

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



NOT RUBBISH IN THE GUTTER

It had been raining, and this mass of incredible shape and colour was banked up against the side of the kerb. This assortment of autumn leaves was headed for oblivion down the stormwater grate. But there was an intervention. The rain stopped, and something beautiful and unique was created.

What was at one-time individual leaves, which no one would have even glanced at, was now a work of art created by the one the Bible calls "The Creator" – God. I can imagine the one who designed the different patterns and colours of leaves pausing and looking at the bunch of soggy leaves in the gutter by the town hall and thinking, "That looks good! Yeah, I'm proud of that!"

How often do you feel like that soggy mass of leaves, pushed along by life with no control and an imagination that says, "For ME, there is little or no future, probably finish up being flushed into worthless oblivion."

Hey! Let me tell you the God of creation, the same one who decided the individual colours of each autumn leaf. The patterns on the wings of each butterfly, He also took care in planning and designing you. Not just the parts that can be seen, but more importantly, what makes you uniquely "YOU". He knows what others may not see in you. The ability to care, to feel and share joy and sometimes, when needed, support others in times of sadness.

We all "mess up" sometimes, and it is natural to think, "How could God or anyone else think I am of any value?" These are the times to talk to God about it, admit you need his love and support and remember his words in the Bible where he tells us, "God loves the world (that includes you) so much that he gave up his one and only son, and whoever believes him and his forgiving love will always have God's love in their life forever". (John 3:16)

Sometimes when things appear to go wrong, we might ask, "Does He still care for me?" He does. He might be saying, "You and your happiness are so precious to me! The thought of you leaving my loving care is causing me much sadness. Please stop and think about your life. Please talk to me about what is happening in your life. Don't be afraid to ask for my help".

May this loving and caring God give you a great week,

Kevin.