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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, September 28, 2008

BIBLE STUDY..... 10 a.m.
“Gospel of Luke”

MORNING WORSHIP..... 11 a.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
Spiritual Songs & Psalms

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
“The Parables of Jesus”

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we would like to welcome you and hope you will stay for a while after service so we can get to know you.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel overseas--**Sam Barton**--and for his family.

Reminder: Tonight is singing night.

Please keep **Dema Franklin, Ken** and **Martha Holloway** in your prayers.

Ladies, mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 14th. That's the date of our next Women's Bible Class.

... *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* Col 3:16

Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the great mountains;
Your judgments are a great deep;
O LORD, You preserve man and beast.
How precious is Your loving kindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust
under the shadow of Your win
They are abundantly satisfied with
the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from
the river of Your pleasures.
For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.

Psalm 36:5-9

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You,
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You,
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

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where the Bible is the source of faith, where Jesus is Lord, where Christianity is a way of life!

That Which I Now Live

I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh, I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

A MAN WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST was being beaten, and his abusers asked him, "What can your Jesus do for you now?" He responded, "My Jesus can give me the power to forgive you."

A family was concerned when a storm surrounded their house. A child entered the room and noticed the anxious looks. He said, "Don't be afraid, Jesus will take care of us."

A young lady was dating a guy who wanted more than a kiss and a hug. He tempted her with the words, "Let's have some fun." She replied, "If Jesus had a girlfriend, would He have her to do what you are asking me to do?"

Those situations are true experiences by Christians, people who live their life "in the flesh" What a challenge it is when you do not know the direction of the next temptation. We are exposed to much in this world and one wrong choice quickly leads to sin and guilt. Therefore, we cannot take lightly what we do while living in this "earthly house" (**2 Cor. 5:1**).

There are risks involved while living "in the flesh." We are connected to this world by a body that is the wonderful workmanship of God (**Ps. 139:13-16**). But those crucified with Christ, see their body as "*a temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which ye have from God, and ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; glorify God therefore in your body*" (**1 Cor. 6:19-20**). Our body should be a willing servant of our spiritual nature. And the power enabling us to "live in the flesh" and at the same time have "Christ living in me" is *...faith*.

Faith not only justifies us before God (**Rom. 5:1-2**), it is the platform of our life before others. It is the undergirding that supports the virtues of knowledge, self-control, brotherly kindness, courage, patience, godliness, and love (**2 Pet. 1:5-7**). This energy causes us to exercise our senses to do what pleases God (**Heb. 11:6**). We must always remember to "live by faith," "walk by faith," "stand by faith," "overcome by faith," and be "*kept by faith unto the salvation revealed by Him in the last day*" (**1 Pet. 1:5**). Faith is the positive side to a negative world. It unites the soul with the Savior. It is the pipeline though which grace is supplied to the soul.

"That life which I now live"—is nurtured by the "Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" Our physical flesh is supported by what is on the outside: air, food, shelter, clothing, etc. We do not internally generate what our body needs. We depend on the external to keep us alive Likewise, it is essential we give consideration to what sustains us spiritually—on the inside: "*It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps*" (**Jer. 10:23**). "*Beware lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ*" (**Col. 2:8**). We cannot sustain the spiritual man in Christ from our own ideas and imaginations. The soul will only find its support in the Bread of Life who came from heaven.

Therefore, Jesus becomes our Friend and Guide. His love and sacrifice makes Him our High Priest and Savior. He is our Peace and Joy. The impact of what He provides will have greater meaning only when we understand that he gave "Himself for me" (**Gal. 2:20**).

The power surrounding a life in Christ is *living power*. Seeds may be hidden beneath the earth's surface, but those seeds develop into a plant that breaks through the earth. So it is with us. Our life in Christ bursts forth as an open book (**2 Cor. 3:2**). We are not to hide our light under a bushel nor should we bury our talent in the ground. We should live as God meant for us to live while reflecting upon the words of Paul: "As therefore ye received Christ Jesus our Lord, so walk in him."

It is our duty to be reflective of the image of God's dear Son. Only when our life in Him is witnessed in word and deed by others, will it increase the opportunity for another soul to experience "that life which I now live" in Christ Jesus. And that's what it is all about.