails was unbearable, but the worst was yet to come.”

This was no ordinary death, because what we were to achieve was more important than anything else that has happened since the creation of the world. Just as an example: more important than an atomic bomb, or World War I, or World War II, or the Longest Day advance on Europe. How do you feel so far? It certainly is mind-boggling, and it might make us feel that at least somebody out there does care about us and what happens to our unknown.

Jesus knew that this was well beyond him and asked his father to take this cup from him. They loved us so much, that love kept them going. Jesus was not only to die on the cross, but he was to bear upon himself the suffering for the sins of all mankind. Jesus was human, but God had anointed him in the wilderness with the Holy Spirit.

“When I hung on the cross, many times I could have called on the angels to save me from this Hell, because they were standing by with their swords drawn. As I looked at their wicked faces below, but God gave me a vision of what they were like in the Garden of Eden before sin arrived at their doorstep, and what it would be like if I went through with it. To me, the ball was in my court so eventually it came to an end, and I yelled up to the Holy Ghost and I died.” This was the greatest battle, and victory was won forever; and of course – the rising from the dead on the third day.

The three things to get to heaven are: the power of the Holy Ghost, the love of God, and salvation through the Blood of Jesus; because the only way to heaven is the shed blood of Jesus. By believing in the presence of Jesus



you can defeat the Devil at any time, so accept the price paid for your sins. It is the password to heaven, so make your dream house God's heavenly mansion, come back into God's family where you belong, and God bless you. If we are honest with ourselves, we know we can't make it on our own, so go to the top and give God a chance in your life.





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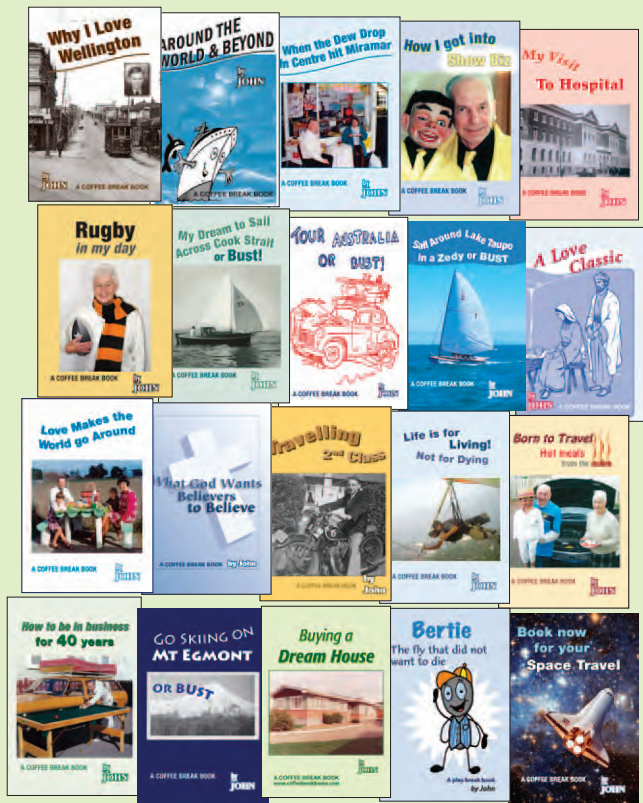
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