

# Word For The Week

## 4 December 2020

### Preaching Dates

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Jonathan Groves** (am) preaching in person at Cowdenbeath Baptist Church

**Stephen Ilett** (am) at Dingwall Baptist Church

**Glen Cartwright** (pm) via Zoom at FUDGE (S1-S4) at Newton Mearns Baptist Church

**Jonathan Groves** (pm) via Zoom at Cowdenbeath Baptist Church with a Kerusso Trust update

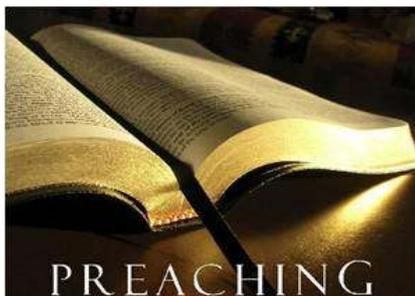
#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Glen Cartwright** (pm) *Teaching Truth* via YouTube.

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Charles Sommerville** (pm) via Zoom, Thursday evenings Bible Study on Ephesians. For details:

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**“God never changes”**

**By Cheryl Leckie**

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.***  
***Hebrews 13:8***

This time last year, I was on Annual Leave, and used my whole week to “get ready” for Christmas so that I didn't have to think about it when I was back at work. That was really all I had to worry about apart from the “unknown” elements of Brexit! (remember that??) This year couldn't be more different. People are worried now about whether they will have a job this time next week, or whether they will get to see their relatives soon, or whether they will maybe pick up a virus when they next go to the Supermarket. People I have spoken to have assured me that in their 94 years of life, they have never experienced times like this. Life has changed beyond anybody's expectation.

That is why the verse above is still so important to me. Why do we need to be reminded about how Jesus was **yesterday**? During the three years of his ministry He tirelessly sought out those who needed Him the most. In His struggle with temptation in the wilderness, He knew how to answer the enemy and when the final struggle with death occurred, He walked that path uncomplainingly because He knew that victory would be declared over death. He lived as a man with the limitations of a mortal, yet He also lived as God who had no limitations at all and could have commanded thousands of angels to help him at any time.

What about Jesus **today**? Because Jesus Christ is the same today, people are being healed by Him in the same way that they were in first century Palestine. People are responding to the gospel despite never hearing it from human lips. The Holy Spirit is ministering to people all over the world.

And **forever**? That same Jesus who lived among men and saved us today will continue to do this forever and ever. His Kingdom shall reign forever and ever. We will still be saved thousands of years after we enter eternity. Jesus did all the work that was ever needed to ensure we would never be lost.

No matter what is happening all around us this Christmas, God is unchanged, His love is unchanged, His power is unchanged, His character is unchanged, His Word is unchanged and because God is unchanged, we who faithfully walk with Him will **be changed** to become more like Him.