



Pastor Paul's Newsletter 6-21-26
The Simple Christian Life

Know who you are in Christ, and then just be who you are! If we practice this principle, the Christian Life really is simple.

I've watched over the years how many people are trying to do something to be something. God has given us the new birth in Jesus Christ to live out our divine nature. The Christian Life should not be a life of trying to do something to be something. The Bible says I am a new creation in Christ.

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.

Notice in the 16th verse, he said know no man after the flesh. So my job as a born-again Christian is to quit seeing myself according to my flesh birth, and start understanding who I am now in my new birth in Christ.

John 3:5-6 KJV Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

In these verses we see very plainly that we have two births: we are born of the flesh, and we are born of the spirit. The flesh birth has the DNA of sin in it - the Christ birth has the DNA of righteousness in it. Unless a person is born again, they cannot live the righteous Christ life. After you are born again, you have to start knowing yourself from your second birth so that you can live out what you were born.

1 John 2:29, 3:9, 4:7, 5:1 KJV If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.

3:9 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.

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.

Galatians 4:28-29 KJV Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. [29] But as then he that was born

after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

In all these Scripture verses, we see that God gets things done by causing birth. Animals act the way they act because of their birth. All species of animals have different DNA's, so an animal is going to behave and have characteristics because of their birth. If that animal was born a dog, he has the nature of a dog. A cow has the nature of a cow. We are born of God, so we have the Divine Nature. We are born of God to live by our new life in Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-4 KJV According as His Divine Power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] 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.

We will be ministering this Sunday on this subject, so don't miss it!

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Deuteronomy 9
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 10
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 11
Thursday	Deuteronomy 12
Friday	Deuteronomy 13
Saturday	Deuteronomy 14
Sunday	Deuteronomy 15

STAY CONNECTED

- Relationship Class 10am-noon Saturday in Fellowship Hall
- The Christian Center app-
<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>
- Be sure to enable 'notifications' on your phone for our 'TCC' app to know what all is going on
- 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 livestream on TCC app, or 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: Adult & Youth Services 7pm
- MobilePrayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot
- Friday Night Prayer: 7pm under balcony

Monthly

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