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**“The And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”**

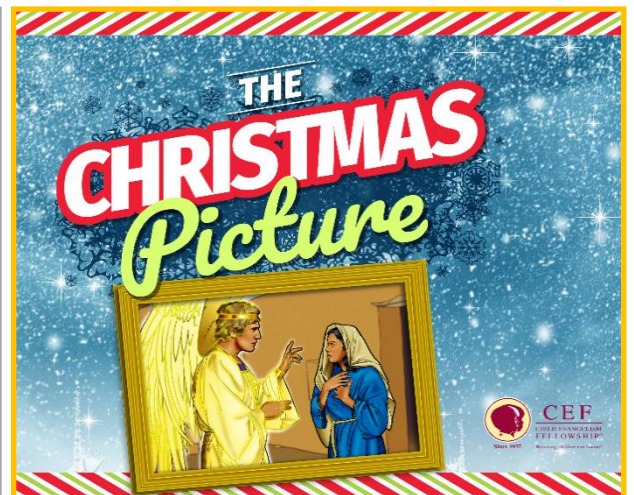
**1 John Ch4 Vs14**

## A SAVIOUR FOR ALL!

How do I know that I am a Christian? This is a great question to think about while you have this prayer letter in the grasp of your hand. Christ indeed came to be the saviour of the world, He has the ability and desire to save people and bring them back into a restored relationship with His father – but are you sure that you have received the gift of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John, in writing his letter of 1<sup>st</sup> John, once again circles back in chapter four, giving us his reason for writing, “that you may know that you are in Christ.” I like what John MacArthur has to say about this section “Because God gave me His Spirit. And He only gives His Spirit to those that are His. He only takes up residency in those that are His. How do I know He gave me His Spirit? Because I believe the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world, and I confess that Jesus is the Son of God. In other words, I believe the gospel which I can’t believe apart from the work of the Spirit. Furthermore, not only do I believe the gospel, but I have come to know and believed that all of this is because of the love which God has for us. I have come to understand the eternal love of God for us. God is love. That’s why He, the Father, sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. It all was out of His love. For His great love wherewith He loved us. And so “God is love and the one who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.”

**Christmas Together:** Every year from late Autumn excitement begins to build across homes and schools all across the county and beyond. Why? Christmas of course. Decorations begin to appear, music can be heard across tannoy systems, gift ideas and merchandise fills the shelves in all the shops – “it begins to look a lot like Christmas.” When you see the first signs of Christmas appear I wonder what your first thoughts are? Perhaps you groan in despair thinking it starts too early each year. Maybe the stress of the season gets to you and as the days roll by that feeling compounds. Or maybe, like ourselves, you love the season, the lights, the atmosphere and the traditions old and new. The season presents us with an easy opportunity to talk about the saviour, why not embrace it with both hands?



**Christmas Together Continued:** Another reason we love the season is to run Christmas clubs. We are blessed and privileged to be able to take the greatest news of all, and the true reason we celebrate Christmas, to children across the county. This year we ran school clubs in Newtownhamilton, Markethill, Mountnorris and Drumhillery. Other clubs were held across the county, but this is an area of ministry we would love to see grow, perhaps you can already be in planning for next year? Will you make use of the **FREE** digital teaching materials and hold a Christmas club in your neighbourhood? If this is something you will do, then please get in touch to get added to our mailing list for materials.



**Good News Clubs:** The main core ministry for Child Evangelism Fellowship throughout the autumn/winter months is Good News Club. Over the past 18 years we have witnessed a decline in the number of clubs. All of which have closed for numerous reasons beyond anyone's control. But rather than using that as an excuse we are praying that the Lord would turn around the statistics for this ministry. Our prayer and desire is to see the number of clubs stabilised and then added to. GNC's can be either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and typically run for the duration of one hour. It's still the best method of evangelism and discipleship within the local community. Contrary to popular belief these clubs can still operate very successfully, and safely, in your home, a community centre, school or a church. We have excellent materials for you to use, training to help you get started as well as ongoing support throughout the lifespan of your club. Would you consider getting involved, sharing the Good News?



**Holiday Bible Clubs:** A Holiday Bible Club can be a great launch into the winter ministry of a local church. But, very often the summer is a time for Sunday school teachers to take a well-earned break. We would love to offer our services to your church and come along and run a HBC programme for you. This will greatly reduce the workload for your team and it will allow us to continue to expand this form of outreach. The book of Daniel is filled with so many wonderful stories, that can be brought to life through our teaching materials, to help children, especially young Christian children, understand how they can be bold and very courageous for God throughout life. Our summer diary is far from full right now, so why not get a week booked for summer outreach and let us take the stress out of the preparation.



**2026 Promotional Plan:** Since formulating our 5 point ministry priority list, along with our committee two years ago, the Lord has blessed us in our direction of travel. We've had a successful TCE 1 course at the start of January 2025, two courses planned for 2026 and a monthly prayer group has commenced. All with very little effort; what difference could we make if we made this our focus for the year, with the Lords help?



- ✓ 3 New Good News Clubs.
- ✓ 3 New Holiday Bible Clubs.
- ✓ 3 New Prayer groups.

**Prayer Groups:** Covid wiped out most of our faithful regular prayer groups, and the busyness of life took care of the rest. Rather than add to your busy schedules I wonder together could we enhance it? Rather than turning a blind eye to prayer ministry could it grow into your schedule? For the past few months we have met with one other couple from our church, just before Bible study, and allotted some time to pray for 3 or 4 ministry needs. Could you gather as a small group of 3 or 4 people before church or your children's meeting and take 15 minutes to pray for the children and ministry within Co. Armagh? If so drop us a message and we can furnish you with the items to pray for each month.

**On A Personal Note:** We would like to offer our sincere thanks for your continued prayerful support over many years. For those who also give on a regular basis we are indebted to you; the ministry can't progress without much needed financial backing. Please pray for new people to join our financial support team. As we sign off on another year we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and every blessing for 2026.



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### Ministry Priorities:

- **Prayer:** "Without God we can do nothing"
- **Connection:** "Without help we can do little"
- **Training:** "Without training we become stale"
- **Evangelism:** "Without a vision people perish"
- **Rest:** "Without rest we are prone to exhaustion"

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