The Christian Center Newsletter 7-7-24

I Am A Spirit! I Have A Soul! I Live In A Body!

Notice we don't HAVE a spirit; we ARE a spirit. We ARE NOT a soul; we HAVE a soul (mind, will, emotions). We LIVE in a body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the years, as I studied my Bible, I would become very confused at times. Sometimes I wondered if I was even saved! I knew I loved God, but I also knew that I lived a life far from what my Father God wanted me to live. I lived many years in condemnation. I know now that the devil was trying to fool me into believing that I wasn't even saved. Back then I didn't have the revelation of the three parts of mankind that I'm going to show you now.

I can compare it to a person that drives their car but doesn't understand the three major parts in a car that make it move. I'm speaking of engine, transmission, and differential. I can almost guarantee you that most people that drive a car only think about their engine but not the transmission or the differential. I know that the next statement I'm going to make, most Christians on this planet have never even thought about. When a person receives Jesus as their Savior, their spirit is saved instantly; and they become completely holy, unblameable and unreproveable.

Colossians 1:21-22 KJV And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled [22] In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:

Now your soul (which is your mind, will, and emotions) is not saved instantly. The soul is saved progressively by the engrafted Word of God.

James 1:21 KJV Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

The body will be saved when the trumpet blows.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 KJV Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So we need to start thinking this way: my spirit is saved instantly, my soul is saved progressively, and my body will be saved when Jesus comes back.

Let me end this Newsletter with Scriptures showing us as being spirits and not bodies.

John 3:3-7 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.

- 1 Corinthians 9:27 KJV But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
- 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. (In this verse we see that the body is just the covering of the reborn spirit. God wants us to stop thinking of ourselves as a body, but as a spirit.)

Romans 8:15-16,22-23 KJV 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...[22] 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.

It won't be long before we receive our new body! Until that time we have to live in these mortal bodies that desire to do things against God's will. Just remember, you are not your body; so live from your spiritual identity, and live a life of righteousness.

Love you, Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings Monday Revelation 10

Tuesday Revelation 11

Wednesday Rev 12

Thursday Revelation 13

Friday Revelation 14

Saturday Revelation 15

Sunday Revelation 16

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: Golden Corral 2632 NW Cache Rd
- ** Women's Fellowship: Saturday 9am in the 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