



THE LIGHT OF
THE WORLD
from prophecy to promise

Reading Plan
9th Dec 2024 – 3rd January 2025



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Generations Hall



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INTRODUCTION

The Light of the World, from Prophecy to Promise

As the Christmas season approaches, we are reminded of the profound truth that Jesus is the promise of God for our salvation. From the earliest pages of the Bible, God's plan for humanity's redemption unfolds. Prophets like Isaiah and Micah foretold the birth of a Saviour, bringing hope to a world longing for deliverance. Their words pointed to Jesus, the child born of a virgin, the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.

John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness, came to prepare the way for the Messiah. His ministry reminds us of our calling today—to prepare the way for Jesus' return. Here at turningpoint, we are committed to sharing this message of hope and salvation with our community, continuing the legacy of faithfulness that echoes throughout Scripture.

This devotional invites you to journey through the Bible's narrative, from the prophecies of the Old Testament to their fulfillment in the New Testament. Together, let's celebrate God's faithfulness, marvel at His perfect plan, and find inspiration to share the good news of Jesus with those around us this Christmas.

May these readings deepen your awe of the One who came, who is with us, and who will come again.



Christmas Blessings,
Phil Cayzer

Monday | 9th December

The First Christmas Promise | Genesis 3:8-15

The story of Christmas doesn't begin in a stable or with angels announcing Jesus' birth—it begins in the Garden of Eden. Humanity's relationship with God was broken when Adam and Eve disobeyed, but God didn't abandon His creation. Instead, He gave a promise—a promise of redemption.

In Genesis 3:15, God speaks to the serpent, foretelling that the "seed of the woman" will crush its head. This cryptic statement is the first hint of the promise of Christmas. The "seed" points to Jesus, born of a virgin, who would ultimately defeat Satan and sin. While the serpent may strike His heel, as seen in the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus, the decisive victory belongs to Christ through His resurrection.

This promise reveals the heart of God—a God who seeks to redeem and restore, even when we fall short. The birth of Jesus, celebrated at Christmas, is the fulfillment of this ancient promise. It's the culmination of God's plan to rescue us and restore what was broken in Eden.

Ponder: How does knowing that God had a plan to save humanity from the beginning shape your view of His love and faithfulness?

Action: Reflect on areas in your life where you need restoration. Bring them to God in prayer, trusting in His redemptive power.

Relevance: Christmas is a celebration of God's faithfulness to His promises. Through Jesus, we have victory over sin and the hope of being restored to God's perfect plan

Tuesday | 10th December

The Promise of Blessing | Genesis 12:1-7

God's promise to Abraham marks a pivotal moment in the story of redemption. In these verses, God calls Abraham to leave his country, his people, and his father's household to go to a land He will show him. Along with this call comes an extraordinary promise: "I will make you into a great nation... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

This promise wasn't just for Abraham; it pointed to a greater fulfillment through Jesus Christ. Abraham's descendants became the nation of Israel, but the ultimate blessing to all nations came through Jesus, a descendant of Abraham. His birth, celebrated at Christmas, brought the hope of salvation to the world.

For us, this promise demonstrates God's faithfulness and His heart for all people. It reminds us that His plan has always been to bring redemption to the whole world. As we reflect on the coming of Jesus this Christmas, we can see that His birth is the ultimate expression of God's covenant with Abraham—an unbroken promise fulfilled in Christ.

Ponder: How does God's promise to Abraham encourage you to trust His plans, even when the way forward seems uncertain?

Action: Take a moment to pray for someone from a different background or culture who needs to experience God's blessing through Jesus.

Relevance: Christmas reminds us that God's promises are for everyone, everywhere. Through Jesus, the blessing of salvation has reached all nations, and we are invited to share in that joy.

Wednesday | 11th December

The Promise of Immanuel | Isaiah 7:10-16

In the midst of political turmoil and uncertainty, God gave a profound sign of hope through the prophet Isaiah: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." Spoken to King Ahaz, this prophecy pointed beyond the immediate context to the ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

The name "Immanuel" means "God with us." It is a declaration that God Himself would enter into our world, not as a distant deity but as one who walks among us, understands our struggles, and brings salvation. This promise was fulfilled centuries later when the angel told Mary she would bear the Son of God, born of the Holy Spirit.

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus' coming is not just about a baby in a manger. It's about God stepping into human history to bring us hope, peace, and the assurance that He is with us in every circumstance. His birth is a reminder that God's promises are true, and His presence is real.

Ponder: What does it mean to you that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us"? How does His presence bring hope in your current challenges?

Action: Spend time this week inviting God's presence into your daily life. Share with someone how Jesus' coming gives you peace.

Relevance: Christmas celebrates the truth that God has not left us alone. Through Jesus, God is with us—yesterday, today, and forever.

Thursday | 12th December

The Promise of a Child | Isaiah 9:2-7

Centuries before Jesus' birth, Isaiah foretold the coming of a child who would change the world. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." These words capture the longing of a broken world, yearning for hope. Isaiah prophesied that a child would be born, bringing light, joy, and freedom.

This child, Jesus, would be no ordinary baby. He is called **Wonderful Counsellor**, offering wisdom and guidance beyond human understanding. He is **Mighty God**, holding divine power to conquer sin and death. He is **Everlasting Father**, whose love and care for His people never ends. And He is the **Prince of Peace**, bringing reconciliation between God and humanity and peace to troubled hearts.

At Christmas, we celebrate the fulfillment of this prophecy. Jesus' birth is the dawn of that great light Isaiah spoke of, piercing the darkness and bringing hope to all who trust in Him. This child, born in a humble stable, is the King whose reign will never end—a reign of justice, righteousness, and peace.

Ponder: How does knowing Jesus as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace shape your understanding of Christmas?

Action: Take time to reflect on which of these titles resonates most with you this season. Share the hope of this prophecy with someone who needs encouragement.

Relevance: Christmas is a reminder that God's promised King has come. Through Jesus, we have light in darkness, peace in chaos, and the hope of eternal life.

Friday | 13th December

The Promise of a Shepherd-King | Micah 5:1-5

Amidst a time of uncertainty and oppression, Micah prophesied a remarkable promise: a ruler would arise from Bethlehem, the smallest and least significant of towns. This ruler would not only lead with authority but also with the care of a shepherd, guiding His people with strength and tenderness.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, born in Bethlehem as foretold. Though His birthplace seemed humble and unlikely, He came as the Shepherd-King who would guide, protect, and save His people. His leadership is unlike earthly rulers. Jesus doesn't seek power for His own gain—He lays down His life for His sheep.

Micah's prophecy also speaks of peace: "And he will be our peace." In Jesus, we find not only peace with God but also a deep, lasting peace that sustains us in life's struggles. His birth marks the arrival of a Kingdom where justice and mercy prevail, and where all who follow Him are welcomed into eternal security.

Ponder: How does seeing Jesus as your Shepherd-King bring comfort and reassurance in your current circumstances?

Action: Reflect on how Jesus has guided you as a shepherd. Consider sharing this with someone who may need encouragement in their faith journey.

Relevance: Christmas is a reminder that God chose the humble to bring forth His plan of redemption. Through Jesus, our Shepherd-King, we find direction, provision, and peace in a chaotic world.



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Details

POINT SEMINAR

31ST JAN - 1ST FEB 2025

Cost

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Monday | 16th December

The Promise in the Family Tree | Matthew 1:1-17

The Christmas story begins with a genealogy—a list of names tracing Jesus' lineage back to Abraham and David. At first glance, it may seem unremarkable, but these names tell a powerful story of God's faithfulness.

Each name in this family tree represents a part of God's redemptive plan. From Abraham, who received the promise that all nations would be blessed through his offspring, to David, whose line would bring forth the eternal King, we see God weaving His purposes through generations.

What's striking is the diversity in this lineage. It includes people like Rahab, a foreigner; Ruth, a Moabite widow; and Bathsheba, whose story is marked by scandal. Yet God used them all to bring about His ultimate plan—Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This shows us that God's grace works through imperfect people and circumstances to accomplish His perfect will.

At Christmas, this genealogy reminds us that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises. He is the King from David's line, the blessing for all nations, and the Saviour who came to redeem every part of our story.

Ponder: How does knowing that Jesus' lineage includes broken and imperfect people encourage you about your place in God's plan?

Action: Reflect on your own family or personal story. Thank God for how He is working through your life, even in imperfect circumstances.

Relevance: Christmas shows us that God's promises are true. Through Jesus, we see that no story is beyond redemption, and every life has a place in His plan.

Tuesday | 17th December

The Promise is Fulfilled: God with Us | Matthew 1:18-25

In the midst of uncertainty and confusion, Joseph found himself at a crossroads. His fiancée, Mary, was pregnant—an unimaginable situation for a man committed to honouring God and his family. Yet, in his doubt, God met Joseph. An angel appeared in a dream, declaring that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be called Jesus, meaning "God saves." This child would not only save His people from their sins but also fulfill the prophecy of Immanuel: "God with us."

This moment wasn't just a message for Joseph; it's a message for us. Jesus' miraculous conception reminds us that God's plans often defy human understanding. His name, Immanuel, assures us that God is not distant but present in our lives, even in our most challenging moments.

At **turningpoint**, we celebrate this truth each Christmas—that Jesus came to save, redeem, and bring God's presence into every aspect of our lives. Like Joseph, we are invited to trust God's plan in everything, even when it doesn't make sense, and to walk forward in faith, knowing that God is with us.

Ponder: How does the name "Immanuel" bring comfort and hope in your current season?

Action: Share with someone today how Jesus has been "God with you" in a difficult time.

Relevance: Christmas reminds us that we are never alone. Jesus' birth is the ultimate sign of God's love and presence, transforming every moment of our lives.

Wednesday | 18th December

The Promise of Preparation | Luke 1:5-25

As we prepare for Christmas, it's easy to focus on the birth of Jesus, but the story also includes someone who came before Him—John the Baptist. In Luke 1:5-25, the angel Gabriel announces to Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth, despite their old age, will have a son. This child, John, would be the forerunner of the Messiah, preparing the hearts of people for Jesus' arrival.

John's role reminds us that God's plans often involve preparation. Before Jesus began His ministry, John was there, calling people to repentance and pointing them toward the Saviour. His life was dedicated to thinking of others, paving the way for them to meet Jesus.

At Christmas, this story challenges us to look beyond ourselves. Like John, we are called to prepare the way for others to experience the hope and joy of Jesus. Whether it's through a kind word, an act of generosity, or sharing the message of Christ, sharing our own story of faith, we can help others encounter the love of God this Christmas season.

Ponder: How can you, like John the Baptist, point others to Jesus this Christmas?

Action: Identify today one person in your life who needs encouragement. Take a moment this week to reach out with kindness and share the hope of Christ.

Relevance: Christmas isn't just about receiving—it's about preparing the way for others to experience God's love. Through simple acts of thoughtfulness, we can bring the light of Jesus to those around us.

Thursday | 19th December

The Promise of God's Good Plan | Luke 1:26-38

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, his announcement must have been overwhelming. A young, ordinary woman from a small town, she was told she would bear the Son of God. Mary's initial reaction of fear and confusion quickly turned to trust as she declared, "I am the Lord's servant."

This encounter reminds us that God's plans for our lives, even when they seem unexpected or daunting, are always good. For Mary, God's plan wasn't easy—it involved social risk, personal sacrifice, and individual responsibility. Yet through her willingness, the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ, came into the world.

At Christmas, we are reminded that God's plans for us are also rooted in His goodness. Like Mary, we may not always understand what He is doing in the moment. But we can trust that His purposes are for our benefit and the blessing of others.

Ponder: How do you respond when God's plans for your life feel overwhelming? Can you, like Mary, trust in His goodness and say, "I am the Lord's servant"?

Action: Reflect on an area of your life where you need to trust God more. Surrender it to Him in prayer, believing in His good plan for you.

Relevance: Christmas is a celebration of God's ultimate good plan to save and bless us through Jesus. Like Mary, we are invited to trust Him and be part of bringing His goodness to the world.

Friday | 20th December

The Promise of Praise | Luke 1:39-56

When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, their shared joy overflows. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, blesses Mary for her faith. In response, Mary bursts into a song of praise—the Magnificat. Her words glorify God for His faithfulness, His mercy, and His promise of salvation for all people.

Mary's song reminds us that praising God is a natural response to His goodness. Despite her challenges and uncertainties, Mary focuses on God's greatness. She celebrates His care for the humble, His justice for the oppressed, and His faithfulness to His promises. Her praise isn't just personal; it's a declaration of God's plan to bless the world through Jesus.

Our times of worship mirror Mary's response. When we gather to sing and glorify God, we declare His faithfulness in our own lives and His promise of salvation for all. Praise lifts our hearts, strengthens our faith, and reminds us that God is at work even in difficult times.

Ponder: How does praising God in community, like at **turningpoint** Church meetings, deepen your gratitude for His faithfulness?

Action: Take a moment to write your own "Magnificat." List the ways God has been faithful in your life and share them with someone this week.

Relevance: Christmas is a season of praise. Just as Mary glorified God for His promise of salvation, we are called to celebrate the birth of Jesus with hearts full of gratitude and joy.

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JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS EVENTS WITH FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS & GRADUATION
CRANBOURNE - 9:00 & 11:00AM
KOO WEE RUP & MORWELL - 10:30AM



SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
KOO WEE RUP & MORWELL - 10:30AM YOUTH SERVICES
LYNDHURST - APPRECIATION SERVICE 10:00AM

SATURDAY 7TH TO SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
CRANBOURNE - LIGHT THE NIGHT
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
CRANBOURNE - YOUNG ADULTS 9:00 & 11:00AM
ALL CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS - APPRECIATION DINNER 4-7PM
LYNDHURST - CHRISTMAS OUTREACH - 10AM

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE Ⓐ
CRANBOURNE | KOO WEE RUP | LYNDHURST | SEAFORD | ROSEBUD

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
CRANBOURNE - CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:00 - 10:00AM



Monday | 23rd December

The Promise Fulfilled Through Prophecy | Luke 1:57-80

The birth of John the Baptist was more than a miraculous event for Zechariah and Elizabeth—it was a fulfilment of God’s prophetic plan. When John was born, Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied about God’s unfolding redemption. He declared that John would prepare the way for the Messiah, the One who would bring salvation and light to those in darkness.

Zechariah’s prophecy points to the heart of Christmas. The coming of Jesus, foretold by generations of prophets, was the fulfilment of God’s promise to save His people. In a world longing for hope, the Messiah would bring forgiveness, peace, and restoration.

At **turningpoint**, when we hear prophecy, it reminds us of God’s active involvement in our lives. Just as Zechariah spoke of God’s plans, we too are called to listen for His voice and declare His truth to those around us. Prophecy brings encouragement, direction, and assurance that God’s promises remain steadfast.

Ponder: How does Zechariah’s prophecy inspire you to trust in God’s promises for your life? Are you open to hearing and sharing His voice in your community?

Action: Reflect on a specific promise or truth from God that has encouraged you. Share it with someone in your church family or community this week.

Relevance: Christmas is a celebration of prophecy fulfilled. Just as God spoke through Zechariah, He continues to speak to us today, revealing His plans and inviting us to participate in His redemptive work.

Tuesday | 24th December

The Promise of a Humble King | Luke 2:1-7

In a small town, in the simplest of settings, Jesus was born. His humble entry into the world was far from the grand expectations many had for the Messiah. Yet, in this quiet moment, Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled. Micah 5:2 had foretold that the ruler of Israel would come from Bethlehem. The timing of Caesar's decree and Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem were no coincidences—they were part of God's perfect plan.

The humble circumstances of Jesus' birth remind us that God often works in ways we don't expect. The King of kings wasn't born in a palace but in a manger. His arrival speaks of a God who values humility, simplicity, and accessibility.

Truly at **turningpoint**, we hold firmly to the truth that prophecy is always fulfilled in God's perfect timing. The birth of Jesus assures us that every promise in God's Word is true, and we can trust Him completely.

Ponder: How does the fulfilment of prophecy in Jesus' birth strengthen your faith in God's promises for your life?

Action: Take time this week to read an Old Testament prophecy about Jesus and its New Testament fulfilment. Share with someone how this affirms your faith.

Relevance: Christmas is a celebration of prophecy fulfilled. The humble birth of Jesus is a reminder that God keeps His promises, and His plans for us are always trustworthy and true.

Wednesday | 25th December

The Promise Announced to All | Luke 2:8-20

On the night of Jesus' birth, a group of shepherds, considered lowly and ordinary, became the first to hear the most extraordinary news. An angel appeared, announcing the birth of a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This wasn't just a royal announcement—it was a declaration of joy and peace for all people.

The shepherds responded immediately, hurrying to Bethlehem to see the newborn King. After encountering Jesus, they couldn't keep the news to themselves. They returned, glorifying and praising God, sharing what they had seen and heard with everyone they met.

Their story reminds us that the message of Jesus is not just for a select few but for everyone. Just as the shepherds announced the good news, we are called to do the same. Whether through words, actions, or acts of kindness, we have the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with those around us.

We at **turningpoint** Church, can take inspiration from the shepherds to proclaim the message of Christmas—Jesus, our Saviour and King—to our friends and community.

Ponder: How can you, like the shepherds, announce the good news of Jesus to your community this Christmas?

Action: Find one way to share the message of Christ, whether through a conversation, a Christmas card, or an act of generosity.

Relevance: The angelic announcement reminds us that Jesus is for everyone. This Christmas let's share the joy and hope of His coming with our community.

Thursday | 26th December

The Word Became Flesh | John 1:1-14

The opening of John's Gospel reveals the profound mystery of Christmas: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Jesus, the eternal Word, through whom all things were created, stepped into our world. He came as the light of the world, shining into the darkness, bringing life and hope to all who receive Him.

This passage reminds us of the incredible truth of Christmas: God didn't remain distant. Instead, He came close, becoming human so we could know Him personally. Jesus' life wasn't just about teaching or performing miracles—it was about showing us the very heart of God.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to testify to this truth in our community. Just as John the Baptist was sent to "bear witness to the light," we are called to share the light of Jesus in a world that desperately needs it. Whether it's through our words, actions, or the way we love others, we have the opportunity to point people to the One who gives life and hope.

Ponder: How can you reflect the light of Jesus in your community, especially during this Christmas season?

Action: Find a way to testify about Jesus this week. Share a personal story of His impact on your life or invite someone to a Christmas service.

Relevance: Christmas reminds us that Jesus, the Word made flesh, is the light that overcomes darkness. Let's shine that light brightly in our community.

Friday | 27th December

The King of all Nations | Matthew 2:1-12

The story of the Magi is a powerful reminder that Jesus came not just for one people group but for all nations. These wise men travelled from distant lands, guided by a star, to worship the newborn King of the Jews. Their journey symbolises the global reach of Jesus' mission—He is not just a King for Israel but the King for all people.

The gifts they brought—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were not only treasures but symbols of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Even in His earliest days, the world began to recognise that Jesus was unlike any other king. He would bring hope, salvation, and reconciliation to all nations.

Within **turningpoint**, we carry the same vision as the Magi. We are called to recognise Jesus as King and share His love and message with people of all nations. Christmas is the perfect time to reflect on how we can be part of this mission, declaring that Jesus is the King for everyone, everywhere.

Ponder: How does the story of the Magi inspire you to see Jesus as the King for all nations? What role can you play in His global mission?

Action: Pray for a specific nation or culture that needs to hear about Jesus. Consider supporting or getting involved in a mission project this Christmas.

Relevance: Christmas reminds us that Jesus is the King for all people. His birth calls us to share His love and message with a world that longs for a true and eternal King.

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SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

KOO WEE RUP 10:30AM

LYNDHURST 10:00AM

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE

CRANBOURNE - 10:30PM TO 12:00MIDNIGHT

FAMILY FUN EVENT BEFORE IN CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY

GARDEN - 7:00 - 10:30 PM

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025

CRANBOURNE - NO SERVICE UNTIL 19TH JAN

LYNDHURST, SEAFORD, ROSEBUD - NEW YEAR SERVICES



Monday | 30th December

Jesus: The Light of Peace | Luke 2:21-35

When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple, they encountered Simeon, a devout man who had been waiting for the Messiah. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon recognised Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promise—a light for the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. Holding the baby in his arms, Simeon praised God, declaring that Jesus would bring salvation and peace to a broken world.

Simeon's words remind us that Jesus came to bring peace, not just between people, but between humanity and God. In a world filled with problems—conflicts, uncertainties, and personal struggles—Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. His birth is God's declaration that peace is possible, both in our hearts and in the world.

At Christmas, we are invited to embrace the peace that Jesus offers. Like Simeon, we can trust in God's promises and share the hope of His salvation with others. In a world of division and anxiety, the light of Christ shines brightly, offering comfort, restoration, and the assurance of God's presence.

Ponder: How can the peace of Jesus bring light to the problems you face today? In what ways can you reflect His peace to others?

Action: Take time to pray for someone struggling with uncertainty or conflict. Share with them the message of Jesus' peace this Christmas.

Relevance: Christmas reminds us that Jesus is the light for all people, offering peace in a troubled world. His birth is God's gift of hope and reconciliation to every heart.

Tuesday | 31st December

Jesus: The Redeemer of All | Luke 2:36-40

In the temple, Anna, a devoted prophetess, encounters the infant Jesus. After decades of worship, prayer, and fasting, Anna recognises Him as the long-awaited Redeemer. Overwhelmed with joy, she praises God and begins sharing the news with everyone waiting for the redemption of Israel.

Anna's response to Jesus reminds us that redemption is at the heart of His mission. He came not only for Israel but for the whole world. His birth, life, death, and resurrection offer freedom from sin and the hope of eternal life. Anna's proclamation points us to our role today. Just as she shared the good news, we are called to be messengers of Jesus' redemption in a world still longing for hope and restoration.

In Australia, our communities are filled with people searching for meaning, peace, and purpose. This Christmas, we have an opportunity to echo Anna's message: Jesus is the Redeemer, and through Him, all can find true life.

Ponder: How does recognising Jesus as your Redeemer shape your life? Who in your community needs to hear about His redemption?

Action: Share the story of Jesus' redemption with someone this week, whether through a conversation, a Christmas card, or an invitation to a church service.

Relevance: Just as Anna praised God and spoke of Jesus as the Redeemer, we are His messengers today. Christmas reminds us that the Redeemer has come, and His message is for the whole world. Let's share His hope with those around us.

Wednesday | 1st January 2025

Redeemed and Adopted in Jesus | Galatians 4:4-7

“When the set time had fully come, God sent His Son...” These words from Paul remind us that Jesus’ coming was no accident. His birth was the fulfilment of God’s perfect plan, bringing redemption and adoption to all who believe. Through Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin but are made sons and daughters of God. This incredible truth transforms our identity and gives us the privilege to call God “Abba, Father.”

turningpoint Church, this message of redemption and adoption is at the core of who we are. Jesus’ coming is not just history—it’s the foundation of our faith and the hope we share with our community. Declaring this truth is our calling. In a world searching for belonging and purpose, we must boldly proclaim that through Jesus, all are invited to become part of God’s family.

Christmas is the perfect time to share this good news. It’s a season where hearts are open to hearing about the love and grace of God revealed in the birth of His Son.

Ponder: How does knowing you are redeemed and adopted as God’s child shape your identity and purpose?

Action: This week, declare the message of redemption to someone in your life. Invite them to a **turningpoint** service or share how Jesus has transformed your life.

Relevance: Christmas celebrates the fulfilment of God’s plan to redeem and adopt us. Let’s declare this life-changing truth to a world longing for the hope only Jesus can bring.

Thursday | 2nd January

The Attitude of Jesus | Philippians 2:5-11

Paul's words in Philippians call us to reflect on the humility of Jesus. Though He was God, Jesus didn't cling to His divine privileges. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking on human form and living as a servant. His ultimate act of humility was His obedience to death on the cross—a sacrifice that brought salvation to the world.

Yet, this passage doesn't stop at humility. It reveals that Jesus, because of His obedience and sacrifice, was exalted to the highest place. Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. This is the great paradox of the gospel: through humility, Jesus brought victory and glory.

turningpoint Church, this message is both a challenge and an invitation. Paul tells us to have the same attitude as Christ. In a world often focused on self-promotion, we are called to follow Jesus' example of selflessness and service, putting others before ourselves and trusting God to work through our humility.

Ponder: How can you reflect the humility of Christ in your relationships and actions this Christmas season?

Action: Identify one way you can serve someone in your community this week—perhaps through a kind gesture, an encouraging word, or meeting a practical need.

Relevance: Jesus' humility in coming to earth as a servant to save us. As His followers, we are called to embrace the same attitude, sharing His love and grace with those around us.

Friday | 3rd January

Jesus: The Radiance of God's Glory | Hebrews 1:1-12

In the opening of Hebrews, we are reminded that God has spoken to humanity in many ways throughout history—through prophets, signs, and wonders. But in these last days, He has spoken through His Son, Jesus. Jesus is not just another messenger; He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being. Through Him, we see the full nature and character of God revealed.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He upholds the universe by His powerful word and provides purification for sins. His coming into the world is the ultimate demonstration of God's love and faithfulness. While the heavens and earth will fade, Jesus remains the same—eternal, unchanging, and supreme.

As we prepare for the new year, this passage calls us to focus on who Jesus truly is. He is the eternal Son of God, sent to redeem and restore. Within **turningpoint**, this truth inspires us to worship and proclaim His glory to a world in need.

Ponder: How does recognising Jesus as the radiance of God's glory shape your understanding of Christmas?

Action: Spend time this week worshiping Jesus as the ultimate revelation of God. Share with someone how His unchanging nature brings hope and stability.

Relevance: Christmas celebrates the God who came to us through Jesus. He is the fulfilment of all God's promises, bringing light, hope, and salvation to the world.

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