

## The Christian Center Newsletter 9-22-24

### The Apostle Paul's Calling

As we read the Bible, there are many people that God used to speak for Him to His people. The Apostle Paul was one of them, and he was called by God to speak directly to the Church after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Because God was starting His Church afresh and new, He called the Apostle Paul to be the apostle that would teach the majority of the doctrines for His new Church. Even though He had many disciples that He had trained in His earthly ministry, He chose the Apostle Paul to write most of the doctrines for the New Testament Church. So this means that we, the Church, must prioritize our studies in the Bible - the Apostle Paul's teachings must become some of the most important teachings to us.

Let us look at Scriptures that bear this out.

Galatians 1:1, 6-24 KJV Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead;) [6] I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: [7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. [9] As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. [10] For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. [11] But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. [12] For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. [13] For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God, and wasted it:

[14] And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. [15] But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, [16] To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: [17] Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. [18] Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. [19] But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. [20] Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. [21] Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; [22] And was unknown by face unto the Churches of Judaea which were in Christ: [23] But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. [24] And they glorified God in me.

Now, in this first chapter of Galatians, we see the Apostle Paul, revealing to the Church, how God has chosen him to reveal the New Testament Gospel. The whole book of Galatians, is revealing God's grace and mercy for everyone that believes in Jesus as the Christ. God used the Apostle Paul to give us understanding and comprehension of the believers' new spiritual identity in Christ. I don't believe that any Christian can really have an understanding of who they are in Christ without studying the Apostle Paul's writings.

If someone would ask me today what the biggest problem is in the body of Christ, I would have to say that Christians do not understand that they are new creations spiritually, and they can now live the life of Christ out of their new nature. They must learn that they are spiritually a new creation, because they are born again. I believe the only way they can live out this new life is by studying the Apostle Paul's letters to the Church that reveals their new identities in Christ.

With this in mind I believe God has told me to encourage all of you to start reading the letters from the Apostle Paul at least 75% of your Bible reading time. Also you might even memorize a lot of his teachings; this will give you an advantage over the devil. So this Newsletter is to direct you to learn your new life in Christ, so you can live it.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday      Luke 20

Tuesday      Luke 21

Wednesday      Luke 22

Thursday      Luke 23

Friday      Luke 24

Saturday      John 1

Sunday      John 2

STAY CONNECTED

\*\* 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: Los Tres Amigos 6106 NW Cache Rd

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

\*\* 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 6:15-7:15 am

\* 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; 10:45 am 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 2-3:30 pm 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