



Pastor Paul's Newsletter 10-19-25
It's Done: Jesus Has Set Us Free!

Jesus arrived on planet earth to come into broken humanity and set them right with His Father. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are right with our Heavenly Father. In these verses in the Bible you will be able to see clearly that it was Jesus' responsibility to take us, broken as we were, and do a make over with us through His God powers. Many Christians are trying to fix their lives instead of receiving Jesus' power to do the job.

Romans 8:1-17,26-28 MSG With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

[3-4] God went for the jugular when He sent His own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In His Son, Jesus, He personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all.

The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that. The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for, but we couldn't deliver, is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us. [5-8] Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them - living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self, ignores God; ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores Who God is and what He is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored. [9-11] But if God Himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of Him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome Him, in whom He dwells, even though you still experience all the limitations of sin, you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God, Who raised Jesus from the dead, moves into your life, He'll do the

same thing in you that He did in Jesus, bringing you alive to Himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and He does, as surely as He did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With His Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! [12-14] So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent? There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! [15-17] This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know Who He is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us - an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with Him! [26-28] Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves; knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every

detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

In these verses we can see clearly the way our Father wants to have a relationship with us. We must trust that through Jesus is how we live out His desires. We must not try to do it without the Holy Spirit Who was given to us of Jesus.

I'm going to close this Newsletter with these next Scriptures. We will minister on them Sunday, the Lord willing.

Romans 8:31-39 MSG So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending His own Son, is there anything else He wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us - Who was raised to life for us! - is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in

Scripture: They kill us in cold blood, because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us, because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing - nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable - absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Titus 3
Tuesday	Philemon 1
Wednesday	Philemon 2
Thursday	Philemon 3
Friday	Philemon 4
Saturday	Philemon 5
Sunday	Philemon 6

STAY CONNECTED

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** The Christian Center app-

<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

** Make it a point to make full use of the TCC app

** Tune into one of our radio stations in Oklahoma: 91.1fm Lawton, 91.9fm McAlester or 95.9fm Woodward

** WOW Conference October 24-25; Friday 6pm & Saturday 9am. Ushers have sign-up sheets. Your t-shirt size must be turned in to the office by this Thursday. All other forms and money are due no later than this Friday Oct 17

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer: Sanctuary M-F 6:15-7:15am

*Women's Dance Aerobics: 10-11am M-W-F in the Gym

*Noonday Bible Study: M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: Under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in NW Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult & Youth Services 7pm

** MobilePrayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan/Cache Rd.

*** Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat. 9am Golden Corral

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 Fellowship Hall.
No class this month due to the WOW Conference