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Thoughts on Baptism

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MY PERSPECTIVE



The swift passage of time

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” (James 4:13-14 NIV)

Isn't that so true? Time passes quickly and it seems to be advancing in speed the older we get! I can remember when I thought that those in their 50s and 60s were old – and those in their 70s and above were really old! Yet I just passed the milestone of 65. How did I get to be this old – an age when people used to be retired?

The strange thing is that I don't feel any older. Yes, my body lets me down a bit more often and has more aches and pains, but most days I don't *feel* old. Yet here I am, at the age that I am.

It is funny how when we are younger we think we have our entire life planned out – much as James wrote about. Yet how often do our plans go a different direction. We need to learn, as James was advising, to realise that we are not in control but God is.

“Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away... Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalms 90:10,12)

If the superscriptions to the Psalms are accurate (and from my research it would seem that they most likely are), then the words of Psalm 90 were written by Moses. We often don't think of him as a psalmist, but it seems that he was. Isn't what he

wrote so true: we may get seventy years or even eighty, but they aren't trouble free and they pass quickly. So what should we do? We need to acknowledge the swiftness of life and live with that wisdom.

I haven't yet reached the seventy that Moses spoke of, but now that I've reached 65 a thought crosses my mind – how many years will I still have? When I look up life expectancy for those living in Scotland I discover that for men it is 76.8 years – if that were true for me then I would have almost twelve years left. That seems very short! But when you reach 65 the stats change – men 65 in Scotland can expect another 17.5 years, which would take me to 82.5. That feels a bit better, especially as I would like to see my grandchildren grow up, and possibly even great-grandchildren.

So, what does all of this mean for me – and possibly for you?

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16)

No matter how long – or short – our lives are, we need to make the most of every opportunity. When we squander a minute we lose that time forever – there is no getting it back. As a friend frequently says to me, use my time, especially with my grandchildren, to make memories. We can have an influence on those around us, especially those close to us. We need to learn to use our time to encourage others to live so that we will be together in eternity.

Jon



CONGRATULATIONS!

A new Christian in Aughton!



Mike immerses Praise

After many months of study as well as questions and answers sessions, **Praise Banza** submitted his life to the Christ on Sunday, 31st August. Please rejoice with him, his family and the Christians here! It was also a double celebration with it being his 18th birthday.

Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his new walk with Christ.

Mike Glover and the Aughton congregation

Rejoicing in Ramsey!



Eddie Murray immersed by Graham McDonald

We have great pleasure in announcing a new birth into God's family. After studying with him, **Rocky** made the most important decision of his life when he asked us to baptise him into Christ for the remission of his sins at the beginning of September. He now begins his new life in Christ. Please keep him in your prayers as we rejoice.

May we also take the opportunity to thank the Corby congregation for being able to use their baptistry which they filled and heated for this joyous occasion. Thank you.

Robert Brown

More good news from Cumbernauld!

Rejoicing together as, after studying for a few weeks, **Eddie Murray** asked to be baptised for the forgiveness of his sins. We are so excited to welcome him into God's family as he begins this amazing journey.

Nicole Barr

Joy in Edmonton!



Felicity immersed into Christ

We bring you good tidings from Edmonton. We are filled with joy to let you know that on 21st September **Felicity Nyarko Owusu** gave herself to the Lord.

Please keep her in your prayers as she begins her new life in Christ.

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BRITISH BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

Letton Hall Weekend Retreat

A wonderful time was had by all at the Letton Hall Weekend Family Retreat. With the beautiful countryside of Norfolk surrounding us it is an ideal place to consider God's good creation and join in worship to him.

Forty-two were in attendance over the weekend of 12th to 14th September. Fifteen of the number were under fourteen years of age, the rest ranging all the way up to having drawn a pension for a few years.

Whilst mainly organised by the British Bible School teachers and their wives and families, it was good to have so many present, all lending a hand and taking responsibility for anything that needed doing. It was an excellent team effort. Having had some in attendance for a number of years now living overseas their absence was felt very much. All this goes to show that this has become in a real sense a family fellowship.

All were safely gathered in by 11.00 pm on Friday night. The furthest distance an attendee travelled was from Albania! It was so good to hear the good things God is

doing through our brothers and sisters there and very pleasing to know that a British Bible School graduate is fully involved in that work.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed a devotional thought and songs followed by breakfast. Two teaching sessions then took place in the morning with the children having their own group for the first session then joined the adults for the second session. A "Story of Redemption Film" was viewed during the second session followed by group discussions.

After a lovely lunch shared together, the afternoon was then open to be enjoyed however anyone wished. Some had a nap, others went for a walk. Board games were played, conversations were held, and afternoon tea was served with delicious cakes and scones. A great debate took place over whether the clotted cream should be put on the scone before or after the jam. I can safely say the same debate takes place each year. The evening began with a barbecue then some very lively interactive games.

After a morning devotional and breakfast, we met together for a time of worship on Sunday. The singing was wonderful! The theme for these weekends is always centred on Jesus, this year being 'At the Name of Jesus'. As a result, taking the bread and juice together focused our attention on what he has done for us. After this there was another teaching session for the adults and children followed by yet more delicious food. We were spiritually and physically well fed.

If you missed out this year, don't let it happen again! Save the date: 18th-20th September 2026.

Mark Hill
britishbibleschool.com





BAPTISM – A PRECIOUS GIFT (NOT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA)

Over the past few months, I have seen the act of baptism done in a similar way in a variety of places of worship. The actual act of immersion took place on each occasion in the same way and the one being immersed was well and truly plunged under the water. I was happy for the candidates, but something bothered me and it was what the person doing the baptising said. In a couple of cases the words were, ‘I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit’. In one case the words, ‘for the remission of your sins’, were added.

I believe that the act of baptism is vitally important in the growth and development of the Christian. This, after all, is the act of *new birth* (John 3:5-6). There is no life without birth, and baptism is the very act of re-birth. Now I am not saying that the person doing the baptising will in some way nullify the effect of the baptism, but I strongly feel that it is wise to use words that fully describe what is happening.

There could be an emphasis of the word ‘in’ – or should it be ‘into? The Greek word *eis* has an indication that the one being immersed is actually being taken into *the Name*. We need to realise that in our Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, the name of God could not be mentioned, so we have what is properly called the Tetragrammaton written in our translation of the Bible as LORD in the upper case. The name of God was so sacred it was never said. When we come to baptism it is not the pronouncement of the baptiser that is important but the one being immersed is entering into who God is: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, all that God is and in every way that God appears is one we are entering.

Then it seems right that the reason for baptism should be declared. Why is this person entering a place with water to be

immersed in that water – there has to be a purpose for this ceremonial cleansing.

1. **Jesus demands it.** If those who have studied about him and acknowledge that Jesus has been given all authority in Heaven and on Earth they should publicly proclaim their faith and to be willing to be taught even more (Matthew 28:18-20). The situation is one of relationship. A person learns who Jesus is, they want to be joined with him and then continue in a union with him. This has often been linked with a marriage ceremony. Two people come together, love each other and are joined as one.
2. **The act of baptism is a matter of salvation** (Mark 16:15-16). This is based on the individual hearing the good news of Jesus, the same as the first part in Matthew 28:18-20. But in these verses, we have an added layer that the purpose of baptism is to receive the salvation that Jesus is offering. There is also a cautionary note that those who do not believe will be condemned.
3. **A change is necessary.** After Jesus had ascended into Heaven the Holy Spirit of Jesus fell upon the apostles (Acts 2:1). This led to the crowds in Jerusalem at the time hearing in their own native language a declaration of the wonders of God. The apostle Peter was then enabled to address the peoples’ using passages of Scripture from the Psalms. This led to a proclamation that God had made Jesus, whom the people had crucified, both Lord and Christ. The result was an encouragement to the people that they should show repentance and be immersed in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and to allow the Holy Spirit into their lives (Acts 2:38).

Baptism – A Precious Gift

4. **Those immersed are added to the kingdom** (Acts 8:12). Here we note that Philip preached both the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. The result was that both men and women were baptised. So here we have a situation in which the one being immersed is placed into the Kingdom over which Jesus is King. We see here a change in spiritual nationality. We acknowledge that Jesus is our absolute ruler in all matters.
5. **It is a washing away of sins** (Acts 22:12-16). The apostle Paul recounts once more the time when he himself was immersed. Ananias had visited Paul and had informed him that he had been called by God and had been called to tell what he had seen and heard happen in his life. Ananias then almost pleads with Paul to move himself, with the words 'What are you waiting for?' He is told to 'get up and be baptised and wash away your sins, calling on his name' (that is the name of Jesus). We note again that baptism is for the washing away of sin.
6. **We reenact Jesus' death, burial and resurrection** (Romans 6:3-10). This is a passage moved with compassion. Baptism is a time when we reenact the death of Jesus and we, in fact, die to ourselves and sin is buried with Christ. We then rise to walk in a new life which is free from sin because the new life we live is lived for Christ.
7. **It is a spiritual circumcision** (Colossians 2:8-17). This introduces us to another facet of baptism. For the Jews, circumcision brought them into a covenant relationship with God under the Jewish system: in Christ we have been brought into the fulness of all that Jesus is including the cutting off from our sinful nature, thus it is a spiritual circumcision. We were dead in our sins but God makes us alive with Christ in the act of our baptism.

So, what should we say if we are immersing someone? Perhaps the words of Peter on the Day of Pentecost should be used. Baptism is specifically for the forgiveness of sins and for the receiving of the gift of The Holy Spirit. There should not be any need for rushing at the time of baptising but there is a need to declare clearly what is happening.

It is impossible in an article like this to mention every passage that is involved with baptism. Elsewhere in the magazine we are including a short study that may be used particularly with those who have some grasp of the Christian faith.

Trevor Williams

Evidences for God & Creation

*Examining evidence for God, Jesus and the Bible
Examining the Theory of Evolution in light of the Bible & Science*



Shepshed

Saturday, 4th October, 9.30am-4.00 pm

Sunday, 5th October, 10.45am-3.00 pm

Saturday, 25th October, 9.30am-4.00 pm

Sunday, 26th October, 10.45am-3.00 pm



Saturdays at Shepshed Learning Centre,
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Loughborough LE12 9QY

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FAMILY NEWS

STORY OF REDEMPTION FILMS

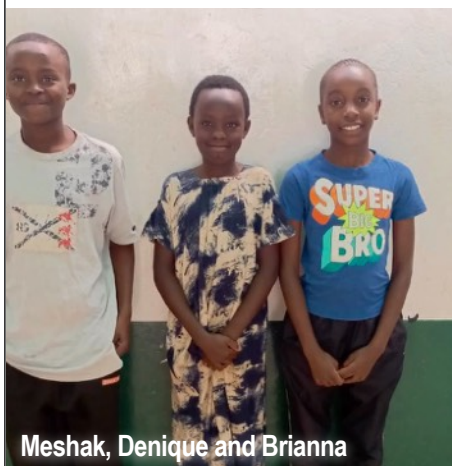
It is thrilling to hear how this tool for outreach is beginning to yield fruit, not only in the UK but around the world. Sample films can be found at 'storyofredemptionfilms.com'. Advice and help to get started is also readily available by contacting us.

For almost a year it has been my privilege to host two studies with young people in Kenya over Zoom. They are rescued from the streets, given food and clothing and helped back into education. Whilst staying in the facility they are invited to join the studies. Not only do they learn about the good news of Jesus it is also an opportunity to help them learn a little more English. On 9th September I received word that Mary, Sandra, Joseph, Charles and Isaac were immersed. Then on 11th September Brianna, Denique and Meshack were immersed.



Mary, Sandra, Joseph, Charles and Isaac

We will now include some studies around discipleship to help them as they embark on their new life in Christ.



Meshak, Denique and Brianna

As I write I have received word that a young man by the name of Steve has asked to be baptised. So deeper conversations will take place with him. He

has lived on the streets for a long time and has no memory of his home or family. He had spent several months in prison before being turned out onto the street once again. We praise God he was found and he has now found Christ.

If you would like to be involved in such studies please do get in touch.

I plan to do some major outreach in the UK to the end of this year inviting people to study using the film series. The more teachers we have the more studies we can provide. Please contact me if you would like to join in with this great adventure at northamptonchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

Mark Hill

BRANDON

Last month from 26th-28th September the Christians in Brandon held our first young adults weekend in over a decade. There was a need for this due to the influx of Christians in their 20's and early 30's over the last few years, some of whom are relatively new Christians.

The event was held at a site in Thetford Forest in Norfolk about half an hour from the Brandon Church building and was attended by nearly 40 young adults from all over the country from Scotland to South London and in between.

The theme of the weekend was "Beyond Sunday" and was centred on learning and discussing how our faith is lived out every day rather than for two to three hours on a Sunday Morning.



Family News

We had encouraging devotionals led by Liam Bates (Loughborough) and Stephen Asare (Brandon) as well as thought provoking whole group discussions facilitated by Declan O'Donovan (Brandon) and Kuda Taruvinga (Corby). Edwin Offin (Cumbernauld) spoke on Sunday, his message both encouraging and challenging our regular congregation and visiting young adults to live for Jesus every day because of what he did for us.

Thanks to all who made this weekend such a success, from those who attended to those who

kept us well fed all weekend, as well as those who helped to organise the weekend in any other capacity. Most of all the glory goes to God for blessing us with such an encouraging and uplifting time of fellowship in the Norfolk Countryside.

Declan O'Donovan



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Walter Halls
Loughborough

be measured, inasmuch as the churches in Leicester and South Wigton had arisen out of the association of brethren who had been brought into the church in connection with Gospel-work in Loughborough; and by whom other churches had also been influenced in the right direction. Some eighty brethren, many from Leicester, partook of tea; the after-meeting, accordingly, being much extended.

You're Invited to the..

Midlands Churches of Christ
Lectureship & Fellowship Day



Date: Saturday, 4th October 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 3:45 pm



Venue: Coventry CR Centre, Red Lane, Coventry. CV6 5EE



PRAYING NOT TO BE DRAWN INTO EVIL (PSALM 141)

"I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice." (Psalms 141:1-2 NIV)

Prayer should be an integral part of our lives as Christians. David understood this as he asked God to come quickly as he called to him. He wanted his prayers to be like incense wafting up to God or the evening sacrifice. We find similar sentiments connected with our prayers as Christians – John wrote about the twenty-four elders *"holding golden bowls full of incense which are the prayers of God's people"* (Revelation 5:8). Prayer should be part of our daily life as well as part of our worship of God. But what do we pray about?

"Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies." (Psalms 141:3-4)

How often do we ask God to put a guard on our mouth and keep watch over our lips? David was obviously concerned that he not say things that were wrong or inappropriate. James also wrote about this, telling

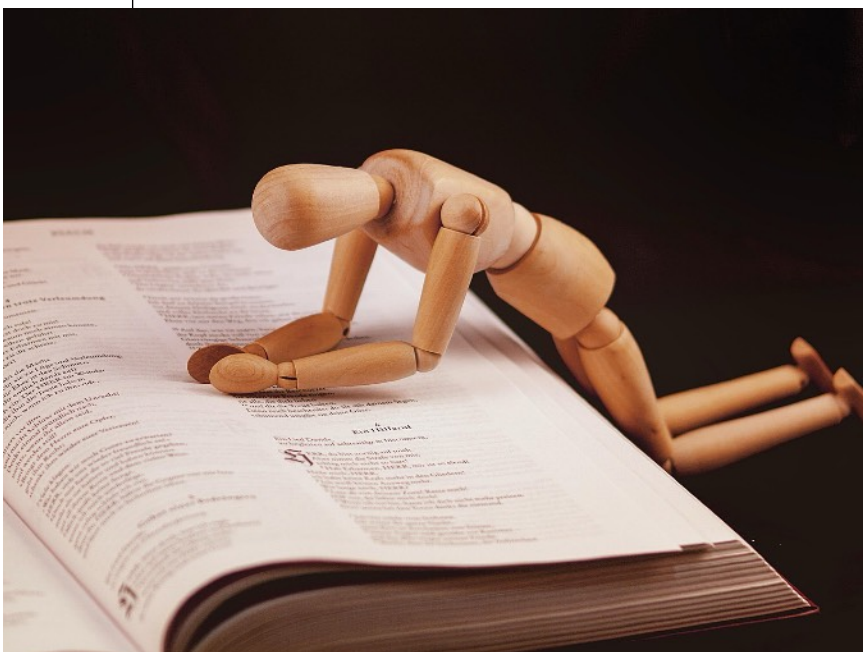
Christians that what we say can corrupt us and set "the whole course of one's life on fire". I'm sure we realise that what we say can get us in trouble faster than just about anything. How many people just say what is on their mind without considering either what they are saying or the consequences those words might have? We need to ask God to "keep watch over the door of my lips"!

I'm sure we pray for forgiveness but do we ask God to help us not be attracted to what is evil? This is reflected in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"* (Matthew 6:13). While forgiveness is vitally important, it should be just as important to endeavour to steer clear of the temptation to be involved in what is sinful. Because sin can be attractive we need to be asking God to help us not "be drawn to what is evil".

"Let a righteous man strike me – that is a kindness; let him rebuke me – that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it, for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers." (Psalms 141:5)

I have heard Christians pray for God to defeat them if what they were doing was not what God wanted, but I can't recall anyone

asking God to have other Christians rebuke and correct them in any way, let alone physically strike them! But David realised his need for correction when he was wrong. He looked on a righteous man striking him as kindness and rebuke as oil on his head. Perhaps if we prayed more like this we would realise when we are heading towards what is sinful and wrong. Too many Christians that I have known don't like to be corrected even if they are involved in sin. May we be open to correction by those who lovingly looking out for us.



Praying (Psalm 141)

“But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign LORD; in you I take refuge – do not give me over to death. Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers, from the snares they have laid for me. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.” (Psalms 141:8-10)

What better way to end this prayer and to remind us of what we need to do, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. We need to make Jesus our refuge and pray that we will not fall for the traps and snares that people may place in our way. May we always pray

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Jon Galloway



Israel following the Exile

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APPEALS AND UPDATES

INDIA APPEAL

I am Sonia Madiki, wife of Vijaya Madiki, and mother to two wonderful sons—Samuel (20) and Paul (18), both of whom are faithfully walking with Christ.



Vijaya, Paul and Sonia Madiki

I accepted Christ at the age of 12 and was the very first Christian through whom the Samalkot Church of Christ began. My husband gave up his software business, and I gave up my place in medical school. With the Lord's

calling, we both went to the British Bible School in 2001 to learn and study God's Word. For the past 23 years, we have faithfully stood for Christ, even in the midst of persecution. Today Vijaya serves as a preacher with the Samalkot congregation.

Alongside my calling, I am also a psychologist and advocate. These skills help me better serve women and children—offering counsel, protection, and empowerment in Christ. From my own childhood experiences of witnessing the painful struggles of women and girls in rural villages, God placed in my heart a lifelong vision: to bring hope, dignity, and the love of Christ to the broken and voiceless. This vision gave birth to SWAN Ministry, where I serve today with prayer,

compassion, and the desire to see lives transformed by Christ.

I was born in a rural village, where I witnessed the painful struggles of being a girl and a woman in poverty. In many homes, the birth of a girl was seen as a burden. Girls were often denied education, forced into child labour, or married off at an early age. Women endured domestic violence in silence, widows were abandoned without dignity, and many were exploited with no voice to defend them and mothers pressured to kill their girl children.

Fifteen years ago we started small with just twelve women. Today, by God's grace, nearly 1,100 women and girls have been empowered with skills, helping them earn a living and stand with dignity and hope. I remember one young widow who came to me after being thrown out of her in-laws' home. With sewing training, she began earning on her own and today supports her children's education. Another young girl, rescued from being forced into prostitution, was given shelter, counselling, and the chance to study again. I have sat with women who were on the verge of suicide, prayed with them, and watched them choose life. I have even intervened in situations where families were planning to kill their newborn baby girl and, by God's grace, those lives were spared.

My mission is to make disciples of Christ by combining compassion with empowerment, counselling with prayer, and practical skills with the eternal hope of the gospel.

We named the Ministry 'SWAN' (Shunnammite women associates nebula). This mission is three-fold:

Appeals

- 1) To empower women with practical skills, dignity, and financial independence;
- 2) To bring them to Christ, sharing the gospel;
- 3) To strengthen the local congregation, as these women, once trained, use their small earnings to support their families and also to help the poor village preacher and the congregation's work.

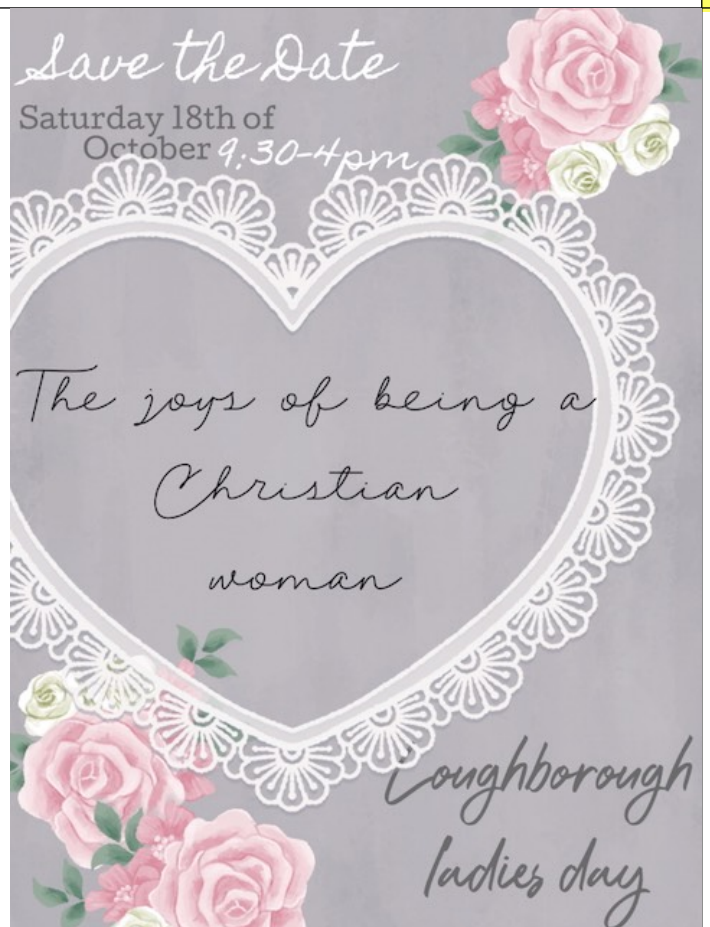
My life is fully committed to this mission of empowering women and children while sharing the love of Jesus.

We are currently operating three training centres where women are gaining practical sewing skills. Each training programme runs for nine months, during which time women not only learn sewing but also receive support to begin their own livelihoods. Recognising the reality of poverty, I also provide a small snack or a shared meal for the women during training, as many of them often come from homes where there is little or nothing to eat.

The cost of training and equipping one woman is around £200. Together, we can see lives changed for generations multiply the impact empowering women and children, leading souls to Christ, and strengthening local congregations in rural India. We are asking for prayer and support as we step into this next level—that doors will open, that provision will come, and that what begins as a seed will grow into a harvest of hope.

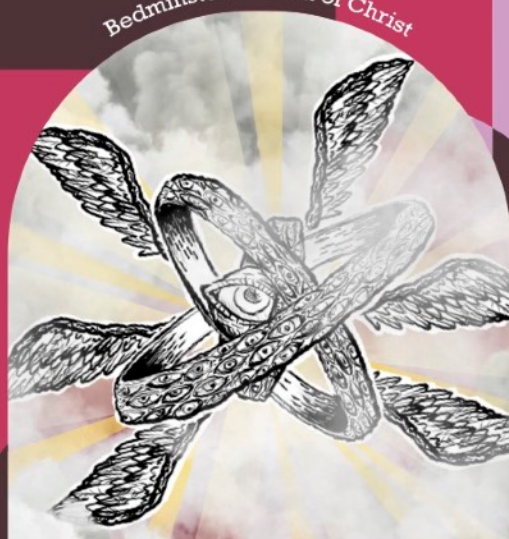
This is not just charity. It is discipleship through empowerment, hope through Christ, and transformation for generations to come. Any donation to this work can be sent to Tony Tyson at the Aughton congregation (tonytyson66@yahoo.co.uk). Feel free to contact him or me for additional info – SoniaMadiki@gmail.com.

Sonia Madiki



PRIME TIME 2025

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DIARY

October

1st-3rd October – European Vision Workshop in Wroclaw, Poland. Contact: Kristin Hagins – kristin.hagins@sunset.bible

2nd – British Bible School evening class: “Following the Master” led by Patrick Boyns, each Thursday, 8.00-9.00 pm, for twelve weeks. Links to join the class can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

3rd – Loughborough: 184th Anniversary Meeting at Christian Meeting House, 17a Oxford Street, Loughborough LE11 5DP, 6.00 pm; speaker: John Griffiths; refreshments to follow. Contact: Jason Hill (j.hill147@hotmail.co.uk).

4th-5th & 25th-26th October – Shepshead: British Bible School Study weekends. Two weekends looking at “Evidences for God and Creation”; teachers: Jon Galloway and Mark Hill. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com or shepsheadcoc@outlook.com.

4th – Midlands congregations: Lectureship and Fellowship Day, 10.00 am-4.00 pm at Coventry CR Centre, Red Lane, Coventry CV6 5EE. – “The Joys of Being a Christian”, 9.30 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Ernest at Summerlane (07737 528529, Samuel at Coventry (07799 941270, or Afriyie at Telford (07746 467152).

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18th – Loughborough: Ladies’ Day – “The Joys of Being a Christian”, 9.30 am-4.00 pm. Contact: Joanne Townsend (ps56_8@icloud.com).

18th – East Kilbride: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at 1 Scholar’s Gate, East Kilbride G75 9JL. Contact: east_kilbride_coc@outlook.com.

18th – Daughters of Christ: Concert 2025 – “Rejoice: God Remembers You!”, 2.00-4.30 pm, on Zoom – Meeting ID: 681 623 4697, Passcode: DOCUKlm21. Contact: docuklm2021@gmail.com

24th-26th – Bedminster (Bristol): Prime Time 2025 – “A Journey from Corruption to Salvation”, arrive from 6.30 pm on Friday, aimed at the over 40s. Contact: Martin Nelson (martin.p.nelson4@gmail.com or 07786 157417) or Jason Snethen (07795 560990).

25th – Stratford (London): Health Discussions, 10.00-2.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

31st-2nd November – Peterborough: Ladies’ retreat. Contact: Marsha Erysthee (merysthee1@aol.com).

November

3rd-7th November – British Bible School Residential Study Week at Bassenfell Manor – “Post-Exilic Israel”. Contact: study@britishbibleschool.com.

8th – Ilkeston: Youth Day – “Rooted” (Colossians 2:6), 10.00 am-4.00 pm, at Adam Street, Ilkeston. Contact: Aaron (07538 400250) or Jenny (07526 542565).

Daughters of Christ UK (DOCUK)
Ephesians 2:10

DOCUK & I'NTL Ladies Ministry
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Theme: Rejoice: God Remembers You!

Date: October 18th, 2025
Time: 2:00 - 4:30 pm UK

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Diary

15th – **Livingston**: Devotional Evening, 7.00 pm, at Garden Place, Elburn, Livingston EH54 8RA. Contact: info@churchofchrist.co.uk.

29th – **Stratford (London)**: Marriage Enrichment – ‘Before and After I say I Do’, 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom details – meeting room: 8540976249, Passcode: sc2020. Contact: 07934 731219 or 07852 343010 3 or 07979 096293.

29th – **British Bible School** evening lecture by Mark Hill: “The world was ready for Jesus”, 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Links to join the lecture can be found on the BBS social media and website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

December

20th-21st – **Milton Keynes**: Song Festival and Fellowship Weekend. Venue: Monkston Community Park, 10 Pimlico Court (off Plastow Crescent), Milton Keynes MK10 9PN. Register at: 07483 893786 or 07305 384832.

January 2026

15th-17th – **British Bible School** Winter Weekend Family Retreat. Venue: Bassenfell Manor, Cumbria. For more information and to book a place visit our website: www.britishbibleschool.com.

February

16th-22nd – **Gemünden, Germany**: Advanced Bible Study Series – Tuesday-Friday ABSS I, Friday-Sunday ABSS II. Contact: abss.gemunden@gmail.com or Paul Brazle (brazle.paul@gmail.com).

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025
10-4:30PM

Teachers Workshop

FOR BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS OF ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE

Speakers:
Margaret Griffiths (Wembley)
Bethan Mentore (Wembley)
Jason Snethen (Bristol)
Lori Knight-Barker (Lewisham)

Is Sunday School important today?

How do I plan a Bible Class for different ages?

How do I engage my learners?

How do I include students with additional needs?

The opportunity of teaching preschool children

For more information, contact:
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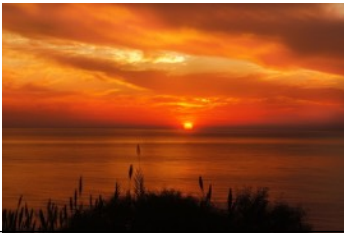
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THE FINAL WORD



A Bible Study

The idea for this study is to present a list of these scriptures without the answers. This way it is possible to write down the answers and let the person you are studying with discover what the Bible has to say [answers are in brackets].

Are you saved?

Have you done these things?

John 6:45 [heard and learned]
John 8:24 [believed]
Acts 17:30 [repent]
Romans 10:9-10 [confession]
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 8:35-39 [baptism]

At this point of baptism

Acts 2:36-38 [receive the Holy Spirit]
Acts 22:16 [wash away sins]
Mark 16:16 [saved]

1 Peter 3:21 [good conscience]
Acts 2:47 [added to the Lord]

Are you in Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:17 [new creature]
Colossians 1:13-14 [redemption]
2 Timothy 2:10 [salvation]
1 John 5:11 [eternal life]
Ephesians 1:3 [spiritual blessings]

Are you in the body?

Romans 12:5 – how many bodies? [one]
Colossians 1:18, 24 – what is the body? [the church]
1 Corinthians 12:13 – how do we enter the body? [through baptism]
1 Corinthians 12:27 – what are we then? [the body of Christ/the church of Christ]

Trevor

