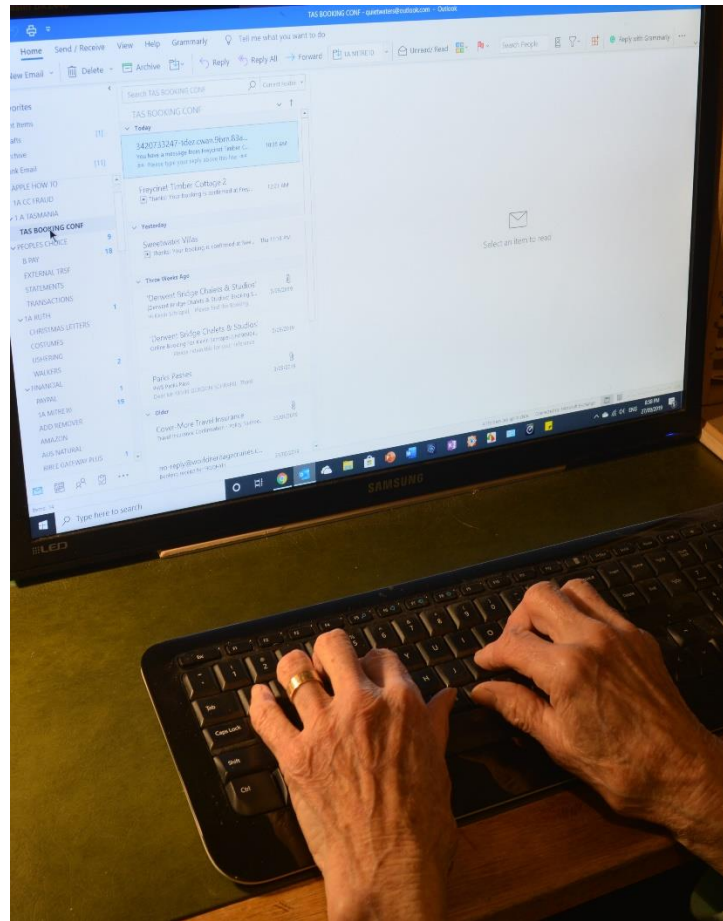


“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



GOD WANTS US TO UNDERSTAND

People may not always understand what we are saying.

Using a common language does not guarantee we will be fully understood.

I recently dictated my email address over the phone to a friend in another state. Knowing she does not have a computer and is not, “tech. savvy”, I spelled the address just as I normally do: fred_f@woolymail.com.au (Of course this is not my address so don't bother trying it) To check she had it right she spelled it back to me. This what I got:

F R E D U N D E R S C O R E F A T W O O L Y M A I L D O T C O M D O T A U

To my shame, I almost burst out laughing. I realised it was the way I gave the address that caused the confusion, not my friend's lack of knowledge about emails. I explained about email addresses. Then we had a good laugh.

I think this is similar to why God sent Jesus to mix with people.

Over many generations God talked about love, caring and forgiveness. It appeared people could not understand what God was saying. Eventually, God sent His son Jesus so we not only hear about love, caring and forgiveness, but experience unconditional love and forgiveness without confusion or misunderstanding. Jesus “showed” what ultimate love is. How? When Jesus suffered and died at the hands of His enemies, He was doing this so we can have God as a friend in our lives. You might say, “I don't need God, I don't believe in God.” If you ever change your mind you don't have to remember a complicated email address. Just tell him, “God I'm ready to listen and talk.

God bless,

Kevin Schrapel.

