



# NLBC Newsletter

## THE CORE DOCTRINE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

### Faith towards God

Our journey with God begins when we turn our focus to God, when we stop trusting in our abilities, strengths or weaknesses and on other things. But believing the word of God, knowing and understanding God for what and who He is (Hebrews 11vs 6). This is faith that imparts righteousness in us; this is believing in Jesus Christ, it is the premise of our salvation. Jesus said in John 6 vs 29 this is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent. It was written in Acts 20 vs 21, that Abraham believed God and it was counted righteousness unto him, before he went on to exercise faith to obtain the promise. And we also understand that this kind of faith can only come through the word of God (Romans 10 vs 12-15).

### Baptisms

The word baptism in Greek means to immerse, this is a sign of dying and being buried with Christ and raised with him, John the Baptist baptised people for the remission of sins but Christ is our resurrection and life, so to be baptised into Christ means you have pass from death to life (Romans 6 vs 4, Colossians 2 vs 12, Mark 1 vs 9-10, Acts 8 vs 36-39). So the baptism we preach is immersion, this is why the word 'dead or buried with him' was used many times. Another type of baptism the Church teaches is Holy Ghost baptism; it means that once you have accepted the love of God in to your life (in the person of Jesus Christ) and you become a student of the Word the next step is being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is experiencing the power of the life of God and the world to come; it is God living in you (Acts 2 vs 4), a guarantee of God promised inheritance.

### Upcoming Events

- **Prayer Summit** -  
Saturday 3 October  
10am
- **Church Workers Meeting** -  
Saturday 10 October  
1pm
- **OMOH 2.0** – Friday 16  
October
- **Men's Meeting (Prayer & Fasting)** – Saturday  
17 October 12pm
- **Youth Day 2015** –  
Sunday 17 November
- **Men's Day** - Sunday  
23 November

### Sunday School Teachings

*The purpose of Sunday School is to provide an open and interactive platform to discuss some of the issues that we face as individuals and also as a church. For the past couple months we have been focusing on the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith which includes, having faith in God, baptism, fellowship, various ministries in the church, prayer and intercession and worship. In the next couple of issues we will be summarising some of these teachings.*

## Congratulations to our newly Baptised.

*Baptism is a fundamental doctrine of the church which our Lord Jesus Christ commands us to do (Matthew 28 vs 19) having been baptised himself (Matthew 3 vs 13-17). So it was with much pleasure to witness our members being baptised. It is important to note here that baptism is not constrained to a certain age group but should only be undertaken with understanding, and so it was wonderful to see both young and old, being baptised.*

Baptism is a public demonstration of our identification with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is an outward demonstration of an inward regeneration and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It symbolizes our dying to sin and the old nature, and being raised to a new life in Christ Jesus.

I would like to say thank you to those that came to bear witness; as baptism is a public declaration that we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and savior and will live for Him: before Heaven, the Church and the world; so without your presence this would not have been complete. Here are some of the pictures from the day.



# Returning To The Lord by Mrs Samson

Christians and the entire body of Christ wants; ask and long for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on them as individuals: to be able to 'do' more for God and as a Church: to grow numerically and spiritually. This is not automatic. We can sing it and pray for it to happen till we turn blue but it won't happen 'just like that'. God is a God of order and structure. Things have to be done and put in place before he can pour His Spirit on anyone or any church.

God through Joel outlines the steps to take. In Joel 2 vs 12-32, the following steps can be highlighted - heart rendered back to God, repentance, restoration and the outpouring of His Spirit.

(1) Heart rendered back to God - in Joel 2 vs 12-13, God wants us to rend our hearts totally and sincerely back unto Him. It is when we are completely broken and open before God that He can show us our weaknesses. Psalm 51 vs 17 says that God does not despise a broken and contrite heart. Psalm 139 vs 23-24 say that He searches and knows our Hearts and thoughts; He lets us know any wicked way in us. Psalm 139 vs 23 says that He will try us to know our thoughts. This suggests that wicked ways do not have to be manifested physically; it could all be hidden - like pride, bitterness, envy,

covetousness and un-forgiveness.

(2) Repentance - we can only truly repent of things that we know we have done or are doing that do not please God. This can only be achieved through God using His 'torchlight' to light up and magnify those areas/ things. We also have to be a willing participant to know that God detests those things.

(3) Restoration - after a heartfelt and sincere repentance with restitution (if necessary), God in Joel 2 vs 23-27 says that he shall do a work of restoration; restoring - homes, marriages, businesses, hearts, talents etc.

(4) Outpouring of His Spirit - THIS IS IT!!! What we as Christians, true followers of Christ want - is an outpouring of Gods Holy Spirit! Joel 2 vs 28-29 says that when we have fulfilled Gods Holy order, then and only then will He do His part.

I want to prophesy, I want to dream Godly dreams, I want to see visions - all to the glory of God and not of myself. But first of all, God, through your Holy Spirit - search me, know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, see if there be any wicked way in me. Grant me the grace by your Spirit to honestly deal with these 'ways' and lead me in the way everlasting. AMEN.

Have you recently written a poem or song? Send it in and let us share together and edify one another. **Please send to [media@nlbclondon.org](mailto:media@nlbclondon.org)**

## Main Services

Sundays: 10am to 1pm

Wednesday: 7pm to 8:30pm

Prayer Meetings: Every 2nd Friday  
and last Wednesday of the month.

Monthly Revival Worship Service:  
Last Friday of the Month

## For Sale

CD's for **Sister's Day** and **All Nations Day**  
are now on sale.

To order a CD:

- Text/Call: 07545132461
- Email: [media@nlbclondon.org](mailto:media@nlbclondon.org)
- Request an order form from the ushers. Please return the completed form to Ruth Abu or Clement.

## Monthly Revival Worship Service

The last Friday of every month is a special day for us at New Life Bible Church. The evening service has been dedicated to worshipping God with freedom and abandonment in the Spirit and truly we have been having a great time of it. It is usually a time of powerful Worship, Singing, Ministrations, Healings, Revival, and Times of refreshing all in God's presence.



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Elim Metropolitan Region  
&  
Kensington Temple, London City Region  
present

**Elim 100**  
**Centenary Celebration, London**  
*Honouring our past, embracing our future*

Saturday 31st October 2015  
Two repeat celebrations at 2:30pm & 6pm

*"A once-in-a-lifetime occasion - don't miss it!"*  
Dave Campbell, Regional Leader, Elim Metropolitan

*"Come thankful, humble and hungry for more!"*  
Colin Dye, Senior Pastor, Kensington Temple & Leader of London City Region

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Tickets cost £10 each and are available from your church or via telephone at 020 8799 6100 or online at the Elim 100 Eventbrite link on [www.kt.org](http://www.kt.org)