

The Christian Center Newsletter 8-25-24

Are You Afraid To Speak God's Truth?

Why are so many believers in Jesus afraid to speak God's truth to other people? I'm going to try to answer this question in this Newsletter; please read to the end to get the full answer.

First we must ask ourselves, "Is God afraid to speak the truth to mankind?" I know you're going to say, "Of course not, He is God!" Listen to what was just said, 'of course not He is God!!!' So God is not afraid of people; is that what was said? Well here are two answers to why believers in Jesus are afraid to speak the truth to people in our modern society: 1. They don't believe they have the right to tell people the truth, because they are not God. Or 2. They don't believe that God will back them up, because they haven't read enough of the Bible to find out what God has said to them about this subject. So let's dig into the Bible and let God give us courage to help mankind know the truth, so that they can be set free.

Matthew 10:24-28 KJV The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. [25] It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of His household? [26] Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. [27] What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. [28] And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Philippians 1:14,20-25 KJV And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the Word without fear. [20] According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also

Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. [21] For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22] But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. [23] For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: [24] Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. [25] And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

2 Timothy 1:1-2,6-8 KJV Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, [2] To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. [6] Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. [7] For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. [8] Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

In all of these verses, we see that God is telling His disciples that they are not to be afraid to speak God's word to the people; even if it meant death from people that hated them. This is how the early Church started. The world wanted to stop those early believers in Christ, but they couldn't, because the believers overcame their fear. As we close I want you to read this account of an early believer in Jesus that wasn't afraid to tell the truth; even though it would cause his death.

Acts 6:8-13 KJV And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. [9] Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. [10] And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. [11] Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. [12] And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, [13] And set up false

witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

Stephen answered in Acts 7:51-60 KJV Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. [52] Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of Whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: [53] Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. [54] When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. [55] But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into Heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, [56] And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. [57] Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, [58] And cast him out of the city, and stoned him : and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. [59] And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. [60] And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Stephen spoke the truth to these men, and they killed him. He was not afraid to speak the truth even though it meant that he would die for the truth.

Acts 6:3,5,8 KJV Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. [5] And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: [8] And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people...

God is looking for people today that are not afraid, because they are filled with Faith, Power, and full of the Holy Ghost. Will you choose to stand up for Jesus in these last days and not be afraid?

Love you,
Pastor Paul

P.S. Today in America you won't have to die physically for Jesus, but you will have to die to your own fear of being rejected.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Mark 8

Tuesday Mark 9

Wednesday Mark 10

Thursday Mark 11

Friday Mark 12

Saturday Mark 13

Sunday Mark 14

STAY CONNECTED

** The Christian Center app- -<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>
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** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Billy Simms 1820 W Gore

** Annual Labor Day Picnic 11am-3pm Saturday, August 31 at Camp Faith

** 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

*** 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