

The Christian Center Newsletter 7-21-24

The New Testament Reveals the Christian's Spiritual Identity

I am a spirit! I have a soul, and I live in a body. This statement changed my life over 40 years ago. I grew up in church and never heard that I was a spirit. I grew up thinking that I was my body - not that I lived in a body. The devil wants all Christians to think this way. The real person that we are is a spirit; born from God. I had a natural mother and dad that produced my natural body that I live in, but my Father God is the One who produced the real me - which is my spirit. I can do natural things because of my natural birth; but now that I'm born spiritually, I can do spiritual things. Let us look at Scriptures that bear this out.

John 3:3-8 KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. [4] Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? [5] Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [8] The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Romans 8:10-17, 22-25 KJV And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] But

if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. [12] Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. [13] For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. [14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. [15] For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. [16] The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: [17] And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. 22-25 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. [23] And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. [24] For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? [25] But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

We will never live something we don't know we are. When a born again Christian receives Jesus as their Lord, they are not just saved from hell and their sins forgiven, they are actually someone that never existed before. We have been re-created in the spirit. The body is the same, but the real us, the spirit, is just like Jesus; because we have been created anew in our spirit after His species.

We must just step out and learn who we are, then live out who we are.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Matthew 1

Tuesday Matthew 2

Wednesday Matthew 3

Thursday Matthew 4

Friday Matthew 5

Saturday Matthew 6

Sunday Matthew 7

STAY CONNECTED

** Link for The Christian Center App-

<https://lawtonchristiancenter.org/our-app>

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

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Firehouse Subs 3407 NW Cache Rd

** Relationship Class 10am-noon Saturday in Fellowship Hall

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

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 In Fellowship Hall.
Childcare 4 years old and up