

## A MESSENGER.....

What is Christmas? As we put our thoughts on paper and pen these words, we realize that for most “Christmas day” is now past, as it is the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. Many are still to recover from the festivities, parties and fiestas of the previous day. And to many, this day is now a memory. Ah! They exclaim with a sigh of relief, it’s finally over. Many have eaten over and above their health parameters. Many have spent more than their pockets could afford and many even run into a post depression as the parties will soon be over and they will have to return to their lonely and meaningless lives with nothing but the cold winter to look forward to as their present is based on their future.

But allow us to give hope to the hopeless, to give the good report to those who don’t know, understanding that brings peace, words that give life, for God (the Creator) Himself has given us a sign and this is the sign, “ Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel”, which being interpreted means “God with us”.

How this proclamation fills our hearts with comfort and peace and finds us resting in His warmth just as a child finds rest, warmth and security in the arms of his parents. As we hear this spoken aloud in our heart and believe this to be true, we are filled with joy and happiness. God with us, we shout joyfully.

If God be for us, who can be against us and as the ramification of this great news hits home, a door is opened, a door to heaven itself and we are flooded with sights that are Holy, sacred and indescribable. Our spirit is lifted up in the company of myriad (innumerable) of angelic hosts and to the accompaniment of a heavenly choir, we find ourselves joining these in a heavenly song. A song that begins to penetrate into our very soul and the transformation begins. We find ourselves travelling through Godly portals from faith to faith and glory to glory.

And to think that all this began in that very BEGINNING. Even before the advent of mankind, this began in the MIND OF GOD. But let us come a little closer to home, to that very night when GABRIEL (the one who stands in the presence of God) presented himself to Mary and shared this life changing news with her that she would bear and bring forth the Holy seed of God. Or let us see Joseph to whom Mary was espoused, spoken for, as to how troubled he was when he received the same news in a dream. Yet they both BELIEVED it as the word from God that came to them and believing it, were able to bring it to pass in their life.

Then, when the time had come for this babe to be born, we find ourselves sitting with shepherds in the fields, keeping their flock. It was cool that evening, but the night sky somehow seemed different. There was a hue about it, not previously seen and far way somewhere in the distance, we could just barely hear the sound of music, when suddenly the night sky lit up and we saw, we saw them all around. How can we describe what we saw, for our eyes were filled with the Glory of Heaven and we heard for it seemed that they were all speaking in unison, yet they were all saying the same thing and they were all speaking as One: FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

What is Christmas? It is GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. To be continued.....