

The Gate (an open door to Jesus)

A Word from Pastor Bob

God Loves YOU!

Jesus came to give us...

LOVE

HOPE

JOY

To give us **STRENGTH** when we had none left

He came to **SAVE** us from our sins by His **LIFE, DEATH** and **RESURRECTION**

He came to **PROCLAIM** the **GOOD NEWS**

He came to **SEEK** and **SAVE** the **LOST**

When God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born of a natural woman, He could have chosen anyone. Who did He choose? Mary - an ordinary young girl from an ordinary town, she wasn't well known, she wasn't from a prominent or wealthy family, in the world's eyes she was a 'nobody'.

When Jesus was born, it wasn't in a palace or even a nice hotel, but in a stable and his cot was an animal feeding trough. How did God choose to announce this momentous event? He didn't call for the government officials or the religious leaders, He sent a message to a group of shepherds who were camped out in the fields - ordinary people doing an ordinary job!

All of this was a demonstration of God's incredible love for the people He has created - Jesus, the Son of God, the creator of heaven and earth, the One who holds all things together, put all of that aside and came into the world in human form and was born in a stable because He loves us!

After the angel had given the message to the shepherds, something else happened - in the Amplified Bible it reads like this: "Then suddenly there appeared with the angel an army of the troops of heaven (a heavenly knighthood), praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased'". From this point forwards nothing would ever be the same again!

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever your background or family circumstances, Jesus came to the earth for you. He loves you and He wants you to know that love in all of its amazing fullness.

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A Note from the Editor

May the Lord be with YOU and YOUR family throughout this **Christmas** and in the coming New Year. 2025

That Heavy Coat

Imagine a cold winters day (*well we don't have to imagine as we are in December*), frost on the ground, yes, a beautiful sight especially if you live in the countryside with the frost laying gently on the grass and on top of the hedges.

With gloves on, woolly hat, scarf, warm boots and that heavy coat on, you are set for a cosy day outdoors. As you spend quite a lot of time outdoors the heaviness of your coat starts to take its toll. So off you go home.

The warmth of the family home so cosy you take off that heavy coat – phew! What a relief. Straight away you can feel the difference, the lightness of the body after letting go of that coat.

It is the same with us, we get stressed, we worry, have anxiety it's like that heavy coat we carry around dragging us down throughout our daily lives, but it is up to us to take off that heavy coat just as walked into our home after a day in the outdoors we feel a great sense of relief.

The Bible says in Matthew 11 v 28 "Come unto Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest (NLT).

So, take of that HEAVY COAT and give EVERYTHING to the Creator of the Universe

and

Watch Him
work in YOUR life

He WILL
He **really** Will.

Believe and Receive.