

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

ONLINE SERVICE

December 13, 2020

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Message from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

BLESSED CONTRASTS

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service, and we sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #277, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #267, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Announcements

Message

Hymn #249, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Closing Prayer

Hymn #277: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley

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 th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Chorus

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’ incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Chorus

Hail, the heav’n born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Chorus

Hymn #267: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Henry W Longfellow

I hear the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fall, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day -
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

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Hymn #249: O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

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,
O come let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him—
Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

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Scripture Reading
from Isaiah 9:6-7, NKJV

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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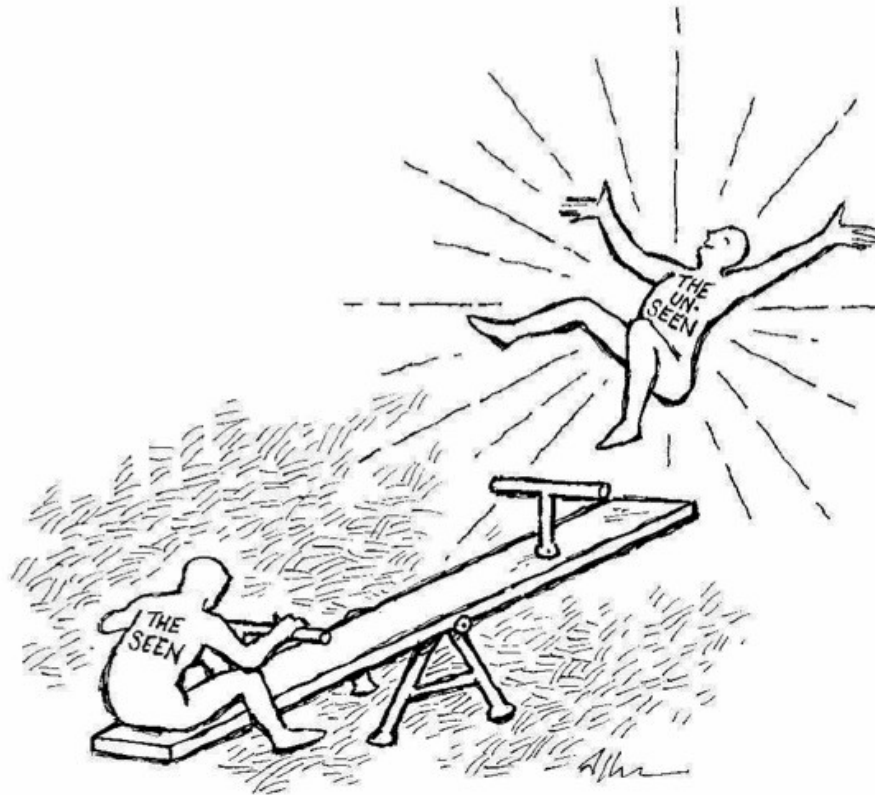
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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians; and is taken from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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Theme: We will keep our zeal for the gospel—even in hard times—if we keep our focus on three contrasting realities; that is, the contrasts between ...

1. **OUTWARD DECLINE AND INWARD RENEWAL (v. 16).**
(See also 2 Corinthians 5:17.)
2. **PRESENT AFFLICTIONS AND FUTURE GLORY (v. 17).**
(See also 2 Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 9:18; Romans 8:18.)
3. **THINGS TEMPORAL AND THINGS ETERNAL (v. 18).**
(See also Romans 8:19-25; Colossians 3:1-4.)



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Thank you, and God bless you!