

LIFE THROUGH THE LENS



“FILL ‘ER UP MATE”

Once, service stations had attendants who would ask, “How much mate?” Generally, the reply was “Fill ‘er up mate”. Then came press buttons; “one dollar”; “five dollar”; “ten dollar”; “fill” or “reset”. Now very specific dollar amounts can be punched in.

Think about this:

Daily God stands by you and offers a total fill-up of his love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (see Galatians chapter five verse twenty-two and twenty-three) But do we say “Thanks! Fill me up mate!” OR?

“No thanks – don’t need your “love” today. I’m fine”.

“Joy?” Well yesterday was a bit down. Maybe today I’ll have a bit”.

“School holidays start next week. Yes! Could do with some “peace”.

“Patience”? Don’t believe my family. I have the patience of Job – whoever he is”.

“Goodness”? Do you know how many clubs I support? Plus, I go to church almost every Sunday, so I guess we can “pass” on that.

“Now about “faithfulness”? Not sure? Faithfulness about what? Faithful to who?”

“I suppose, “gentleness” and “self-control” probably go together; may help me get on with others. Yeah! I’ll have a “top up”. Shouldn’t need much”.

“Now: what do I owe you?”

GOD: *“Well actually, when nailed on “that cross”, my son, Jesus, paid for everything. A small hint: You may need a bit more of what I’m offering than you think. Perhaps have a good look at yourself and come back to me. I’m always here. As for “STOP DELIVERY” That’s not me!”*

Cheers,

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