

New Life Christian Fellowship

Things look bleak. Dark clouds gather over our economy. Many people's lives are tough.

Is Christmas cheer really balanced by how much we spend in the shops? If so: "The out look is dismal" it says on TV!

The last book in the Old Testament says "... the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays." says the LORD Almighty (Malachi 4).

With 400 years of silence between Old and New Testament, God speaks again. Over 2,000 years ago, God spoke a new chapter, via angels, to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and to a group of shepherds who lived in the fields angels said: "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." (Luke 2)

What is Christmas all about?

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

This is it, Jesus, our reason to celebrate this Christmas. Good news, not just for those shepherds, but joy: "Which will be to all people."

Who is Jesus? Isaiah (Chapter 9) prophesied: "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"

The name describes the man. The name "Wonderful" in original Hebrew was only used to describe God – it is a supernatural name. Jesus is supernatural.

Counsellor: with perfect wisdom Jesus holds the word's of eternal life as God's perfect rescue plan.

Mighty God – Jesus expresses the image of God, is ruler of all, a divine warrior – in one word: Hero.

Everlasting Father – Jesus is the Logos, Alpha and Omega, eternal; no beginning no end.

Prince of Peace – we all need peace, Jesus offers peace that we can't understand. We can experience Jesus' divine Peace in our turmoil. We need to search for this peace, as if it were lost, buried treasure – until we have it.

Christmas is about new beginnings. Jesus is the Day Spring; like the beauty of the dawn sunrise, heralding a new day, bringing brightness in our dark times. "At night we may cry, but when morning comes we will celebrate."(Psalm 30)

Christmas is when Jesus – "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays"

Kilgetty Christmas Carols, with Coffee and Mince Pies – Sunday 18th December - 10.45am – Kilgetty Community Center – All Welcome.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Center, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome. Call 01834 831533/07827293781 if you want to talk or would like us to pray.