

Young People

What's my temperature?

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19).

How serious are you with God? Take the test:

1. I love church
2. My non-Christian friends know I'm a Christian
3. I pray regularly by myself without anyone telling me to
4. I forgive others when they hurt me
5. I don't watch TV programmes that I know are wrong
6. I only read books that I know I don't have to hide from anyone
7. I say 'no' when people try to influence me to do things that are not Godly
8. I genuinely sorrow if I find that I have displeased God in any way
9. I am conscious of God even when I am not in church and it affects my behaviour
10. I preach the gospel (or I would like to but have not yet done so)

For each question rate yourself out of 3. (1 = No; 2 = Sometimes; 3 = Yes) Turn overleaf to find out your temperature.

Christianity is formed out of two major pillars, your relationship with God and your relationship with other people.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Big Lunch: Sunday 24th July 2011

Time: 1:30pm

Turning Point: Sunday 31st July 2011

Time: 10:00am

Our weekly

Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Revival Prayer Meeting: Friday @
6:30pm

Evangelism/Visitation: Saturday @
11:00am

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday @
9:00am

House Fellowship: Sunday @ 6:00pm

Youth Group: Sunday @ 6:00pm



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DEEPER CHRISTIAN LIFE MINISTRY

Merseyside Region

A Message from the Pastor

Bearing the Image and Superscription of Christ

Luke 20:20 - 26

Every true believer ought to bear the image of Christ. We should consider our life, character and comportment, and compare it with Christ. God should be able to see Himself in His people.

The Image Ruined

Luke 20:24; Genesis 1:26, 27; James 3:9; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-14; 5:1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:3

We were made in the image and likeness of God and we ought to exercise the dominion of God, but sin ruined that image. In Genesis, the enemy succeeded in tricking mankind and ruining the image. As a result, sin does not have to be taught, it is instinctive. The purpose of redemption is to restore us to our pre-fall state. The image that was ruined can be regained and restored.

The Image Reformed

Luke 20:24; Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4,5; John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 3:7,8; Romans 3:10-18,23-25; Ephesians 4:24

God knows the end from the beginning, and man's fall did not take Him by surprise. The plan of redemption was formulated before our creation, it was not an afterthought. Since Adam and Eve, every human being has been born with the image ruined; we must be born again to have the image reformed. We are reformed by coming to the Reformer, repenting of our sins, and living in newness of life.

The Image Reflecting

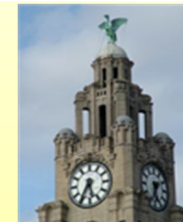
Luke 20:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 5:22-24; John 13:34,35; Philippians 2:5-8, 14-16; 1 John 2:6; Matthew 10:24,25

Earthly parents like it when their children try to emulate them and it's the same with God. If you have the image of God it will reflect. 'Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them' (Matthew 7:20). The fruit of the Spirit will be manifest in your life and love will be your motive and attitude in all things. You will have the mind of Christ and total victory over inward and outward sin. Reflect God's image and let the world see.

Preached by Pastor Ayo on 07/11/2010

Newsletter June 2011

Our City Facts n Stats!!!



Did you know that Liverpool is the fourth largest city in the UK, and the third largest in England?

Did you know that the population of Liverpool (according to the last census) was just under 450,000?

Did you know that if our church is to win Liverpool, we each have 1500 Liverpudlians to preach to? Thank God we are not the only Christians in Liverpool! There are other believers that can bear this burden with us. But it is interesting to note that 79.5% of Liverpudlians claim to be Christian!

Did you know that the last revival in Liverpool commenced on 28th May 1934 in Bootle, and was led by Edward Jeffreys. It attracted crowds of up to 10,000 people, along with reporters from the Liverpool Echo, as dramatic healings took place. We are long overdue for another move of God. (Check out www.liverpoolrevival.org.uk)

Know your city! Bring your city to know your God!

Your Relationship with God

- **Love** (Deuteronomy 30:6). Without real love for God you will never be able to live for God. If you see Jesus as merely a ticket to heaven and nothing more you will not be able to walk with Him. Your service will be done out of self-preservation rather than surrender and your righteousness will be as filthy rags.
- **Prayer** (Luke 18:1). Where there is no communication there is no relationship. If you never pray and never read the Bible, there is no way you can sustain a relationship with God.
- **Obedience** (1 Samuel 15:22). God has set out His requirements in His word, and failure to fulfil these is failure to please Him. You cannot claim to know God while living in disobedience to Him.

Your relationship with other people

- **Love** (1 John 4:20). We are commanded to love others as we love ourselves; we are even commanded to love our enemies. You cannot love God if you don't love your fellow man.
- **Humility** (Matthew 18:4). God hates pride and we so often manifest pride in the way we deal with certain people that we may feel superior to. Pride can also be manifested in anger, selfishness, and hatred.
- **Forgiveness** (Matthew 6:14). Refusing to let go of something that a friend, family member, teacher, or even a stranger, has done to you is not of God. People will definitely hurt you, but how you deal with that hurt determines of which spirit you are.

Obviously, this list is not exhaustive and is just a brief snapshot of some of the things that may be lacking in your life. If you know that you are nearer the chilly end of the spectrum than the fiery, here are a few ways to get reignited:

- **Repent.** Acknowledge that things aren't right and confess it to God. God won't help someone who is in denial. He's interested in people who can honestly admit to their sins and their inability to live right without Him. Repentance is turning away from your sins and seeking help to live above sin henceforth.
- **Establish good habits.** Habits such as a daily devotion and time of prayer will help you to stay on the straight and narrow. Without a devotional life you will soon run dry and burn out.
- **Let everyone know.** The sooner people around you know about your decision for Christ the better. They need to know because it makes you more careful about the things you do and say. It also means that they know your stand on certain things and won't even bother asking you to go somewhere that they know Christians don't go (thus minimising temptation for you).
- **Seek out like minded people.** There are plenty of Christians around that can help you stick to your decision to get serious with God, and they can uphold you when things get tough. Iron sharpens iron.
- **Shut out avenues of temptation.** Get rid of ungodly books, magazines and music. Stop watching the TV programmes that defile your mind. Distance yourself from the friends that influence you wrongly. It may feel like you're chopping of your right hand but with God's grace you can make a clean and permanent break.
- **Continually ask for grace.** If you think that your will power alone will keep you standing right, think again. Only God's grace can sustain you. Continually ask Him to help you. Continually ask Him to fill your heart with passion for Him. Continually ask Him to keep you dead and immune to the things of this world.

Living Under the Crunch

Lifestyle

As our nation's economy wallows in the mire of bad decisions, greed, and debt, many are trying to make sense of the meltdown and uncover the culprits so that they can take the blame. But we are all to blame. From the market savvy banker with pound signs for pupils to the loaners who offers loans with alarming rates of interest, to the 'normal' everyday people who are sucked into spending beyond their means because of too many financial commitments and bad financial management. No one is innocent. We live in a debt culture, a culture that reinforces instant gratification with it's 'buy now, pay later' mantra.

At the beginning of the crisis in 2007, no one really felt the impact apart from merchant bankers, the mortgage market, and a few other financial institutions. Now, everyone is living it. It has filtered down to the level of the working class, you and I. Those who have jobs have to compete to keep them as our workplaces become increasingly dog eat dog while everyone tries to cover their own back and hold on to their job. For those looking for jobs, the competition is at an all-time high, and it is almost impossible to even secure an interview. The situation is almost pathetic for new graduates, who having spent years in study cannot find jobs, and having no work experience are at a disadvantage in the job market.

As Christians what should our attitude be? What should we do?

- Remember you are not the only one in this situation

It's easy to get self-absorbed and think only of me, myself, and moi. But somewhere out there, there are others worse off than you. Try to stay happy and helpful.

- Eliminate your waste

It is irresponsible to ask for more when you have not been faithful in using what you have. Recent research uncovered that each year the UK produces 600kg of waste per head. Look at your 600kg, what can be recycled, what can be used more efficiently?

- Spend wisely

Now more than ever, you should watch where your money goes. Before the economic crisis I never used price comparison websites but my car insurance was running out and I wanted to make sure I got the cheapest deal out there. For the first time ever in my life I logged on to Go Compare! And there are many other similar sites.

For your weekly groceries, all the major supermarkets are online. Make your list and go on each website and fill up your cart. Buy from whichever store is cheaper. And if you are not comfortable closing the deal online, log out after you have compared the totals and go to the store of your choice.

- Evaluate your debt

It is a fact that most people are in debt. It is an even more shocking fact that most people who are in debt don't know how much debt they are in. Find out and plan how to reduce it. In this economic climate you need as much control over your finances as you can possibly have. Debt puts the bank in control, which nobody wants.

- simplify your life

You spend money on a lot of things you don't need. You don't need to eat out every Friday. You don't need every SKY channel available. You probably don't need the latest mobile phone either. Cut out the unnecessary things and reduce your cost of living.

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Quiz results

Less than 15 = cold
15 – 25 = lukewarm
Over 25 = getting there