



Pastor Paul's Newsletter for 8-2-26

Knowing Yourself Spiritually; Not Physically

I know this Newsletter is going to sound like 'Pastor Paul doesn't know anything else to preach except spiritual identity!' Like I always heard brother Hagan say, "when you get it, I will move on". I am convinced completely that the body of Christ, which is the church, do not see themselves the way God sees them. Even many who have been Christians for decades do not understand that they are born again, that they are truly new creations in Christ, and that they are spirits; not bodies. So this is why I have to keep on going over the same subject over and over again. Please do not get bored, but recognize that redundancy keeps us moving toward knowing our spiritual identity as the real us. Most of the human race believe that they are their bodies. They do not believe that their bodies are just a house that they live in. They don't know themselves based on being a spirit that's inside their body. We have words that we say all the time that tell us that we only know ourselves by our bodies: we say, I am... I am... I am... I am. And, yes, I'm being redundant; but we say I am black. I am white. I am American. I am... I am... I am... Do we ever say, "I am a spirit, born from God, living in a body"? In the rest of this Newsletter I'm going to give you some correct "I am's" from the Confession Booklet.

I'm not just an ordinary man/woman; I'm a son/daughter of the living God. I'm not just a person; I'm an Heir of God and a Joint Heir with Jesus Christ. I'm part of a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation; I'm one of God's Own People.

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even my faith. Therefore, I am an overcomer. I'm going from faith to faith, strength to strength, glory to glory. The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn which shines brighter and brighter until the full day!

He who is born of God, God keeps him; and the evil one does not touch him. I've been delivered out of the kingdom of darkness. I'm now a part of the Kingdom of God.

Now here are some Scriptures that tell us we are spirits...

John 3:6 KJV That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, 4:16, 5:8 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.

4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day

5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Mark 9:2-6 KJV And after six days Jesus taketh with Him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and He was transfigured before them. [3] And His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. [4] And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. [5] And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. [6] For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

In these Scriptures we see that Jesus was talking to people whose physical bodies were dead, but they were alive spiritually.

Luke 16:22-25 KJV And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; [23] And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. [24] And he cried and said,

Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. [25] But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

You see that the bodies of these people were dead, but they were talking to each other spirit to spirit. This proves that we are not our bodies; but spirits. I will preach on this subject Sunday I believe.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Joshua 17
Tuesday	Joshua 18
Wednesday	Joshua 19
Thursday	Joshua 20
Friday	Joshua 21
Saturday	Joshua 22
Sunday	Joshua 23

STAY CONNECTED

- 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 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: Adult & Youth Services 7pm
- 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 of Sheridan/Cache Rd.
- Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat. 9am Golden Corral
- Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 Fellowship Hall