



## LET THERE BE LIGHT

and watching video on phones and other devices each day. It's such a challenge were all wired to respond and explore all the communications with one and another. Are we as responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

God speaks physically to us in a personal way through the many voices around us some are from most unusual sources. I have heard and seen God's profound revelation in the most obscure ways in amongst all these distractions like watching a film or listening to the News. The Holy Ghost is quite comfortable to be in our company even when we're relaxing; He's a friend who sticks closer than a brother, how wonderful.

God's revelation is difficult to hold in the mind because it comes through a quickening of the Holy Ghost, in our new Spirit man within us. We need to write it down and then it has the potential power in the words we write to be quickened again to us by God when we share and minister.

His words are often fleeting and pass in a moment only, we forget them as were human, but they lay in our subconscious Spirit. Like a radio or television, the either is filled with communications but The Holy Spirit tunes us in to His voice. We know His voice and His manifest visual revelation as we see Him portray what He wants to show us at that instant. Jesus had this, John 5:19 and 8:28 "Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do". Likewise we can only do the works of God as we see them portrayed to us by the Holy Spirit. That's why we need to stay tuned in by the Holy Spirit He is our only channel for communication with His Father through Jesus.

Memory is good, experience is good but it relates to the past, God wants us to live in the here and now that's where He is. It's new, its fresh, it's precious to hear in all the noise that surrounds us, that still small voice that says all is well my beloved, come away and live in me. What a privilege it is to wake up each morning and hear His voice.

Love you all Alan and Shirley

In Genesis 1:3 God said, "Let there be light." God is light, that light that shines upon us is of His creation, His means of Communication, His enlightenment of our souls. It shines right through us banishing all darkness. It's the fastest thing in the universe. Nothing can outshine it or outrun it! Jesus is that light the light of this world. John 1:9, "The true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world".

Hearing and seeing God's direction comes through our spiritual eyes and ears, not through our memory. Our memory can deceive us, it's flawed by our flesh we need always to refer to the written word, which like God is unchanging. When we read scripture God opens our eyes, enlightens us to see by the quickened Spirit of God, to see and hear His voice! That's why reading aloud is so good, it lets us hear it and see it as we read it, and it also shuts down sensorial distractions and focuses our whole being on Him. We have to be very careful what we allow our eyes and ears to see and hear. When we see or hear something it comes inside us and has some permanence in our memory. We don't have ways or means to forget it naturally; it gives the enemy the accuser opportunity to remind us of what we allowed. When we hear and see what God reveals to us it's different, it's good, it rewards us if we diligently seek, His will and way.

The air is filled with voices and pictures transmitted from radio and video sources, our lives are filled with sounds and pictures that demand our attention it's amazing how much time is spent listening to messages

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**And the Lord brought Abram outside [his tent into the night] and said, "Look now toward the heavens and count the stars—if you are able to count them." Then He said to him, "So [numerous] shall your [Seed] descendants be."**

Genesis 15:5  
The Amplified Translation

**The heavens declare  
His righteousness,  
And all the peoples see  
His glory and brilliance.**

Genesis 15:5  
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We are still planning two Glory Conventions in 2021 We are dependant on the Government restrictions being lifted so we can sing and hug each other. The venues and accommodation are booked and deposits paid in faith. Oasis North Wales May 31 thru 2 June Monday to Wednesday @ 7pm Peterborough August 2 thru 4 Monday to Wednesday @ 7pm So book the dates in your diary and plan to be with us. We can only proceed if there is sufficient support for these two events. Please contact us after Easter and book your accommodation as soon as things change.



# NOAK BRIDGE CHURCH

What a year we've had, we thought when we temporarily closed the church in March we'd be back in within a few weeks, it now looks like it will be a year before we are back. We moved onto Zoom a little reluctantly as we didn't think it could replace meeting together. But Zoom has been a great way of continuing to meet and it has enable us to broaden our attendees from across the UK, and even from the US and Ghana. There was initially a few teething problems with people joining but we've been wonderfully blessed.

Our thanks to those who have spoken, led the breaking of bread, led the worship, led the prayers, hosted the meetings, shared the words of the songs and to Gordon for his weekly seminars (all of which can be found on our website). Zoom is something we plan to integrate into our meetings when we get back to the building, so you don't have to live locally to attend and be part of our meetings.

When you get back you'll see a big change in the building, the electric heaters have been replaced by gas central heating which should mean we will be a lot warmer, it will also be quieter and hopefully cost less to run.

When we return we will have much to celebrate, including being able to have a cuppa together. We miss the time before and after the meeting to catch up, something we can't really do on Zoom. But it will also be a time to remember those who won't be with us (Thank God none from Covid). They are our drummer, our dear friend Austin, Cliff Dean, Pat Crouch, Ron Lepley. and Linda Mutalag We miss them all but know that we will meet again in Glory.



**ANDREW and KAREN CHURCHILL**

## TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

*"In everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven". Ecclesiastes 3 v 1.*

In this season of Covid, isolation and constant bad news headlines, aren't you glad that we have a Father in heaven, to call on. Where would we be without our Saviour at whose feet we can sit and feel whole again.

For some of us, these past months have been a time of mourning and sorrow but I have found in these quiet places with the Lord, the strength to "keep on going on". He gives us His strength, His peace and His joy. It is not a "laugh out loud" kind of joy but an abiding constancy of His presence, as we read His word we can begin to see a bigger picture other than our own needs and concerns and we begin to revive not just survive. Hallelujah.

On the Zoom Sunday meeting recently we sang "open the eyes of my heart Lord ... I want to see You". If I look into my own heart sometimes I see myself and my own shortcomings but the Lord says, I am watching over my word to perform it, in you, and as we read that word it begins to do a work in us by the Holy Spirit, information becomes revelation.

**Karen**

### Our Zoom Fellowship in Session



2 zoom, and if you cannot always join us we will send you a link to the recording, so you can watch it later or when we are back in the church you can join us via Zoom.

If you want to join us on Zoom, you need to either download the app to your smart phone or tablet, or log on to Zoom on your computer. Once you've done this you can then log in using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3891964576>

Our Sunday Morning Fellowship starts at 11 am on Zoom

If you are not on our contact list please contact the office and we'll send you our GDPR permissions form we need completed so that we have your permission to hold your contact details.

We can then keep you regularly updated about the meetings on Blessings Andrew

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# ASKOF HOME AT NEW WAVE REVIVAL MINISTRIES CHURCH ACCRA GHANA



**THE YOUNG PEOPLE**



**THERESA AND JAMES**

Here's an update from James and Theresa.

The Bible says "Some trust in chariots, some trust in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

We thank God for his grace, mercy and love. Once again, He has seen us through. 2020 has had its challenges, discomforts and turbulence. These times are not normal for all of us, feeling the anxiety of battling the invisible enemy that's rattling our world physically, emotionally, economically and culturally. We've not had any visitors because people are not able to travel to Ghana, the children are used in receiving visitors from Europe, for sightseeing, games school activities etc., the children miss these visits.

Another challenge was the closure of the school, life became more difficult for the children, plus the electricity supply was unreliable and the water was stopped. The water is still stopped and we have to buy water for all the children every other two weeks, to fill the water tank and barrel at the home.

We have taught the children about social distancing, wearing face masks, do not shake hands, washing and sanitizing of the hands. We have also bought face masks and sanitizers for them, as often as they needed it.

Big George, the oldest of the boys has completed his education and at present he is helping at the orphanage, finding a job at the moment is difficult. He is also training to become a footballer.

Patience the eldest of the girls in the home, has completed her studies in home economics, which includes management and catering services, she wants to do some more vocational training but at the present time is managing the school kitchen with another cook.

Prinscilla is attending Apam Senior high school at the Central Region of Ghana, 3 hours from Accra in a boarding school, she is studying business which includes Accounting and Maths.

Gifty is also in a senior high school at the Volta Region of Ghana, about 4 hours from Accra she is studying general Arts which includes bilingual studies. Albert is in the same school as Gifty studying History and Geography.

The other George attends day school learning metalwork at the technical school.

Peter, Nicholas, Raphael, Kennedy and our daughter Karen have all finished their examinations and are hoping to attend High School if funds allow. The government says they will be open in March. Eight children attending senior high school is expensive, whilst the fees are paid for by the government there are other costs to be paid of about £400 for each child before they can attend for things they need e.g. mattresses, trunks, plus equipment for studies.

Pascaline, Arthur, Kate, Angela, Ativi and Isabella remain at the Church school, although it is only open to limited number of children, we are trusting God the schools will reopen, for them to start a normal life.

**THERESA AND JAMES KOTEY**

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## IN TIMES LIKE THESE WE NEED HOPE



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he was looking for it. But if he died before the return of Jesus. He KNEW that his place was prepared secure in Heaven.

If we die, we will go to be with Jesus. Absent from the body, present with the Lord. We are finally going to an eternal city, The New Jerusalem, whose builder and maker is God. Where God shall wipe away all tears, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow or crying no more pain and all things are brand new! Hallelujah!

Some Christians in these days only look at the things that are seen, few look at things unseen. We have the 'sight of faith', we see what the world cannot see, we don't see with the natural eye, but we know that we know, that when this life is over we shall be with Jesus.

We are not just sinners saved by grace, but we are a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, the Bride of the Lamb, because we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light.

This present time is tough, loneliness, sickness, uncertainty and fear, we don't know what the future holds, or how we are able to get through the present, you may have had a bereavement recently which is very tough for those who remain behind, but that person has left the land of the dying for the land of the living and will never know sorrow or pain because Jesus said the former things are passed away, behold I make all things new! Our hope is current and present, we are not alone, Jesus is with us and is leading us and has prepared a place for us.

"Heaven is better than this, praise God what joy and bliss, walking on the streets of solid gold, living in a land where we'll never grow old."

Where is Heaven - just one step from now! Our last breath here on earth, next breath in Glory. One day we will be in Heaven with our Lord. If you are worried about your future or a loved one who has gone before you and they knew the Saviour. The Lord knows them and they are with Him. A chorus says. "What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace, when He takes me by the hand and leads me through the promised land, what a day, glorious day that will be."

We need to be heavenly minded to be of earthly good. We need Heaven in our soul to be able to bless this world, we can have Heaven on the way to Heaven, because the Holy Spirit is in us. Hallelujah! One day this mortal will put on immortality.

But until then my heart will go on singing, but until then with joy I'll carry on

Until the day mine eyes behold the city. Until the day God calls me home.

DAVID WILLOWS

Currently there are no meetings because of Covid restrictions on gatherings Please contact Mick for details on reopening

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## OUR REAL PERSPECTIVE IN CHRIST



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should therefore not be dependent on what we know and what we have experienced, but Who we know. By basing our perspective on what we know and what we have experienced, we are limiting ourselves. We do not know everything, and we have not experienced everything. We only know what is true for us, but that is not the truth. The truth is the word that God has spoken over our lives, the paths that He has laid out for us and the places He is taking us to.

An aspect of this is also finding ourselves. As a young woman, I feel like I am finding myself every day and I believe that does not stop as we get older, or maybe it does, someone can correct me if I am wrong. However, it should not stop as we are constantly growing as people. We were all placed on this earth for a reason. We are all blessed with the opportunity of having a relationship with Christ, this too is for a reason. Once we tap into that relationship, and focus on knowing him more, it changes who we want to be. Our perspective on life changes and we start to want to see the glass half full. I say want, because it is not always that easy, sometimes we can lose perspective and we need to be reminded of who Christ is and what He has done and is doing in our lives. The reason we find ourselves in Christ is because knowing Him, completes us. We realise that He is all we need in life.

Jesus in Luke 6:20-23 states the following:

**"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets."**

Jesus is telling us that what we have here on earth is temporary our eyes should be focused on where we are going. Therefore, I say to us all, "when you find the real Christ, you will find true perspective, and the real you". We should never stop looking for Jesus in every situation, He is always there, and He will help us to always see the glass half full.

Jesus has rescued us from the wrath to come, our Prophet, Priest and King! Truly mercy triumphs over judgment.

MACHELA BOAMPONG

"When you find the real Christ, you will find true perspective, and the real you". I read this statement in a daily devotional. This got me thinking about perspective, what does this mean? Why is this important? And why do I need to find Christ to find it and to find me.

The dictionary defines perspective in a few different ways, the one I feel is the most fitting is "the state of one's ideas, the facts known to one". Our perspective is dependent on what we have been told or exposed to. We depict a situation in a certain way, because of what we know and have experienced in life. This means that one's perspective of a situation is not the same as another. If my perspective is based on what I know and what I have experienced, it means that my perspective can change depending on my circumstances. However, the statement made above talks about true perspective. If there is true perspective, then that means there can also be a false perspective. True perspective we find in Christ.

Our struggles as humans are very real, the pain and hurt we experience are all real. It is so easy to focus on the struggle, or the pain, or the hurt. When we focus on these things that is all we see, we limit our vision. When you focus on the struggle, you cannot fix the struggle. When you focus on the pain, you will not be able to fix the pain, and when you focus on the hurt, the hurt remains. The important thing to remember is that it is not about what we can do in these circumstances. The important thing is who we have, the One we should constantly be searching for.

When you find the real Christ, you find true perspective. Who is the real Christ? **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (John 14:6). **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"** (Hebrews 13:8). If our perspective is dependent on him, that means our perspective should be the same yesterday, today and forever. Our perspective

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## IT'S IN OUR DNA SHARING THE GOSPEL



In December 2012 I found myself at Basildon hospital fighting an Acute Pulmonary Embolism that caught me by surprise and took 90% of my ability to breathe. As I laid in the hospital bed fighting for every breath, I took refuge in the Lord like I had never done before. In fact, in my worse night where I felt I was not going to make it to the next morning, I got off my bed and with the little strength I had, I got on my knees and asked God: 'not yet please'. I was begging God to keep me here for a bit longer.

I felt as if that moment became a rededication of my life to Him. It was the beginning of something new.

So, a few months later, whilst I was going through my recovery, I had a supernatural visitation of the Holy Spirit. It was night-time again when I had a dream that our balcony door opened, and a strong wind came into our flat. This wind blew on me so strong that not only I heard it, but I felt it in my face to the point it hastily woke me up. As I opened my eyes and I looked around, I found myself in the very same place where the dream had taken place. The Holy Spirit had come to bring the oxygen I had been lacking and to breathe the breath of life in me! Through the years, I continue to experience the effect that moment had in my life. Not only I am fully recovered but I am now full of life in Jesus.

This experience of mine is nothing else but a representation of the second chance that God has given us through his Son: Jesus! We all have been in that hospital bed. We all have been in that time where we faced death and life, however it only took one cry, one prayer, one repented and helpless heart for Jesus to trade our dead spirits for His everlasting life. This is the greatest thing a human being will ever experience. It changes us

forever and we get to live His life instead. A holy and righteous life that is forever attached to the Father. However, this also means that we are to become like Him. This means we are now called to live in a continuous relationship with the Father. We are called to share His message of salvation and we are even called to carry His cross. Jesus said to the disciples in Luke 9:23 *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"*. This means that we no longer live for our own desires or for our own needs, but we now live for Him.

Jesus endured a very painful and torturous death on that cross for one purpose; to show God's love for all of us and so that we could live an eternal life with Him.

This message is too glorious to keep it hidden or to keep it just to myself. As a result, the Holy Spirit has given me an uncontrollable desire to share with as many people as I can about God's love for them through Jesus. This has been happening in the supermarket, at my workplace or in places where I had not even planned to be. I have therefore decided I am not going to try to control this glory that is bouncing all inside of me but rather, I am going to take up my cross and I will do exactly what Jesus did. I will share with the unloved the love of God.

After all, it is in my DNA. Sharing the gospel is nothing else than sharing God's love with others. No judgment, no accusation, just love. When Jesus came close to people, He was motivated by love. The leper, the adulterer, the sinner, me... it was just love. *'Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins' (1 John 4:10)*.

As a I left Tesco yesterday after doing my shopping, I saw this homeless man sitting by the entrance. I had seen him before, but I had not had the courage to talk to him. But yesterday, drawn by love, I finally went and talked to him. A few minutes later, this man had received true love in His heart. He had received Jesus as His Lord and Saviour! I do not know which one of us was happier but all I did was to love him. A man who many people may despise or see as a nuisance, as the beggar, as someone who put himself there. But when the love of God is in you, it is just a natural thing: *'let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God' (1 John 4:7)*. The gospel is simple, my beloved. It is in our DNA.

July Patino

## HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

It was our prayer last week in our local church meeting that we might hear more of the Word of God in this coming year, to have ears to hear and a heart receptive to Him. Just like it says in the letters to the churches in Revelations *"To him that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches"*. Then I came across this verse in Isaiah 50:4 where Isaiah is declaring that-

*"He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned"*

What an encouragement to know that God is in the business of opening ears and causing us to hear Him, even on a daily basis. This is the will of God for each of us, Jesus even taught us to pray to the Father for 'our daily bread' because He knew we'd need it. It reminds me of the old TV advert for 'Ready Brek' which pictured kids walking about glowing and describing this breakfast cereal as 'central heating for kids'. We need to eat of the Word, our Holy Spirit inspired Ready Brek, to centrally heat us and cause us to glow in the darkness.

I've come to realise that this isn't just a 'nice to have' it's crucial for us to live victoriously and to operate in His divine will. We need to know what He's saying to the church as a whole but also to us personally, to live righteously, to be cleansed, strengthened, corrected, directed and so much more.

2020 was a very unusual year, I'm not sure any of us could have predicted the impact the pandemic has had on the whole world at all levels of society, but as it says in Isaiah 44:8-

*"Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."*

Here I believe the Lord is telling us not to be alarmed or afraid, He is God, there is none beside Him, nothing has taken Him by surprise and nothing need take us by surprise either as the signs of the times appear. We are living in the last days when things we may have all relied on have been shaken or removed, but we are anchored to this Rock and we know no other source of help. That anchor will hold sure and will carry us through to glory.

We're called to be witnesses of this fact and the world, now more than ever, needs to hear the living Word of God. As the enemy seeks to reap his end-time harvest so we must be that beacon in the darkness and have a saving 'Word in season' on our lips. Isaiah tells us the Word also sustains the weary, and in proverbs 15:23 it tells us how good an aptly spoken word is to the hearer, and it also brings joy to the one sharing it too. (I love that heavenly economy don't you?)

We can't talk about the word of God without referencing the verses we're all so familiar with, ones I've come to see in a new light recently which are from Rom 10:17 and



Hebrews 11:1 *"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God"*.

*"Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen"*.

When we hear the word of God it creates substance and evidence of things. God's word has always created, even from the very beginning when God spoke the world into existence from void and darkness. His word wasn't just uttered and nothing happened, it went forth and created exactly what was spoken and we have evidence of it today. His Word will not return void! It is the only word we can truly trust and stake our lives upon.

We should be mindful, however, that when we hear the word of God, the enemy will try and steal away the truth with other 'voices' particularly when there's a lot at stake -a destiny or defining moment perhaps. Like when God told Eve not to take of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the enemy came along to question God's word and her faith in it *"did God really say?"* or when Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water at Jesus command to 'Come', but then he listened to the sound of his circumstances and began to sink. Believing God's word gives us confidence not just to survive but to be more than conquerors in every circumstance we face. All God's promises are 'Yes' and 'Amen' to those who believe, so there's a lot in store for us.

So in this New Year let's ask God to give us ears attuned to the Spirit's voice and when we hear Him that we might believe his word with unwavering faith. We can't win our battles with willpower or self-discipline, we have to have the substance and sustenance that comes with and from the Word of God. Let's also stay alert and ready to shut down all other voices that we might determinedly walk in those 'good works' which God has ordained for each of us to walk in (Eph 2:10). Amen

Lesley Pearson