

Word of Life Church

bulletin

MAY 2017

Walking in Spiritual Authority

Mark 13: 32-35
Ephesians 2: 4-6

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.

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

Wednesdays this month

Pastor Rowland will be teaching on the
Ascension Gifts – The Five-Fold Ministry Gifts.
Come and be equipped!!

KTLC SOUTH SINGLES ENCOUNTER

Saturday 13th May

9am to 5pm

@ KTLCC South Hub

38 Kennington Park Road, Kennington SE11 4RR

Cost is £15 per person but FREE TO WOL MEMBERS who are single.

KTLC South

REFUEL MEETING

Friday 26th May

From 7pm to 10pm

@ KTLCC South Hub,
38–40 Kennington Park Road,
London SE11 4 RS



Let's have a **Big Lunch!**

FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN FOR ALL

Sunday 4th June 2017
1pm - 4pm
Mayeswood Road / Leafy Oak Road

EVERYONE WELCOME

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD OR ENJOY A FREE LUNCH!

WALKING IN OUR GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

I have over the years observed many believers, who have been battered, abused, bound by fear, and demonic oppression. They have not been able to stand their ground and take authority over their situations. I have met believers who do not know that they were created to have dominion.

If you are a believer, you have been called to walk and operate in your God given authority. Paul in 2 Corinthians 10, tells us that even though we live on this earth we do not operate as citizens of this earth. The weapons God has given us, our armoury, is not of this earth. It is important to note that it is only a child of God who can have access to His heavenly armouries.

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Ephesians 2:19 "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,"

Many believers do not know who they are. They do not know whose they are. They do not know their position in Christ. If you are a believer ask yourself the following questions:

Who am I as a believer?

What is my position in Christ?

What are my privileges?

Many believers don't ask themselves these questions; hence they walk this earth defeated, battered and sometimes give up and become angry and cynical.

SEATED WITH CHRIST

Ephesians 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Positional truth is one of the elementary subjects that many Christians don't fully understand. That is a reason why we fail to understand our position in Christ. Many believers today need to stop and ask themselves this question; do I really believe that I am who the WORD OF GOD says I am? Unless we believe in the Word of God and start acting on it, we will find it difficult to walk in our God's given authority.

A NEW CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 "Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

When we heard the gospel of Salvation and believed the gospel we become a new creation in Christ Jesus and our position changed. When the Bible says, we are seated with Christ, it simply means that we abide in and with the Lord. We are in a place of rest, we are in a privileged position, a vantage position. A position where we trust, lean and rely on God for our protection.

Ephesians 1:13 - As believers, we are fully incorporated into the body of Christ

"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

You can only begin to exercise your authority as a believer once you know who you are and whose you are.

AUTHORITY

There are four Greek words translated authority or power but have over the years been used in the same way. They however denote different traits or characteristics of the power we have been given.

The first word is EXOUSIA

This means delegated authority. The Lord Jesus uses this in *Mathew 28:18-19*

“And Jesus came to them and spoke unto them, saying, all authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth.”

Mathew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

The same word Exousia can be seen in *John 1:12*

“But as many as received him, to them gave he the right (power, authority, exousia) to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name.”

For those of us who are believers in Christ, we also carry the same authority as Jesus.

In *Luke 10:19* Jesus said to His disciples:

“Behold, I have given you (Exousia) authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.”

This is the delegated power or authority we receive as born again believers. This authority is similar to that of a police man who steps out in front of a truck or car to stop it, we know that physically the police man does not have the strength to stop a truck but has a delegated power that when he lifts up his hand the truck driver has no choice but to stop. If you are a true believer, you are a child of God, you have the authority of being sons and daughters of God, and therefore have the authority to stop the devil and sin in its tracks.

The second word is KRATOS

This word Kratos is related to the word Exousia. This word points to the power of the Word.

Acts 19:20 “So mightily grew the Word of the Lord and prevailed.”

We are told that word of God is powerful in Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Here we see the authority and the power of the Word

The third word is ISCHUS

Ischus is related to the power of prayer. The book of James tells us that the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much

James 5:16 “Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man avails much (or has great power in its effects).”

In Acts 19:20 we read the Word of God grew mightily and prevailed. Here it is prayer that avails much. Here we see the authority and the power of prayer.

The fourth and final word is DUNAMIS

Dunamis is the enabling power from the Holy Spirit. This is the ability that God gives to His children to be witnesses through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8 when Jesus said *“do not depart until you have received power from above”*, He was referring to Dunamis. The strength and extraordinary power that comes from God.

The truth of the matter is that we cannot separate these four from one another because they are all needed for us to walk in authority. You need to know that you have received the power to be a child of God (Exousia). You need the Word of Christ to dwell in you richly (Kratos). You have to be a person of prayer (Ischus). You now need to be filled daily, a daily immersion of the Holy Spirit. (Dunamis)

The good news is that all this has been made available to you by God. You have authority as a child of God. You have authority in the Word and through the Word. You have authority in prayer. You have authority through the power of the Holy Spirit. Catch this revelation and you will begin to walk in your God given authority like you have never done before.....

him..." A Jewish writer called Josephus wrote a historical record called 'Antiquities' which tells us that Daniel (who was the top government official) told Cyrus around the year 537BC about what Isaiah had written. So, Cyrus (who knew nothing about God) read something written by a prophet of God well over 150 years before, where God mentioned Cyrus by name (long before Cyrus was born). This impacted Cyrus as we read in another Bible book called Ezra (chapter 1 verse 1-4) that he allowed the Jewish people to leave his Kingdom and gave them money to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

Time after time, the 66 books of the Bible, written by over 40 authors over thousands of years show consistency between themselves that can only have come from the hand of God.

Third, Jesus shows that he gave great authority to the Old Testament. He quoted it many times, referred to figures and situations in the Old Testament (such as creation and the flood etc.) and fulfilled Old Testament prophecies precisely. In John 10.35, he calls the Scripture the 'Word of God'.

The Old Testament... There is a huge amount of other historical evidence that shows the truth of the Old Testament writings. They also agree accurately with the Septuagint (a Greek translation) created in the 2nd and 3rd century BC. Finally, we have the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' which when found, showed itself to be identical with the Hebrew words in our Bible 95% of the time. The remaining 5% were just things like typos!

The New Testament... These were created from a massive 5,366 manuscripts! Some of these date from the 2nd and 3rd centuries. This is way beyond the amount of ancient texts used to put together other classics that people readily accept (Homer's Iliad, 643 copies, earliest copy around 500 years after / Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars, 10 copies, earliest written 1000 years after / Aristotle, 49 copies, earliest copy 1400 years after). The earliest New Testament manuscripts were written just under 100 years (some say 70 years) after the events. The Gospels also show a remarkable level of consistency between them. Where there are differences, these can easily be explained by the author's perspective of it or the point they were focusing on from an incident.

But the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. Here's what 2 Peter 1.20-21 says, "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

This is letting us know that the writers of the Bible were led and totally inspired by the Holy Spirit (who is God). Prophecy and the Bible has nothing to do with man's thoughts or ideas. Despite being human, the prophets spoke from God as they were led by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is not the work of man alone. It is man, inspired by God. That is why the Bible is so accurate with life, prophecy and with itself.

**Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

Children's Ministry:

Many of you are aware that Sis Hilary Carnihan reached a milestone late last year and turned 70. This is to let you know after many years of serving, she is stepping down as Head of the Children's Ministry and will be taking things a little easier.

We are immensely grateful to God and thankful to her for the many years she has spent leading this very vital ministry, the blessing she has been, and the wonderful input she has had in many children's lives. We pray for grace and strength for her in this new season of her life in Jesus name.

Pastor Rowland in the interim will be looking after the children's ministry while a new head of ministry is identified and appointed. We ask that you please pray for God's leading and guidance in doing this.

Volunteer Workers:

We are currently looking for volunteer workers to serve in many aspects of ministry within the church. Our lord Jesus came to serve and not to be served. He calls us all also to make ourselves available to serve Him, His kingdom and His people. using whatever gifts, He has given us.

If you are a believer in Christ and will like to give your time and commitment to serving and being a blessing to others, please do speak to any of the WOL leadership team. We really look forward to hearing from you. For the different ministry areas within the church, please visit the website or email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

New to WOL:

Are you new to WOL? We invite and encourage you to join one of our small connect groups, called Cell groups.

The Cell groups in WOL are at the "heart" of our Church Life. Our goal, and Jesus' command is to "make disciples". An important way we do this at WOL is through small groups, which we call cell groups. Led by a mature believer, each group consists of anything between two and twelve people who meet in homes, on the job, or wherever they choose.

The cell meetings constitute a time of praise and worship, prayer, and teachings where the Word of God is shared in a simple and practical way. A Bible study lesson is shared with real life applications, putting the story of the Bible into OUR world. The cell also serves an evangelistic mission that new people are being invited to and won to Christ. The ultimate goal of each group is to disciple its members and prepare them to go and disciple others.

Generally speaking, the cell enables a person to grow in his or her relationship with God and in relationship with others in an intimate setting. The cell is where everything that happens in a church service happens in a miniature form, but with the added bonus of close friendships and relationships being built. Our Cell groups meet on a weekly basis. Cell members walk away from the meetings feeling encouraged, renewed and refreshed in their spirits.

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.



**IMPACT MEN'S FOOTBALL
AND LUNCH**
Saturday 27th May
10am to 1pm

see Peter Una or Chris Martin for more information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of May 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 28th May 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

Hilary Carnihan - Children

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Lisa Martin - Consolidation

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

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