



As one year ends and another begins, it's good to think back on the seasons that have passed.

In the Bible, we read about a man called Solomon who was the king of Israel in the tenth century B.C.
In the book of Ecclesiastes, looking back over his reign, he writes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:



a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.



Some of these lines may ring true for many of our experiences over the past year, both good and bad. Perhaps 2023 held moments of joy, laughter and celebration, or real sadness and heartache (or most likely both) and as one year draws to a close, many of us will look towards the new year ahead wondering what seasons 2024 will bring: times of delight or times of despair?



Thankfully, the passage doesn't end here, leaving us with a never-ending cycle of good and bad seasons, forever wondering what's next in store. Solomon goes on to say,



"God has set eternity in men's hearts."



So why does this make all the difference?

In Revelation, the last book in the Bible, God reveals what this eternity will be like. He promises to "wipe away every tear...; there will no longer be any death, mourning, crying, or pain; the first things have passed away... I am making all things new!"



One day the cycle will be broken. The mourning, hate, weeping and death we see in the passage will pass away and we will be left only with the dancing, laughing, healing and life.
One day there will be no more wondering what the future will bring.
One day the cycle will be broken.

John 3 v 16, one of the most famous passages in the Bible, tells us the way to this eternity with God:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

If you believe and put your trust in Jesus, He will walk with you through whatever seasons 2024 has in store. Through His death on the cross, Jesus offers forgiveness today, peace for the coming year and hope for eternity.



If you would like to find out more about Jesus' offer of eternity, take a look here:

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www.three-two-one.org

www.tell-me-more.org

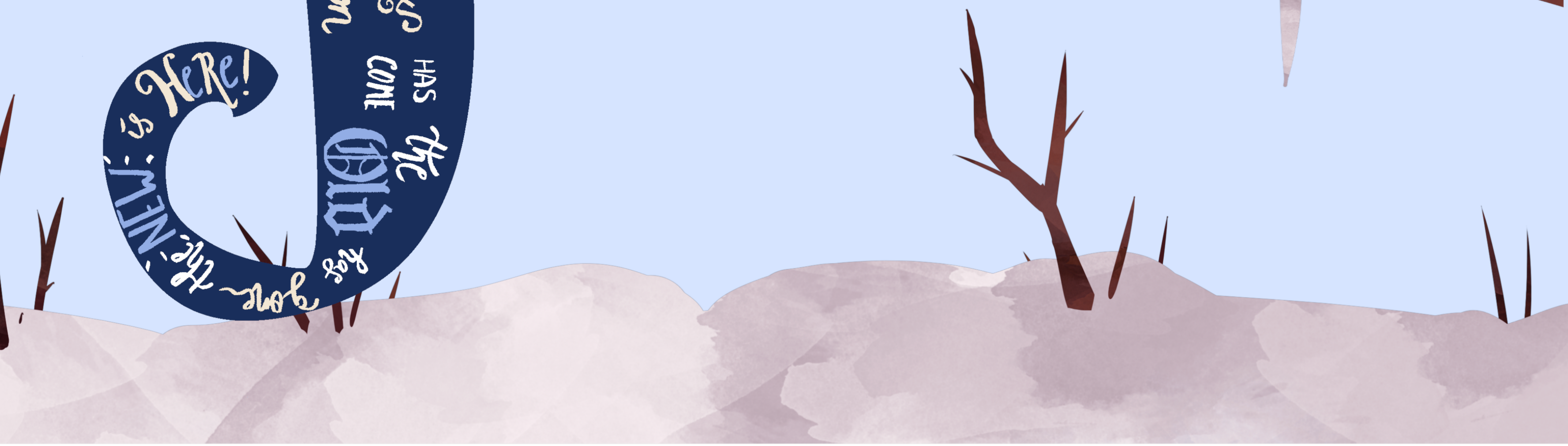


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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

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