



Pastor Paul's Newsletter 10-4-26
We Are Special Children of God

Born-again Christians are not just forgiven people; they are God's very own, chosen children. A lot of the problem that the Church has right now is a false identity. So many people that are born of God think of themselves as just human beings in all their natural identities. Because we had a natural birth with a natural body, most human beings, Christian or non-Christian, only think of themselves as human beings. But we are God beings, and God is our Father, and He will always be!!!! We must think of ourselves the way God thinks about us, but this will never be done without reading and studying the New Testament. Jesus came to this earth to reveal who His Father was and introduce us to our new Father God. Let's look at some Scripture verses that tell us these wonderful truths.

Ephesians 1:11-12 MSG It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.

Ephesians 1:3-6 MSG How blessed is God! And what a blessing He is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ,

and takes us to the high places of blessing in Him. Long before He laid down Earth's foundations, He had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love. Long, long ago He decided to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure He took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of His lavish gift-giving by the hand of His beloved Son.

Ephesians 2:(5) MSG - ...He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on His own, with no help from us! Then He picked us up and set us down in highest Heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

2:7-10 Now God has us where He wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all His idea, and all His work. All we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join Him in the work He does, the good work He has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

In these verses, we see very clearly that God had plans for us to be born again, adopted into His family, and live forever in His eternal joy. It's time for the Church to really see God's marvelous plan, so that they can now praise Him all the

days of their life. We ought to just go around thanking God every day about these revelation truths.

Thank you for letting me be your pastor! My desire is to see all of us understand that we are the most blessed people that's ever lived on this planet because of our new birth in Christ.

Have a Holy Ghost day,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	1 Samuel 31
Tuesday	2 Samuel 1
Wednesday	2 Samuel 2
Thursday	2 Samuel 3
Friday	2 Samuel 4
Saturday	2 Samuel 5
Sunday	2 Samuel 6

STAY CONNECTED

- WOW Conference coming up October 30-31. Cost is \$40; \$30 for first timer, and \$20 for Youth 13-16. No one under the age of 13.
- The Christian Center app:
<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>
- If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

- Early Morning Prayer: Sanctuary M-F 6:15-7:15am
- Women's Walk and Talk: Gym 10-11am M-W-F
- Noonday Bible Study: M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or live stream on TCC app, or tune into one of our three radio stations: 91.1fm Lawton; 91.9fm McAlester; 95.9fm Woodward

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: 7pm Adult & Youth Services, and Children's Church
- MobilePrayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot
- Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in NE 'Healing' classroom

Monthly

- Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral
- Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner Sheridan/Cache Rd.
- Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat. 9am Golden Corral
- Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 Fellowship Hall