

02/18/24 Message

Part of Same God - New Me
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Message: Same Sin

Series: Same God

Welcome to FCC! This is our new series for the new year that will hopefully inspire a new you! A new year can't and won't change our lives, but God can! We allow ungodly influences to change who we are. Yet, He is there, arms open wide, with more love to give than we deserve. Regardless of what we do, He is the same God! He is the same God who loves us so much, He created us! He is the same God who loves us so much, He offers us salvation! He is the same God and He wants a new me!

Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37 comes from Deuteronomy 6:5

Strength Comes From

- Heart and Soul
 - Deuteronomy 4:29
 - Deuteronomy 10:12
 - Joshua 22:5
- Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength
 - Mark 12:30
 - Luke 10:27

There is a spiritual connection between your mind and your strength!

Jesus' Response to Sin

- Non-Repentant
 - It ticks Jesus off, He gets mad

Examples:

- Jesus calls them fools on the walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:25)
- He called Peter Satan (Matthew 16:23)
- He called the Pharisees hypocrites and blind (Matthew 23)
- He even called them
 - Children of hell (Matthew 23:15)
 - Whitewashed tombs (Matthew 23:27)
 - Brood of vipers (Matthew 23:33)

Rules without relationship is religion!

All these people who thought they were living good and decent lives... even the ones who were justifying and explaining away their sin - they all would come to Jesus in the name of religion and he would shatter them! The words he used left nothing to the imagination - you knew where he stood on their actions, their lifestyle, and their sin!

—Pastor Chad

Matthew 22:29 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God."

- Repentant
 - People seeking forgiveness found the Forgiver!
 - People who were hurt found the Healer!
 - People bound and enslaved found the Chain Breaker!

Never once did I read about anyone coming to Jesus with a broken heart - being turned away, yelled at, or condemned! Everything I have read is about Jesus opening his arms wide and loving them - just as they are! And love them so much, he wasn't going to leave them that way, so he changed them to be more like him!

—Pastor Chad

Strength from Your Mind

If you don't change your mind, you can't change your behavior.
Actions don't change until your mind is changed.

In your life - He can't be Lord of all until you let him be Lord of it all! It's time to change your mind - because we have the same God past, present, and future... same God yesterday, today, and tomorrow... same God; because we have the same sin... sin hasn't changed - and where sin is, God ain't - same sin... you can't have a new you until you change your mind!

—Pastor Chad

Choosing God is turning away from sin and telling Him, You have power over my life, not sin! Making a new choice (choosing God) is changing your mind!