

Word of Life Church

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LET YOUR

Kingdom

Come

(PART 2)

Matthew 6:10

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 on 'ooVoo' each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

WEDNESDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

7pm-8pm Midweek Service.

FRIDAY (fortnightly) at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

7pm-8.30pm Youth Night.

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

NOAH FINDS GRACE WITH GOD

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

I have over time been looking at the word GRACE in the Bible and discovered that the word GRACE has been mentioned almost 145 times in the Bible. 21 times in the Old Testament, and 124 times in the New Testament.

This word is first mentioned in Genesis 6:8 where we are told: “Noah finds favour in the eyes of the Lord.” In some other translations, Genesis 6:8 says: “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

The context in which this statement is based is in the earlier verses that tell us the Lord was grieved with mankind that He created. Genesis 6, *“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.”*”

Because of man’s sin and man’s rebellion God said that he will wipe both human-kind and animals from the face of the earth, that is completely destroy them, because of his anger at their rebellion.

In verse 8 Noah is described as having found favor (GRACE) with God. We see from this scripture that Noah finding grace with God had nothing to do with Noah. The Bible tells us that God was sorry that he had made man and regretted making man. Noah was part of God’s creation. From this scripture, we can see that the whole concepts of election, salvation, mercy, and forgiveness are all linked in this first illustration of grace in the Old Testament to one man and his family (NOAH).

I have over the years come to learn what it means to be graced and empowered. Many preachers have preached and elaborated on grace from the stand point of “no longer under the law but under grace”. If we focus only on that, as true as that may be we will miss the big picture of what grace is all about.

Two things to note:

1. We are saved by grace not by works

Ephesians 2:8 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”* The Bible makes it clear that grace is a gift from God. No one can argue or debate that.

2. We are empowered by grace

2 Corinthians 12:9 *“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.”*

Acts 20:32 - *“And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which*

is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

We are saved by grace and we are empowered by grace to live for God. Every believer has this favour from God and it has nothing to do with how good we are, but His Grace.

MOSES AND GOD’S PRESENCE – Exodus 33

When Moses said to God if I have found grace in your sight then let your presence go with us, he also said so we can find grace in your sight.

As I pondered on this statement by Moses, I began to see and understand where Moses was coming from. Moses in essence was saying “Lord I have been saved by grace and as we go on this journey, we will need your grace to complete this journey that we are on, for it is your grace that makes the difference.” “Lord leading this people has nothing to do with how good I have been, it has nothing to do with how clever or intelligent I am. Leading this great people of yours has nothing to do with my education. I am a murderer, I have messed things up, yet you chose me, you empowered me by your grace, please do not let me down now.”

People of God, our walk with God has nothing to do with the strength of our faith, it is God’s faithfulness that is extended to us through His grace.

To forgive someone who has molested you, is by His Grace.

To love the unlovable, is by the grace of God.

To walk away from sin, is by the grace of God.

To live a life of holiness, is by the grace of God.

We are saved by grace through faith not by works lest any man should boast, the Bible tells us. So when Paul boasted, he boasted in his challenges not in what he had achieved, because he realized that whatever he may have achieved has been by the grace of God.

There have been times when I have questioned God’s Word. There have been times when I almost blew it but by the grace of God I am still standing.

Grace is God’s empowerment, Grace is God’s unmerited favor, Grace is God’s ability working through us, to fulfil His commission.

So when Paul cried to God three times and God responded three times *“my grace is sufficient for you”*, God was saying to him and to us you need me more than you know it. I am the one that strengthens you and my grace is all you need in this walk of faith.

NOAH AND THE ARK

Finally, have you ever wondered how Noah could build an Ark that size?

How did he manage to bring the animals in, how did he cope with the smell?

How did he clean the ark? How did he survive 120 days in the confinement of the ark? It was all by the grace of God because he found favor with God.

Trust and rely on the grace of God alone and the grace of God will be sufficient for you. When you are weak, He will be strong in every situation and at all times!

in creation in ways that everyone can see and understand! Do you ever feel something inside you asking whether your life is all there is? Do you long to do something bigger than yourself, to make a difference? That is the voice of God calling you.

6. The created world... When you look at the intricate and incredible way that leaves are formed; the amazing range of animal, plant and bird life; the amazing way the human body works; the fact that the earth is so finely balanced that anything other than the exact way the earth works means we couldn't live... All of this points to an incredible creator. This world cannot have been formed by chance. To have done so is beyond what science calls scientifically impossible. So it is impossible this world just magic'd itself into existence. So to have such an incredible world shows there must be a powerful outside force that made and handcrafted the world and everything in it. There is - God!

7. The life-changing story of Christians... I know of hundreds of Christians. Each one has met with God and has a personal story that is amazing. Just average everyday people have been touched by God and gone on to feed thousands; end slavery; reform prisons; go into the darkest parts of the earth and see change brought; brought hope to the hopeless; seen amazing miracles. I know of people who were gang leaders, killers, murderers, drug addicts, prostitutes - all have had their lives completely changed. No other power on earth can do this except the power of God. My life has been totally changed round by God - turned right way up. No-one can deny this. No-one can deny the evidence of changed lives. You may doubt it was God who did this. But if you look closely at the lives of Christians, you'll see ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

**Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

Church News



Rehoboth Building Re-furbishment:

We are looking to start re-furbishment works on the building soon, and want to encourage everyone to partner in the remedial works and re-furbishment of Rehoboth building through prayer, and by giving to the Church's Project Fund.

We have a separate bank account specially set aside for these donations. Giving is easy, quick and secure. You can give online via Paythru, by bank transfer or by cheque by simply following the steps below:

1. Online Donations through the church's website by visiting <http://wordoflife-cc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project>.

(Go to WOL website, then select menu "donations" and "building project")

2. Bank Transfer Donations. Please use the details below for bank transfers:

Nat West Bank – Cheltenham Branch

Account No – 14543605

Sort Code - 60 05 16

Please ensure you use the reference "Word of Life" or "85ODC CK453".

3. Cheque Donations. To give by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Word of Life Church" and enclose a note (if posting) with your cheque to notify us that your gift is for the Project Fund.

4. Recurring Donations. You can download our project fund standing order form to allow you to give monthly by visiting the church's website on <http://wordoflife-icc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project>

Once filled in and signed, send it to: The Administrator, Word of Life Church, 72A Mayeswood Road London SE12 9RP

5. By using a Project Fund envelope during the church services for your gift, and putting in the offering baskets.

Thank you for your support!



FWM Ladies Mentoring Programme

Ladies, this is introducing to you the Word of Life, Fresh Women's Ministry Ladies Mentoring Programme. This programme has at its heart a vision to see women mentored on a one to one basis, so they are developed into godly women after God's heart, fulfilling His plan, purpose and destiny for their lives.

It is modelled after the Naomi and Ruth relationship in the Bible and open to all ladies in Word of Life Church who wish to participate in it.

Guidelines and a simple application form are available to be completed by those who want a mentor assigned to them. **Please ask your cell leader or the stewards for a copy today, complete and return to us.**

Based on availability, a mentor will be assigned to each lady (mentee) who seeks to be mentored. The programme will run as a year's long programme and mentoring meetings will take place once a month at agreed times and venues for a total of 12 months.

At the end of the 12 months the formal mentoring programme will finish, but the informal relationship can continue.

The Mentoring programme will seek to minister and bring development to the full man (woman) – Spirit, Soul, Body with particular attention to developing the Spirit man through the Word of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. IT WILL SEEK TO HELP EACH LADY GET ON THE PATH OF BECOMING THE WOMAN GOD DESTINED TO BE IN THIS LIFE, AND ACTUALLY FULFIL GOD'S PURPOSE, HIGH CALLING AND DESTINY FOR THEIR LIFE.



Proposed CAP Debt Centre Opening in 2017

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty, including those in need of bankruptcy or insolvency. The organisation, a charity, works through a network of CAP Debt Centres all around the country that exist in partnership with a local Christian church.

Individuals seeking the assistance of the charity give authority to the charity to negotiate with creditors, and the charity will then organise the individual's finances with the objective of making them debt free within 5 years. The caseworker will create a sustainable personal budget for clients, prioritising basic living needs and offering creditors fair, affordable pro-rata payments as far as this is possible. This service is offered at no cost to the individual.

Through the work of CAP Debt Centres many around the country have been delivered from the tyranny of debt and most importantly come to a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We plan to partner with CAP and open a new CAP Debt Centre based in Rehoboth Building Grove Park that will serve the Lewisham Borough community. Proposed opening date is summer 2017. **We believe God is leading us to do this and ask as a church that you please PRAY in faith to see this vision materialise. Thank you as you do so.**

For more details of CAP, please visit <https://capuk.org/>.

BUILDING/ENVIRONMENT MAINTENANCE

We continue to ask for your support and co-operation with the following:

- Your help in keeping the building tidy and clean. If you use any of the rooms or facilities, please do clear up after you and leave it in an excellent state.
 - **Not bringing Food or Drinks into the main hall**
(only water is allowed if required).
- Ensuring the longevity of the church's equipment by refraining from using / handling any of the technical equipment and worship instruments after services (except where necessary).
- Maintaining a good rapport with our neighbours and keeping our Christian witness by the way you park around Rehoboth building. Please continue to park properly in the right places stated and avoid blocking entry paths to homes. Please refer to the map on the notice board in the foyer and kindly avoid parking in the areas marked red. Thank you.
- Keeping noise levels down outside when arriving at, or departing from the building.
- Parents, keeping an eye on children at all times, making sure they do not run around within and outside the building. Thank you.
- Avoiding unnecessary movement once the service has started. This helps minimise distractions especially when the Word of God is being preached.

Together we can continue to create a good environment that is welcoming for all and is conducive to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of February 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. **Please check the February edition of the Revival Times for baptism service(s) this month.**

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.

NO food and drinks are allowed into the main auditorium in Rehoboth building please. Parents please explain and help your children to understand this.



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.

Thanks for your anticipated help with this.

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

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Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

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CHURCH

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