

Word of Life Church

bulletin

December 2023

Jesus

THE SON OF GOD

John 1: 16 - 18

Isaiah 9: 6-7

Matthew 11: 25 - 28

Micah 5: 2

Luke 1: 31-35

1 John 4: 15

2023, Our Year of Pursuing, Overtaking & Recovering All
Key Scriptures - 1 Samuel 30: 1-19; Joel 2: 18-27

.....WELCOME!.....

- **Welcome!!!** We are so thrilled you could engage with us. We hope you enjoy your interactions with us and welcome you to stay in touch with us via our website, email or phone. If you need to get in touch with us, ask a question, if you have a prayer request or if you need to speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team at any time, please feel free to contact us: Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thu, 10am to 2pm). Please also check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org to stay up-to-date with our activities and useful information.
- Our Children's & Youth Programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. Children meet in the lower hall after the time of corporate praise and worship, **with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is our Family Sunday.** The Youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the main service from 12.45pm to 1.30pm. For details of how children & youth can join in please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org. Thank you.

Weekly / Fortnightly Events

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom. Mondays to Saturdays 6am to 7am.

WEDNESDAY

7pm-8pm Midweek Power Service - at Rehoboth building

FRIDAY

7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub at Rehoboth building (Lower Hall)

7pm-8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer at Rehoboth building

7pm-10pm (last Friday of the month) Prayer Night at Rehoboth building

SATURDAY

10:30am—12:15pm (weekly) SOS Evangelism Outreach at Rehoboth building

5pm-6pm (weekly) Dig Deep Search the Scriptures - via Zoom

SUNDAY

11:00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

1:00pm Youth Church / Cell Group (boys & girls aged 13 onwards)- contact youth@wordoflife-lcc.org for details

After Praise & Worship - Children's Church / Cell Group (3-12 yrs) - contact kids@wordoflife-lcc.org

CELL GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held In-Person/via Zoom during the week. For more details email info@wordoflife-lcc.org or phone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thur, 10am to 2pm). Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

WORD OF LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

“Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies

A church with mission...

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 - - TRANSFORMING LIVES, FULFILLING DESTINIES



... and vision

To impact the Borough of 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

Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw & Peter Unachukwu

Ministry Leaders

Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Folake Henshaw - Women

Harriet Kattiti - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Media

George Zammit—Evangelism

Yvonne Zammit—Welcome & Consolidation

Yemi Adeniran—Wholeness

Barbara Agbudeloye—Hospitality & Protocol

Church Administrator

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Venue Manager

Daren Woodham

Safeguarding Coordinator

Barbara Agbudeloye

WOL Board Member Representatives

Serena Manly-Spain & Sylbourne Sydial



WOL Church Office opening times – Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm
Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, London SE12 9RP
Tel. 07930 958 097

E-mail info@wordoflife-lcc.org - Website www.wordoflife-lcc.org

... CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ...



We stand in awe, as we remember and celebrate the birth of Our KING, Our LORD, and Our SAVIOUR - JESUS

Special Christmas greetings to you and your family. We pray that great joy, overwhelming peace, and unconditional love will be yours this season and thereafter. May this joy, peace and love overflow from you to others in this wonderful season.

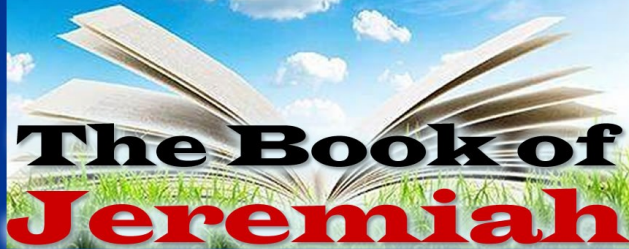


With our Love, Pastors Rowland & Folake Henshaw xx

... DECEMBER EVENTS ...

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

December 2023



During the month of December please join with the rest of WOL Church to read, meditate, study and explore the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

CORPORATE

PRAYER & FASTING

Monday 4th - Saturday 9th December 2023

*Theme: "Grove Park for Jesus" * Key Scripture: Acts 8: 4-8*

"2023, Our Year of Pursuing, Overtaking & Recovering All"

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... DECEMBER EVENTS ...



WARM

WELCOME
SPACE

WHEN: FRIDAYS

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00PM

FREE DROP IN TO KEEP WARM, CONNECT WITH OTHERS, A HOT DRINK, A HEALTHY SNACK AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

VENUE: Word of Life Church, Lower Floor, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thur 10am - 2pm) | Email - community@wordoflife-lcc.org
Community Website: <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community>



WOL Christmas Dinner (for all the Church)



Lower Hall, Rehoboth Building, Word of Life Church,
72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, SE12 9RP

Sunday 10th December 2023

Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Cost: £20 per head - Free Complimentary Soft Drinks

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thu - 10am - 2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org

... DECEMBER EVENTS ...



Chosen Generation

Chosen Generation invites you to

YOUTH SUNDAY



Word Of Life
CHURCH

GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR TOBI SANUSI



10th December 2023
From 11:00am

Tobi, graduated from Oral Roberts University, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA where he attained his bachelor's degree in Social Justice. He also has a masters in Christian Ministry & Theology. He is passionate about two things; Jesus and people. Tobi loves to tell the the story of the gospel in a relatable, captivating and uplifting way to his audience. Tobi pioneered Alive Church in 2019, a vibrant collection of young adults who love Jesus and people. It is going strong and has about over 200 + young adults gathered on a Sunday. He desires all people to experience the love of Jesus through the message of the gospel.

With the **Chosen Generation Choir** and a **Drama** about the battle between "**David & Goliath**" with a modern twist & lots more...



... DECEMBER EVENTS ...



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

for 3 - 10 year olds



your local church

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

welcomes you to come & celebrate with us

Saturday 16th December 2023

2:00pm-4:00pm

MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, STORYTELLING & CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

FREE event but Registration is required

Register here



EMAIL:
KIDS@WORDOFLIFE-LCC.ORG

Register here



Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/WOLKidsChristmasParty2023>

Venue: Lower Hall, Word of Life Church, 72A Mayeswood Rd, Grove Park, SE12 9RP
Tel - 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thu, 10am-2pm) | Email - kids@wordoflife-lcc.org

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS PACKING & DISTRIBUTION

Saturday 16th December 2023

Hamper Delivery/Packing @8:00am | Hamper Distribution @ 10am - 12noon
Word of Life Church, Lower Hall, Rehoboth building, 72A Mayeswood Rd, Grove Park, SE12 9RP



Please help us to raise £3000 to feed 100 needy & poor families in Grove Park this Christmas by giving a gift of £30 or more to help us meet this target & share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the community.

WAYS TO GIVE:

CASH - put in an envelope (available from the ushers), mark it as 'Christmas Hampers' & place cash/envelope in the basket

BANK TRANSFER - Lloyds Bank, Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church, Account#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30 91 87, Reference 'Christmas Hampers'



WOL MEMBERS DAY

End of Year Reporting Day

Sunday 17th December

Time: 1:15pm (immediately after the service)

Venue: Main Hall, Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thurs, 10am-2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org

DECEMBER EVENTS



CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building
72A Mayeswood Rd, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP



**FREE EVENT
FREE ENTRY**

**FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY**

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Word of Life Church

Sunday Service

at Rehoboth building

Sunday 31st December 2023 at 11:00am

**Word of Life Church, Rehoboth building, 72A
Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP**

For Livestreams on Sundays at 11am visit:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/wollcc>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf>

Email: info@wordoflife-lcc.org Web: www.wordoflife-lcc.org

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you are invited to our

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Date: Sunday 31st December 2023

Time: 10:00pm - 12:15am

Venue: Word of Life Church, Main Hall, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, SE12 9RP

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org

GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

CASH - please indicate to a steward that you would like an envelope & place cash/envelope in the offering basket

BANK TRANSFER - Lloyds Bank, Account: ECKT Word of Life Church, Account#- 03215544, SortCode- 30-91-87

GIVT APP - Download the free GIVT app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)

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GROVE PARK EMERGENCY FOOD BANK PROJECT
is moving forward and evolving into a ...



FOOD BANK AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Day & Time: Fridays, 12pm to 2pm

**Location: Lower Hall, Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building, 72A
Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP**

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org
Community Website: <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community>



Every Thursday

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

**Body & Soul
for Ladies!!!**

**Venue: Lower Hall Community Resource Centre, Word of Life Church,
Rehoboth building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP**

Sessions will be led by a qualified personal trainer and are FREE OF CHARGE

To register, please email us at community@wordoflife-lcc.org

You are also welcome to just come along weekly on Thursday evenings!

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm) | Email - community@wordoflife-lcc.org

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YouTube

Word Of Life CHURCH

www.youtube.com/@wordoflifecfTV/streams

Word of Life Church

SUBSCRIBE

TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

HIT THE BELL ICON FOR NOTIFICATIONS!

WHEN GOD HAS NO CHOICE!
125 views • Streamed 4 weeks ago

LIFE L
28 view

LIFE LESSONS FROM JESUS PT 8
33 views • Streamed 1 month ago

THE WAIT
83 views • Streamed 1 month ago

CONTENDING FOR YOUR FAITH
89 views • Streamed 1 month ago

HOW TO SUCCESSFUL!

LIFE LESSONS FROM JESUS PT 6
Streamed 1 month ago

AWAKENING
Streamed 2 months ago

HIS WORD

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Early Morning Prayers - on Zoom ID: 314 492 8882 from 6am to 7am Monday to Saturdays

Midweek Power Service – Wednesdays from 7pm – 8pm Main Sanctuary Rehoboth Building

SOS Evangelism Outreach – Saturdays from 10.30am to 12.15pm (Prayer from 10.30am to 11.00am in Rehoboth building and Evangelism Outreach in the local community from

Men and Women Cell Groups (small group connect meetings)

– Various days of the week. For details, please email

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org

CGY Youth Cell groups (from age 13 years) – Sundays after the service in the Lower Floor Hall Rehoboth Building from 1.15pm

Revival Prayer Night – Fridays from 7pm – 8.30pm Main Sanctuary Rehoboth Building

Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures – Saturdays on Zoom ID: 314 492 8882 from 5pm – 6pm

.. NOTE & SAVE THE DATE ..

We Are Thirsty Lord! *(A week of seeking the Lord afresh)*

Tuesday 2nd January - Monday 8th January 2024

Meeting for one hour daily from 7pm to 8pm in Rehoboth building to seek the Lord afresh in the place of praise, worship, and prayers.

Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GOODNESS

We want to acknowledge the foundation of this testimony is the importance of having confidence in God's Word and fully believing He has a plan and purpose for us, even when it feels otherwise.

Both of us have always dreamt of starting a family. Numerous unsuccessful attempts hurt us deeply. Falling short can hurt much more than not starting in the first place. The immense struggle for us was standing up each time and trying again.

After successfully conceiving again early this year, we refrained from celebrating, concerned the pattern would continue. However, we smashed our previous record and received positive news appointment after appointment; there was a heartbeat!



However, the pregnancy was not straightforward. The following scan, we learned there was a blood restriction on the cord between the placenta and the baby. This increases the probability of an underweight baby or high blood pressure for Akua. Additionally, at a later stage, the baby was in breach (wrong way round for birth). Akua was given an emergency appointment the following week by accident during the doctor's strike to painfully manually turn the baby. But praise God just before the procedure the baby turned itself!

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Considering the pregnancy was “high risk” Akua was given extra appointments. At one of these, we were told the wrong location and therefore we were late. Due to this, we were informed we would not be seen and I kicked up a fuss and used my position within the hospital to pressure them into seeing us. At this appointment, it was discovered Akua had developed sudden pre-eclampsia and this diagnosis triggered a decision to induce and trigger the labour early to protect mother and baby. We think back to the miracle of James getting this job and putting him in a position to act at this time.

The induction did not go well. After multiple methods and attempts contractions started and increased in frequency. However, after each cluster of contractions, the baby’s heartbeat would drop from 150 beats per minute to as low as 70 (half of where they should be). An immediate C-section birth was recommended and within 30 minutes we were taken into the operating room.

At 13:13 on 15th October 2023, Eden Mynott was born weighing 2.65kg!

Following this moment of absolute joy was a six-day hospital stay on top of the three days already admitted. Akua’s blood pressure did not drop as in some cases of pre-eclampsia and Eden had severe jaundice. Although jaundice is common affecting around 60% of babies Eden’s readings were so high she was close to being recommended a blood transfusion to avoid possible brain damage and cerebral palsy. Instead, Eden was treated with phototherapy for 24 hours which controlled the jaundice until levels started naturally reducing on their own. Combined with Akua’s blood pressure stabilising we were finally discharged home.

During a home midwife follow-up, it was highlighted that Eden had alarmingly still not regained her birth weight (babies lose weight first few days), also Eden had only gained 10 grams over 4 days, well short of the 28gram per day target. We were told that Eden had to gain considerable weight over the next 3 days or be hospitalised. We attempted to force-feed Eden as often (and lovingly) as possible and by the review appointment, Eden had not only exceeded her birth weight but gained 260 grams over 4 days (almost impossible for a baby her size).

Eden and Akua are now both healthy, Akua’s C-section recovery was tricky at first but she has shocked healthcare professionals at how fast she has been able to return to day-to-day life.

Our testimony is this, even when it seems like everything has gone wrong or is going wrong we should trust God. If it’s his plan, nothing can derail it.

January this year after a long period of meditation in the spirit I knew it would be our year and everything we put our hand to would succeed. Since then Akua landed the best job she’d ever had, past her driving test and has a car on the way, we have purchased a house and now have a baby after recurrent miscarriages. God is faithful.

We want to thank you all for your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for us and also for yourselves! We will bring Eden up in WOL and therefore am counting on all of you as extended members of our family to be Godly influences and role models, people of wisdom and advice and saints of character and integrity showing Eden what a Bible-believing, Spirit filled church should be.

Thanks for all the gifts and support, we love you all!

James & Akua Mynott

..... CHURCH NEWS

◆ LOWER HALL

We give all glory to God for the successful completion of the building works in the lower floor of Rehoboth Building! We also want to especially thank our Venue Manager, Darren Woodham for his tireless and exceptional work ensuring the works were done so well and on time. A big thank you to all others who helped and supported this project. May God reward your labours in great measure in Jesus name

◆ WARM WELCOME SPACE

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in getting a grant of £1,000 to run a Warm Welcome Space for our Grove Park Community last month.

A warm welcome space is a scheme for members of our community to access a warm and welcoming space during the winter months. A free drop in space where they can come for a few hours, have a hot drink, a healthy snack, keep warm, connect with others, make new friends, engage in social activities, and access additional support.

◆ LIMITLESS NEWS!

Limitless Festival 2024!

Saturday, 03 August – Thursday, 08 August 2024.



Chosen Generation

The Chosen Generation Youth Ministry invites all young people ages 13+ to Limitless 2024. WOL Youth have attended these events for two years running with 14 young people attending in 2022 and 18 in 2023: we aim for a minimum of 20 to attend in 2024.

In the words of our young people, they describe the festival as: Fun, Enjoyable! Eye Opening, exciting! Encouraging and enlightening!



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We invite you to register and secure a spot as soon as possible to take advantage of the early bird costs which ends in February 2024.

Cost for 4 nights and 5 days is £250 covering festival tickets, coach fees and food (breakfast and dinner).

Payments can be made in instalments over six months.

Please Register your interest and secure a spot by visiting - <https://forms.gle/DrL1bPnkspvqerGb6>

Visit official website for more information https://www.elim.org.uk/Groups/364056/Limitless_Festival.aspx



Limitless Festival is a summer gathering that's all about community, connection, and change.

Featuring dynamic venues for young people as well as a packed programme of activities, sports, events, seminars, workshops, and after hour's venues.



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Limitless longs to see young people enter a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ and leave our event empowered, envisioned, and equipped to serve Him in all areas of their lives.

Events reflect what Limitless is: Lively, Passionate & Fun! Young people gather for 5 days where every morning and evening they get together and have times of worship, teaching, and ministry. Throughout the day there are various seminar streams covering all sorts of topics to challenge how the young people and leaders see Jesus Christ and how they live that out in their own lives. There are cafés, sports, music, a cinema and loads of other activities in the afternoons and evenings so all the young people on site have something to engage with.

Our events unashamedly declare the gospel and the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. We try and make this accessible for those who don't consider themselves Christians and/or who don't have a church background through the language we use, the way we explain what's going on and by our actions



..... CHURCH NEWS

◆ ARE YOU NEW TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH?

Welcome to Word of Life Church! We are so glad you have chosen to visit and be part of our services. If you have any questions will like to know more about the Church, receive pastoral help, or explore how you can connect and be involved in the life of the Church, please come speak with any of the team or send us an email at info@wordoflife-lcc.org. Someone will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you

◆ YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is especially important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help / counselling or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader, any of the leadership team or the church board member representatives (Brother Sylbourne Sydial and Sister Serena Manly-Spain) know, so we can offer prayer and support. Please do not isolate yourself, speak with someone. In addition, if you are in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

◆ HOUSEKEEPING / SAFEGUARDING

We would like to remind parents and guardians to please keep their eyes out for their children and the young ones while in the church premises. Let's join together to help keep them safe and stop them from coming to any kind of harm. Please keep your personal belongings with you while in the building premises. Thank you for your co-operation. **For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org**

◆ BEING MINDFUL OF GOD'S HOUSE - REHOBOTH BUILDING

We would like to ask everyone to please be mindful and intentional about caring for, looking after, and keeping clean and tidy the house of the Lord. Let us join to do this. Please also be mindful of the carpets in the building IN PARTICULAR in the main sanctuary. Let us please keep it clean as much as we can by using the mats as we come into the building. Thank you for your help with this. We also want to be good stewards of the resources God provides us in this House, so we ask that everyone please help with avoiding wastage of any of the church's resources. Thank you for your help with this.

◆ WE INVITE YOU TO SERVE

We are inviting you to give your time, strength, commitment, gifts, and talents to serve the Lord here in Word of Life Church. Your Church needs your service in many areas of ministry. We are particularly looking for more **stewards / ushers and children's workers** now. However, you are welcome to serve in other areas that you believe the Lord has called you to with your gifts and talents. We believe that every Christian is called to serve by Jesus so please get in touch with us by emailing info@wordoflife-lcc.org or speak with your cell leader or deputy cell leader and complete a worker's form. We look forward to hearing from you.

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

John 1: 16 -18 (NKJV)

16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Matthew 11: 25 – 28 (NKJV)

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Luke 1: 31 – 35 (NKJV)

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Isaiah 9: 6 – 7 (NKJV)

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Micah 5: 2 (NKJV)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

1 John 4: 15 (NKJV)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

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JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF MAN, THE SON OF GOD

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

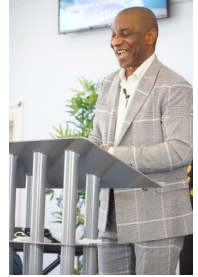
Luke 22:66-70

66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

68 And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. 69 Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So, He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."



I have deliberately highlighted, the following statements, for you to know without any iota of doubt, that Jesus Himself confirmed His identity as the Son of God to the World, through His answers, "**You rightly say that I am.**"

Today many do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, neither do they believe that Jesus is God.

Yes, it is difficult to believe, because to many it is foolishness, how can the creator of the whole earth have a son.

There are some religious groups who believe in Jesus, but do not believe that He was God, neither do they believe that He was His son.

There are those who believe just as Christians do that Jesus was born of a virgin, but struggle with the concept of Him being a son. Many believe He was just a prophet.

There are those who believe that Jesus was a good man, but not the Son of God.

There are those who believe that He was created just like every other human, but to be God and God's Son is incomprehensible.

Jesus consistently and constantly referred to Himself as the Son of Man.

Matthew 20:28

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 14:62

62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Luke 19:9-10

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he

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also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

John 3:13

13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Jesus may have on numerous occasions referred to Himself as the Son of Man instead of the Son of God for a reason.

I believe it was intentional as the term sons of God has been used for many others.

When you look in the book of Job. Let us look at **Job 1:6**

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1

Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.

We as believers are also referred to as the sons or the children of God because of Jesus Christ.

However, when we look deeper into the scriptures, we will realise that Jesus was intentional about this title the Son of Man.

Let's look in the Old Testament.

Daniel 7:13-14

13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

If we look at Jesus' statement, we will realise that Jesus was quoting from the book of Daniel. Let us look at the similarity.

Mark 14:62

62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Luke 22:69

69 Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

Now let us look at the next verse in Daniel 7:14

14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

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***Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.***

When we come to Matthew 28:18 Jesus says, ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***

We hear Jesus echo the words of the vision of Daniel.
***Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,***

When we listen to Jesus, we realise that Jesus was constantly and intentionally, making references to the Old Testament pointing each and everyone to Scriptures, making sure we knew He was the One scripture spoke about.

He was the One spoken about in Genesis.
He was the One spoken about in the Psalms.
He was the One spoken about in Isaiah.

Isaiah tells us in chapter 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.

Immanuel, that is God with us.
In Chapter 9:6,

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

A child was born. Who was that Child? Matthew, in Matthew 1:22-23 states:

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Let us quickly take a look at what Luke wrote about the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

The angel Gabriel speaking to Mary says these words to her and I want you to take note of the prophecy of Daniel from chapter 7.

30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

The angel repeats the same words of Daniel, which is:

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an

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everlasting dominion,

His Dominion, His Kingdom and Sovereignty will be without end, it will be everlasting.

Whilst we are at this point let us quickly take look at some of the words of John.

In John Chapter 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In verse 14, John makes this bold statement and says.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In Chapter 3:16-17

He goes on to say,

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John points his reader to Jesus' identity as the only begotten and also testifies in his writing that Jesus is the only begotten of God. Who was the Word and was God and lived amongst us.

John went on to say in Chapter 20 of his writing with full confidence. This was what he said.

John 20:30-31

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

I want to submit to you today that scripture unequivocally makes it clear, that Jesus is the Son of Man and also the Son of God.

His deity as the Son of Man, shows that Jesus descended from heaven into earth for a purpose and ascended into heaven after fulfilling His divine purpose here on earth.

I pray that as we celebrate Christmas, we will remember that it is more than the turkey and the presents and that Jesus the Son of Man, the Son of God, is God's gift to you today.

If you have not come to that point of repenting believing and confessing Jesus, to receive abundant life, my prayers is that like John's final statement in **John 20:31** will convince and convict you to do so.

“and that believing you may have life in His name”.

Have wonderful Christmas and Prosperous 2024.

..... GOD LOVES YOU

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of God, within you, and you will become a child of God. If you want to make that step, please see below. These will explain to you more about it. Don't put it off, God has been waiting for you... Today is the day! God bless you.

GOD LOVES YOU!!!

step 1

GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal.

*"we have peace with GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST."
(Romans 5:1)*

*"I have come that they may have life in abundance."
(John 10:10)*



*"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)*

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

step 2

The Problem: Our Separation God created us in his own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

*"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD."
(Romans 3:23)*

*"for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS, our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)*

Our attempts to reach GOD People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God...



*"there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death."
(Proverbs 14:12)*

*"but your iniquities have separated you from your GOD; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."
(Isaiah 59:2)*

No bridge reaches GOD... except one...

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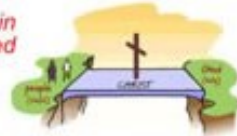
step 3

GOD's Bridge: The Cross Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

*"for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to GOD."
(1 Peter 3:18)*

*"for there is one GOD and one mediator between GOD and men, that man JESUS CHRIST."
(1 Timothy 2:5)*

*"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us."
(Romans 5:8)*



**GOD has provided the only way.
Each person must make a choice!**

step 4

Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

*"yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD."
(John 1:12)*

*"here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."
(Revelation 3:20)*

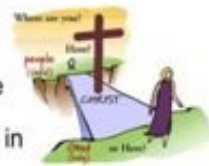
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

Where are you?

Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).



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NOTICES

Happy Birthday Greetings
to all those born in the
month of **DECEMBER** and
Congratulations to all
celebrating **Anniversaries**
this month!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

Please pick up and complete one of the prayer requests and praise reports forms, if you have a prayer request or a praise report. Prayer requests will be prayed for individually agreeing with you in faith for God's miracle.



TESTIMONIES



Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

WATER BAPTISM

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.



DEDICATIONS



If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or ringing 07930 958 097.

Dedications are usually held 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays of the month.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf>
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wollcc>
Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) <https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRivYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534>



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1 Samuel 30: 1 - 19

Joel 2: 18 - 27

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