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Pastor Paul's Newsletter 11-8-26
When Does My Life Start?

The day we were born again is when our life started; not the day our mother gave birth to us. The person we are right now is the new-creation person. The person we are now never existed before our new birth in Christ. Oh yes! The person we used to be died on the cross with Jesus. The new person we are now is not that old person we were.

Romans 6:3-6 KJV Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? [4] Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: [6] Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Galatians 2:20 KJV I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 KJV Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. [17] Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Peter 1:4 KJV Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

I know that the members of the body of Christ became new creations at the new birth. We are not the same person we were; we are a new species of being that never existed. However, we still live in a body that most Christians identify as themself. When you receive Jesus as your personal Savior, you become a brand new spirit; and this is the real you. Although our spirit man is born again, our mind and our body are not; but they will be new when Jesus comes back. Only our spirits, the real us, are new now: the new creation. So most of the time our bodies and our minds will say that we are still the same as we were before the new birth. But the Bible says, and God can't lie, that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; a new species of being that never existed before, and the new us has never sinned.

1 John 3:8-9 KJV He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. [9] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Now in these verses we see some statements that will challenge our identity in Christ, if we don't already have revelation of the spirit birth that we are. Our minds didn't change when the old man died and the new man came. So our minds have to be told the truth about the old man dying and the new man coming. This probably is the hardest thing for the mind to do, because the mind has been trained by the old man. Now we, the new creations in Christ, have to re-train the mind to agree with the new creations in Christ. When this happens, our bodies will line up as well and start acting in line with God's words.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	1 Kings 11
Tuesday	1 Kings 12
Wednesday	1 Kings 13
Thursday	1 Kings 14
Friday	1 Kings 15

Saturday	1 Kings 16
Sunday	1 Kings 17

STAY CONNECTED

- 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