



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Genesis 9:8-17 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

<sup>9</sup> "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

<sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

<sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

<sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

<sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

## Psalms 25:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his  
covenant.

## I LOVE TO TELL A STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in  
glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully  
sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

Even when it feels as if we are being crushed by  
earthly troubles, we can remain joyful. If we keep our  
focus on God, our spirit cannot be trampled.

~ Marv C Neil

## 1 Pt 3:18-22 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to  
death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made  
proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—

<sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God  
waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was  
being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were  
saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes  
baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of  
dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience  
toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's  
right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in  
submission to him.

## Forward Planning:

We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child  
again this year.



If you notice any bargains suitable  
for children 3-14, it might be worth  
setting them aside for the boxes.  
Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all  
suitable.

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Noreen Dobbie as she settles into Alblas Lodge.
- We pray for Fay Monckton and her family. Fay is continuing to care for her daughter in Cessnock.
- We pray for Beth's daughter Tina. She has a number of health issues at the moment.
- We pray for all the people who are having a hard time coping with the hot weather.
- We pray for rain, and for cooler weather.

### Meg's Musings

I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, which has many traditions attached to it.

In some denominations special mid-week services are held, during which the minister traces a cross on everyone's forehead - the ash used is made from the palm leaves used to adorn the church on Palm Sunday the previous year.

In many traditions it is a time to commence Lenten fasting. In some faith traditions, members severely restrict what they eat over the six week period. In other denominations people choose to give up just one type of food - often sweets or a favourite food.

The tradition of fasting grew from the idea that people wanted to simplify their lives, and to focus more on God in the lead-up to Easter.

God is always happy when we choose to focus on Him ..... and we can do that any time, anywhere.



Blessings from Meg

### Mk 1:9-15 (NIV)

#### The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness,

<sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

#### Jesus Announces the Good News

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

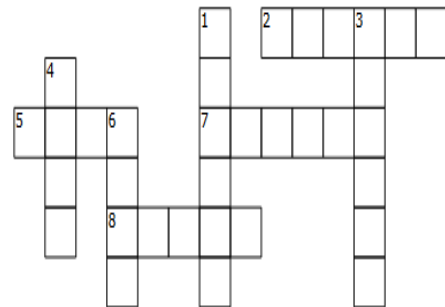
<sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

## The Good News

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Based on Mark 1:9-15, 19-28 (NIV)



### ACROSS

2. The river where Jesus was baptized
5. The man who baptized Jesus
7. Messengers of God
8. A clear, odorless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O

### DOWN

1. The place where God is
3. A dry area with very little vegetation
4. The opposite of bad
6. Information about recent events

Our prayers may be awkward.  
Our attempts may be feeble.  
But since the power of prayer  
is in the one who hears it  
and not in the one who says it,  
our prayers do make a difference.

~~ Max Lucado



Little boy said to the minister:  
"When Jesus is born I get presents.  
When Jesus dies I get chocolate.  
I love Jesus!"

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Whatever we focus our attention on is what will dominate our thoughts (Proverbs 23:7). If our thoughts are dominated by the things of this world then we are going to get worldly results in our lives. We need to focus on God to get godly results.

~ Andrew Wommack



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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