

Message in a Bottle

Hello!

This message in a bottle is for you, who found it and picked it up. A message in a bottle is a form of communication whereby a note is sealed in a bottle and released into the sea, a river, creek or a lake. Normally, such messages are not intended for a specific person, but to end up wherever the currents carry them. Because of their simplicity they are often associated with people that were shipwrecked and got stranded on a deserted island, attempting to be rescued.

However, this message in a bottle is a different one. It is a free service offered at the Truth event, arranged by Oulu's Christians on 11.8.2007. The message includes three verses from the book of Christianity, the Bible. Please take the time to read them. If you have a Bible at hand, you can also read the entire chapter. Reflect on the verses for a little while. God addresses you through his Word. He wants to bring you into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and/or strengthen you and give direction ;-)

If you are in the mood and have time, join the Truth event downtown Oulu. There is a programme for the whole day in the city centre, for example, music, dance, theatre, prayers, games and testimonies on the streets and at stages on Rotuaari (Oulu's pedestrian area) and the market square.

Also, feel free to visit the stand of the International Christian Fellowship of Oulu (ICFO) in the Otto Karhi park (city centre) from 11:00 - 18:00. You can return the bottle there and get refreshments. If you wish, you are also welcome to chat with Christians there, and find out more about Jesus.

Last but not least, you can keep the bottle and message as a memory. Or, here's yet another idea: put the bottle and message back where you found it. Eventually, to avoid littering, the bottle will be collected in the next few days.

Romans 10:13

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

1 Timothy 2:4-6

"God wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men."

[+ 1 additional verse from the Bible, related to water, rivers, lakes or the sea. Here are a few examples:]

Micah 7:18-19

"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry for ever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea."

James 1:5+6

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."

John 7:37+38

"Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."