

The Gate (an open door to Jesus)

A Word from Pastor Bob

Happy New Year?

The last two or three years have brought a number of different challenges to most people. Here we are now at the beginning of another new year – what is this year going to bring? Many, if not all of us, have experienced disappointment when things have not turned out the way we thought they would. It's so easy to sink into discouragement – Solomon, the king who asked for wisdom when he was offered anything he wanted, has some words to say on the subject – “hope deferred makes the heart sick” (Proverbs 13 v 12).

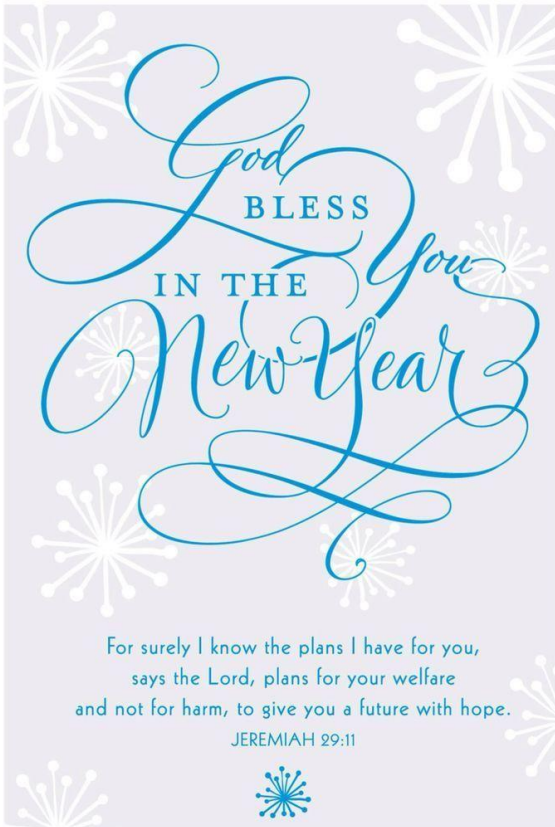
As Christians we sometimes say that we are “believing for” something. However, the Bible doesn't really have very much to say about this concept. But it does have a lot to say about “believing in”, specifically about “believing in God”. We receive eternal life because we believe in Him!

Instead of basing our happiness or contentedness on the circumstances that we find ourselves in, how about finding our joy in the Lord and believing in Him – “Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.” (Psalm 72 v 18-19)

In the book of Romans the apostle Paul tells us that “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed”!

A Note from the Editor

First of all I want to thank the Almighty God for allowing me to put together this newsletter for His people to give **Hope, Encouragement, Peace, Joy, Blessings** and most important of all **His Love** within each page. Take the time to really read each page for each one has something for YOU! And they come from the Lord to me..... So please enjoy.



Something to think about

How can Jesus still love us?

How can Jesus still love us humans and fill us with His Peace, Joy, Strength, Comfort, Blessings, Healing etc with what we did to Him?

How? Because He Is Love

He oozes LOVE and Forgiveness so why don't/cant we forgive others AND ourselves?

All He ever wanted for us is to LOVE us unconditionally and for us to LOVE Him.

Faith

What do **YOU** have faith in? If we look around us every part of our lives are faith based if only we would recognise them for example:

1. Waking up in a morning and still breathing.
2. The electrics are working well enough so you can have your first cup of tea/coffee first thing in a morning.
3. Getting into your car and it starts straight away or catching the bus and it arrives on time – and so on throughout the day, but here's my point, do YOU have faith in God? Real faith? To trust Him and that He WILL provide for all of your everyday needs for He is YOUR Healer (Psalm 147 v 3) and Provider (Philippians 4 v 19).

Without faith in God we wonder around not knowing what to do or where our lives will lead us, but with faith (by the way faith is hope) our lives have ample well much more than ample opportunities and the endless possibilities that await us all for those who believe in Him and are saved because of who we are in Him.

So let us all look to our Precious Lord and Saviour for there is NO-ONE like Him NOT NEVER will there be again NO NOT EVER.

