**Morning worship Live from Beacon Community Church – Wibsey**

**Sunday 9th May 10:45am – Live on Zoom** **805 199 3903 Password 182992 or on our Facebook site, also we welcome you in person at Church by booking a place within the allocated spaces we have each week.**

**We welcome you with open hearts this morning as we hear – Once again!**

**Hebrews 5:11-14**

**Prayer**

**2nd Hymn – Refiner’s fire**

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire - Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master; Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart; Cleanse me from within and make me holy; Purify my heart; Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

**Message – Discernment is a must!**

Discernment is not a word commonly used in today’s society, yet throughout Gods words there is an abundance of references that can well be attributed to demonstrating discernment in our lives as Christians!

Yet discernment is needed more than ever, when we see the level of untruth being pedalled in Politics, Sport, Fake News, Social Media and society as a whole!

So, what does discernment mean, well it can be explained very simply to know the difference of right and wrong – For God to determine whether the pathway of our lives is within the true nature of His will for us!

**Paul explains –** **Discernment is a gift of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 12:10**

**10**He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

It is a gift – for us to Seek and accept!

John Chrysostom - states that this Passage **Says** these words mean the ability **tell** who is spiritual or not – who is a prophet and who is not.

**So Discernment** – note Pauls words to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

# We face increasing pressure from the world to conform, and many false teachers influence the church.

**More than ever, we need discernment!**

1. **We need to know Gods Word!**

**2 Timothy 2:15** Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

# As we move beyond the basics, we grow in “Knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is the best” **Hebrews 5:11-14**

# **Philippians 1 9 - 12** grasp the depth of this message!

# The Psalmist puts it like this - Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions. **Psalm 119:29**

1. **We must test everything against Scripture!**

In essence I don’t know the answer for every situation in life, but I know the source that will stand the test and confirm the right way to do something and even the right and wrong way to speak to each other.

# **1 John 4:1** - Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

# **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

# **James 1:5** - If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

1. **We must refuse to conform to culture!**

**# Proverbs 28:4-5** To reject the law is to praise the wicked; to obey the law is to fight them.

**5**Evil people don’t understand justice, but those who follow the Lord understand completely.

We must head this important warning!

**# Colossians 2:8** - Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+2%3A8+&version=NLT#fen-NLT-29463a)] of this world, rather than from Christ.

**# Romans 12:2 -** Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

This is God’s Word and I pray as we grow in the grace of God, that we may learn to accept Gods Pathway of blessing is found when we seek God’s gift of the Holy Spirit “Discernment” and apply in and through our lives daily.

The hymn Ancient Words – speak this so clearly.

Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world,
They resound with god's own heart - Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope - Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam - Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:- Ancient words ever true - Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts - Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith - Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice - Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved - For our walk in this world.
They resound with god's own heart - Oh let the ancient words impart.

Chorus x 4

We have come with open hearts - Oh let the ancient words impart.

3rd Hymn – Take my life

1 Take my life and let it be - consecrated, Lord, to thee. - Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise, x 2

2 Take my hands and let them move - at the impulse of thy love. - Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee x 2

3 Take my voice and let me sing - always, only, for my King. - Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee x 2

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose x 2

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne x 2

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee x 2

**Notices –**

**Monday 8pm Prayer meeting on Zoom ref - 805 199 3903 Password - 182992**

**Wednesday 7pm Leader/Trustees meeting in Church**

**Sunday 16th 10:45am Caring for Life “Chris Cole”**

**Closing Prayer**