



# Sunday 4th December—5:00pm Catholic Hall

1 Timothy 4:1-16 Leadership, truth and Godliness

## *A reminder of today's BD message.....*

Christianity is not a 'different flavour' of the same thing. It's not a product of a nation's culture or customs. Being a Christian means having an unshakeable faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And Godliness is following the Lord Jesus Christ, surrendering ourselves to Him and following only Him.

In the Scriptures, when we talk about the mystery of the Gospel/godliness we're not talking about something that can't be understood. We're talking about something that was once hidden but has now been revealed. Ever since the creation of the world, and even today, the quest for many has been the quest for godliness. Many believe that there is 'something out there' and so they search for the meaning of life by dabbling in the spirit world, tasting various world religions or blending several together, going on a quest for spiritual enlightenment, maybe even turning to drugs to try and connect themselves beyond what they know. But none of these roads need to be travelled. The mystery of godliness HAS been revealed—in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The mystery is this—God became flesh. How can we mere mortals ever hope to know or be known by the God who created the heavens and the earth? All other religions try in earnest to bring themselves up to God or bring God down to us....and in doing so they completely miss the mystery revealed. God humbled himself, and took on flesh. God became man.

But how do we know that this man "Jesus" is God? The Scriptures tell us because He was 'vindicated by the Spirit'. He was shown to be righteous by the Holy Spirit. His birth was prophesied, the angels proclaimed His Lordship at His birth, the Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism and at His transfiguration AND He was raised from the dead. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus lives.

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the hinge-point of history. It is where BC and AD meet. The name of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed among the nations for 2000 years. And wherever it is proclaimed, people are saved, people are transformed and people gather to worship!

Do you believe? Do you believe that Jesus lives? Some will say that if Jesus was still with us on earth today then they might believe. But this is precisely the reason Jesus ascended into heaven. If Jesus were still here with us physically, none of us would ever have had a chance to talk with Him. Jesus ascended so that He could send His Holy Spirit to live in us—all of us. Christ is IN US. **He is as close as God can be.**

And now today, we await His return. Until that day, we confess Christ.

There is ONE God. The God who revealed Himself in our Lord Jesus Christ. The God who now lives IN US by His Holy Spirit. We praise you Father, that you have made Yourself known!



**KYB—** Christmas Break Up this Tuesday 22nd Nov 10am Study followed by 12 noon lunch at the Cecil Pub

**Men's Prayer Meeting—** Wednesday 6am "Mywybilla"

December 4th BD Service 5pm Catholic Hall

December 11th Anglican 5pm St. Margaret's

December 18th BD Service 9:30am Catholic Hall



Jesus is our 'ticket' to eternity with God. It is paid for—you just have to accept the boarding pass!

## Order of Service 4th December 2022

Welcome, Opening Psalm & Prayer	Justin & Sarah
Song x 2	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	David & Ruth
Bible Reading 1 Timothy 4:1-16	Ann
Message	Leadership, Truth and Godliness
Communion	Andrew & Monique
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	David & Pauline
Computer Operation	Harry
Morning Tea	Bruce & Rhonda