



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Jeremiah 33:14-16 (MEV)

The Davidic Covenant

¹⁴ Surely, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will perform that good word which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

¹⁵ In those days and at that time, will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the earth.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is *the name* by which she will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Psalms 25:1-10 (MEV)

¹ To You, O LORD,

do I lift up my soul.

² O my God, I trust in You;

may I not be ashamed;

may my enemies not triumph over me.

³ Yes, let none who wait on You

be ashamed;

let them be ashamed

who transgress without cause.

⁴ Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

for You are the God of my salvation;

on You I wait all the day.

⁶ Remember Your mercies, O LORD, and Your

loving kindness, for they are from old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth

or my transgressions;

according to Your loving kindness remember me,

on account of Your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore He will teach sinners in the way.

⁹ The meek will He guide in judgment,

and the meek He will teach His way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are loving kindness and truth,

for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

One day about 2,000 years ago an angel named Gabriel appeared to a young Jewish woman named Mary. Gabriel told Mary she would have a son, Jesus, who would be the Son of God! Mary was confused and worried about this sudden news, but she had faith in God and said, "I am the Lord's servant; let it be as you say."

My mother used to say...

It's not what you say, it's how you say it.

And you know what?...

It's not what you do, it's how you do it.

It's not what you see, it's how you look at it.

It's not how your life is, it's how you live it.

~ Sue Fitzmaurice

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (MEV)

⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying earnestly that we might see your face and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all men, even as we do for you. ¹³ To this end may He establish your hearts to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man.... Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."

Why I like Christmas ~ People are actually nicer this time of year and even strangers wish each other well, just like Jesus taught. ~ bibleornot.org



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

27 November ~ **Elijah Debenham**

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Pat Hoyt. Pat has made some improvement, but is patiently waiting for further healing.
- Geoffrey Wicks, Glenda Whittens brother needs our prayer. He has suffered a number of strokes which have severely impacted on his quality of life.
- We pray for Elizabeth Monckton. Her wedding celebrations are on hold, as her husband has been unable to get the paperwork to come to Australia.
- We continue to uphold Bob Forrester in our prayers.

**Real Friendship Is When
Your Friend Comes Over
To Your House And Then
You Both Just Take A Nap**



Are You Ready?

"Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28 (NIV)

Based on Luke 21:25-36



Luke 21:25-36 (NIV)

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;
²⁶ men fainting from fear and expectation of what is coming on the inhabited earth. For the powers of heaven will be shaken.

²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is drawing near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

³⁰ When they are sprouting leaves already, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

³¹ So in like manner, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² "Truly, I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things are fulfilled.

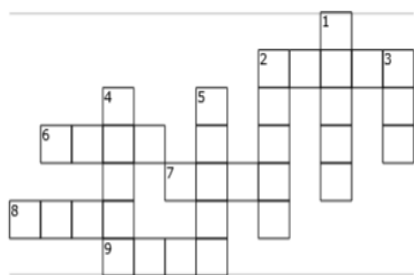
³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴ "Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts become burdened by excessiveness and drunkenness and anxieties of life, and that Day comes on you unexpectedly.

³⁵ For as a snare it will come on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶ Therefore watch always and pray that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."



ACROSS

2. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
6. To make a request to God
7. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
8. To raise from a lower to a higher position
9. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

1. To observe very carefully
2. To rise to an upright position on your feet
3. The earth's source of heat and light
4. The planet on which we live
5. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

CHURCH SERVICES

4 December 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Rev Hansford
 6 December 8.30 am **Gowrie BAPTISM** ~ Meg Mangan
 6 December 11am **West HC** ~ Meg Mangan
followed by luncheon at Doug and Margaret Crowll's

Meg's Musings

Sometimes when our family is travelling we carry a tent and other camping equipment with us. We try to find somewhere suitable to pull up whilst it is still daylight. That makes it far easier to find somewhere pleasant, and it also makes it easier to set up the tent and prepare a meal.

However, sometimes we choose to travel just a bit further before we stop, and we finally run out of daylight before we've found a suitable site. In some of Australia's more remote areas, it can be quite a distance between good camping sites, and all that can be found is somewhere to "make do". Of course it's entirely possible to choose a site, and to set up the tent in the dark.... but it's far more difficult.

At one site we chose in the dark, we woke the next morning and found dingo tracks in the dry creek-bed beside where we had camped – not the spot we should have chosen!!

Sometimes our lives reflect a similar struggle to that of finding a good camp-site in the dark. At times I choose to ignore Jesus' presence, his love and his strength, and live in my own quite limited light. It IS possible to live like that, but it's absurdly difficult. I eventually realise why my life has become such a struggle, and choose to live in Christ's light once again.

Life is much easier when we live in the light of Jesus. My life is so much smoother and richer when I choose to access Jesus' light, wisdom and power. I can see where I'm going, and I know that there is someone beside me, guiding me, and supporting me.

Blessings from Meg



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