

The Christian Center Newsletter 6-2-24

We Are Forgiven

Ever since the Garden of Eden, man has been sinning. There is not one person, born from a woman, that has not sinned against themselves, against others, and especially against God their Creator. The nature of sin is already present in the seed that we were born from. The apple tree does not produce oranges, because it is in the seed to produce apples. Likewise, the seed of humans has sin in it, and therefore produces sin in mankind. People have always tried to free themselves from their sins in many ways, but the only way man can be free from sin is by forgiveness through Jesus.

Before I came to Jesus, I was a full-blown sinner. I felt bad at times, but I learned how to push down the guilt and keep on sinning more. Then when I received Jesus, I thought that somehow magically I wouldn't feel guilty anymore. Well I felt more guilty! However, as I started studying the Bible, I learned a simple truth that started setting me free. I learned about God's forgiveness. He forgave me for all my sins - past, present, and future when I received Jesus' blood to redeem me. Let me share with you some powerful Scripture verses today that will also set you free as believer.

Ephesians 1:3-7 KJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, [6] To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. [7] In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace;

Notice in the last verse he said that we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

When we receive Jesus, we receive our forgiveness; because there is no forgiveness of sin without Jesus' blood. Since our Father God wants us receive our forgiveness, we shouldn't be begging Him to forgive us; because He already

has. Now because we are forgiven, it is our responsibility to forgive others just like we have been forgiven. But we don't do it through our own human power; we forgive with the power of our own forgiveness. When we have revelation of the love with which God has loved us, it won't be hard for us to love others with that same love.

Ephesians 4:32 KJV And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 1:14 KJV In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

2:13-15 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

1 John 2:12 KJV I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

The forgiveness of sin produces God's power every time. When people do not receive Jesus' forgiveness and refuse to forgive others, it stops God from bringing His power on the scene in their lives. I want to show you that this is true in the next few verses as we close this Newsletter.

Luke 5:17-26 KJV And it came to pass on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. [18] And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before Him. [19] And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. [20] And when He saw their faith, He said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. [21] And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? [22] But when Jesus

perceived their thoughts, He answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? [23] Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? [24] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (He said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. [25] And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. [26] And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Hebrews 9

Tuesday Hebrews 10

Wednesday Hebrews 11

Thursday Hebrews 12

Friday Hebrews 13

Saturday James 1

Sunday James 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: Jersey Mikes 2504 NW Cache Rd

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

** Women's Fellowship: Saturday - Contact Carolyn for details

** Deadline for Youth Camp is this Wednesday; Deadline for Kids' Camp is next Wednesday

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 12-1pm 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