



KNOWING YOU ARE WELCOME

When Mr Pants of Bookpurnong (who has visited these pages previously) arrives and if the door is open, strolls right on in. He knows he is always welcome. He belongs to our son and daughter-in-law (more correctly, they belong to him); consequently, he considers himself part of "the family" and makes himself right at home.

Consider; This is precisely how our loving God wants us to feel if we feel a need to visit and enjoy his company. The difference is, we don't have to wait or hope the door is open. He has promised the door is always open, He is always available, and we can visit whenever and wherever we wish. Jesus said, **"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:20) He is everywhere, and it means we can talk to Him any time. We can listen with heart and mind, and what He might be saying, to you personally, for your life through His Word.

He also calls us His children. Put simply; you can be part of His family and enjoy His special, forgiving love. Why? Because anyone who trusts Him and the love he showed by asking His Son, Jesus, to die for us, He calls "His Children". That's it. If God says it, then that's what it is. Done deal!

Mr Pants hasn't done anything special. We all just love him and count him as part of the family, and we love it when he comes to stay. His welcome is an accepted part of our family life. **"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us"** (1 John 3:16).

God's loving welcome, Jesus' loving welcome, can be an accepted part of your life. Believe it. Accept it. Live it.

Have a full life,

Kevin