

The Christian Center Newsletter 11-24-24

Created in Christ Jesus

I want you to think about this subject today: God is the Creator of all things, and we, as born-again Christians, have been created anew in Jesus, so that we can now live out the desires of our Creator.

Ephesians 2:10 KJV For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Our Father God has made us anew to do good works. We don't do good works to be made new, we are made new to do good works. The birds were not created to walk around trying to figure out how to fly, they were created, and then they just fly. Maybe momma bird will push the baby out of the nest, but when this happens, the baby bird will just do what they have been created to do; and that is to fly!

When a person truly gets born again, and they have the Christ nature in them, all it takes to get them to start living like Christ is for teachers to teach them who they are; so they can live who they are. I was born again for about 5 years before I started getting around teachers that would teach me about the new me. I still had a body that was the same as before I was saved, and I had a mind that was the same. However, my mind had to be renewed to the new me. Praise God that Jesus sent anointed teachers to teach me about the new creation that I had been for 5 years but just didn't know it. I can tell you the truth; I felt guilty almost every day of those 5 years, because I was still living and thinking a lot like I did before I received Jesus. I really struggled during those years, because I just didn't know that I was a spirit and that my spirit was holy, unblameable, and unproveable; even though I was still in a body that was just like it was before I got saved. During those 5 years, I was a miserable Christian, but praise God. He sent me teachers that explained God's salvation process to me. This is that process: each of us is a spirit, and that spirit is holy, and does not commit

sin; because our spirit is born again with the nature of God in it - period! Our minds are being renewed to the new spiritual person we are, and our bodies will be completely changed when the trumpet blows. As you read these verses, recognize they are referring to you - the spirit man - not to your mind or your body.

1 John 3:9 KJV Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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 unproveable in His sight:

Every born-again person in Christ can live a sin-free life, if they make their mind and their bodies obey them. In the next verse, the Apostle Paul told us what he did to his body.

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.

The Apostle Paul knew that his body would try to rule him, even after he was born again and preaching the Gospel. He knew that his body wasn't born again and didn't have the Christ nature in it yet. He knew that his body would try to commit sin, because the body still had the sin nature in it. Paul knew his body wasn't redeemed yet, so he (the spirit Paul) had to rule his body.

Romans 8:8-10, 14-17, 22-23 KJV So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. [9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. [10] And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. [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] 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.

There will be a day when we will get our new bodies, and this will happen when Jesus comes back. We will never have to make our bodies stop sinning, because they will have the nature of God in them; just like our spirits have that nature now.

1 Corinthians 15:51-56 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. [54] So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55] O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? [56] The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

I hope this Newsletter has helped you see the process of salvation that we, as believers, go through. If you haven't been coming to church lately and you've just been watching online, I hope you will come, if you can; because we really help each other when we are all together.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Romans 10

Tuesday Romans 11

Wednesday Romans 12

Thursday Romans 13

Friday Romans 14

Saturday Romans 15

Sunday Romans 16

STAY CONNECTED

** No services this Wednesday evening for Thanksgiving

** Offices closed Thursday for Thanksgiving, no Early Morning Prayer or Noonday

** Singles Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be at 1:30 Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. Families whose spouses are deployed are welcome to attend.

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

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

** Men's Recharge will be December 6-7. Ushers have registration forms

** The Christian Center app- <https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give 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

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Saturday 9am at Golden Corral

*** 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