

## New Life Christian Fellowship

1. Twinkling lights, tinsel and presents, I love Christmas! But it is frustrating that commercialism and pressure to buy the latest gadgets, drown out the original meaning. Have we forgotten what it's all about?

Over 2,000 years ago an angel visited a young woman, her betrothed husband and a group of shepherds with this message: "Fear not, for I bring good news of great joy, for all people" (The Bible). With a miraculous birth and hundreds of Biblical promises fulfilled: God was born as a man, Immanuel, God is with us. But why?

In the beginning we were made like God, in his image, full of light and truth. But since the first people chose to go their own way, darkness and death entered the world, separating people from God. This is why God became a man named Jesus Christ, which means the saviour. This was God's rescue mission, the good news for all people, and this is what Christmas is all about.

It's a time to celebrate the miracle of God's good news this Christmas. It's time to remember how Jesus humbled himself to become like the one's he created, so he could take our punishment and make us whole again.

Good news is often in short supply. Maybe this Christmas you can take time to receive and celebrate the Good News and remember to thank the saviour for his wonderful act of self giving love.

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