

New Life Christian Fellowship 19/10/2012

When the clouds are most dark, the air pressure is high and the wind is rough we know a storm is coming.

In life we face storms, they may gradually creep up on us, or shock us like lightning - are we ever ready to face them?

Genesis records how God sent the ultimate storm. So sickened by the evil things humans were doing, God had had enough and decided to wipe them all out! All except Noah.

God asked Noah to build an Ark. It was huge, big enough to accommodate many, but people refused to listen, so only a few survived the storm.

What about today? Recent news reflects the sickness of mankind, God's anger must burn! We wonder why hasn't God sent another storm to destroy evil again? Because God made a promise, symbolized by a rainbow:

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life." Genesis 9:13-16

In the midst of this messy, sometimes sick, world God shines rays of hope.

The ark door was kept open until the final hour, yet people did not go in. Today Jesus is the door to safety. Without Jesus there is no hope.

God is a God of justice who punishes all wrongs, we all have to stand and give an account to him.

Are any of us faultless? Yet, all can be saved. God's mercy plan is Jesus - he is the covenant. Jesus took the wrath of God, that we should have had, and paid for every wrong thing. Now we all have a way to be spared from God's wrath, but we have to accept it or be shut out from God, forever.

Rainbows appear during and after storms. If your life is dark, you are under pressure and feel like you are inside a tornado ask for help, shout for strength. No matter what the outcome, Jesus can pull you through and give you hope and a reason to carry on.

Go through the door, and hold tight to God's rainbow of hope today.

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New Life Christian Fellowship meet: Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome.

If you want to talk or would like us to pray for you call: 01834 831533 – 07827293781.