

The Christian Center Newsletter 2-16-24

Jesus our High Priest

Jesus is the Church's High Priest; but most of the Church, who are the believers in Jesus, do not understand His office and what it means to them and to their calling on the earth.

Hebrews 3:1 KJV Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

In this verse we see clearly that the Church has a Heavenly calling. The Church on the earth which is the believers in Jesus that have been born again and are connected to Heaven spiritually. We have a physical body that connects us to Earth, but our spirits are connected to Earth and Heaven at the same time. Jesus is in Heaven in the office of High Priest of the New Testament. The high priests of the Old Testament were people that were born into the tribe of Levi. The Old Testament has passed away, and the Old Testament priesthood has passed away. The priesthood of the New Testament is Jesus the High Priest and all the Church has become the priesthood of believers.

1 Peter 2:9-10 KJV But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: [10] Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Now our office as priest is to represent our Father God and Jesus. So all believers in Jesus on this Earth are called priests of God. Most believers do not know this, because they have never really been taught who they are. The office of Priest brings God's desires to pass on the earth. It is God's will that all be saved. Our first ministry role is to be a reconciliation minister.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 KJV And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of

reconciliation. [20] Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [21] For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

The world that's not saved can be saved, if we present to them the message of reconciliation.

The next thing we, as priests, are supposed to do is love everyone like Jesus would love them. When we read the earthly life of Jesus, what do we see? Well, this is what I see: LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. He always loved everyone; even those that killed Him He loved. Remember always we are in Jesus' Priesthood for others; not for ourselves.

In the last part of this Newsletter I will give you Scripture verses that show you that Jesus is our High Priest; and because He is ours, we bring His agenda to this Earth.

Hebrews 2:17 KJV Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 3:1 KJV Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. [15] For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:1-2, 5-6 KJV For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: [2] Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. 5-6 So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou

art My Son, to day have I begotten Thee. [6] As He saith also in another place, Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 6:20 KJV Whither the Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 8:1 KJV Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an High Priest, Who is set on the right hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the Heavens;

Hebrews 10:16-22 KJV This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; [17] And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. [18] Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. [19] Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; [21] And having an High Priest over the House of God; [22] Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

I hope you study this Newsletter, because right now our minds need to be connected to Heaven where our High Priest Jesus is giving instructions to His priests on the earth, which is all of His Church.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings
Monday Hebrews 7

Tuesday Hebrews 8

Wednesday Hebrews 9

Thursday Hebrews 10

Friday Hebrews 11

Saturday Hebrews 12

Sunday Hebrews 13

STAY CONNECTED

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

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

** Spiritual Awakening Seminar will be Friday March 7 and Saturday March 8

** 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

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer; Sanctuary: M-F 6:15-7:15am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: M-F 10-11am in Gym

* Noonday Bible Study:

M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45am classes; 10:45 am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in Foundation 1 Class

** Wednesday Night: Adult & 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 Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Sat. 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thurs. 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Sat. 1-3pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 in Fellowship Hall