The Gate Community Church (an open door to Jesus)

Silence

There's silence on the earth
As the leaves fall to the ground
Not many flowers left
Only silence to be found

We walk among the coloured leaves Of shaded brown Kicking them to and fro As often as we go

So say hello to the Autumn
Of quietness all around
Listen very carefully To Gods voice
From the top unto the ground



A Word from Pastor Bob

Time

It's October already! "Doesn't time fly", "where does the time go". Phrases that we hear every day and maybe we even say them ourselves. On the 27th of this month the clocks go back one hour from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time (and we get an extra hour in bed!).

Our natural lives are all governed by time, the hands moving around the clock, the passing of the seasons, day time and night time coming and going. In Ephesians 5 v 16 the apostle Paul tells us that we should be "making the best use of the time". It's also important that we know "what the time is" (spiritually speaking). We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to tell us where we are in God's timeline, what season we are in.

We need physical rest for our bodies and it's nice to have a lie-in but we mustn't be people who are asleep spiritually. "..you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand." Romans 13 v 11-12.

Let's be people who are awake to the voice of the Holy Spirit, secure in the knowledge that "our times are in His hands".

A Note from the Editor

A **big** warm welcome to YOU! This new day because every day you read this God given newsletter it is a brand new day. He created the heavens and the earth for me and YOU to enjoy and to fulfil our lives with **all** the good things He has given us within – Peace, Contentment, Trust in Him, Believe, Praise and much more. Can YOU think of any other gifts He has placed in YOUR heart?

Joyful in Today's World

When I got up this morning the wind was blowing strong and the rain was pouring down hard I thought it is mid-April and it looked like a winters day plus it was cold.

I opened the bathroom window this particular morning and I heard the most beautiful sound of the birds and they didn't seem to mind at all about the rain and the wind.

All we humans seem to say is it's too cold, it's too hot, it's too this and too that. Let us take notice of the birds.

Have you seen the film with Gene Kelly in "Singing in the Rain?" If you have a look how happy and joyful he is when he's dancing around the lamp post in the rain. I know it is only a film but the happy feelings are in there.

Psalm 32 v 11 says this...Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (ESV)

They Know Their Masters Voice

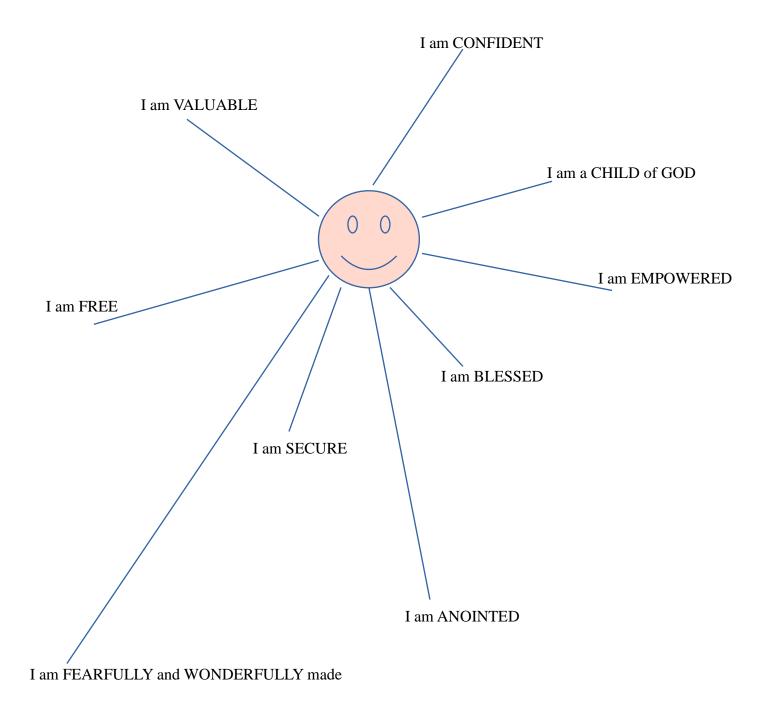
Walking in the country lane the little new born lambs were bleating then hurrying along came their mother bleating as she went to her lamb. The little one suckled up to her and the bleating stopped. Its little tail waggling to and fro with joy as fast as it could while getting its mothers' milk.

Now let us look at the lessons for us as children of God in this story,

- 1. The lamb knew its mothers voice (We know our Masters voice)
- 2. The sounds of both the baby lamb and its mother calling out to its baby (God is calling out to each of us not just when we need Him, but at ALL times)
- 3. Running to the Lord **NOT** floundering as He holds out His arms to us *(Can YOU hear His Masters voice?)*

John 10 v 27 says this ... My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. (NKJV)

What's in You Will Come Out



Say who God says you are. What other God given qualities do YOU have inside yourself?

Please let me know