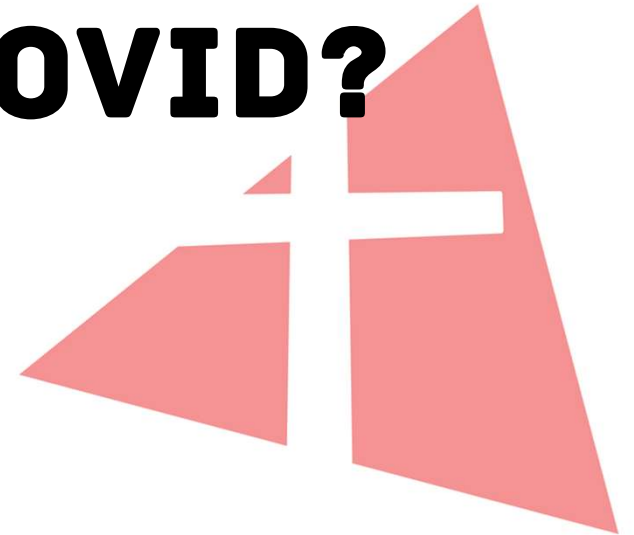


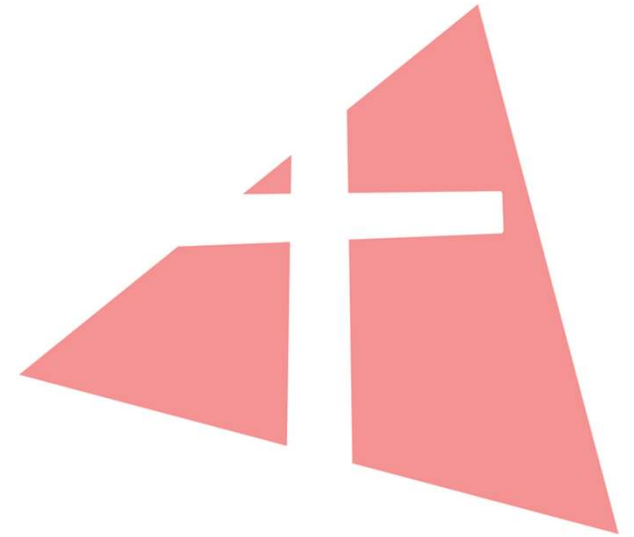
A CHRISTMAS OF HOPE OR A CHRISTMAS OF COVID?

December 20th 2020



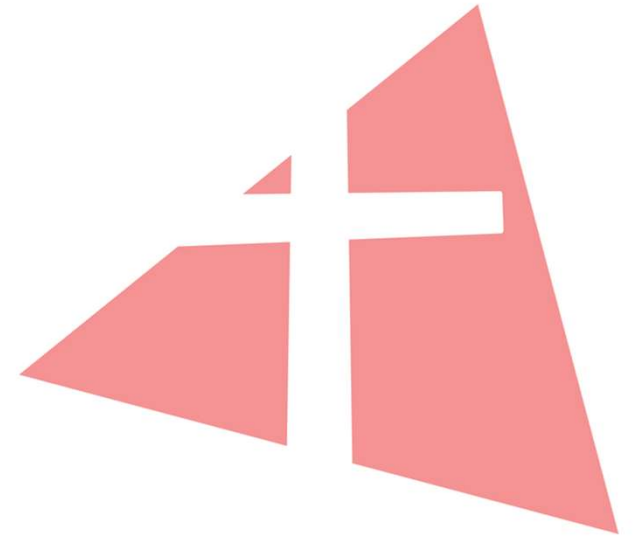
CHRISTMAS

- Christmas 2020 is very, very different



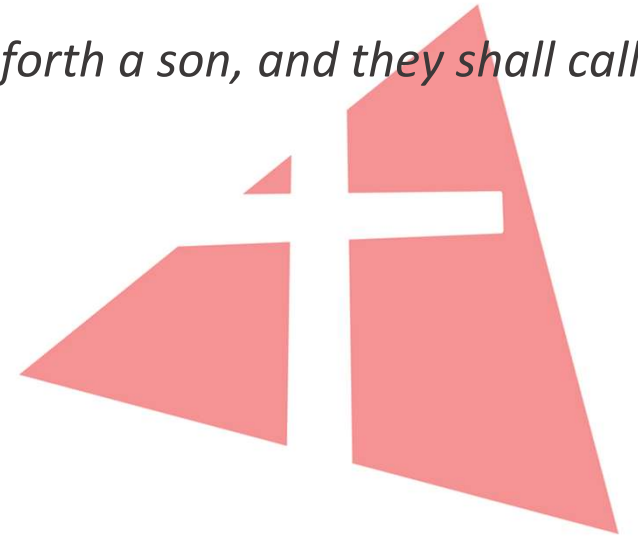
CHRISTMAS

- **Most people focus on Covid this year**
- **Jesus wants us to focus even more on Him this year**



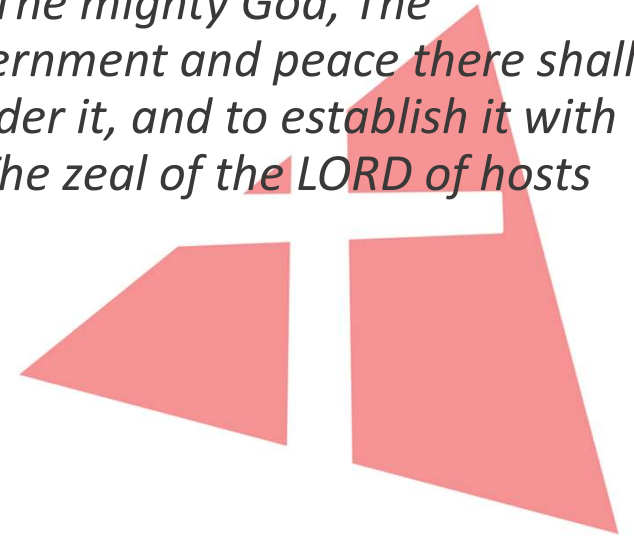
GOD WITH US

***Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*



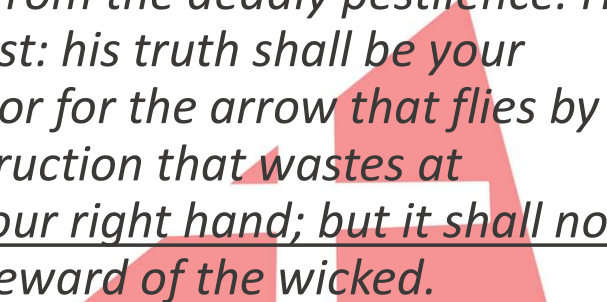
JESUS' WORKS

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



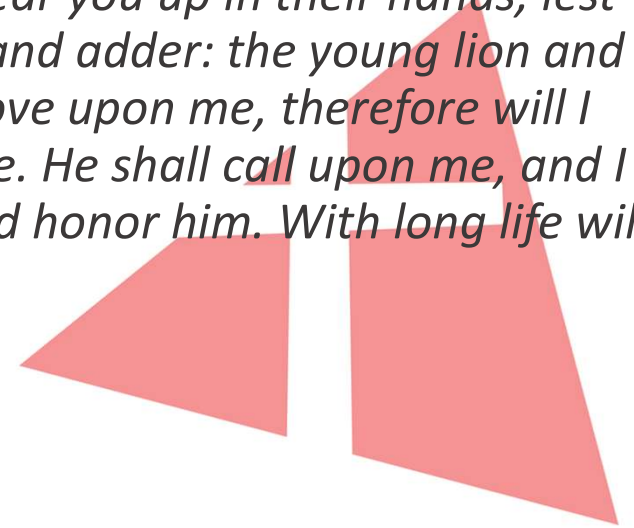
GOD'S PROTECTION

***Psalms 91:1-16** He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings shall you trust: his truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked.*



GOD'S PROTECTION

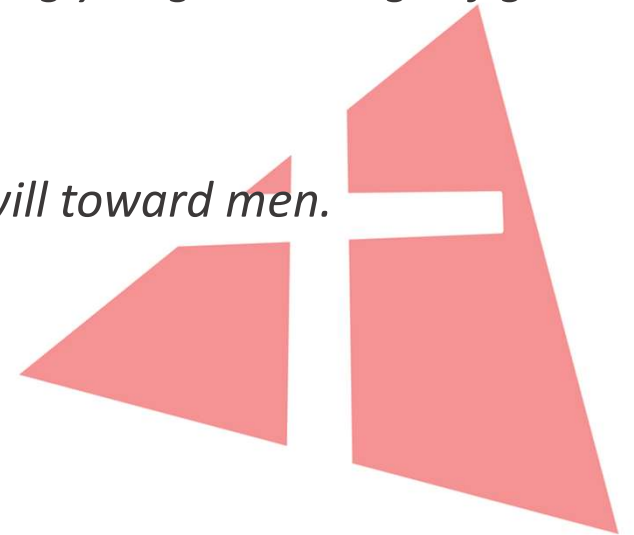
Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the most High, your habitation; There shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the serpent shall you trample under feet. Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.



THE ANGELS

Luke 2:10 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

Luke 2:14 *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*



JESUS' WORDS

***John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*



GOD IS FAITHFUL

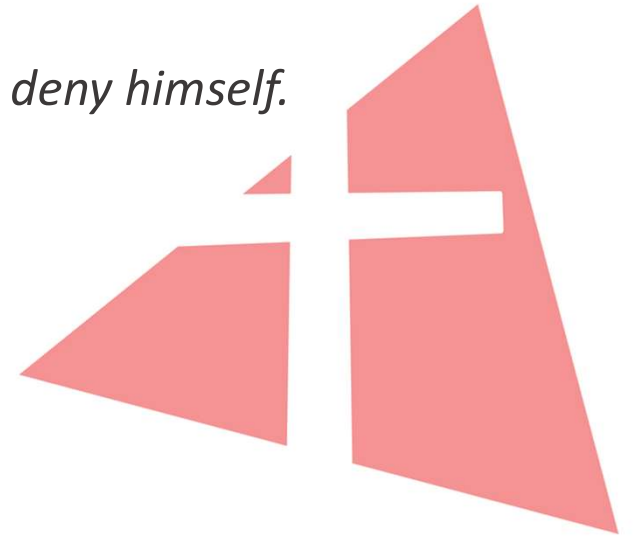
1 Corinthians 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calls you, who also will do it.*



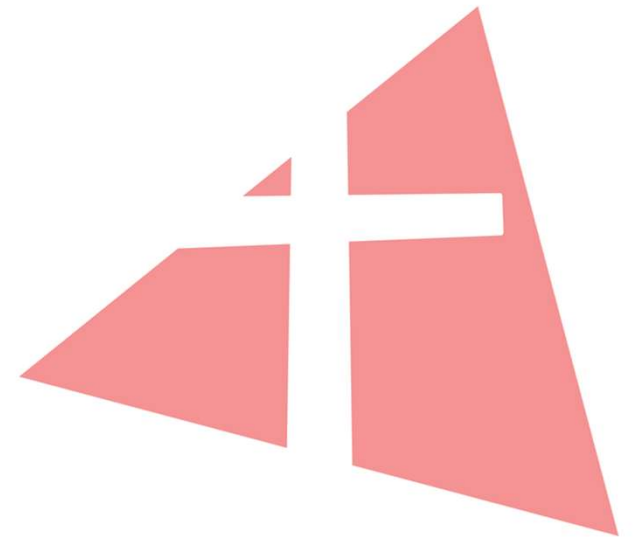
GOD IS FAITHFUL

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abides faithful: he cannot deny himself.



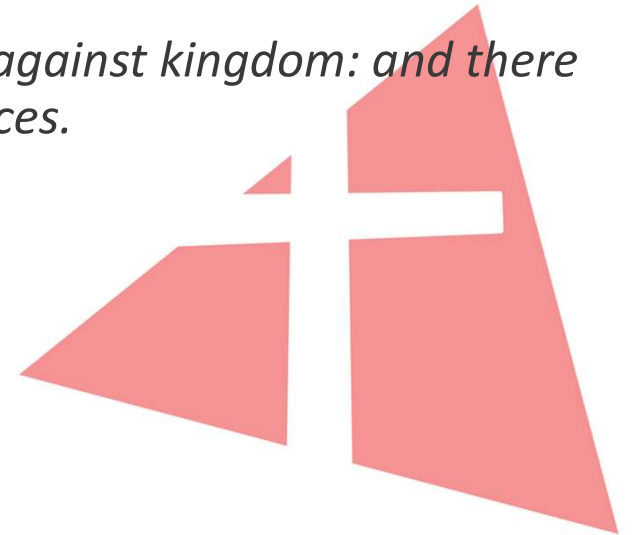
A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

- The world has gone through far greater suffering



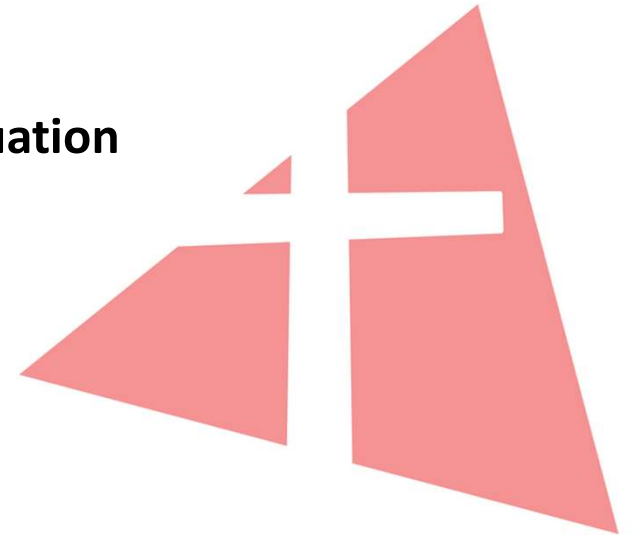
THE END TIMES

***Matthew 24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places.*



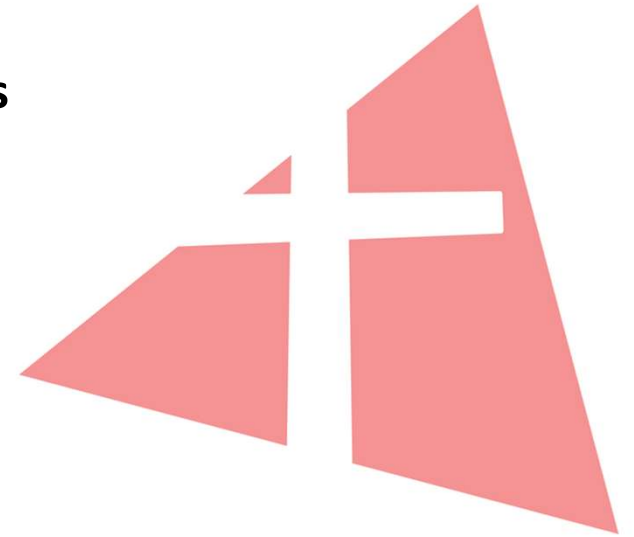
WE HAVE A CHOICE

- We can live like everybody else and focus on Covid
- We can choose to look at Jesus in the midst of the worldly situation



CHRISTMAS 2020

- This year, a lot of “distractions” have been taken away from us



CHRISTMAS 2020

- **Christmas of Hope or Christmas of Covid?**
- **Christmas is by Faith**
- **Let's use the special circumstances to focus even more on "what Christmas is really all about"**

