Beacon Community Church Wibsey – Sunday Worship 21st Feb 2021 at 10:45am Pastor Paul

We are live on Beacon Community Church Facebook site and on Zoom too. The Zoom ref is Zoom Meeting ID: 805 199 3903 - Passcode: 182992 which is the same for all meetings on Zoom.

Welcome, during these crazy times that are so challenging for so many, we do indeed pray God touches your lives and brings you the comfort and peace you need at this time.

**Prayer time**

**Hymn –** **Let everything that hath breath -** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iq\_Q9Y6zDWs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iq_Q9Y6zDWs)

**Message – what is it you believe?**

Have you ever been asked what it is that you believe, we live in a time where there are plenty of people out there who will ask you that question, or is it, you don’t move in those circles?

One of my first experience of being asked what it was I believed in, was when I was an apprentice carpenter, it’s an experience I will never forget as long as I live. It happened on our way to work one morning, on an old open-door bus, when I was confronted by and older tradesman who wanted to know why I was different, different I said, what do you mean? He responded, “You don’t swear or enter into dirty jokes?” “well” I replied “I’m a Christian and Christ is the very purpose of my life!” Then it all erupted! I was on my back with my head through the door with the man shaking me, screaming at me “Swear, you!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Swear – until the others dragged him off me!

I have had numerous occasions since, when people of different walks of life, ask what is it you believe? Never one quite like the first! Thanks be to God, but just as important.

For every believer, I believe it should be a given, that we are faced up with that question, what is it that we believe – **And be ready to give an answer!** Its Biblical 1 Peter 3:15**But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.**

So it is vitally important – we know what we believe – the word Christian is not a good enough answer for much of the population of our Country or World who have never set foot in a church, chapel, mission or even cathedral – other that for weddings or funerals or even sometimes for christenings would call themselves Christians!

And in essence, take all church people everywhere – We appear to be so different, why do we go to Beacon Community Church, and others go here there and everywhere.

It is so important we believe – Paul reminds us 2 Timothy 1:12 That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+1%3A12++++&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29782a)] until the day of his return.

There are Core beliefs of the Faith that Every Christian Should Know

The core Doctrine of the Christians Faith is vital and is divided into 3 definitions that separates Biblical Christianity from other religions!

Let’s have a glance – and that is all it is this morning! And Yes I’m a Bible believing Christian

1. **The deity of Christ (**[**John 1:1**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/1-1.html)**,**[**14**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/1-14.html)**).**

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

So the Word became human[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A+14++&version=NLT#fen-NLT-26025a)] and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. Jesus!

1. **The substitutionary atonement and resurrection of Christ** ([2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-corinthians/5-21.html)).

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A21&version=NLT#fen-NLT-28859a)] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

1. **Salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone** ([Ephesians 2:8-9](https://www.biblestudytools.com/ephesians/passage/?q=ephesians+2:8-9)).

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

With this, there are other essential Christian truths that are pivotal (essential - Key) to our belief.

* The Creation.
* The Trinity.
* The inspiration, authority, clarity, and sufficiency of the Word of God.
* The Virgin Birth.
* The indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Core beliefs of these teachings are an essential in our walk with God, if we don’t believe them we are actually **rejecting the gospel of Christ.** Denying the nature of Christ and the sacrifice He made for our sin rejects the only hope sinners have for eternal life ([Acts 4:12](https://www.biblestudytools.com/acts/4-12.html); [John 14:6](https://www.biblestudytools.com/john/14-6.html)).

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me (Jesus).

**The source of our hope in God!**

The Triune God is the foundational source for doctrine. The Trinity is also the chosen instrument to minister biblical teaching through the Apostles and Prophets in the Word of God ([2 Peter 1:20-21](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-peter/passage/?q=2%20peter+1:20-21)). In the eternal Kingdom of the Lord Jesus, the Lord will speak face-to-face to people. A fountain pours forth water, and in the same way, doctrine pours forth from the pages of Scripture. What we believe (Doctrine) is to be measured by the authoritative standard of the Word of the Lord in the Scriptures.

Why – Because This is Objective of what we believe!

The primary object of sound doctrine is the doctrine of God and all things in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ. What we believe (Doctrine) helps the people of God see the Lord as the source from whom all things and through all things - exists. Doctrine helps Christians to see that their lives are not for themselves, but to find their purpose in the plan of God.

[**Romans 11:36**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/11-36.html) **-** For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. - **Isn’t this wonderful!**

[**1 Corinthians 8:6**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-corinthians/8-6.html) **-** But for us, There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created,
    and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created,
    and through whom we live.

In These two passages exists a structure of the God head “Father Son & Holy Spirit, the affirmation of Creation, that it is the Gospel truth (Good News) – **there is** **no other offer made by God!**

**This is what we believe as a child a God a disciple of Christ!**

**Amen**

**Hymn – Living Hope -** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSbJPZLNIuc**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSbJPZLNIuc)

**Benediction**

**Some further reading for you at home!**

**Notices**

**Monday this week on Zoom – Monday Prayer meeting – Friday Quiz night (both at 8pm)**

**Sunday 7th 10:45am – Morning Service (with Communion) Pastor Paul on Zoom & Live on Facebook**

**Next week on Zoom – Wednesday Coffee & Chat 8pm**

**Some further study at home!**

**The Apostle Paul, Timothy, and Sound Doctrine**

The Apostle Paul called Timothy his **“beloved child”** in the faith ([2 Timothy 1:2](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/1-2.html)). Paul wrote to him about what mattered most for life and ministry, **commending the gospel to him** ([2 Timothy 1:8-10](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/passage/?q=2%20timothy+1:8-10)) and the Scriptures ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/passage/?q=2%20timothy+3:16-17)). Additionally, **Paul instructed Timothy about sound doctrine** ([2 Timothy 1:13-14](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/passage/?q=2%20timothy+1:13-14)). Doctrine is among the things that matter most to the well-being of the Christian and local churches. Sound doctrine provides a pattern for and promotes biblical faith and love.

Sound doctrine (What we believe) also provides a valuable heritage to be treasured in our generation and faithfully transmitted to the next ([2 Timothy 2:2](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/2-2.html)). Sound doctrine helps the people of God know not only what it is true, but its source, object, and ultimate end.

Sound doctrine (What we believe) promotes the glory of the grace of God ([1 Timothy 1:10-11](https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-timothy/passage/?q=1%20timothy+1:10-11)). Sound doctrine directs Christian's faith towards Christ ([1 Peter 4:11](https://www.biblestudytools.com/1-peter/4-11.html); [2 Peter 3:18](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-peter/3-18.html)). The Lord has given the people of God the gift of doctrine that they might learn about Him in the Word and walk in the manner He has prescribed. Doctrine is Trinitarian, a gift of the Father, revealed in Jesus, transmitted by the Spirit in the Word to be received, and confessed in the church, all to the glory of God.

**Be blessed in What we believe! Yours in Christ Pastor Paul**

**Let everything that Hath breath**

**Let** [**everything**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/everything) **that hath** [**breath**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/breath) **praise the Lord x 3 Praise the Lord**

**For His** [**mighty**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/mighty) **acts, - And His** [**wondrous**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/wondrous) **works - Praise the Lord x 3**

**Sing again – Then the chorus**

**We give Thee honour - Oh Lord we give you praise - Power and glory**

**Oh Lord we give you praise - Everlasting** [**Father**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Father) **- Hosanna**

**The** [**Prince**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Prince) **of Peace - Alpha and Omega - Beginning and the ending x 2**

**Oh Praise X 3 The Lord X 3 Then Amen (as many times as you can muster.**

**Living Hope**

**How great the chasm that lay between us - How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven - And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness - Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is ﬁnished, the end is written - Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? - What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory - To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven - The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever - Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus - Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free -Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain - There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope - Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me - You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name - Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise - Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion - Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Chorus then - Jesus Christ, my living hope - Oh God, You are my living hope**