

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 12th April 2014

BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 am

The theme for this quarter is: **Christ and His Law**

Welcome & Introduction	Brenya Obeng
Opening Hymn	528 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"
Prayer	Brenya Obeng
Lesson Study	Tarzan Bhebhe
Mission Story & Offering	Washington Manenji
Closing Hymn	534 "Will Your Anchor Hold"
Benediction	Brenya Obeng

DIVINE SERVICE: 11:15 am

Welcome & Announcements	
Opening Hymn	306 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Special Item	
Tithes & Offerings	
Children's Item	
Hymn	348 "The Church Has One foundation"
Sermon	God's "Church": A Model of Diversity – Dr B. Davies-Browne
Closing Hymn	"I am Thine O Lord"
Benediction	

AFTERNOON SERVICE

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Sabbath 12th April – 8:13 pm
Friday 18th April – 8:26 pm

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* * * **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** * * *

"The impossible possibility"

Jesus, having finished His work on earth (John 17:4), continued to agonize over the condition of His disciples, even the evening before His death. For Jesus knew, unified church will resist satanic attacks.

Jealousy led to arguments over who was the greatest and who would be assigned the highest positions in Christ's kingdom. Jesus' explanation that humility was the substance of His kingdom, and that true followers of His would be servants, willingly giving of themselves with no expectation of even thanks in return, seemed to have fallen on deaf ears (Luke 17:10). Even the example He set, stooping to wash their feet when none of them would do it because of the implications, seemed to have been in vain.

Jesus is Love. It was His sympathy that kept the masses following Him. Not understanding this unselfish love, His disciples were filled with strong prejudices toward non-Jews, women, "sinners," and the poor, which blinded them to the all encompassing love of Christ even toward these detested ones. When the disciples found Him conversing with a Samaritan woman of ill-repute, they had not yet learned that the fields, ripe for harvest, include grain of all varieties, ready to be reaped.

But Christ could not be swayed by tradition, public opinion, or even family control. His irrepressible love reached down and restored broken humanity. Such love, which would set them apart from the careless public, would be the evidence of being true disciples. As He loved, they were to love. The world would forever be able to distinguish Christians—not because of their profession, but because of the revelation of Christ's love in them (cf. John 13:34, 35).

So even in the garden of Gethsemane the main thing on Christ's mind was the unity of His church—those who had come "out of the world" (John 17:6). He pleaded with His Father for a unity in the church similar to that which the Godhead experienced. I pray "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21). Our *unity Shows the Strength of the Church*.

Such unity is the church's most powerful witnessing tool, for it gives evidence of Christ's unselfish love for humanity. Said He, "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

How can we love as Christ loved? Impossible! Christ asks the impossible, but He can accomplish the impossible. He promises, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32). For unity in the body of Christ is incarnational, the unity of believers with God through the Word that became flesh. It is also relational, the unity of believers through their common roots in the Vine. And finally, it is rooted in the cross: the love of Calvary dawning within believers.

Unity at the cross. Church unity takes place at the cross. It is only as we realize that we cannot and do not love like Jesus that we admit our need of His abiding presence—and believe Him when He said: "Without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). At the cross we realize that He did not die just for us, but for every person on earth. This means He loves all nationalities, races, colors, and classes. He loves each equally whatever their differences may be. That's why unity is rooted in God. Man's narrow vision tends to separate people. The cross breaks through human blindness and puts God's price tag on human beings. It shows that none are worthless. All are wanted. If Christ loves them, so should we.

When Christ predicted that His crucifixion would draw all to Him, He meant that the magnetic drawing power of Himself, the greatest of sufferers, would bring unity to His body, the church. The vast gulf between heaven and us, the gulf that Christ crossed, makes the small step across the street or town we must take to reach a brother insignificant. We will never attain unity unless we conscientiously work for it. And we can never complacently consider ourselves to have attained. We must daily pray for unity and carefully cultivate it. Calvary means, "Carry each other's burdens" (Gal. 6:2, NIV). He bore the entire burden of all mankind, which crushed out His life so that He could give us life and set us free to help each other.

Just as our Lord, the Son of man, became a brother to every son and daughter of Adam, so we His followers, are called to reach out in unity of mind and mission in a redemptive way to our brothers and sisters from "every nation, tribe, tongue, and people" (Rev. 14:6).

"How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony and in love!" (Ps. 133.1). May God help us all. Jesus can make this impossibility possible, even for His followers, amen!!!

Elder Johnny

* * * ANNOUNCEMENTS * * *

* **Welcome.** We are delighted to welcome you to Dundee Seventh-day Adventist Church; especially if this is your first visit. May our time together be blessed! We extend a warm invitation to all to join us for a bring-and-share meal immediately after the service.

* **Family Evening - 26 April** – The church doors will be open for an evening for the family. While the parents \ couples will spend half an hour with Pr. & Mrs Bernie Holford, the children will be looked after in the hall. The presentation will focus on recapturing the joy of life \ laughter \ excitement which perhaps we may have lost through the challenges of life. The evening will end with a meal for all. Please, use this opportunity to invite your friends to come along.

* **Afternoon with Wimbledon Pathfinders 19th April.** A group of about 20 Pathfinders and leaders from Wimbledon SDA church will visit over the Easter weekend. Wimbledon and Dundee Pathfinders invite everyone to a unique programme on Sabbath 19 April. There will be a procession, plenty of musical items, children's story, talks on the Theme: "Christ has Risen – Shine the Light" and a mime. This is a special and event not to be missed!

* **Youth Events.** Newbold College **free visit:** meet current students, eat in the college cafeteria, meet lecturers and finance staff, sleep in Halls of Residence, attend social and spiritual activities; see: www.newbold.ac.uk/visit-us to book your free visit.

* **Church Music.** If anyone is interested in accompanying the congregation, or getting involved in the music, please see Deborah after the service.

* **Online Bulletins** at: www.adventistdundee.com. Email announcements and items for the Bulletin to John Walton: jcw@st-and.ac.uk on or before Wednesday.

SCRIPTURE PROMISE FOR THE WEEK

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" *James 4:6*

Forthcoming Preachers:

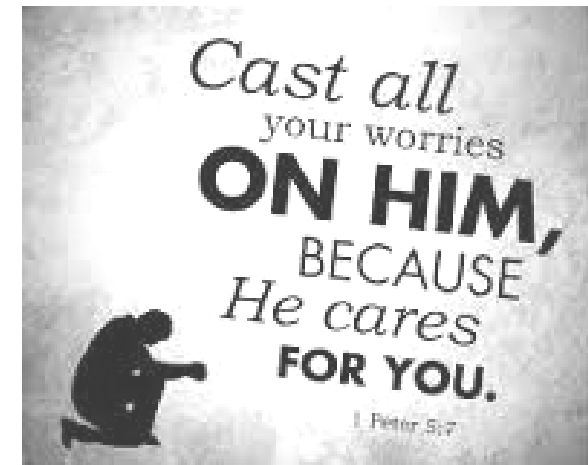
12th Apr – Dr Bankole Davies-Browne
19th Apr – Pr. Jimmy Botha
26th Apr – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
3rd May – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
10th May – Mr Brenya Obeng
17th May – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

Forthcoming Events:

29th Mar - 13th Apr – Ingathering
19th Apr – Wimbledon Pathfinders visit
26th Apr – Family Evening



BULLETIN FOR 12th APRIL 2014



We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you enjoy worshipping with us today!

Guided by **God's sufficient grace**
Relying on God's free gift of **grace**
Acclaiming God's **abundant grace**
Calling all to live by God's **merciful grace**
Enlightened by the sure word of God's **grace**