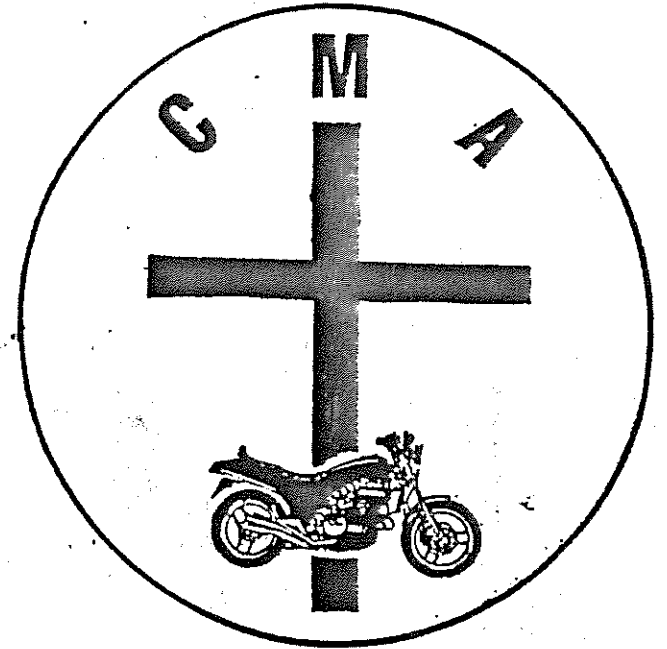


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Help Needed

The Crusader Union of N.S.W. is endeavouring to bring kids up the right way, and is trying to educate kids in two really important areas - the gospel and motorcycling. (What a great group of people they are) But they feel they need help in both these areas. So if you're committed to both motorcycling and your Christian faith you might be able to help them run their mini-bike camp over the Christmas holidays. If you're interested, write to the Crusader Union at the address below and ask for more details and an application form for leaders.

Write to: The General Secretary,
Crusader Union of N.S.W.
56 Mosely Street,
Strathfield. N.S.W. 2135

An Invitation.....

..... from Ambassadors C.M.C. to join in fellowship with them on the third Monday night of each month at 7.30p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Centre, corner of Audley and Trafalgar Streets, Petersham.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

In Lev. 11:45 God tells His people "... be holy, because I am holy." Being one of God's people, one of those called into His Kingdom, one of His adopted sons, we are to take on His nature. We are to become Christlike, holy, pure and sinless. This is an absolutely essential part of our daily Christian journey. 1 Pet 1:14,15 tells us "as obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance, but just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." Living a holy life is living a life that is victorious over sin. It is living and being like Jesus. This is our goal, what we strive after.

Being holy means being different, being set apart for God and His service. It is more than just being different. It is to take on the character of God. Our work and actions must be in line with what God requires. Being good like God is part of being a Christian. (We all know that our efforts at being good don't get us right with God. However, once we have become

right with God through faith in Jesus, we are to be good, to be like God). Why then aren't we holy as God requires. Two reasons I think. Firstly, we are sinners by habit, and secondly we sometimes choose to sin. We are sinners by habit, we do, say and think wrong things, and try to run our own lives. This is the work of the Holy Spirit who lives in us, and He will surely succeed in what He is doing.

Choosing to sin, I think, is a more serious problem. It is when we choose to do the wrong thing, even though we are able not to. Sometimes we deliberately give into Satan, but more often we think "oh this little thing really doesn't matter". When we say this and compromise what we know to be right we become ineffective and give the advantage to the enemy.

There are many ways we are tempted and many areas in which we fall down. I'd like to highlight two areas that Christian motorcyclists have problems in.

The first area is with non-Christians. We need to be accepted by other bikers so that we can share God's love with them.

a society crying out for the Lord, simply for our own non-threatening, comfortable and probably middle-class lifestyle. "The gospel demands a transference of loyalty. It demands a radically different lifestyle" ². (Luke 9:57-62)

God through His omnipotence can and does use all types of evangelism - let us praise Him that He is not dependent on our skills or lack thereof. Other forms of evangelism are attractive to most Christians because they require less total commitment and a heck of a lot less selflessness. But that is not Christ's example. His total devotion to His Father and those He would save brought about His own personal agonies and death.

Well you have got to the end. If you think what has proceeded is fair enough, give it a go (not for a week - but for a lifetime). If not - don't knock it until you've tried it, because when it all boils down - the proof of the pudding is in the eating!

(P.S. make sure you know the Gospel thoroughly too.)

1. John Hanaford, Under A Southern Cross.

behind your evangelism or just your conscience.

Jesus didn't merely say 'Do as I say', he said 'Do as I do' - '.... come, follow me', and they did. Paul had probably one of the highest levels of credibility available at that time. He was both a Jew and a Roman citizen - he enjoyed all the privileges of Rome yet had access to the Temple. He was a learned scholar and could move freely within the Roman empire and speak to both Jew and Gentile.

As Australian Christians we really need to see that personal evangelism requires a heck of a lot more commitment than it's getting on our behalf.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:22 says that he was "....all things to all men, so that he might save some....". Surely this is what we should strive for as we consider our own role as an evangelist. It would be quite illuminating to find out how many people who have been converted for five years still have non-Christian friends! I fear the statistics could be quite alarming. If you are in the above category, does it concern you? - Should it do so?

As Christians we are to be "... in the world but not of the world....". Are we really still in it, or have we successfully removed ourselves from

Sometimes this acceptance becomes more important to us than living as God's people, and we do things we shouldn't. We do little things we reckon aren't important just so that we can be seen to be "one of them". When we compromise in this way, and step away from what we know to be right, the things we are told in the Bible, we become a law to ourselves and set ourselves up as God. Our pride is not far away in this as we are very eager to share how accepted we are and how we are being used by God. This does not spread the gospel. Fortunately, quite a few of us are aware of the danger of being involved with non-Christians and take steps to make sure we uphold Christian standards. However, the second area can sometimes surprise and trap us.

This other area is with other Christian in particular, people from straight churches. We are so keen to show other church goers that dirty rotten scumbag bikers can love the Lord and know Jesus that we sometimes go out of our way to shock them. In doing this we sometimes get out of line also. Again pride is close by. I know the straight church has a lot to answer for in the wa

they treat society's 'untouchables', and some of their teaching and practices really must be challenged. But this must not be done by ungodly words or actions. Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature (Gal 5:13). We are called to live a godly lifestyle, not a street lifestyle, nor a straight lifestyle, but a lifestyle that is based totally on the teachings and practice of Jesus. Anything else is rubbish.

What can we do to be holy?

Ps 119:9 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."

1. Know and obey what God says in the Bible.
2. Pray that God will make you holy and keep you from sin.
3. Help each other. Push each other into holiness and godliness.

1 Cor. 7:1 ".... let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

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If in the Australian context we are going to share our hope that is within us we too much have credibility. It is simply insufficient to tell something to someone and to expect them to respond on the basis of mere words! Mere words are insufficient because as said earlier our actions will speak more loudly. Our evangelism must be 'fair-dinkum'! Our words will be seen through. Yet our actions (if they are other person and therefore evangelistically oriented) can help an Australia bying through selfishness see that our message about Jesus of Galilee is correct.

We have to show Australians that we understand their condition and that Jesus does too. To us as Christians, Jesus is our totally loyal example of selflessness. Selflessness that led him to the agonies of the cross for us - so that we may have eternal life. And yet 'unfortunately' for all you pigeon-hole evangelists, we too must be selfless. Hannaford is correct when he maintains that "...you can't be mates unless you share!".¹ This is where the basis for Australian evangelism comes in. We must be committed time-wise to personally give of ourselves - to establish that credibility that allows you to share the gospel in a way that just isn't a rubber-stamping, conscience-clearing exercise. The person you speak to will know loud and clear where you are coming from - whether your whole being is

Here is the second and final part in Geoff Taylor's article on Christians and Evangelism.

Right at the start of this article I maintained that Australia needed a 'viable evangelistic model'. To do this we have to base it on the firm foundation discussed above of a total view of evangelism, not a pigeon-holed view where we do it at certain intervals with the only real result often of making our consciences feel better. If what follows is to work it must be done on this basis.

Advertising is a very powerful tool for means of communication in our society. There is a principle we can learn from this for our Australian evangelism. Recently yet another new car was launched on the market - Toyota Camry. Cleverly this was done with Jack Brabham and his sons cavorting the Camry across your T.V. screen. Obviously Jack Brabham was used because he has high credibility in the marketplace when it comes to motor vehicles. Who would want to buy a Camry if Dame Joan Sutherland sang an opera about it? Likewise, the late Professor Julius Sumner Miller gives credibility to Cadbury Chocolates and housewives are used to sell detergents.

One day as I was walking down the street I saw an old bloke with jam and cream and cake and jelly stuffed in his ears walking towards me. I thought this a bit funny and decided to ask him why he had this stuff in his ear. When he was close enough I asked the old man why he had jam and cream and jelly and cake stuffed in his ears. He looked at me obviously not understanding me. So I asked him again why he had jam and cream and jelly and cake stuffed in his ears. "Eh!" he said, "You'll have to speak up. I'm a trifle deaf!".

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An elderly man lay dying. His wife of forty years was at his bedside, and their eleven children were waiting just outside the room. In a barely audible voice he said to his wife that there was something he had wanted to ask her since the birth of their last child. "Is he really mine?" he asked, concerned that somehow this child was different to his brothers and sisters.

"Yes, he's yours," his wife replied.

"Good - that comforts me greatly," he replied. His wife then said "There's something I think you should know though. The other ten aren't!"

A Rally Ministry?

Karen Niewendyk, from years of involvement in Christian motorcycling, has suggested (as a result of her observations of what seems to happen) what would seem to be the perfect constitution for a new club.

All Members To:

- * be over the age of 25 years
- * be married
- * be owners of a motorbike over 750cc and preferably non-Jap (or better still Italian)
- * Be owners of at least 2 "Jesus is Lord" T-shirts
- * be owners of a wok and capable of providing a feast for a thousand.
- * go to at least one rally in a decade (as long as that rally is a bum buster - 10,000 km and is completed in a weekend)
- * arrive 10 minutes late for each meeting and ½-1 hr for club runs.
- * oblige by singing out of tune
- * wear clothing consistent of a bikers image (holly, dirty) and to be especially worn whenever going to church (even if you drive).
- * be capable of breaking the club axe
- * deliver a boring, mono-tone bible study
- * ignore visitors, at least until their 10th visit
- * and to be able to spot a non-christian at a radius of 100 meters and then proceed to "talk church".

4. Bike Working Day. Saturday 23rd September, at Dave Sharpes, 40 Old Wingello Rd., Bundanoon Meet at the North Parramatta Post Office at 10.00a.m. for a ride down. A great opportunity to tinker with your bike and make those "few" adjustments you've been meaning to for a long time. Great opportunity to share knowledge and swap tips.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY BADGE

To celebrate C.M.A.'s 10th Birthday a limited number of cloth badges - have been made. The cost is \$6. If you'd like one write to C.M.A. and send a cheque or money order for \$6 made out to C.M.A. *(Actual size is as shown).*
+ \$1 postage

Prayer Points

- * Continued spiritual growth for C.M.A. N.S.W. and C.M.A. Qld.
- * Preparation for C.M.A.'s 10th Birthday Party on 9th and 10th September - we are aiming to glorify the Lord.
- * The various member clubs (e.g. Disciples, Ambassadors and Brotherhood) as they go about the task of sharing the gospel with members of the motorcycling community.

UP AND COMING

1. September 9th-10th, 10th Anniversary Party
Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship to celebrate 10 years of C.M.A. Activities include games, party on the Saturday night, thanksgiving service and the Annual General Meeting. Cost about \$20-25, at the Elim Campsite, Lot 17 Bennett Rd., Londonderry. More details to come.

2. Day Run. Sunday 23rd July.
To Amaroo Park Raceway to see Post Classic and BEARS racing. (BEARS: Not big hairy grizzly animals but British, European and American Racing!) Should be a good day. Meet at the C.M.A. Post Box in North Parramatta P.O. at 10.00a.m.

3. Teaching Day - late August. Stay tune for date, venue, topic and other relevant info.

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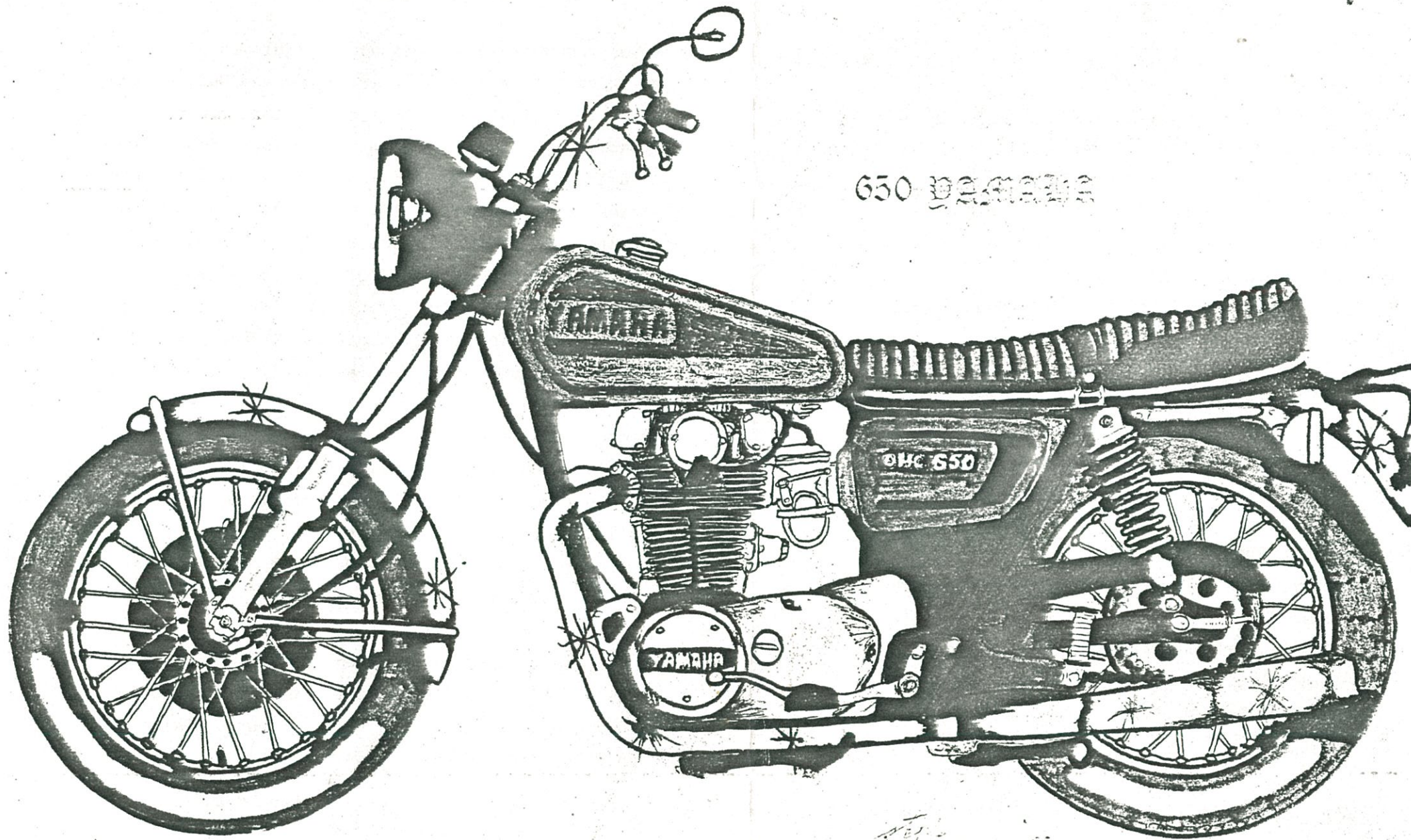
I can remember when I was about eight years old and going down to the beach with my Mum and Dad. While I was there I was fishing about in the rock pools at Cronulla peering in at a mass of colours and life. A vast world! I would collect the various coloured stones, starfish and little periwinkles in an empty ice cream container. I would be so proud until I got home and looked at my coloured collection which by now was fast losing colour and life! It didn't take long for the starfish and periwinkles to die and begin to smell and for Dad to say they had to go

It occurs to me now how we as Christians, myself included, tend to live self contained lives. Caught up in our own little world or comfort zone, with little or no life giving water and light to live on we tend to slowly die. Jesus spoke of this as salt losing its saltiness. Mark 9:50

We are the Lord's salt here on earth. We need a daily infilling of living water, the Lord (John 4:10) Jesus, and to abide in His light or our ministry will eventually die and smell too!

- Leon Michell

(Ambassadors C.M.C.)



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