

# 1. Introduction

This product is designed for listeners of Christian inspirational and educational programs. Christian radio and tv programs, church devotionals, and internet exclusive audiocasts all provide programming that is featured on Christian Ipod. Hour of Power, Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyer, Max Lucado, Creative Pastors Ed Young are among a growing number of ministries that produce audio and videocasts. Often these podcasts are internet-ready versions of there television and radio shows.

Some podcasts are released daily, others weekly and others at yet other intervals. Each podcast would normally require that you find it's code and enter into a podcast receiver . To find all of the podcasts and enter there codes would be a rather long and tedious process and you are not guarenteed to unintentionally download undesirable podcasts that have been misleadingly marked.

Then, you'd have the tough task of weaving through each podcast without the aid of an updated programming guide that would give you daily and weekly program listings to help you decide which programs to listen to.

***The Messenger*** is a safe, ready-to-use podcast receiving device that takes all the work and potential danger out of having a Christian oriented digital audio retriever, recorder and library.It's like having a TIVO for your Ipod or other MP3 device that seeks out the best Christian programming.

All you need to do is download a small file that will install on your desktop. This file contains your ***The Messenger*** podcast receiver device . It will work in the background and retrieve, as they become avaiable, all of your favorite Christian audiocasts. You will never need to hit a single button.

When you want to listen to one or more them, you can listen to them directly from the program menu on your desktop or transfer them easily to your Ipod or Mp3 player.

Think of your copy of ***The Messenger*** as something like a TIVO for the internet. It knows what kind of programming you like and specifically searches for, finds, and records those programs. Everything remains stored electronically and sorted in an easy to use menu.

Literally, your ***The Messenger*** can hold hundreds of ours of Christian audio and video programming.\*(the amount of programs stored in your ***The Messenger*** does not significantly effect the disk space used in your computer.)

## 2. Getting Started

After you have ordered your *The Messenger* podcast receiver with lifetime license and subscription to our online programming guide for a one time fee of \$9.95, you will be ready to make a one-click installation and start listening right away to your favorite Christian audiocasts.

To begin receiving the Christians Podcast shows, you need to download and install *The Messenger* podcast receiver on your computer.

### 2.1 Requirements

The Messenger requires the following in order to work properly in your system. Make sure your system meets the minimum requirements before you install the software.

#### Software

Operating Systems: Windows 2000 or Windows XP Audio Playback: Windows Media Player or iTunes

#### Hardware

Free Disk Space: 100 MB RAM: 256 MB

### 2.2 Installation



After you have downloaded the *The Messenger* installer an icon that look likes this will then appear on your desktop., .Double click on it to commence the Installation. If you cannot remember where you downloaded / saved the installer try a Search on your computer files and folders for The Messenger\*Setup.exe

Once you locate the installation file, double click on it.

The installation process will begin, and you can see the *The Messenger* Setup Wizard window

Click on the Next button and then read the License Agreement. You need to agree to the License Agreement by clicking the “I Agree” button in order to continue with the installation.

Next you have to choose the location on your hard disk drive where *The Messenger* will be installed. By default it will create a folder named “*The Messenger*” within the Program Files folder and place all needed files for the software to operate in there. We recommend you don't change the default destination folder unless you know what you're doing. Click on the Next button.

Now is time to Choose Components. Here you can tell the Setup Wizard to create a shortcut to **The Messenger** on your desktop by leaving the check box next to that option checked. If you also check the option “Add to Startup Group”, The Messenger will be started every time to boot your computer.

Click on the “Install” . On the final screen you are informed that the installation process is completed and you have the option to Run **The Messenger** and view the useful Readme file when you click on the “Finish” button.

Congratulations, you now have **The Messenger** running on your system and are ready to get all of your favorite Christian audiocasts and video delivered to you!

## 2.3 Starting The Messenger

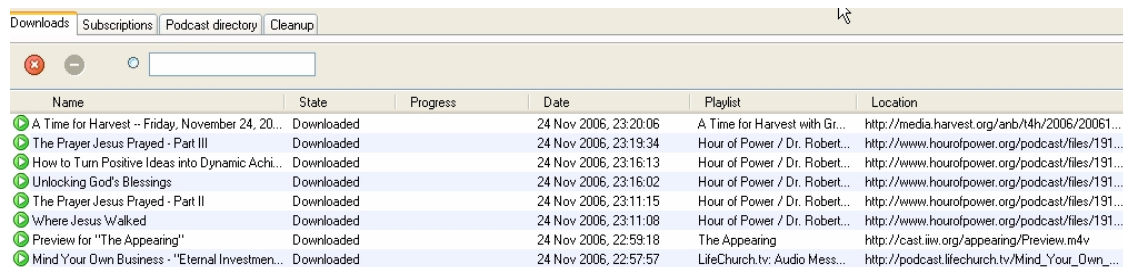
You can easily start The Messenger by either double clicking on the **The Messenger** shortcut icon on your desktop, or if you opted not to have one, by clicking on the **The Messenger** shortcut located in the Start -> All Programs -> The Messenger group.

A splash screen featuring the **The Messenger** Dove logo will appear and the software will appear on your screen.

## 3. The User Interface

The **The Messenger** User Interface is organized in Tabs. There Tabs provide one-click access to different sets of information and control tools over the **The Messenger** software. The next few pages will introduce you to this environment and will guide you into gaining absolute control over your Podcasting experience.

### 3.1 Downloads



| Name   | State      | Progress | Date                  | Playlist                      | Location  |
|--|------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| A Time for Harvest -- Friday, November 24, 20... | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:20:06 | A Time for Harvest with Gr... | http://media.harvest.org/anb/4h/2006/20061...   |
| The Prayer Jesus Prayed - Part III               | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:19:34 | Hour of Power / Dr. Robert... | http://www.hourofpower.org/podcast/files/191... |
| How to Turn Positive Ideas into Dynamic Achi...  | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:16:13 | Hour of Power / Dr. Robert... | http://www.hourofpower.org/podcast/files/191... |
| Unlocking God's Blessings                        | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:16:02 | Hour of Power / Dr. Robert... | http://www.hourofpower.org/podcast/files/191... |
| The Prayer Jesus Prayed - Part II                | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:11:15 | Hour of Power / Dr. Robert... | http://www.hourofpower.org/podcast/files/191... |
| Where Jesus Walked                               | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 23:11:08 | Hour of Power / Dr. Robert... | http://www.hourofpower.org/podcast/files/191... |
| Preview for "The Appearing"                      | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 22:59:18 | The Appearing                 | http://cast.iiw.org/appearing/Preview.m4v       |
| Mind Your Own Business - "Eternal Investmen...   | Downloaded |          | 24 Nov 2006, 22:57:57 | LifeChurch.tv. Audio Mess...  | http://podcast.lifechurch.tv/Mind_Your_Own_...  |

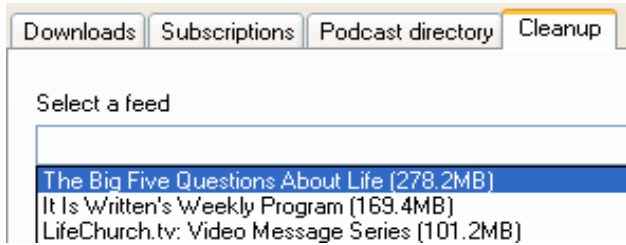
First Tab from the right is Downloads. Here **The Messenger** lists the various Podcast episodes you may be downloading at

any given time. Separate types of information are provided on 6 different columns, while information on each download is grouped in a row.

In the Downloads Tab , you can see the Podcast episode's Name, State, Progress, Date, Playlist association and Location on the Internet.

In addition, the Tab's Status Bar displays information as to how many downloads are in progress, and the upload/download speed of the files. In the Status Bar of the window, live information on what *The Messenger* is currently doing and what it results to are provided (Such as scanning a number of feeds).

You can select items in the Download tab by clicking on them (Select multiple items by holding down the Ctrl or Shift keys), and then Remove or Cancel them with the red "x" and "—" buttons (Image 3.1.2). You can even search the Download List by entering search terms in the available text box next to these buttons and pressing the "Enter" button.

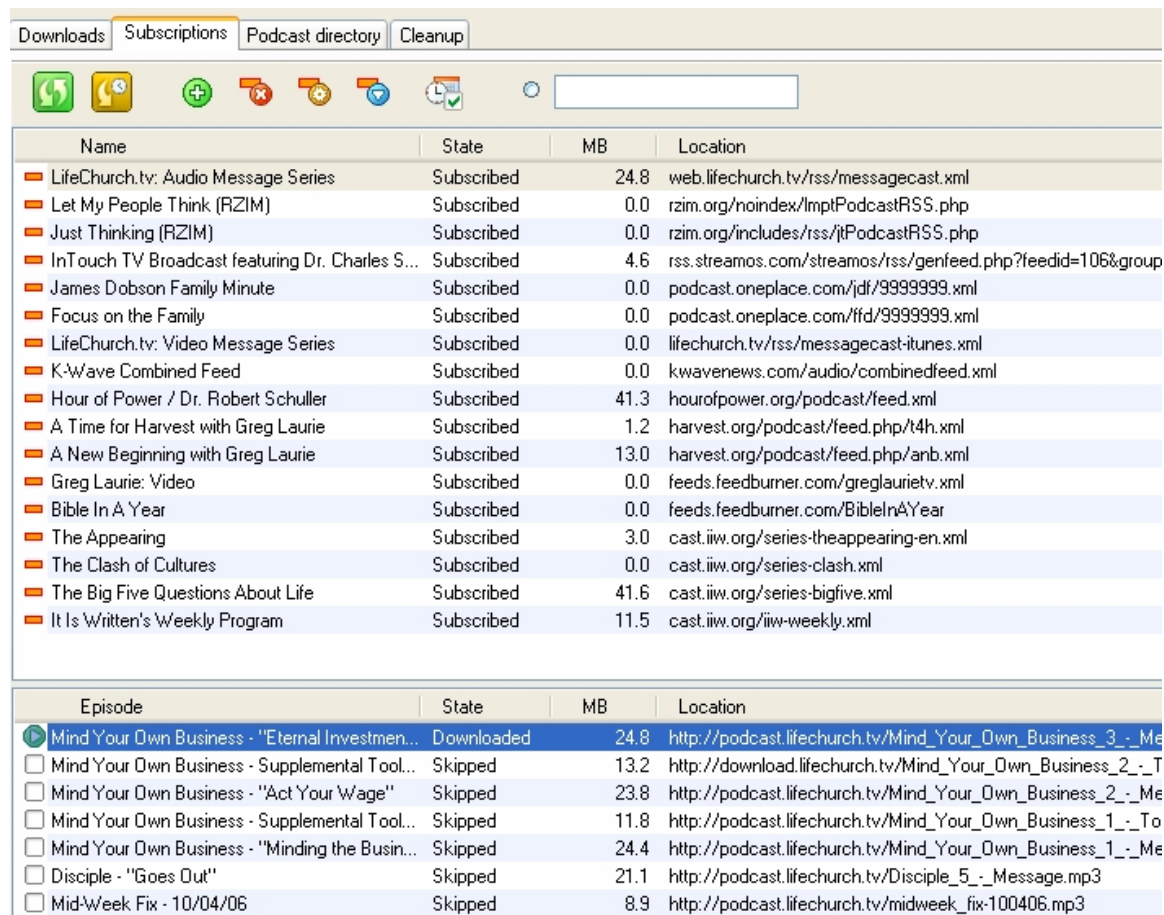


Removing a download from the Downloads Tab will not delete the downloaded or partially downloaded file from your computer. To do this you need to use the Cleanup Tab.

If you right click on a Download from the list, you will see a pop-up menu with the options to play an Episode in your chosen Player software, remove the download from the list with "Clear selected items", or check any available information on it with "Show Notes".

### 3.2 Subscriptions

The Subscriptions Tab is key to the application. *The Messenger* is a fully preloaded, easy to use podcast receiver that you can use to listen to the best Christian audiocasts available today on your Ipod or Computer,



without having to do any searching, entry of codes, etc.

Just click on this tab whenever you want to access your extensive library of Christian broadcasts.

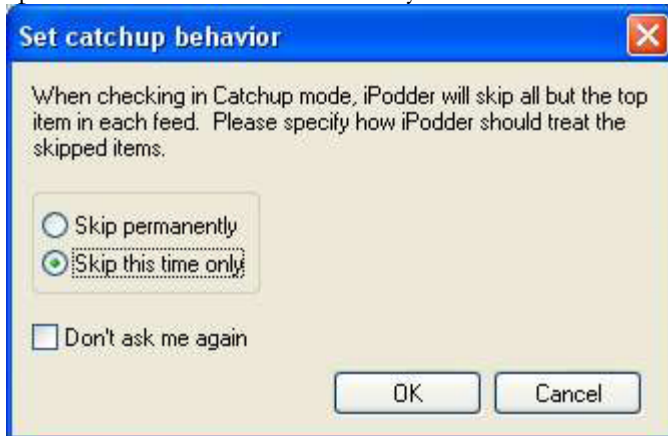
### 3.2.1 The Subscriptions Tab buttons from left to right



1) **“Check for new podcasts”**. Clicking this first button will tell The Messenger to check all the Podcast feeds you have listed (subscribed), for new Podcast Episodes.



2) **“Catch-up”**. Clicking the second button tells The Messenger to only download the last new episodes from the Podcast feeds you have subscribed to.

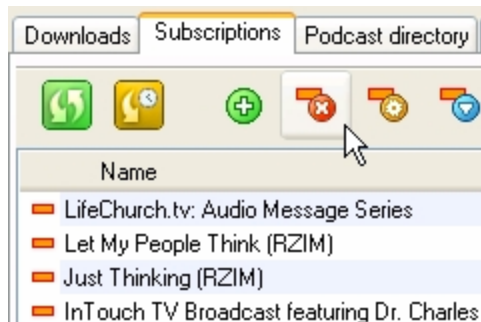
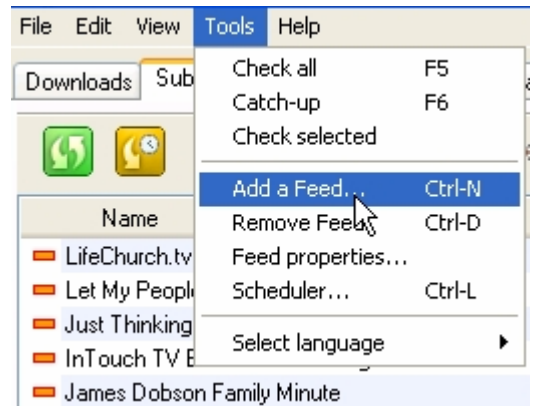


1. This is called “Catch-up” and a pop-up window will ask you whether you want to skip other (previously available, not the latest) episodes you have not downloaded yet permanently or just this once. If you are confident you will never want to change this setting in the future you can check the box next to “Don't ask me again”. This will force Catch-up to perform as you prescribed from then on. (You can change this setting at a later time by going to the File / Preferences / General Tab).

**new feed”** is the third button from the left. Click on it when you know the URL address to a Podcast feed you wish to subscribe to. A pop-up window will open, and will prompt you to enter the Feed's URL.

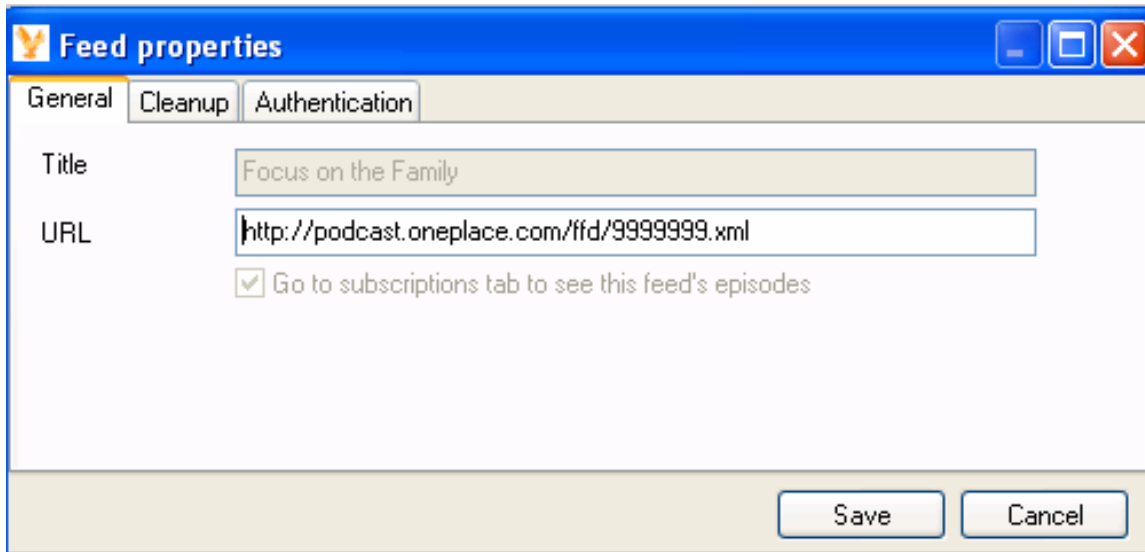
1. Make sure you are connected to the Internet and enter the Feed's URL in the URL box. Then click on the “Save” button. The Messenger will check the feed and enter the Title automatically. Optionally check and select in how many days after download episodes should be deleted.

3) **“Add**



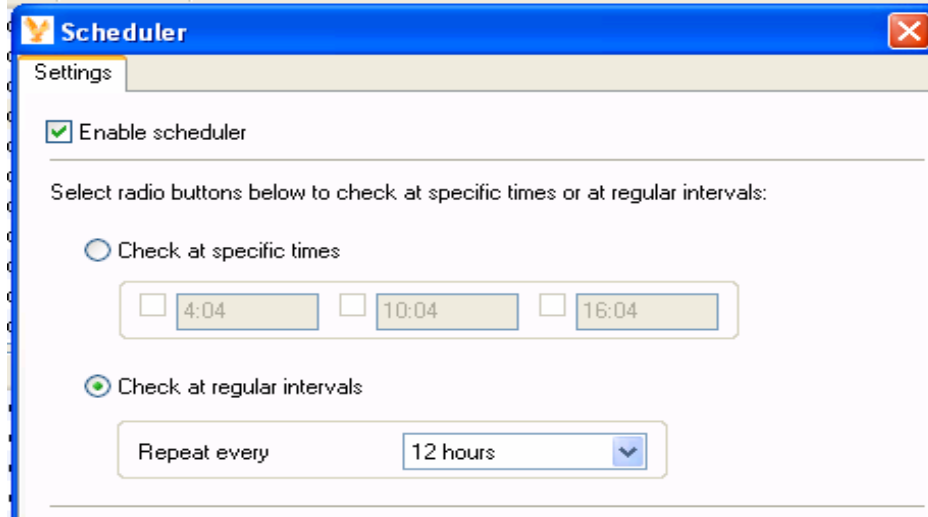
4) **“Remove selected feed”** is the fourth button from the left (one with the red circle / white x) and it will banish the Feed from your Subscriptions. This means The Messenger will not be able to check that Podcast for content again, unless you subscribe to it again! It is important to notice that clicking on an Episode in the lower list and then on the “Remove selected feed” button will delete the Entire Feed and not that particular Episode. You can automatically delete Episodes which are older than any given count of days using the next button (Properties).

5) **“Properties”** is the fifth button from the left and it will display a pop-up window with information on the selected Feed



6) **“Check / download selected feed”** is the sixth button from the left, and if you click it *The Messenger* will scan the selected feed for updates and start downloading new Episodes.

7) **“Scheduler”** is the final button in the series we are discussing and it provides you one-click access to the *The Messenger* Scheduler

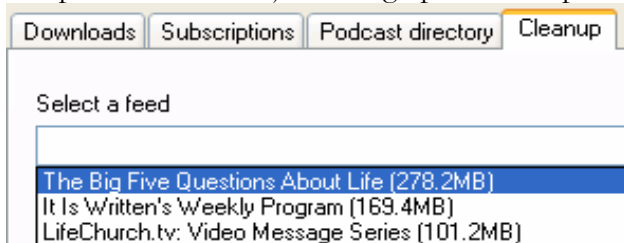


1. The Scheduler gives users a variety of options for setting *The Messenger* to automatically check Feeds for new content and download them, at set times or regular intervals. This means you can either tell *The Messenger* to check for new content at 3 different times during a 24 hour period, or you can set it to check every so on, with options ranging from every 30 minutes to every 12 hours. If you would like to play Podcast shows right after Scheduler has downloaded them, check the available option at File / Preferences... / General Tab.

8) **The text box** next to the magnifying glass on the Subscriptions Tab, is a dynamic search box. This means that as you enter a word, The Messenger will try to match it in Podcast Feeds that are pre-loded and display them in the list below.

### 3.3 Cleanup

**The Cleanup Tab** allows you to clean up your system from all the clutter of Podcast shows you've listened to in the past and are now just taking up valuable space



You can select one of the Podcast Feeds you are subscribed to from the “Select a feed” drop-down menu.

According to the checked options in the “Look for episodes in” box, The Messenger will search for Episodes of that Feed in the “Player library” or / and the “Downloads folder”. All Episodes found there will be

listed in the available box below.

Then you can manually check any Episodes you wish to clean up, or use the “Select all” button and manually uncheck those you wish not to be disturbed by the Cleanup process.

You can also check the options “Delete library entries” or / and “Delete files” according to the type of Cleanup (Delete) you wish to perform.

## 4. Setting Preferences

To open the **“Preferences” window** in *The Messenger*, which allows you to edit / set options for the application, please click on File / Preferences...

The “Preferences” window will appear where you will see six different Tabs each containing options for different parts of the *The Messenger*, giving you maximum control over how the application works and how you enjoy your Podcast Receiving experience.



The “General” Tab, allows you to set the General option relating to the *The Messenger* application. The check boxes in the upper section of this tab, will make the statements next to them true if they are checked by the user.

There you can opt to have *The Messenger* do the following:



### **At startup only show The Messenger in the system tray**

The application stays minimized in a system tray The Messenger Dove icon when it is started.

### **Run a check for new podcasts when the application is started**

Have *The Messenger* automatically check within your subscriptions for new content every time it is started.

### **Play downloads right after they're downloaded**

*The Messenger* will automatically call on your chosen Player to start playing a newly downloaded Podcast Episode.

### **Check for new versions of the application at startup**

This will allow *The Messenger* to check if a new version of the application is available for download. This is better left checked as new versions may offer bug fixes and more functions.

### **Catch-up skips older episodes permanently**

If this is checked, every time you run “Catch-up” in the main Subscriptions Tab, any older than the latest available Podcast Episodes you have not downloaded yet will be permanently skipped by *The Messenger*.

### **Continue running in the background when I close the main window**

If this option is checked, every time you close the The Messenger window (either by the x button, File / Close window, “Ctrl+w” or “Alt+F4”) it will continue to work in the background and stay minimized in an The Messenger Dove icon in the system tray.



To quit the application you would then need to use File / Quit, Ctrl+q, or right click on the The Messenger Dove system tray icon and select “Quit” from the menu. To restore the *The Messenger* window from the system tray, right click on the Dove icon and select “Open The Messenger”.

### 4.1.1 Location and storage management

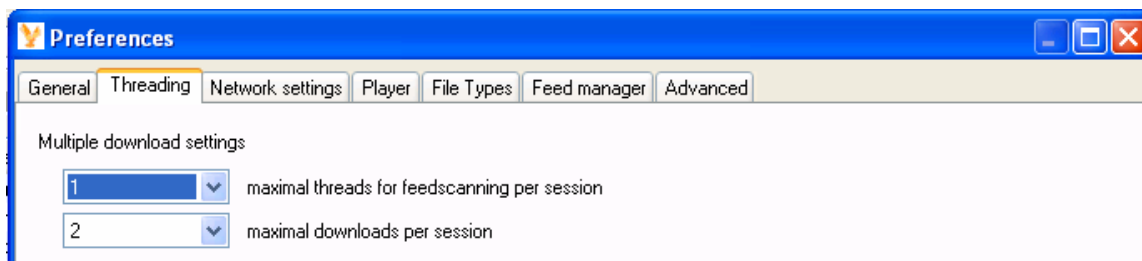
On the lower part of the “General” Preferences Tab, are the “Location and storage management” settings.

There you can set a minimal amount of available space on your hard drive that would trigger *The Messenger* to stop downloading should it ever be reached. This is a nice protective measure against absentmindedly having the free space on your hard drive all taken up by old Podcast Episodes.

Also you can choose the folder into which Podcasts will be downloaded. Remember, *The Messenger* makes new folders automatically for each Podcast you download Episodes from. All these folder and their content will be located where you indicate here. The default option is a wittily named “My Received Podcasts” folder in your “My Documents” folder.

### 4.2 Threading

The Threading Tab allows you to set a number for:



Maximal threads for feedscanning per session  
(Available options range between 1 and 16)

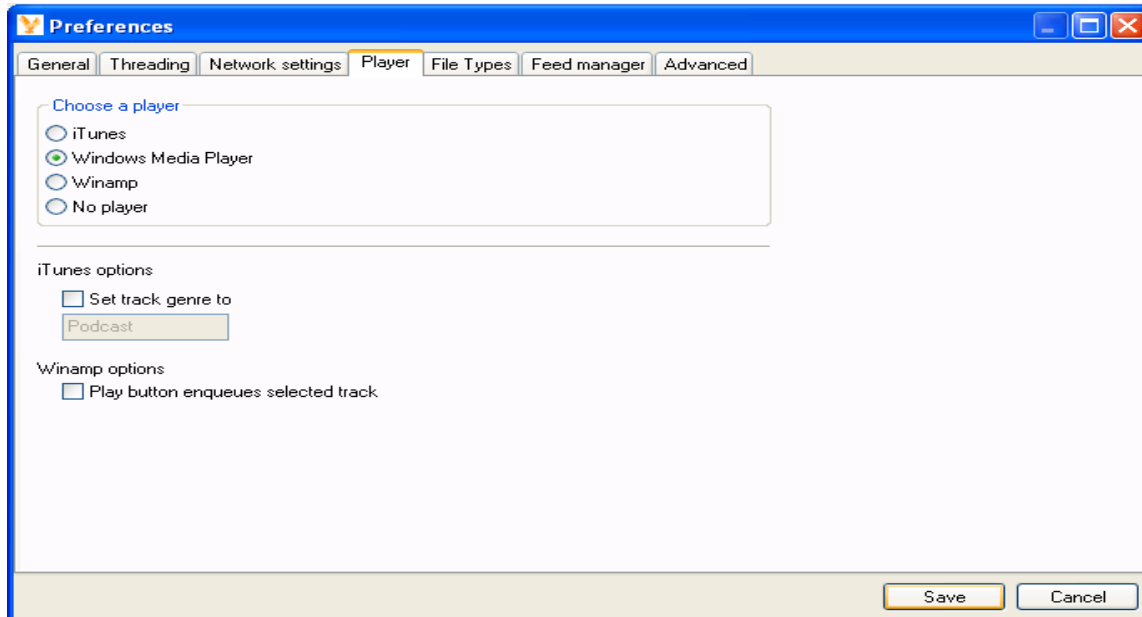
Maximal downloads per session  
(Available options range between 1 and 6)

These setting can be very useful in improving download performance. If your bandwidth allows it you can experiment by changing the defaults and seeing which setting works best for you.

Any changes you make to how multiple downloads are treated should be saved by clicking the “Save” button on the Threading Tab.

## 4.3 Player

The “**Player**” Tab allows the user to pick between iTunes and Windows Media Player for the default Player they want to play and manage synchronization of Podcast Episodes with.



Of course if you want to use one of the listed Players you must first have it installed on your computer. If you want to use a different media manager / player, your best chance is to set the option to “No player” and then *The Messenger* will check with your system for the default media player you are using and use that.

## 5. Other Features

*The Messenger* boasts an easy to use, self explanatory user environment which is under continuous watch for improvements. The more you use The Messenger, you will soon realize which of the several paths, keyboard shortcuts, you can use to do something best suits you. Some of the Features not accessible via the *The Messenger* Tabs but only through the top drop-down menus are explained in this section.

### 5.1 OPML Import / Export

*The Messenger* allows you to import your favorite Podcast Feeds from an OPML file you have stored locally on your computer. Alternatively you can also export your current subscription list on another OPML file for backup purposes, or to use somewhere else.

### 5.2 Language Change

If you would like to change the User Interface language of *The Messenger* to one of the many (more than 15) different locales available, please do the following:

- 1) Click on Tools / Select language, and then on the language of your choice.
- 2) Restart *The Messenger* for the language file to be activated.

### 5.3 Update Checks

To manually check for a more recent version of the *The Messenger* application to the one you are using, click on the “Help” drop-down menu and then choose “Check for Update...”

Keeping your software applications up to date is vital to maintaining an up to speed, safe and enjoyable computer environment!

Also see our main page of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on ChristianIpod podcatcher device.

***May God Richly Bless You!***