

## Minister's Message – December 2006

### Glory, Glory, Glory

At just 14 she won her race at the national titles. She was thrilled to later see herself on the TV. She was interviewed on the national news. The new 'wonder of the pool' was the darling of the press. Just a few years ago a young man was in the same position. He went on to win gold medals at the Olympics and bask in the fame and glory that came his way. He achieved awards and accolades around the country, and around the world. But at just 24 years of age this young man has quit competitive swimming. Those who once praised him now pull him down. He wanted to get away from the spotlight and be a normal person again. The fame and the glory was no longer what it had been such a short time before.

I remember being on the TV news once- well I was told I was. The local press came to a lettuce field day just outside Hay and interviewed me briefly. My fame and glory was short lived!

I also remember reading a verse in the Bible some time ago about glory. In Psalm 115 I read:  
*Not unto us O Lord not to us,  
but to your name be the glory.*

It seems the Lord wants us to give him all the glory and not take it ourselves. Jesus is well equipped to take glory, being the Son of God, the King of kings, and Lord of glory. Jesus is on the throne in heaven and will never be dethroned like sports stars and celebrities.

The glory we get in this world is from our fickle fellow human beings. Such glory is like a dream. It soon passes, and in its wake some young people come crashing down. However long we remain in the media spotlight, it will be turned off one day. It is difficult to find glory in death- however hard some try!

We are told to give all the glory to Jesus.

*Because of your mercy,  
Because of your truth.*

Jesus is the truth. The truth does not change. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Glory does not change Jesus. Worship and glorify him all you like and he remains the same loving and true Son of God. We glorify Jesus because of who he is and what he has done for us. He loved us so much that he went to the Cross and died for us.

I am sure you would praise someone who rescued you from drowning or from a fire. How much more we should praise Jesus, who saves us from death ever. To those who believe in him Jesus gives eternal life. *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life* (I John 5:12). Do you have such life? Will you give all glory to Jesus for giving you life?

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