

# Inspiration today

## LOVE NEVER FAILS

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, it is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. I Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV

Love is good and powerful and anyone who walks in love always overcomes. A brother whose roommate was a drunk endured years of abuse, discomfort and inconvenience living with this young student. Most weekends the young man will get drunk, vomiting and messing up their apartment leaving the brother to clean up, change his bedding, clean him up and make him comfortable. After the first year he thought of changing roommate but the love of Christ in him constrained him from doing so. Initially the drunk roommate was not bothered by his actions as it was not intentional but after a while he began to deride or mock the brother and his faith in God. As his actions worsened and became deliberate, he later confessed to trying the genuineness of the love and care he had received from his roommate. One day he summoned up courage and asked this brother why he was doing all that for him despite his rudeness and nonchalant attitude. The brother answered "God loves me, forgives me and put His love in me to share with others." This melted the drunk's heart and he reached out, hugged his roommate and said "please I want to know your God."

You may have been taken advantage of because of the love God expressed in and through you to an ungrateful person, please don't be discouraged or give up on people, rather let this love become your real nature because you have the divine nature. What you have done is a seed and has the capacity to produce exciting result and testimony. The bible says "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for GOD IS LOVE." I John 4:7-8 NKJV. God does not fail and so love cannot fail.

Jesus advised us on how to use love against our enemies: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:44-45 NKJV

And also with your friends: "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.'" I Peter 4:8 NKJV

Finally, love is a great weapon against evil and the bible recommends to use love to overcome evil. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21 NKJV

Abundant blessings

## September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Efe Okeregha 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Daniel Abereojie 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 Olaitan Joda 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4 Gregory Onye 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 Chinwbuba Onuora 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Christiana Aiobama 20<sup>st</sup>,  
7 Benjamin Imoukhedemen 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 Emmanuel Shotala 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 Daniel Has-  
san 28<sup>th</sup> 10 Daniel Imokhedemen 30<sup>th</sup>



### Dominion Assembly

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,  
and today and forever.  
Hebrew 13:8

#### Vision/Mission Statement

1. To Make Heaven
2. To take as many people as possible with us
3. Committed to Spiritual revival in the Merseyside region and the United Kingdom
4. To make Holiness our lifestyle
5. Helping members grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ through the Word, Prayer & Evangelism
6. To be relevant in our community through helping the elderly, the homeless & the vulnerable
7. We will pursue these objectives until spiritual revival comes to our Nation & the world is reached for Jesus Christ our Lord

#### Services Sundays

Prayer meeting 9.30am

Church Service  
11.00am—1.30pm

Evening Service 6pm—7pm

**\*\*Holy communion Services**  
the First & Third Sundays of each month and Last Thursdays of each month

#### Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

#### Prayer Meeting

- Sundays 9.30am and 5.30pm
- 5pm daily except Thursdays

#### Healing Rooms

1st Saturday of the month 1-4pm  
A safe caring & confidential environment to receive Christian prayer for all kinds of physical, mental, emotional & spiritual healing through the name of Jesus



# Notices

Children aged 7 and below **MUST** be accompanied to the restrooms at all times

♣ **Last Thursdays of each month**  
Holy Communion Service

♣ **Use of disabled toilet**  
Male Children, 12 and under are no longer allowed to use the male toilets. Henceforth, they should use the disabled toilet

♣ **Evangelism**  
Evangelism every Saturday beginning from May 12; 19 and 26 throughout summer months at 10.30am. God beautifies the feet of those that bring the gospel.

♣ **Water Baptism**  
If you are born again and want to be water baptised by immersion, please give your names to Bro. Henry

♣ **University Freshers Fair**  
Evangelism during University Freshers Fair:  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Sept from 12pm at Mountford Hall, Guild Building  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm at Echo Arena

♣ **Youth Conference**  
November 3, Bristol  
Theme: Ignite 2

♣ **Holy Communion**  
Thursday August 30, 2018 during Bible study at 6pm

♣ **Family Fun Day**  
September 30, 2018 at Church Auditorium  
Theme: Love never fails (1 Cor. 13v8)

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**"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."**

Based on this scripture, you may want to also ask, how can I avoid praying amiss? In answer to this, **1 John 5:14** says:

**"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:**

We must pray according to God's will in order to receive the answer to our requests or petitions. Nothing give me joy as praying for sinners to be saved and seeing them confess to the saving grace of God. My moments of joy are those moments when those afflicted by the power of darkness are delivered after we have prayed for them at our meetings. The disciples shared in this unlimited joy when they returned from the missionary trip them Master sent them on.

The Bible says that they came back rejoicing, not because they were given gifts, clothes, houses or cars, but because they ministered deliverance to the oppressed and their prayers were answered (**Luke 10:17**). However, in Luke 10:20, our Lord recommended what should be the greatest source of unlimited joy to us, saying:

**"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."**

Do you have this unlimited joy?

Today's Sunday School—Lesson 1

## THANKSGIVING: REASON AND BENEFITS

Memory Verse: "O give thank unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth foever" Ps. 136v1

Lesson text: Ps. 100v1-5

### A. Why give thanks

Thanksgiving is the will of God for every believer at all times, notwithstanding the situation or circumstance we may find ourselves. (1 Thess. 5v18). Our requests to God in prayer should start and end with thanksgiving. (Phil. 4v6).because it is a tried and tested weapon of spiritual warfare that guarantees victory. (2 Chron. 20v20-27). As new creation in Christ, we must thank God for the salvation of our souls often. (Ps. 103v3-4). We should also give thanks to God for his provision (Gen. 22v8; Gen. 1v29-30); His enduring mercy over our lives as his people (Ps. 103v7-8; 136v1-26). His miracles and deliverance for myriad of difficulties (Ex. 14v26-31; 2 Kgs. 5v1-14). For His restoration of life and hope (Ezek. 37v1-7). For his almightiness (Gen. 17v1).For his holiness and unending faithfulness to us. (1 Sam. 2v2; Num. 23v23; Heb. 6v18); His perfect love (1 Jn. 4v8). The list of what to thank God for is actually inexhaustible

### B. Some benefits of Thanksgiving

If you will cultivate the habit of showing gratitude to God, you will compel overwhelming blessings from God. These blessings may include:

1. Your prayers will be answered speedily (Jn. 11v41-48; Phil 4v6))
2. Multiplication of the resources at hand (Mk. 8v6—8)
3. Deliverance from difficult bondage (Acts 16v25-26).
4. Divine Peace and Joy (Phil. 4v6-7)
5. Divine Presence (Ps. 22v3; Ex. 95v2)
6. Complete restoration and wholeness (Lk. 17v16-19)
7. The Lord will take over your fight and challenges (2 Chr. 20v21-23)

### Conclusion

The attitude of ingratitude is the hallmark of a person who takes God's goodness, mercy, love, provision and miracles for granted. To be thankful as a lifestyle makes no sense to the un-generated mind but it pays great dividends to the believer (Prov. 15v8)

## Open Heaven for today

### DO YOU HAVE UNLIMITED JOY?

**Memorise: And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16:22**

**Read: John 16:20-24 (KJV)**

It is one thing to have joy, and it is another thing to have unlimited joy. Walking in unlimited joy is the will of Jesus Christ for all His disciples, which is why He said to us in **John 16:24**:

**"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."**

Nothing gives unlimited joy as when a request is granted, particularly requests for things that matter most to a person. The question then is, why do our prayers sometimes go answered? as revealed in **Isaiah 59:1-2**, one answer to this question is sin. In that scripture, the Lord said:

**"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have**

**hid his face from you, that he will not hear."**

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### Prayer Point

**Father, Please let me begin to experience unlimited joy from today, in Jesus' Name.**

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