

# Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Galatians 4:4-7

*“When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”*





# Light in the Darkness

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." - Isaiah 9:2*





*Christmas... A time to “Behold!”*



# Behold:

1. *Simply “To look and see”.*
2. *To Pay attention*
3. *To Check it out*
4. *To observe*
5. *To stop doing whatever you are doing and look*
6. *To hold focus for a period of time*
7. *To gaze attentively with awe and appreciation*

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**V.29** - *And when she saw him, **she was troubled** at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*



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**V.33** – And *he shall reign* over the house of Jacob *for ever*; and his kingdom there shall be no end.



Mary:



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**V.34** – *Then Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?* **V.35** – *And the angel answered and said unto her, the **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and the **power of the Highest** shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that **holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called the **Son of God**.*



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***“I am the Lord’s servant. May everything that you have said about me come true.”***

Luke 2:19

*“And Mary ... **treasured up** all these things and **pondered** them in her heart.”*





***CHRISTMAS – A Time to Behold!***



John 1:29

***Behold,** The Lamb of God!*

## Revelation 3:20

*“He said, **Behold**, I stand at the door and knock!”*



Isaiah 43:19

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing!”*

# Revelation 21:5

***Behold**, I am making all things new!”*

Matthew 28:20

***Behold,** I am with you always!*



1 John 3:1

*“**Behold** what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”*

## Revelation 22:12

*“And **behold**, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha, and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last!”*





***CHRISTMAS – A Time to Behold!***  
***And that is Good News to us today!***



# The Blessing

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*