

Lifeline Snippets

1st Time Visitors: We welcome specially, all those worshipping with us for the first time today. Please, join us at all our meetings and programmes and God will bless you.

Bible Study: Please, join us every Tuesday this month as Pastor Ade Adejobi teaches on **DESTINY HELPERS**. Don't Miss it!

Boxing Day: Please, join us on Boxing Day this Thursday for the Grand Finale of our **ANNUAL BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION & LOVE FEAST**. Don't miss it! God bless.

Commitment: Don't be a bench-warmer in Church this Year. Be committed! Join a Team of your choice and the House Fellowship nearest your house. It pays to serve Jesus!

Building Project Offerings & Pledges: Please, give generously towards the Church Building Project and be faithful in redeeming your pledge. God is faithful and will bless you.

Birthdays: This month's birthday celebrants should remember their commitment of sponsorship to the Children's Church. May the Lord reward, enrich and bless you abundantly.

Online Sermons: You can listen to Pastor Adejobi's Sermons online at the church website: www.lifelinebiblechurch.com

Tracts: Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use.

Notice Board: Check the Notice Board for more information.

Through The Bible In A Year

Monday, December 23 ----- 1John 3-5
Tuesday, December 24 ----- 2John; 3John; Jude
Wednesday, December 25 ----- Revelation 1-3
Thursday, December 26 ----- Revelation 4-6
Friday, December 27 ----- Revelation 7-9
Saturday, December 28 ----- Revelation 10-12
Sunday, December 29 ----- Revelation 13-15

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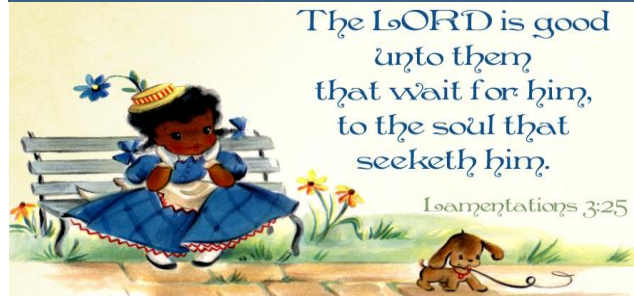
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Life Reflection



HELPFUL HINT



Gather, Grow, Give & Go with Us

Lifeline

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God's Goodness

Jesus is our Lifeline



MOTTO:

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12: 2.

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CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS . Rev. F. E. Valve

The historic record of the birth of Christ can be found in Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-20. Unlike any other baby, the one born that night in Bethlehem was unique in all of history. He was not created by a human father and mother. He had a heavenly pre-existence (John 1:1-3, 14). He is God, the Son - Creator of the universe (Philippians 2:5-11).

This is why Christmas is called the incarnation, a word which means "in the flesh." In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh.

Why would God do such a thing? Why would He come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Why make Himself a true man and live among us, when He knew full well how terrible He would be treated? It was LOVE! Man likes to major in minors. The birth of Christ is more important than the date on which it happened. What is important is to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. The several different practices associated with Christmas has somewhat removed Christ from Christmas. This is sad.

Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift-giving, music, exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal and the display of various decorations; including Christmas trees, lights, garlands, mistletoe, nativity scenes, and holly. In addition, several figures, known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus and Father Christmas, among other names, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season. Since gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity among both Christians and non-Christians, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas is a factor that has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

We must bring Christ back to Christmas. And this must begin with each individual celebrating it. In some parts of the world, it is even becoming offensive to say 'Merry Christmas', they'll rather say 'Happy holiday'. Just imagine! People want to enjoy the good time out of Christmas, but refuse the Saviour and His message.

Preachers of the gospel must push for the return of Christ to Christmas otherwise all our church activity is vain. There is no better time than Christmas to preach the salvation message. There is no better time than now for men to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, I urge you to receive Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, and also make Him known to the world, so that Christ can be in our Christmas.

Jesus is Lord!

Hymn 1

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

CHORUS:

***Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"***

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord: Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth

4. Come, Desire of Nations, come! Fix in us Thy humble home Rise, the woman's conquering Seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place; Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in Thy love.

Life Lessons

"Remember the goodness of God in the frost of adversity." - Charles Spurgeon "God is just , and He is good, and He is solvent." - Matthew Henry "The egg is white though the hen is black as coal...Out of evil comes good, through the great goodness of God." - Charles Spurgeon "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - H. W. Mabie

Merry Christmas!

Hymn 2

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels

CHORUS:

***O come let us adore Him (repeat twice)
Christ, the Lord***

2. Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

Church Programmes

SUNDAY: Worship Service - 9: 00am

TUESDAY: Bible Study - 6: 30pm

THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting - 6: 30pm

1ST FRIDAY: Prayer Vigil - 10: 30pm

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