

The Christian Center
Pastor Paul's Newsletter 7-20-25
How to Understand the Bible

When a person becomes a born-again Christian, they basically are starting at the beginning of God's understanding. The way that we come to understand what God understands is by the methods that He has chosen to educate us spiritually. Christians that are young in the Lord cannot just read the Bible and understand it without the help of those that are older in the Lord and that have studied the Scriptures for a long time. The Bible teaches us that the elder shall teach the younger. Also there are offices that God has ordained and put in the church to educate and develop His children. So let's go to some Scripture verses today that give us this understanding.

Ephesians 4:11-13 KJV And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:[13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:11-13 NLT Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the

evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. [12] Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. [13] This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 AMPC And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. [12] His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [13] [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

The devil looks at Christians that are young in the Lord, and he wants to stop their spiritual development. He knows that they have the potential to grow up and be like Jesus, because they were born from the Seed of Jesus spiritually. Satan's main job is to keep all of the young Christians away from spiritually-mature Christians; especially those that teach the Bible and really have a revelation. Because you're reading this newsletter, I know that you are striving to grow up spiritually and to live out a life from Heaven while you're still on the Earth. Hallelujah!

The Apostle Paul is the man in the Bible that gives us more revelation knowledge about who we, the church, are. Before the church started, there was a lot of the Bible written to people that were not born-again Christians; so they didn't have the ability to live out God's desire on the earth. The Apostle Paul is basically the major apostle of the Bible that God chose to educate His church. So we must spend a lot of our study time in his writings to grow up spiritually. When we mature in Christ, we will be able to do the works of our Father God on the earth.

I thank God for all of you that are in The Christian Center, and I'm praying for your spiritual growth in Jesus so that you can live out the victory that He has for you! Thank you for trusting me to lead you into more of what Jesus wants for you.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Acts 23

Tuesday Acts 24

Wednesday Acts 25

Thursday Acts 26

Friday Acts 27

Saturday Acts 28

Sunday Romans 1

STAY CONNECTED

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

** The Christian Center app-

<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

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

**** Make it a point to make full use of the TCC app containing**

- The Confession Booklet (text and audio)
- Over 800 audio/video sermons from Pastor Paul and other speakers
- Search topics to study
- Over 4 years of newsletters
- Live stream Sunday and Wednesday night services, Early Morning Prayer, and Noonday
- Connect to KJRF 91.1fm

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; 10:45am Main Service**

** Monday Night Care Group: Under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in NW Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult & Youth Services 7pm

** MobilePrayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm under balcony

Monthly

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

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

*** Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat. 9am Golden Corral

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