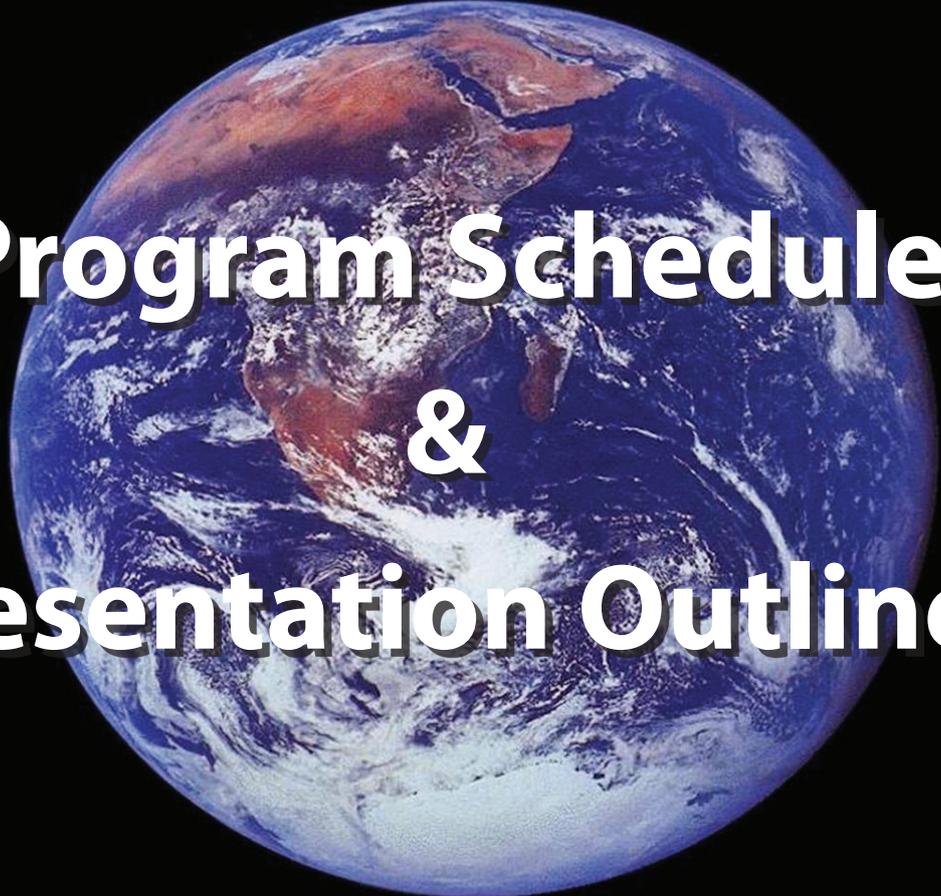


**Christian Restoration Fellowship**

# **National Conference**

# **2008**



**Program Schedule  
&  
Presentation Outlines**

# **The Creed of Jesus**

Virginia Palms Conference Centre  
18th - 20th July

# 'The Creed of Jesus'

## Welcome

*Welcome to the inaugural National Conference of Christian Restoration Fellowship of Australia.*

*We are thrilled to be able to bring this collection of leading Biblical Scholars and authors to you for an intensive three days of presentations and dialogue. We pray you will be enriched by the experience and enlivened by the connections and relationships you develop and extend here.*

*We also pray that your vision and passion for our Father, the Creator of the Universe and His only begotten Son, The Messiah Jesus may be significantly deepened from this time together.*

*Since the first meeting we held here in Brisbane in 2006 where Greg Deuble, Frank Selch and I were privileged to address a group of around 25 'truth seekers' on a range of biblical issues, this group has grown in strength and particularly in brotherhood (and sisterhood!).*

*The first meeting and the regular quarterly meetings that have followed were the outcome of discussions between Greg, Frank and I after Greg's book "They Never Told Me THIS in Church" was published.*

*This National Conference is the product of our desire to further reach out to our community and nation to declare the truly good news of the coming Kingdom of God and His righteousness and glory.*

*It is intended to bring a challenge to Christians to join us, by turning away from the all-too subjective preaching, which characterizes so much of Christianity today, in our struggle for the restoration of Biblical truth -- mindful of Paul's injunction in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12- '[... they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness](#)'.*

*We are also honoured and blessed to have our two overseas speakers join us. Professor Sir Anthony Buzzard from the USA and Frank Selch all the way from the Holy City of God, Jerusalem!*

*We trust you will find this conference and the presentations and forum, etc., of lasting impact, value and blessing!*

*Yours in Messiah Jesus*

*Paul Herring  
on behalf of the Organising Committee  
Christian Restoration Fellowship (Aust.)*

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## Friday Schedule

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Registration 8 am - 9 am	Please collect and display your name badge Book Display
Session 1 9 - 10 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Keynote - Greg Deuble</b> <i>Restoration Fellowship: Raised Up For Such a Time as This!</i>
Morning Tea	10 - 10:30 am
Session 2 10:30 - 11:30 am	<b>Keynote - Frank Selch</b> <i>The Elohim of Yeshua</i>
Session 3 11:40 - 12:40 pm	<b>Steve Cook</b> <i>The Cross and the Kingdom: salvation and atonement in Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom</i>
Lunch	12:40 - 1:45
Session 4 1:45-2:45 pm	<b>Faith Stories</b>
Session 5 3:00-4:00 pm	<b>Paul Herring</b> <i>The new Heaven &amp; the new Earth – Life in the Kingdom</i>
Session 6 7:30 - 9 pm	<b>Public Keynote - Prof. Sir Anthony Buzzard</b> <i>Our journey through the minefield of church.</i>

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## Saturday Schedule

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Registration 8 am - 9 am	Please collect and display your name badge Book Display
Session 7 9 - 10 am	<b>Keynote - Frank Selch</b> <i>Yeshua – The Son of God</i>
Morning Tea	10 - 10:30 am
Session 8 10:30 - 11:30 am	<b>Keynote - Anthony Buzzard</b> <i>The often neglected keys to understanding the Bible - reading it with delight and confidence</i>
Session 9 11:40 - 12:40 pm	<b>Mark Scull</b> <i>The last Words of Moses</i>
Lunch	12:40 - 1:45
Session 10 1:45-2:45 pm	<b>Paul Herring</b> <i>And you shall love the LORD your God... Living The Way - walking the Path of the Circumcised Heart</i>
Session 11 3:00- 4:00 pm	<b>Cliff York</b> <i>Who Shall Dwell in Your Holy Hill</i>
Session 12 7:30 -9 pm	<b>Public Keynote - Greg Deuble</b> <i>The Resurrection and its Political Implications</i>

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## Sunday Schedule

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Registration 8 am - 9 am	Please collect and display your name badge Book Display
Session 13 9 - 10 am	<b>Mark Scull</b> <i>The Visions of Splendour</i>
Morning Tea	10 - 10:20 am
Session 14 10:20 - 11:20 am	<b>Steve Cook</b> <i>No one ever spoke the way this man does – the place of humour in Jesus' teachings</i>
Session 15 11:20 - 12:30 pm	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sermon by Peter Barfoot</b> <i>Jesus of Alexandria</i>
Lunch	12:30 - 1:30
Session 16 1:30-2:30 pm	<b>Forum: Speakers Panel</b> <i>This is your opportunity to ask questions of all the speakers and engage in discussion with them</i>
Session 17 2:45-3:45 pm	<b>Closing Keynote - Frank Selch</b> <i>The Kinsman Redeemer</i>
Close 3:45 pm-4 pm	Where to from here - closing comments

## **Our foundations**

Our aim is to promote Abrahamic faith in the one true and living God, faith in His only begotten Son, Messiah Jesus, and in the coming, literal, Kingdom of God (Isaiah 11; Isaiah 65:17-25).

1 Cor 8:6: *"For there is one God, the Father from whom all came and for whom we live, and one Master Jesus, the Messiah, through whom all came and through whom we live."*

1 Tim 2:5: *"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Messiah Jesus."*

We affirm the Shema of Israel (Deut 6:4-7), understanding it in the same way as the Hebrews; as also did Jesus (Yeshua), the Galilean, from Nazareth. (Mark 12:29; Luke 10:27)

We hold dear the mission statement of Jesus, expressed in Luke 4:43 and Mark 1:38 that his purpose was to announce the good news of the Kingdom of God. We therefore also hold dear his call to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matt 6:33)

# Presentation Outlines



## Session 1: Opening Keynote - Greg Deuble

### Restoration Fellowship: Raised Up For Such a Time as This!

What are the core beliefs of the Restoration Fellowship?

Are they relevant and pertinent to today's secular society? Is our voice just another confusing noise amongst a host of religions and beliefs? Are we to believe the majority of Church pronouncements that unless we subscribe to the traditional and so-called orthodox doctrines that we are without hope of salvation ... and dare we say it, heretics?

Not at all! I will prove from solid historical grounds, from the best of scholarship, and from the Scriptures themselves, that what we are saying is apostolic, reasonable, in line with a host of veritable and respected Bible scholars, and has sound Biblical exegesis at its base. We stand in the best of historico-grammatical tradition.

Above all we give God His rightful place as the "one, true God" (John 17:3). We give Jesus his proper place as the Son of God, uniquely conceived by God's miraculous power, now exalted to the Almighty's Right Hand. We teach that the Gospel-word of Jesus and his apostles concerning the coming Kingdom of God on a renewed earth ruled by Jesus and his resurrected people. This word brings life and liberation to those who respond in humility and obedience to His Spirit's call.

Our message is the one message desperately needed for the Church Catholic that is terminally ill and for a secular society that is desperately groping for solid answers.



## Session 2: Keynote - Frank Selch

### The Elohim of Yeshua

The creed of Yeshua was the creed of his ancestors: 'Shema Israel...'; a fact clearly expressed by him. In order to understand the faith of Yeshua, we need to understand the Holy One of Israel from the perspective of those to whom He revealed Himself in the first place. If we deem ourselves to be TRUE followers of Yeshua, we have to enter in to the graftedness spoken of by Paul that we may be able to declare the true God to the world – so grossly misrepresented by the pagan term g-o-d.



## Session 3: Steve Cook

### The Cross and the Kingdom: salvation and atonement in Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom

The Gospel writers are clear that Jesus came preaching "the good news of the Kingdom". However, He said very little about His own death, never used the word "atonement", and He said nothing about how His death on a cross could bring salvation.

Yet the cross was at the core of Paul's Gospel and is central to the message of the Christian church. This session will explore the role of the Cross in the Gospel of the Kingdom, and the place of personal salvation in the teachings of Jesus.

## Session 4: Faith Stories

Brief outlines of the faith journeys of some of our 'truth seekers'.



### Session 5: Paul Herring

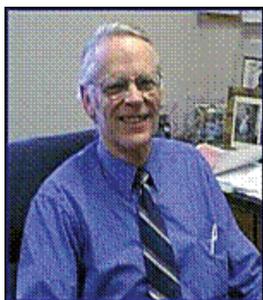
#### The new Heaven & the new Earth – Life in the Kingdom

We read "Seek first the Kingdom of God ..." (Matt 6:33, Luke 12:31).

Why? If you don't know what the Kingdom of God is and what its value is why would you seek it first?

I wish to try to answer this question in some depth in this presentation. I will focus on what we can learn from Scripture about the time AFTER the 'new heavens and new earth' have been created and we inhabit them without end.

What does the Bible tell us about what the new Earth will be like; what and who will we be like; and what will we do!



### Session 6: Public Keynote - Prof. Sir Anthony Buzzard

#### Our journey through the minefield of the church.

The problem with biblical ignorance and the vacuum it provides is that it enables the cult to take over the mind of sincere seekers. Thus we have to weave our way through the denominations and try to see who is sounding like Jesus and who is not. There are various "complexions" to the churches: some very much into feeling, others more into thinking. But common to them all is the assumption that the Reformation really recovered the spirit and mind of Jesus the Messiah.

Many scholars know that this did not happen, but the public knows little of this. So what went wrong? How can we now do better and learn from our mistakes and those of others?

What really is the essential Gospel of Jesus and what are the extremes, liberal and legalistic, to be avoided? Can we pass on to our next generation a faith that reads the Bible with delight and intelligence?

### Session 7 Keynote - Frank Selch

#### Yeshua – The Son of God

Until the rise of Islam it did not seem necessary to have to go into great detail about who Jesus was. Most Christians understood him to be the Son of God- even if it meant seeing him as part of a trinity of divine beings. Islam clearly states that Allah has NO SON. This is now the plumb-line for the whole world. The difference between the two religions can only be decided on this issue, for with this issue Christianity stands or falls. Linked to this is the rest of the world, because nearly 50% of the world's inhabitants belong to either of these two belief systems. In addition to this, Palestinianism declares that the Jesus of the NT is/was NOT Jewish, but Palestinian.

Just as we need to go back to our deepest roots in order to understand who our Creator is, Gentile Christianity has to restore Jesus to his people, in order that they may recognize him and take him back into the family of Abraham.

## **Session 8: Keynote - Anthony Buzzard**

### **The often neglected keys to understanding the Bible and reading it with delight and confidence**

There are some basic definitions which must be established if we are to read Jesus in his Jewish context. We need to know how the different authors all majored on the same single and all-important subject: how to go for immortality in the coming Kingdom.

What seed is the only seed worth having and how does much traditional church keep us away from that seed? If our eternity is at stake, should we not carefully consult the masters of immortality, Jesus and his apostles? What does it mean to be saved?



## **Session 9: Mark Scull**

### **The last Word's of Moses**

Highlights of the last two years in the Wilderness from Kadesh Barnea, and the death of Aaron through the way of the wilderness and the drama on the plains of Moab.

## **Session 10: Paul Herring**

### **And you shall love the LORD your God...**

### **Living The Way - walking the Path of the Circumcised Heart**

In this presentation I wish to look at the second half of the 'Creed of Jesus' and what it means to love God, our Father with all our being. I do not want to prescribe details of what we should do and what legalities we should follow, however, I do want to challenge you not to be complacent in your walk; to perhaps re-evaluate your priorities and to open your eyes, I hope, to consider that God may be calling you to a more challenging path.

So this session will look at the second part of Jesus' creed; the action part; the doing part; the obedience part.



## **Session 11: Cliff York**

### **Who Shall Dwell On Your Holy Hill**

Who among us does not want to hear those beautiful words recorded as being uttered by the King to His family, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the Joy of your Lord."

None of us want to hear those "other" words - dreadful to the ear and devastating to the heart - "Depart from me... I never knew you..."

Our relationship to the Son will determine the sort of words which will ultimately be spoken to us. Those receiving the joyous words of the King have built a special family relationship with Him today. The "other" words are spoken to those who the King does not recognise as being part of His family.

Our actions (and just as importantly, our reactions) toward others today, reveal what manner of words the King will speak to us tomorrow. We all wish to stand with Him on the Holy Hill of Zion when the new Kingdom Day dawns... but the question remains... "Who shall dwell on your Holy Hill?"

Will we hear His tender words of love and acceptance?... or will we be exposed to words we would rather never hear? We determine today, what words we will hear tomorrow. Let us meet the challenge.

## **Session 12: Public Keynote - Greg Deuble**

### **The Resurrection and its Political Implications**

When the first-century Christians announced that Jesus was alive after his brutal crucifixion they ran foul of Rome. Caesar's hitherto undisputed Lordship was now itself fatally undermined forever.

Caesar was Lord in that world because he held the power of the sword. Death was his ultimate weapon. Capital punishment his ultimate victory. However, the bold Christian confession "Jesus is Lord" was a confession that shook the very suppositions of Roman society. The doctrine of the resurrection was revolutionary. It put the Christians on a collision course with Roman law and society. Caesar and Jesus represented two different worlds, two opposing regimes.

Indeed there is a growing body of scholarship that says we cannot truly appreciate the New Testament writings until we read them against an understanding of the Imperial cult. In this session I will explore the why and the how of this revolutionary new faith. Particularly, I will show how we need to recover the doctrine of Jesus' bodily resurrection if we are ever to seriously revolutionize today's society as our early forebears did.

## **Session 13: Mark Scull**

### **The Visions of Splendour**

The Visions of the saints coming from the wilderness were foretold in the Journey of Moses and memorialized in the Psalms. These vision are the keys to understanding the work of Christ with the saints preceding his soon coming arrival at Jerusalem and revelation to Israel the Nation.

## **Session 14: Steve Cook**

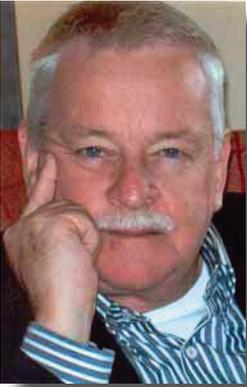
### **No one ever spoke the way this man does – the place of humour in Jesus' teachings**

Jesus was a popular speaker – huge crowds followed him, sometimes for days. Apart from the interest in his miracles and healings, and the subject of his message, the crowds were also apparently fascinated by the way he taught.

This session will look at Jesus' use of humour and how understanding this technique helps to make sense of some of his "difficult sayings".

## Session 15: Worship Service - Peter Barfoot

### *Jesus of Alexandria*



Firstly, this session will present "From Athens to India": Alexander the Great's conquest of the East; his founding of the Egyptian city of Alexandria and its influence on Jewish and Greek philosophy. Alexander is the first Great bookend.

Secondly, will be a look at "How Christianity Became Christendom": Constantine the Great's conquest of the West; how a Roman Emperor crossed the threshold of the Church; and his influence over it then and now. Constantine is the second Great bookend.

Then we present Jesus of Nazareth ("in the volume of the book it is written of me"), who was born midway between the reigns of the two Greats, how he contrasts with Jesus of Alexandria. I will close with the restoration of the authentic Jesus to the Church (with grace acknowledging that salvation is firstly a believing-heart-event and thereafter an ongoing mind-renewal-process).

## Session 16: Forum: Speakers Panel

## Session 17: Closing Keynote - Frank Selch The Kinsman Redeemer

Yeshua was chosen by the Almighty to be the restorer of the breach made by Adam. The scripture clearly teaches that only a kinsman could redeem

- any one from poverty who was unable to redeem his inheritance, it was the duty of the kinsman to redeem it (Leviticus 25:25,28; Ruth 3:9,12).
- redeem his relation who had sold himself into slavery (Leviticus 25:48,49).

The idea of a kinsman-redeemer was established back in the Old Testament and is also brought forward into the NT. Unless Yeshua was born of a woman, and thus was a human being like all of us, he would not have had the right to redeem any of us. However, in order to pay a price that no man could pay (Ps. 49:7-9) our redeemer had to have sufficient spiritual capital behind him to meet that purchase price and that required a divine infusion unobtainable by any other means than by a direct action of the Creator Himself upon the human race over a long period of time.

Without his divine origin, Yeshua would not have had the power; it is these two factors which need to be revisited and held in tension.

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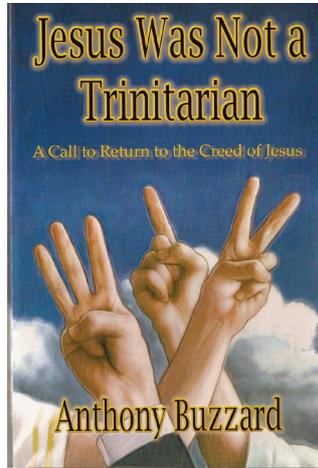
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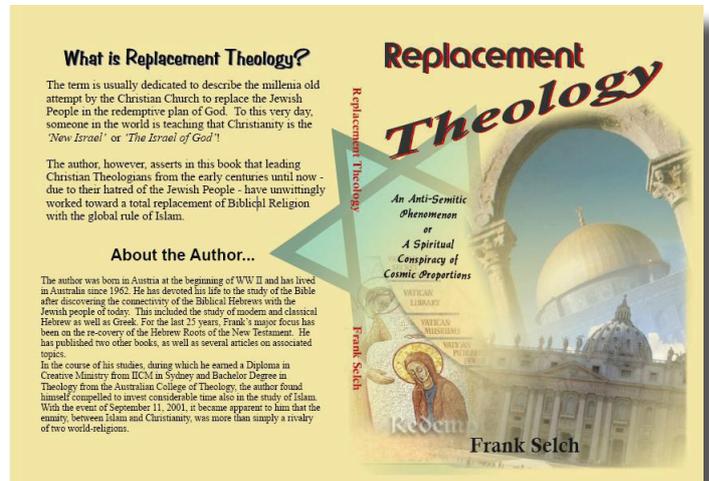
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