

The Christian Center Newsletter for 12-24-23

Be Ready to Live Forever!!!

Jesus said that if we believe in Him, we will never die. This statement seems to be untrue, because we know of so many Christians that believed in Jesus; and they died. Jesus cannot lie, because He is the Truth. So what did He mean when He said they will never die? Let us look at the text and find out.

John 11:25-26 KJV Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: [26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Jesus was speaking about spiritual life; not physical life. In fact, God doesn't see us as a body; He sees each of us as a spirit living in a body. When the body dies, the spirit in Jesus goes to Heaven.

James 2:26 KJV For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

In this text, we see clearly that the spirit of man gives the body its life force.

2 Corinthians 5:7-8 KJV (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) [8] We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

There are many testimonies of people who have died then came back again. They have given accounts of going to Heaven, meeting with Jesus, but He told them they had to go back. These people testify that they actually left their bodies then came back into their bodies. Many of these events have taken place in hospitals, and doctors have documented how long the bodies were actually dead for 'x' amount of time.

What I'm trying to get you to understand is that we are spirits, and we just live in our natural bodies that can die. But we, as spirits, are eternal; and we will never die. Let's look at more Scriptures that bear this out.

John 3:15-16 KJV That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. [16] For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

10:27-28 KJV My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: [28] And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

Romans 6:22-23 KJV But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. [23] For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As I close this Newsletter, I want you to see that we are supposed to think like Jesus; and we are supposed to have the mind of Christ. Jesus looks at us as spirits; not as bodies, and we must start the process of thinking this way too. He wants us to think and meditate about living for ever and knowing that we can't die, because we are spirits. Yes the body dies, but the spirit goes on forever. The more we think this way, the more we will be able to work more closely with the Holy Spirit while we are still in our natural bodies.

Thank you for staying connected with The Christian Center Ministry. If you haven't been coming to our Church services, make it a point in 2024 to commit to join with the body of believers at The Christian Center.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Luke 8

Tuesday Luke 9

Wednesday Luke 10

Thursday Luke 11

Friday Luke 12

Saturday Luke 13

Sunday Luke 14

STAY CONNECTED

**Here is the link for the NEW 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: Sam's Soul Food 2122 W Gore Blvd

**Offices will be closed Friday Dec 22 and Monday CHRISTmas day; No Early Morning Prayer, Women's Aerobics, Noonday, Friday Night Prayer or Care Group

**Sunday Main Services only; No Sunday School, Children's Church, or Granny's House

**Singles Annual Christmas Dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30, Monday Christmas Day. Any family whose spouse is deployed is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career — 18-26 years of age - Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Marriage - Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*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 -1 pm at Camp Faith