

The Christian Center Newsletter 5-12-24

Living in Two Worlds Simultaneously

Have you ever gone to the store to buy something you knew that you already had, but you just couldn't find it? This occurs everyday in people's lives. Have you ever heard this saying "out of sight out of mind"? We will never lose something that we have out in plain sight. I think about these commercial kitchens that have all their pots and pans hanging from the ceiling. They will never lose them, because they are in plain sight. As believers, we must move past living by our natural eyesight. Our natural eyes can only see this material world; but, as born-again Christians, we are faith people and we can see spiritually not just naturally. We will never have a real, intimate relationship with our Father God until we learn how to walk by faith and not by sight. Let us get into Scriptures that bring this out.

Hebrews 11:1 KJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

AMPC Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

ERV Faith is what makes real the things we hope for. It is proof of what we cannot see.

NLT Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Now the born-again Christian that is really learning to live by faith is a Christian that is studying the Bible. Nobody can live the God kind faith without hearing God's word continually. Because faith comes only by hearing God's word.

Romans 10:17 KJV So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

I've learned over these years that God is a Spirit, and I can have an intimate relationship with Him by faith only.

When we wake up in the morning, the first thing we do is not to get out of bed; the first thing we do is open our eyes. The natural world is seen through our natural eyes; the spiritual world is seen through the Bible. As we read it in faith, we will start living a spiritual life. Actually you will live two lives simultaneously; we see God and the spiritual dimension through the Bible; and we see the world with our natural eyes. When a born-again Christian starts living in that spiritual dimension and experiencing God, they will really be on fire for God. This is what happened to me over forty years ago. Now everyday I get up, I get up in two worlds; the natural and the spiritual. Jesus is real to me just as much as Jesus is real to Peter, James and John. I want everyone in this world to experience what I have been living these last forty years. It will only come to them, if they will start living in the Bible every day.

Jesus talked to His Father every day; He lived in both worlds simultaneously.

John 14:10-14 KJV Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. [11] Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake. [12] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. [13] And

whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.

These are some of the last words Jesus spoke while He was living on the earth. The way He lived is the way He wants us to live. Till next week, remember I'm praying for you.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday 1 Timothy 2

Tuesday 1 Timothy 3

Wednesday 1 Timothy 4

Thursday 1 Timothy 5

Friday 1 Timothy 6

Saturday 2 Timothy 1

Sunday 2 Timothy 2

STAY CONNECTED

** Here is the link for The Christian Center app- -
<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

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

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Nami Korean Restaurant
6742 NW Cache Rd

** You can give by texting through the TCC app.

** Horse Ministry Saturday 10am-1pm at Camp Faith

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career —ages 18-26 Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Marriage -Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

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

Weekly

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

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm before Services in the Foundation 1 Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

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

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

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

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Saturday 10am -1pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Saturday 10am-12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Childcare available 4 years old and up