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"All Honour to God"



Dear brothers and sisters
in our Lord Jesus Christ

As we have come to the end of another year and started again with a new one, with Advent, that we all take a moment to reflect on the year gone by. As we come to the feast of Christmas, it is easy to see that some might have forgotten the reason we celebrate this day.



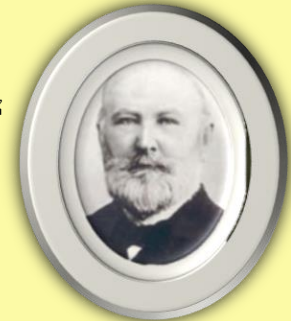
Apostle Flor leads us to contemplate who Jesus Christ is for us.

Beloved Brethren in Office, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we gather, by the Grace of Christ, in places around the world, let us answer the question asked by Apostle John, 1 John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

When we read of the genealogy of Jesus as recorded in Luke 3, that goes back to Adam, we find that the forebears are recorded as the son of their natural father except Adam. Luke 3:38 "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God." Through the downfall of man in the Garden of Eden, mankind lost this great blessing to be called the sons of God.

Apostle Krebs



Apostle Alenkhoff



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Already at the beginning, God's word was promising the restoration of this blessing through the creation of the second man. His word to Satan – Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 5 tells us of the long period of genealogy between Adam and Noah, and how the world became so evil that the Lord declared – Genesis 6:7 "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: for it repenteth me that I have made them."

God kept His previous promise alive and showed a future key to that promise – Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." We see Grace mentioned for the first time, as the means that mankind could be saved. Mankind had to wait over 42 generations for this Grace to be born into the world, which we now celebrate as the birth of Jesus, a birth very different to any previously – John 1:13 "Which was born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." And verses 16/17 "And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

At the beginning of this long period of waiting, God revealed a second element that would be required for the restoration when He promised Abram (later Abraham) who was childless, he would bear a son. Genesis 15:6 "And he believed in the Lord: and he counted it to him for righteousness."



1886 Apostle HJ
Niemeyer

*Ordained by Apostles Krebs
and Alenkhoff on 25 July
1886 in Osterode, Lower
Saxony*

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We see for the first time, the word righteousness. The promise was renewed. Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." This righteousness now had to come into the world and we see that happened when our Lord spoke to John the Baptist – Matthew 3:15 "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

God began to show through the words given by the Holy Ghost through His servants, in Psalms, through the Prophets, that this promise would be fulfilled and how and where it would take place. Moses prophesied - Deuteronomy 18:18 "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Psalm 45:2 "Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever." Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Micah 5:2 "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Right up to the 400 silent years, the prophecies continued after which we then read how the angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary, a virgin, and told her she was to bear a son. Luke 1:34-35 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 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



1912 Apostle Willy Niemeyer

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thee shall be called the Son of God." It was now revealed how one could be born into the world, who did not inherit the original sin, the second created man who would have a special mission to validate the Word of God – Genesis 1:31 "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."

This special birth took place in all humbleness, as recorded and was heralded firstly to the shepherds, by the angel and heavenly hosts – Luke 2:10-12 "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." The heavenly hosts then joined with the angel to tell what the mission of this Son of God would have to be – Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." This fulfilled the promise given Ezekiel 34:23 "And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David: he shall feed them and he shall be their shepherd."

The gentile nations were drawn to this great blessing some days later, when the wise men from the East followed the star – Matthew 2:9 "When they had heard the king, they departed: and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

They worshipped Him and gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and so fulfilled the prophecy given 1500 years before – Numbers 24:17 "I shall see him, but not now: I shall



1929 Apostle Emil Zielke

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behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel." As we share the love of this festival, let us remember the Love of God extends to our whole life – John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

*We the Apostles, wish all a blessed and peaceful Christmas Festival.
Please accept greetings from Apostle Dargusch & myself.*

Your brother & Apostle for Christ. Cliff Flor



[Painting by Rose Vivian, 2017, Taupiri, Aotearoa New Zealand]



1961 Apostle Arnold E.
Zielke

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Priest Ludwig's visit to Apostolic Church of Queensland-our Whanau



Apostle Cliff



Bundaberg Community



1961 Apostle Arnan
Niemeyer

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Priest Gavin and Priest Ludwig in Bundaberg



1977

Apostle Alerbyn Zischke



1990 Apostle Cliff Flor

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Divine Service at Bundaberg, Queensland.



1990 Apostle Ken
Dargusch

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Priest Ludwig, Apostle Cliff and visiting Evangelist



Gympie-Queensland-Evangelist Brice and Sister Fran Kadatz



District Evangelist John Weder (Apostolic Church of Queensland) responsible for New Zealand 2008-8-15 to 4-7-2010

† God bless you

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Brothers Donovan and Brandon at Bundaberg Community in Queensland



2010 District-Evangelist

Theo van der Nest

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Hamilton Community End of Year Function 17 December 2017 with St David's and St George's Anglican Parish

Auckland Community End of Year Function 24 December 2017-Next Issue



District Elder P Vorster
(2015 - Present)

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Brother Theo thanking all for their contributions and prays for the Lord's blessing on the food prepared.



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Shirley and Priest Stephen



Betty, Priest Phill and Daniel



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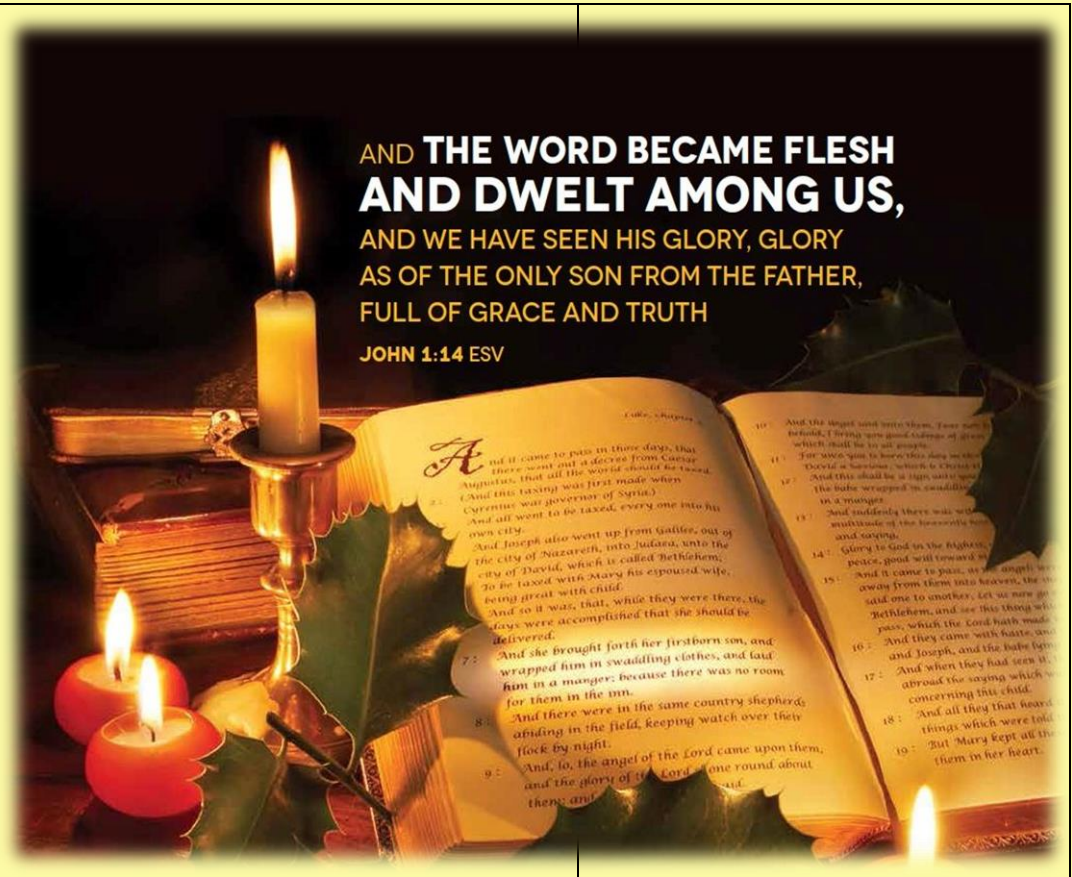
Viv, Priest Ludwig, Sue and Priest Phill

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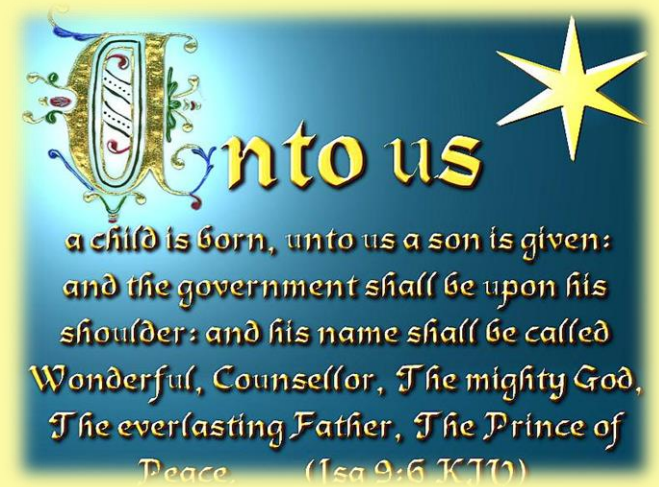
Priest Ludwig counting the days to Christmas



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Daybreak....the brothers gather to do battle with the meat for the day. These two experienced Braai Kings know what lies ahead. One hails from the Cape, another from Port Elizabeth.

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Br Darius (Faffie) and Br Theo

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