## Word of Life Church

bulletin

APRIL 2018

## THE RENEWED Mind

# HAVING THE MIND OF "CHRIST"

Part 2

1 Corinthians 2: 16, Philippians 2: 5 and Romans 12: 2

## 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)
  - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 onwards (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/Fortnightly Events - - - -

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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

WEDNESDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building **7pm-8pm** Midweek Service.

FRIDAY at WOL Church lower ground hall, Rehoboth building **7pm-8.30pm** (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub

SATURDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building Praise & Worship Team Practice (times TBC).

SUNDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

**10.15am** Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Disciples Class)

10.45am Corporate Prayer Time

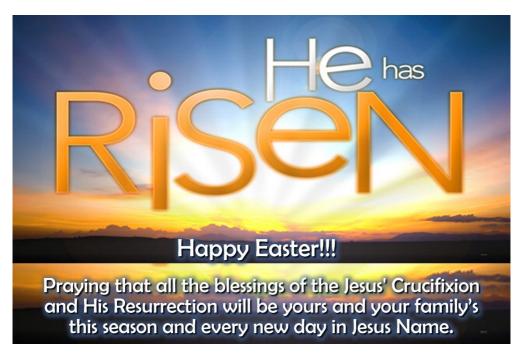
11am-1pm Celebration Service

(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 <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>, telephone 0208 857 7406 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**



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## **Youth Corner**

This month we are looking at a question you as a Young Person or any of your friends might ask.

Question: Didn't God force Jesus to be born and die? He doesn't sound good!

Answer: There are many parts of the Bible that tell us that

Jesus came into this world, sent by God. But God didn't send
him as if he was being sent to the 'naughty chair' or send him like he was being
forced to come.

In fact, if Jesus had been forced to come to earth, to die on a cross etc he wouldn't have fulfilled the contract that had to be completed in order to set people free from all the wrong, and be right with God.

In fact, Jesus came to earth like he was on an SAS or Navy Seals operation. He had a special mission to complete which only he could complete.

He did this because of his great love for you and me. He wasn't forced to, he volunteered to (see John 10.18 in the Bible for example) and even sweat blood in his desire to do what he had to do.

He died a brutal, tortured death, was rejected by everyone and took the punishment for everything that anyone will ever do wrong. He did this because of his love for you. But we have to respond to this sacrifice by thanking Jesus and asking him to be number one in our lives.

\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites - Big questions





#### HAVING THE MIND-SET OF CHRIST

By Peter Unachukwu

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

In Philippians 2:5, we are encouraged to have the same mindset as Jesus Christ, who even though he was God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped or behold. It says he made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, he humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus Christ through his actions, attitudes and interaction with everyone exhibited specific mindsets. As believers, being like-minded or having the same mindset as Christ means thinking, believing, behaving just the same way Christ would in every situation. Let's take a look at some of these Christ mindsets.

#### **Mindset of Humility**

Firstly, Jesus Christ never considered equality with God as something to be used to his own advantage. It takes a lot of humility to have God-like powers and not use them especially during trying circumstances and situations. For example, when he was being persecuted and tortured by the Roman soldiers or while he was jeered by people. He never once asked God to send judgement or punishment on those who persecuted him.

It is also important to note that even though it said Jesus made himself of no reputation, he did not think less of himself. Often people think being humble means putting yourself down. CS Lewis described Humility as – "not thinking less of oneself but thinking of oneself less". Because Jesus knew his identity, his position and authority in God, he was able to humble himself and serve others.

Pride on the other hand is the mind-set of putting others down or thinking you are better than others. Even though we may not act or show pride in a general sense of being puffed up, we can often exhibit pride in other areas. For example, there is intellectual pride - thinking we are more intelligent than others; spiritual pride - thinking we more spiritual; personal pride – feeling we have more access to the good things in life compared to others.

#### Mindset of Being Dependent on God

In John 6:38 it says "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." Christ's entire mindset was to do God's will. Jesus would always think... this is a situation in front of me. What would the Father have me do...? This mindset of being totally dependent on God also means we give God the right to interrupt our routines and programs. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The Levite and Priest refused to stop to help the injured person because they did not want to interrupt their routines. Having a Christ mindset is always being ready to allow the Holy Spirit to interrupt us, correct us and guide us.

#### Mindset of Obedience to God

Jesus Christ was obedient unto death. Having an obedience mindset is essential in our work with God. When we compare two kings in the Bible, Saul and David, both were anointed by God. However, Saul lost his kingship mainly because of his disobedience. God commended and honoured David because of his obedience.

#### Mindset of Service

This is one of the primary mindsets and focus of Jesus Christ's ministry. Jesus lived a life of service to God and mankind. His thought processes and actions were always one of how he could serve others. *Mark 10:45* says "For even the Son of Mandid not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." This mindset of service is shown in everything Christ did.

#### Mindset of Faith in God's Word

Jesus Christ did not look at the circumstances or situation before he acted. Jesus always acted and responded to situations from a place of faith rather than natural response. A few examples include healing people with incurable diseases, raising the dead and calming the storm. Having Christ's mindset of faith means not focusing on the facts of what we can see but on what the Word of God says concerning the situation.

#### **Mindset of Love and Compassion**

John 3:16 says "God so love the word that he gave his only beggotton son.. that who so ever believe in Him will have everlasting life."

Matthew 14:14 says "And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick".

Jesus Christ's desire to heal and help always came out of his love and compassion for others.

#### Conclusion

It is often said that the sky is the limit. However, one thing which can stop us from "reaching the sky" is clearly our mindset. A lot of things holding us back from walking in a place of breakthrough are tied to our mind and mindset. For example, how we see ourselves, our situations and circumstances, and the role God plays in our life and our situations.

God's desire for us is to have the same mind as Christ.

Jesus Christ came not just to redeem us but also to model the way and manner we should think and live.

Romans 12:2 says "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect".

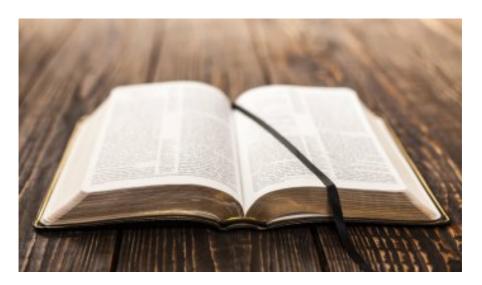
The first step to having a mindset of Christ is easy. All it takes is asking God for it.



## Scriptures Of The Month - - -

#### 1 Corinthians 2: 10 - 16

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy <sup>[d]</sup> Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

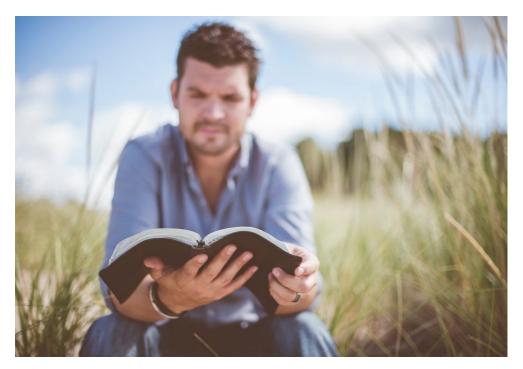


#### Romans 12: 1 - 2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

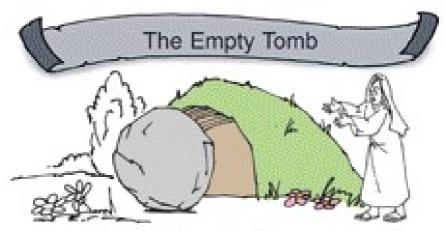
Philippians 2: 5 - 11

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





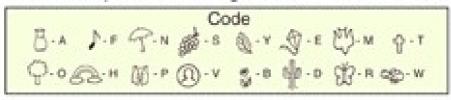
## Kids Corner - - - -



It was still dark in the garden. It was not yet sunrise.

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was buried.

She was surprised when she got there. What did she find?





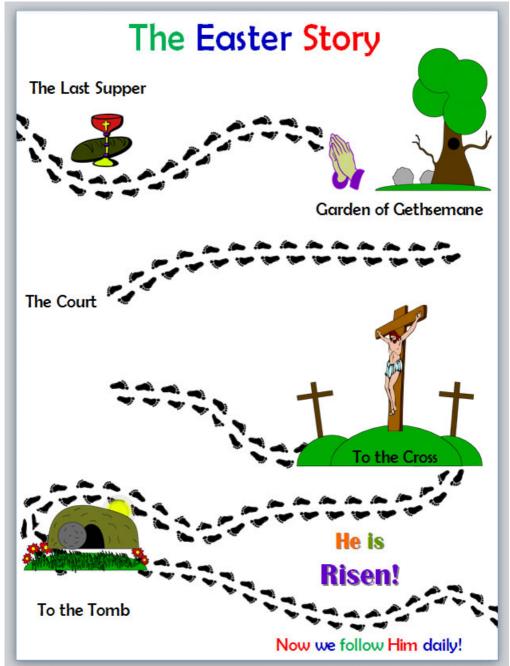
Can you...



For children aged 6 and over: Write out all 6 Bible passages shown below and give to your cell leader for your chance to win a DVD!

STRAY

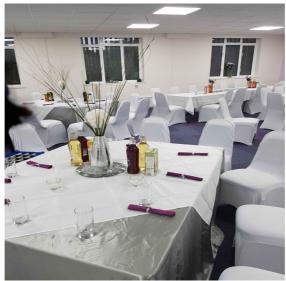
NAME: .....



## Church News

#### ◆ AVAILABLE: "Hall for Hire" (Lower floor)

The Resource Centre in the lower hall is now available for hire. It is made up of a multi-function hall, as well as a small kitchen/chill out room and a large entrance/hallway. These can be used for seminars, workshops, training days, product launches, baby showers, private dinners, extra tuition classes, small events etc...



The multi-suitable for a maximum of approximately 80 people with a cabaret style seating arrangement, 100 people with theatre style seating arrangement.

There is a half price discount available to all WOL members.

Please visit the Community Resource Centre page on the website by going to http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community and clicking on community resource centre, for details. You can also email the church administrator at <a href="mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org">admin@wordoflife-lcc.org</a> for more information and to find out about hall availability.

#### ♦ Prayer Room

The Prayer room in the lower hall is now available to be used <u>strictly for prayer only</u>. Access to the Prayer room is by request to the Church Administrator or leaders.

Prayer request forms for your prayer needs are also available from the stewards. You are welcome to complete and drop them in the offering basket. A prayer box will be made available in due course.

#### ♦ Upstairs Balcony Seating

During the services and meetings we will like to see the main auditorium hall seating completely filled up first, before the upstairs balcony seating area is used in all cases. So we ask the church to please help facilitate this in making sure that you use the seats in the main hall if there are available seats. That means from henceforth, if there are available seats in the main hall, only the Technical and Visual Team Members working are allowed to use the upstairs balcony seating area. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation with this.

#### ◆ GDPR

The <u>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)</u> is coming into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and will affect all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

- The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent.
- This regulation is a new legal framework from the European Union and won't be affected by the UK leaving the EU. There is currently a new Data Protection Bill (2017) before Parliament, which will bring the UK's own Data Protection legislation into line with GDPR. This Bill will come into force on the same day as GDPR: the 25th of May, 2018.

<u>Word of Life Church</u> is currently taking every step to ensure we are compliant before the go live date on 25th May 2018.

We are in the process of analysing our existing data and transferring the data to a new software which will help us to remain compliant.

Over the next few weeks, you will be notified about how these changes will impact you which *may* include your being asked to provide consent regarding existing data we hold here on our systems at WOL.

Please look out for emails requesting your participation. Thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.

#### **♦** Church Office

The Church office is now based here at Rehoboth Building. Church office opening times are Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm. Telephone number 0208 857 7406. Visits if required during this period is by appointment only

## Notices

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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#### **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, hand write it ahead of time, or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org if you would like to share your testimony.

#### WATER BAPTISM

If you have not been baptised in water since you gave your life to Jesus Christ we want to encourage you to do so. Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you would like to be baptised.

#### **DEDICATIONS**

If you would 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: £2 per copy. Messages are also available to listen to on the church's website.

#### **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.

#### **WORKERS**

Please do come early at 10:15am to participate in the **Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures** session and in the Pre-service prayer time.

## More Dates For The Diary - - -

- \* WOL New Members Class on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 3pm (TBC)
- \* **Senior Leadership Meeting** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Time TBC)
- \* **Single Young Adults Fellowship** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 from 9.30am to 11.30am in Thamesmead
- \* SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:
  - >7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 NO CELL SOS EVANGELISM DUE TO WOL NEW MEMBERS CLASS
  - >14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Ladies Open Cell Group at Bellingham.
  - >21st April 2018 Men's Open Cell Group at Blackheath / Kidbrooke.
  - >28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Ladies Open Cell Group at Grove Park (Mondays).

#### 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. <u>Please continue to park properly in the right places stated</u> 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.
    - Co-operating with the Stewards and following their instructions

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.

#### 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 Bayo Oyeniyi

#### Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniyi - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

**Church Administrator** 

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Bayo Oyeniyi

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Rotimi Adejumo

Barbara Agbudeloye



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