

For further help, encouragement and prayer support, drop us a few notes through our email or mobile phone and we will get back to you soonest. God loves you and is willing to help.

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You are specially invited to join us in our activities as follows:

Sunday Morning: Dynamic Service10:30am

*Youths Assembly(coming up soon)

*Divine Encounter and Discipleship.....(coming up soon)

**Venue: Harehills Primary School hall,
Darfield Road, Leeds, LS8 5DQ**

First Bus number 49, 50, 50A, 16, 42, and 4 from the city centre to Harehills area.

Please consider this as a special invitation to you even if you have not attended a church service in the last couple of years or have never had any contact with a church. Pentecost Baptist Church, Leeds is a place for you to consider. You can join during our services or drop a few words in our email or mobile and we will get back to you. We are here to help. God loves you.

“...for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10: 13)

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Nineveh was a great and powerful city located within the Assyrian territory. The ancient inhabitants of the city were very wicked (Jonah 1:1). God sent Jonah to warn and correct their evil and oppressive behaviours. Their rejection of the warning would be detrimental to their future existence.

God assessed the people of Nineveh as those who did not know their right hand from their left hand (Jonah 4: 10, 11). "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?" That spiritual state implies a lack of proper understanding of virtues of life and wrong placement of priorities. The inhabitants, including adults grew up doing what they saw others doing in their community namely, evil of all sorts, wickedness, murder, covetousness, greed, immoralities and licentiousness (see Galatians 5: 19 – 20). They were unkind and cynic because nobody taught or helped them to seek a better, more rewarding and peaceful lifestyle. Each individual person in Nineveh was both "a product of the environment" where they grew up, and the inherited sinful nature. Likewise today, many people are under the weight of ugly norms that dominate their peer groups. They are under the Devil's control, pulling and influencing their will-power and desires. They could not help the situation. Offenders could sometimes re-offend, although if in their normal mind would have loved to avoid re-offending.

Jonah delivered the message of repentance to the people of Nineveh. Having heard the message; they prayed, fasted, repented of their sins and turned to God (Jonah 3: 5-10). The steps taken by this people were similar to the instructions in Acts 3:19 (NIV). "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." God averted the impending judgement on Nineveh. God gave them new life when they accepted His offer of forgiveness, love and pardon. This is what a loving and compassionate God often does for those seeking His help.

God still regards mankind as sinners who need forgiveness and transformation of life. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23). Mankind is lost; on its way to physical, emotional and eternal destruction. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Roman 6: 23). We all need help from God. A life without Christ does not understand the salvation message and has no regard for spiritual thing (1 Corinthians 1: 18 NIV). Just as the message of repentance and salvation was delivered to the Ninevites, God's love is extended to you by offering you this small Gospel tract. God wants you to know the message of salvation in a simple and meaningful way. "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever beliefs in Him will not perish but have ever-lasting life" (John 3: 16).

Are you happy? Do you have peace in your life or you feel frustrated sometimes as if something is missing despite all your achievements and success (or lack of it)? Do you feel the need for help? Have you tried getting a lasting satisfaction to no avail? **Come to Jesus Christ today. His arms are open to receive you** (Matthew 11: 28-30; 1 John 5: 4). He wants to help if you will seek Him with all your heart "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for **He will abundantly pardon**" (Isaiah 55:7, Lamentation 3: 40). Jesus did not come to condemn the world (or you) but that through Him the world (and you) might be saved (John 3: 17) by leading you back to God. "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12, 13 NIV). Faith in Christ does the change of life, character and destiny if you accept Him with all sincerity.

Nineveh received pardon for falling short of God's set standard for humanity by repenting and seeking after God. You can be pardoned and get a new life too. Invite Jesus Christ into your life and you will receive forgiveness and the new life which God has made available through Him.