

# Word of Life Church

*bulletin*

## September 2023



**Matthew 24: 3 - 51**

**1 Timothy 4: 1 - 16**

**2 Timothy 3: 1 - 14**

**2 Peter 3: 1 - 18**

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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)

**12:45pm** Youth Church / Cell Group (boys & girls aged 13 onwards)- contact [youth@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-lcc.org) for details

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



## **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

Safeguarding Coordinator

Barbara Agbudeloye

WOL Board Member Representatives

Serena Manly-Spain & Sylbourn Sydial



WOL Church Office opening times – Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm

Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, London SE12 9RP

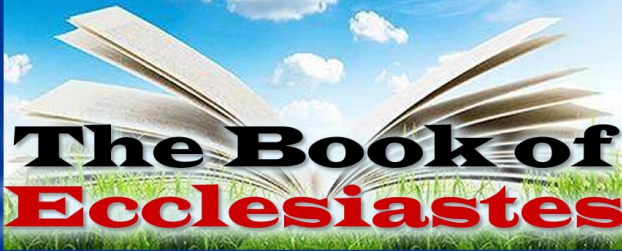
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# ... SEPTEMBER EVENTS ...

## BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

September 2023



### The Book of Ecclesiastes

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

We meet on Friday  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## CHOSEN GENERATION YOUTH HUB

Register  
here



for ages 11 to 21

every fortnight Friday 7pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road,

Grove Park SE12 9RP



Chosen Generation

### • FREE ACTIVITIES •

for more info contact [youth@wordoflife-icc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-icc.org)

table tennis pool table music quiz nights  
movie nights workshops table football refreshments  
creative arts mentoring chill & chat space etc...

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthHubRegistration>

# ... SEPTEMBER EVENTS ...



## Wholeness Ministry

Prayer, Healing and Deliverance (PHD)

*A Day of Personal Prayers, and  
Ministry of Healing and  
Deliverance for You*

## Session

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Free  
Event**

**Time: from 9:30am**

**Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/WholenessPHDSeptember>**

Word of Life Church, 72A Mayeswood Road, London, SE12 9RP  
Tel - 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thu 10am-2pm) ; Email - [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org)



## CELL LEADERS' TRAINING 2023

**Start Date:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

*Every Thursday for 13 weeks*

- ➔ **Weekly video sessions which can be watched by students in their own time**
- ➔ **Joint Zoom meetings every Thursday, 8:30- 9:15pm**

**Introductory session: - Thursday 14th September at 8:30pm**

**For more details of our cell groups, please visit:  
<https://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/ministries/cell-ministry>**

**For questions or enquiries, please email [cells@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:cells@wordoflife-lcc.org)**

# ... SEPTEMBER EVENTS ...

## ***WOL Workers Training Day***

with Special Safeguarding Training with Simon Bass  
of Church Safeguarding Consultancy

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



Training

**Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Venue: Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building**

This is a compulsory day of training for all board members, leaders & church workers



*Special*  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*with Pastor Marcelo Albuquerque*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Time: 11:00am**

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

Pastor Marcelo Albuquerque is the Pastor of New Time Church a KTLCC Church based in Hangar Lane, London. He is from Sao Paulo – Brazil. He has been a Pastor in Brazil, since 1997 and moved to England in the early 2000 and has been a member of KTLCC since 2003. He is happily Married to Fabiana, and they both have two beautiful daughters, Marianne, and Esther. Pastor Marcelo currently oversees the Novo Tempo Churches in Brazil and Germany.



# ... SEPTEMBER EVENTS ...

WOL New People

**Welcome!**  
Afternoon

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time: 1:00pm (after the service)**

**Venue: WOL Lower Hall Community Resource Centre**



## MISSION & VISION **SUNDAY**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Time: 11:00am**

**Main Sanctuary, Word of Life Church , Rehoboth Building**

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

# .....REGULAR EVENTS.....

## WOL Corporate Day of **PRAYER & FASTING**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

*we conclude the day with our*  
**Prayer Night: 7pm- 10pm**

**Venue (In Person):**  
**WOL Church Main Hall, Rehoboth building**



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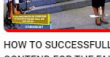
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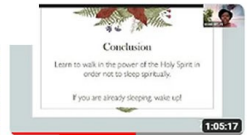
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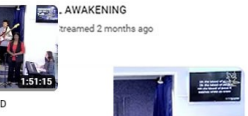
**TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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**Conclusion**  
Learn to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit in order not to sleep spiritually.  
If you are already sleeping, wake up!

**CONCLUSION**  
1:05:17



**AWAKENING**  
streamed 2 months ago



**HIS WORD**  
1:31:15



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# EARLY MORNING PRAYER

Online via Zoom Video Conferencing  
**Monday - Saturday from 6am - 7am**

Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882



# POWER *Service*

***The Power of the Lord is Present***

**Acts 10: 38 and Luke 5: 17**

September 2023



# ***Power of Prayer***

Every Wednesday from 7pm - 8pm

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

Email: [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org) Web: [www.wordoflife-lcc.org](http://www.wordoflife-lcc.org)

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## You're Invited



# Cell Groups



a place to connect with others...



Weekly meetings via Zoom



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

## SOS Evangelism Outreach

**Every Saturday**

10:30am - 11:00am

Prayer

@Rehoboth building

11:15am - 12:15pm

Evangelism Outreach  
in the local community

Open to anyone who would like to join



Isaiah 52: 7 (Amplified)

How beautiful and delightful on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace, Who brings good news of good (things), Who announces salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"



# REVIVAL

## Prayer Night

In-Person Meeting

Prayer Meeting

# Fridays from 7:00pm-8:30pm

(apart from last Friday of the month which is the Church's monthly prayer meeting)

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

# ... REGULAR EVENTS CNTD ...



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



## FOOD BANK AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

We will be continuing to provide food but also providing Community Support and resource in various other areas. More details to follow.

**Day & Time: Fridays, 12pm to 2pm**

**Location: 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](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org)  
Community Website: <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community>**



# DIG DEEP SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES CLASS

*A one-hour Bible Study in which we study different topics and what the Bible has to say. The aim is to help deepen your personal spiritual growth and walk with God. You are invited to join in via Zoom.*

**Every Saturday from 5pm - 6pm**

Online via Zoom Video Conferencing

**Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882**

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

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## Youth Connect Group (cell group)

Every Sunday

at 1:00pm

For Youth Aged 13 Years & Over



Venue: Lower Hall Resource Centre, Rehoboth building

Open to both Males & Females

Email [youth@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-lcc.org) or Phone 07930 958 097 (Mon- Thurs between 10am - 2pm)



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](mailto: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](mailto:community@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#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30-91-87

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



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# Sunday Service

at Rehoboth building

Every Sunday at 11am

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](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org) Web: [www.wordoflife-lcc.org](http://www.wordoflife-lcc.org)

.. NOTE & SAVE THE DATES ..



*Fresh, Fruitful & Flourishing*

# Ladies Retreat 2023

6th - 8th October 2023  
(Friday to Sunday)

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 8SG

Cost: £196.00 per person

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/WOLLadiesRetreat2023>

*If you would like to set up a Standing Order  
please contact us by email [fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org)*

Tel - 0208 857 7406 or 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thu 10am - 2pm)  
Email - [fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:fresh@wordoflife-lcc.org)



# CHOSEN GENERATION YOUTH EVENT



SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Free  
event!

Time:  
To be confirmed

Free  
event!

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

Email [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org) or Phone 07930 958 097 (Mon- Thurs between 10am - 2pm)

# ..... CHURCH NEWS .....



## ◆ CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to our youth for their success in their GCSE's A levels, IB exams!!! We are so proud of each one and we pray that the Lord will guide them as they enter into the next phase of their academic and educational pursuits in Jesus name Amen!

CONGRATULATIONS

## ◆ 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](mailto: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 in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto: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.

# CHURCH NEWS

## ◆ 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](mailto: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.

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## Matthew 24:3-51

### *The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age*

<sup>3</sup> Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for <sup>[a]</sup>all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, <sup>[b]</sup>pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.

<sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the



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love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

## **The Great Tribulation**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the <sup>[E]</sup>elect’s sake those days will be shortened. <sup>23</sup> “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

## **The Coming of the Son of Man**

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His <sup>[E]</sup>elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## **The Parable of the Fig Tree**

<sup>32</sup> “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that <sup>[E]</sup>it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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## **No One Knows the Day or Hour**

<sup>36</sup> “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of <sup>[1]</sup> heaven, but My Father only. <sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know what <sup>[9]</sup> hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what <sup>[11]</sup> hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## **The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant**

<sup>45</sup> “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food <sup>[1]</sup> in due season? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup> Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying <sup>[1]</sup> his coming,’ <sup>49</sup> and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup> the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, <sup>51</sup> and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## **1 Timothy 4: 1-16**

### **The Great Apostasy**

**4** Now the Spirit <sup>[2]</sup> expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, <sup>3</sup> forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; <sup>5</sup> for it is <sup>[2]</sup> sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

### **A Good Servant of Jesus Christ**

<sup>6</sup> If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. <sup>7</sup> But reject profane and old wives’ fables,

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and exercise yourself toward godliness. <sup>8</sup> For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. <sup>9</sup> This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. <sup>10</sup> For to this end <sup>[a]</sup>we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. <sup>11</sup> These things command and teach.

## **Take Heed to Your Ministry**

<sup>12</sup> Let no one <sup>[a]</sup>despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, <sup>[a]</sup>in spirit, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup> Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to <sup>[a]</sup>doctrine. <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. <sup>15</sup> Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. <sup>16</sup> Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

## **2 Timothy 3: 1 - 14**

### **Perilous Times and Perilous Men**

<sup>3</sup> But know this, that in the last days <sup>[a]</sup>perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, <sup>[a]</sup>unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup>but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

### **The Man of God and the Word of God**

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

# SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

## **2 Peter 3: 1-18**

### **God's Promise Is Not Slack**

*3 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), <sup>2</sup> that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."<sup>5</sup> For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup> by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. <sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

### **The Day of the Lord**

*<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

### **Be Steadfast**

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; <sup>15</sup> and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, <sup>16</sup> as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; <sup>18</sup> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*

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# EXHORTATION

## TAKE HEED IN THIS LAST DAYS

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

### Matthew 24:4

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.**

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples to take **heed**, that they are not **deceived**.

Two words to note here in this verse are the words **HEED** and **DECEIVE**.

Jesus said take **HEED**.

To take heed is **to pay attention to; take notice of, to be attentive**. Jesus was warning His disciples and I believe the Church of today as a whole that we should pay careful attention, to what we hear, what see and believe.

The second word is, **DECEIVE**.

To be deceived is to deliberately cause someone to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain.

These two words are particularly important for us to understand. They are extremely crucial for us today, as we see many preachers, many teachings and interpretation of scriptures emerge. There are many today undermining the truth of the gospel. It would be of utmost importance as Christians to truly watch, pray and discerning.

Paul says it this way in his letter to the Corinthian Church.

### In 2 Corinthians 11:3-5

**3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!**

For us to pursue, overtake and recover all in these last days we must develop the spirit of discernment, in order not to be deceived. There is the need for us as Christians to walk in discernment.

What we hear, what we listen to, what we read, what we are part of, becomes very crucial in these last days. Jesus told His disciples to **WATCH and PRAY**.

In The Lord Jesus preparing for His exit from this earth, and as He prepares to pay the ultimate price that will bring redemption to mankind, He warns His disciples of what will be the signs of His return and of the end times.

### Matthew 24:5-14

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives**



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*you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

When we read these verses, Jesus gives us a good picture of what will happen before His return and what will be before the end time.

## **The first being the beginning of sorrows.**

What are these signs of the beginning of sorrows?

**False Christs**- False prophets and preachers who will refer to themselves as the anointed ones- THE CHRIST. - *I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.*

**Wars** – Currently there are 13 major wars happening around the world – the war between Russia and Ukraine, the Israeli and the Palestinian war, Somalian civil war. There is the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda against Islamic insurgence, there is the Mexican drug war, there are wars in Sudan, in Syria, in Mali, and other ones but I am constrained by time and space to mention them- you *-will hear of wars and rumours of wars. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*

**Famine, Pestilences, and earthquake** – in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century almost 61 million people have died from famine and drought alone, and this figure does not include Africa, South America, or North America. The Lord Jesus says - *And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*

There are mysterious outbreaks of disease discovered all over the World. 2020 was a wake-up call to us all but before 2020 we had Ebola that was confined to West Africa. Covid 19 was global and there are more at the moment which I do not have time to mention. Earthquakes, fire, and many of these things, like the Lord Jesus said they are not the end of time- **All these are the beginning of sorrows.** The Lord Jesus also speaks of false prophets, false prophecies, that will turn many people astray and many will lose their faith in Jesus because they have been deceived. Peter also writes to warn the Church of the last days and echoes the words of the Lord Jesus.

## **2 Peter 2:1**

*But there were also false prophets among the people, even as*

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*there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time, their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.*

In Paul's writing to Timothy and the Church, he gives the same warning as Jesus did. He makes it clear that there will be many people who will be drawn away. He makes it clear that it will be a difficult time for the Church because many will deny the faith. Many will heap unto themselves teachers who will preach what they want to hear.

## **2 Timothy 4:1-4**

*I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables.*

This might be a hard topic to share with you now, but we can see from the Word of God, that as Pastors and leaders we are charged by God to preach the Word of God in season and out of season. Why is this so necessary, it is needed because we are right in the middle of the last days.

## **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.*

Everything we see around us today speaks of the last days, and we need to take **HEED**.

**2 Peter 3:3-4—3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”**

The call to every Christian today is to take **HEED** and not allow ourselves to be **DECEIVED**.

May the Lord teach us how and enable us by His Grace to live in these last days successfully.

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## 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...

**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)*

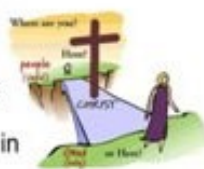
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."  
(Romans 10:9)*

**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).



**GOD LOVES YOU !**

# NOTICES

**Happy Birthday Greetings**  
to all those born in the  
month of **SEPTEMBER** 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org).



## DEDICATIONS



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

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

## SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



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**1 Samuel 30: 1 - 19**

**Joel 2: 18 - 27**

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