

Word of Life Church

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AUGUST 2017

Empowered by Grace

Titus 2: 11

2017

OUR YEAR OF FRUITFULNESS

Chosen to Bear Fruit 

Welcome

◆ Welcome!!!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so thrilled you could join us. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and welcome you to meet and speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team after the service.

- ◆ Trust your children to the care of our dedicated staff. Our children's programme provides quality care and teaching for all children during the service (after praise and worship):
 - Lively Learners → 3-5 yrs (*except 1st Sunday of the month*)
 - Bright Believers → 6-9 yrs (*except 1st Sunday of the month*)
 - Faith Fighters → 10-12 yrs (*except 1st Sunday of the month*)
- ◆ A crèche room is available for parents with babies and toddlers aged 0–2 years old to use during the service/meetings when required/needed.
- ◆ Light refreshments are provided after the service.

◆ Weekly Events

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting via video conferencing each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

WEDNESDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

7pm-8pm Midweek Service.

SATURDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

Praise & Worship Team Practice (times TBC).

SUNDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

10am Set up for Service / All Workers Corporate Prayer Time

11am-1pm Celebration Service

(first Sunday of the month is a Family/Communion/Thanksgiving Service)

1:15pm-2pm First Steps Bible Studies Class *(for new/recent believers)*

CELL GROUP (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org, telephone 020 8355 6776 or speak to any of the leaders after the service. Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

Upcoming Events

WOL PRAYER NIGHT

Friday 25th August

7pm-10pm

@ Rehoboth Building

Community
Sports & Fun Day

Extravaganza

Saturday 26th August

12pm - 5pm

@ Chinbrook Meadows

Amblecote Road, Grove Park SE12 9TS



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CAP

CAP DEBT CENTRE LAUNCH

with John Thompson,
CAP Centre Manager and
Member of CAP National Speaker Team

Sunday 13th August 2017
at Rehoboth Building
from 11am

GRACE, WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

2 Corinthians 6:1,

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

The word GRACE has probably become one of the most misused, misunderstood and misrepresented word in the bible.

Unfortunately, some have either fallen or have been deceived by their interpretation of the word GRACE.

When Grace is used as an excuse for promiscuity or an excuse for an indiscriminate life of sin, then we are in trouble. Paul tells the church not to receive the grace of God in vain, don't put it on the shelf.

Paul addresses the Romans' church in Romans 6:1 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*

If anyone knew much about grace, it was Paul the Apostle, Paul had no doubt in his heart that he was saved by grace and had nothing to do with how good he was, it was not based on his qualifications but the grace of God.

In Genesis 6:5-8,

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

The first time we see the word grace mentioned in the bible it is to do with salvation. This is what is referred to by many bible scholars as election by grace. That God will choose a person not based on merit but grace.

Grace, what is it?

It is **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.

Dr Michael Brown says this of Grace

"Grace is His merciful, enabling help, His ongoing empowerment, His continued working on our behalf".

Dr Michael Brown also speaks on Grace based on A M Hunter expression of the word grace, "Grace means primarily the free, forgiving love of God in Christ to sinners and the operation of that love in the lives of Christians."

Let us take a moment and look at the different aspects of grace, because I am convinced that if we have a true perspective of grace we will be able to apply it to our

Christian walk. Paul tells the Corinthian Church in 2 Cor 9:8 *“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”*. When Paul says all Grace it therefore means there are variations of Grace for different occasions. God’s grace is vast and cannot be confined to saving grace and the law only.

I’m not sure it is not humanly possible for us to completely comprehend the magnitude, the depth and width of the grace that God offers to us.

1. “Common” Grace

First and foremost, God loves everyone. This is a “common” grace that He gives to all people whether they acknowledge Him or not. When John tells us in John 1:14 about *the only begotten full of Grace and truth*. That is the common grace available for everyone. *Matthew 5:45 tells us, “He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”*

2. Saving Grace - Ephesians 2:8

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” By His saving grace, God has paid the ransom for everyone who will receive His gift of salvation. It is not based on how good we are, how special, how hard working but His unmerited favour. God tells the children of Israel He has given them the land they are going into not because of their goodness, but His saving grace.

3. Sanctifying Grace - Titus 2:11-12, Philippians 1:6,

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

God’s grace teaches us to live a life that brings Him glory, immediately after we are saved, it goes to work to purify or sanctify us. God’s grace does not work in isolation we also play a part in our purification through obedience, but ultimately you have to count on His sanctifying grace and know that *“He who began a good work in you is faithful to bring it to completion”*

4. Provisional Grace - 2 Corinthians 8:9, James 1:16-17

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Through His provisional grace, God provides for all our needs. Through His grace we are provided for. When we have an understanding of God’s provisional grace we will lack no good thing, because we know that God will not withhold any good thing from us, James says, *“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”*

5. Miraculous Grace - Acts 6:8

History has shown how miraculous God’s grace can be, when a man is full of God’s grace, there is nothing that man can do to that man, that man or woman will not flinch from persecution. God works miracles through such men who recognise

God's grace upon their lives. We are told that *"Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people"*. Through His grace, God still does miraculous things every day. God is still performing miracles today, through those who trust Him and His word.

6. Serving Grace - Ephesians 4:7, 1 Peter 4:10

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

As believers, we have all been given grace to serve, grace to be good stewards, Grace to be diligent in what we do for God. The Bible tells us *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* Each believer has received a measure of grace, in order to serve diligently, ask the Holy spirit for help if you feel inadequate, because you have a measure of grace to serve.

7. Sustaining Grace - 2 Cor 12:9-10, Heb 4:16

There is sustaining grace, sometimes we feel we can do all things in our own strength, sometimes we feel we can live a life of holiness, because we are saved, speak in tongues and know the scriptures. When Paul was feeling all beaten and battered he cried out to Jesus three times. Jesus said *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."* Paul then goes on to elaborate on his understanding of God's grace, *Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong"*.

The Bible also encourages us, *"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need"*. It is God's grace that sustains and enables us to live a life of holiness it has nothing to do with us but His sustaining Grace.

Philippians 4:13 says, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

How glorious and marvellous is God's grace to those who have an understanding of it.

The more accurately we define it, the more we can live by it and stay victorious

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ..... sustain and keep us. Amen

save the date!

Fresh Women's Ministry Conference

Saturday 7th October 2017

with Andrea Williams, Founder and CEO of Christian Concern



Andrea is a barrister who has practiced at all levels of the British Judicial system. She pioneered the Student and Policy work of the Lawyers Christian Fellowship, and went on to found Christian Concern and the Christian Legal Centre, which has run some of the most high profile Christian freedom cases and campaigns in Europe. She is a leading analyst campaigner and spokeswoman on issues of national importance in the moral life of the nation and as defender of Christian liberties in the parliamentary process, the justice system and the media. Andrea is married and is the mother of four children.

Youth Arena

Each month we look at questions you as a young person, or your friends might ask.

Question:

Are Christians bigots? What is a Bigot?



Answer:

A 'bigot' is someone who is hostile to anyone who's different or who has different ideas. Christians often have a different way of thinking to other people - this is because Jesus was different to the people around him. But Jesus was not a bigot and Christians aren't - they should never be like this.

It's OK to speak up and speak out for truth and God. But we must never do this in a bad way because God has called us to love people. Often Christians get called bigots. But this is because people hate God - they don't really hate you - though it may feel that way! But don't be put off by people using horrible words. God lives on the inside of you and will never leave you. If you feel people hate you then go to God, go to people who can help - in school, your church or a youth worker.

You are not a bigot just because you believe the Bible!! (Actually it's other people who are bigoted when they won't listen to your point of view! If there is no such thing as truth like these people say then they can't say you're not right! If someone calls you names it's usually because they've lost the argument and can't think what to say!)

**Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

Scriptures Of The Month

Titus 2: 11-14

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

◆ Children's Ministry:

Following prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit, Sis Lisa Martin has been appointed Head of the Children's Ministry here at WOL. She takes over as Ministry Leader with immediate effect. Please do pray for her and support her in her new role.

◆ Consolidation Ministry:

Pastor Folake will in the interim, look after the consolidation ministry till a new ministry leader is appointed.

◆ Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre:

The CAP Debt Centre will be opening this month. To help with its smooth running we need to have in place a Prayer and Support Team. Their roles will be to pray for all aspects of the centre and the users of the centre, and/or act in the role of a "befriender" to users of the debt centre. You are welcome to volunteer for both areas or choose to just help in one area. Either way we will love to hear from you. Please speak with, or email Pastor Folake Henshaw or Bro Malach Airo at info@wordoflife-lcc.org ASAP if you will like to volunteer. Thank you.

◆ Congratulations:

Hearty Congratulations to Latoya Francis on her graduation from the London School of Economics with Masters Degree in Public Administration last month. We pray that the Lord will direct and guide her as she embarks on the next phase of God's purpose for her life in Jesus name.

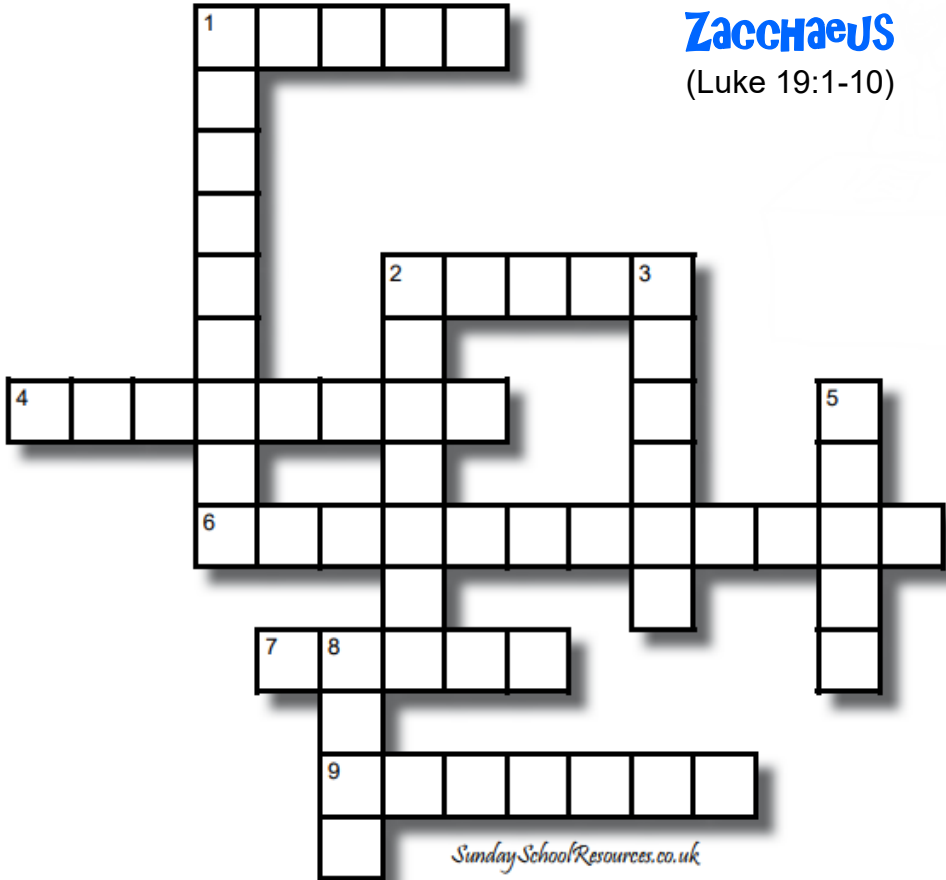


Latoya with family on graduation day:



Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)



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ACROSS

- 1 Give back what is owed
- 2 Who Zacchaeus was trying to see
- 4 Type of tree Zacchaeus sat in
- 6 Zacchaeus' job
- 7 Lots of people
- 9 How Zacchaeus got into the tree

DOWN

- 1 Feeling sorry
- 2 Where Zacchaeus lived
- 3 An unrighteous person
- 5 Not tall
- 8 Having lots of money

For children aged 6 and over: Complete, cut out and give to your cell leader for your chance to win a DVD!

NAME:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of August and congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries this month!



TESTIMONIES

Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly. **Please speak to one of the leaders before the services if you have a testimony or complete a testimony form, write it out, or email us if you will like to share your testimony.**

WATER BAPTISMS

If you have not been baptised in water since you gave your life to Jesus Christ we want to encourage you to do so. **The next opportunity to be baptised is on Sunday 27th August at the 2.30pm service in Kensington Temple. Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you will like to be baptised on that day.**

DEDICATIONS

If you will like to dedicate your baby or child to the Lord, we are able to do this on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and where applicable 5th Sundays of the month. Dedication forms are available from the Church Administrator.



SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES

CDs of the Sunday preaching / teaching messages are available for sale each Sunday after the service at a price of £2.00 per copy.

PARENTS



We ask parents to please kindly avoid giving / letting their children use mobile phones, consoles, iPads etc in the church services. We will also appreciate your help in making sure they do not play on the platform, altar area nor run around the church building. We want them as much as possible to participate fully in the service – through prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God.

If you are a church worker, please do come early at 10am and your young children will be looked after before the service, while you help prepare for the service and participate in the pre-service prayer time.

WORD OF LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

"London and the world for Christ!"

A church with purpose ...

To be a God-centred church, developing people to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for their ministry in the church, and life mission in the world.



... and vision

To impact Lewisham with the gospel of Christ in word and action, and to touch London and the nations of the world.

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to do all that I have commanded you.*

Matthew 28:19-20



WOL TEAM

Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

Rowland Henshaw

Pastors / Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw

Denis Oyibo

Bayo Oyeniyi

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

Church Administrator

Audrey Oyibo

Treasurer

Malach Airo

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Rotimi Adejumo

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CHURCH

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