

BBC LADIES FELLOWSHIP – NEW YEARS MESSAGE

We read in Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons. The ancient prophecies were fulfilled and there could be no mistaking the fact! People tried to ignore it, to deny it, to cover it up, but once again we have been rejoicing in the One who was sent.

We were reminded of three questions in this passage:-

When did Christ come?

How did Christ come?

Why did Christ come?

and the answers are just as relevant for us now, as they were then.

When? Christ came over 2000 years ago. **How?** born from a miraculous virgin birth. **Why?** to redeem us and adopt us into the family of God.

The certainty of Christ's coming gives us comfort as well as joy, because we know that, just as he came once, so He will come again to fulfil the greatest promise of all that one day we will be forever with Him.

And so we start 2025, as we ended 2024, with the knowledge that this One who was sent is the One who walks beside us again through another year. We don't know what our lives will be like when we look back this time next year, but we do know that the four candles of Advent will bring us hope when you come through 2025, peace during 2025, joy despite 2025, and His own Love in 2025!

So let the message of the angels echo through our lives:

*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people:
For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord!*
Luke 2:10-11.

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