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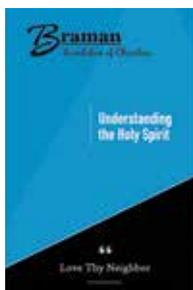
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Welcome

Greetings to you!! This month our focus will be Christ's teachings in the "Sermon on the Mount". The "Mount" is a collection of teachings that Christ speaks about concerning spiritual morality which covers chapters 5-7 in the Gospel of Matthew.

It is the first of the Five Discourses of Matthew and takes place relatively early in the Ministry of Jesus after he has been baptized by John the Baptist, finished his fasting and spiritual retreat in the desert, and began to preach in Galilee. The name and location of the mountain is unstated; the Mount of Beatitudes is the traditional interpretation.

The Sermon is the longest continuous discourse of Jesus found in the New Testament and has been one of the most widely quoted elements of the Canonical Gospels.

It includes some of the best-known teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, and the widely recited Lord's Prayer. The Sermon on the Mount is generally considered to contain the central tenets of Christian discipleship.

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The Sermon is set early in the Ministry of Jesus after he has been baptized by John the Baptist in chapter 3 of Matthew's Gospel, gathered his first disciples in chapter 4, and had returned from a long fast and contemplation in the Judean Desert where he had been tempted by Satan to renounce his spiritual mission and gain worldly riches.

Spend time in deep reflection and seek the Lord. As the Lord, "Reveal to me the deeper meaning of your teachings and show me the path to greater joy, greater peace and Lord show me how I may express my faith in service.

Enjoy!

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Overcome Materialism

Matthew 6:19-21

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Foolish is man when he focuses all his efforts and attention on accumulating perishable material prosperity or physical health, devoting no time to win the Eternal Treasure. Money, prestige, sense pleasure, material luxuries - these will be wrested from him, either by the corruptions of nature and ill fortunes or by the unstoppable thief of death. An when, passing the portals of the grave, he loses all that he has most valued, what grief will possess him when he will not even be able to remain in the glory of heaven.

What little time man has on this earth, he spends thinking and planning to get the things he wants; when one desire is satisfied he begins to chase after something else. Like a dog hitched to a cart with a sausage hanging out in front on a pole, he pulled an ever-increasingly burdensome life as a slave to his cravings, always thinking, “I will be happy when I get this thing or that thing.” When will that day

come? Be happy now, this minute!

As soon as the thought of God comes in the mind, grasp it with devotion, strengthen and enliven it by making all other desires subservient. Jesus renounced everything because he had that immortal prosperity in God which no earthly condition could corrupt nor thief could steal

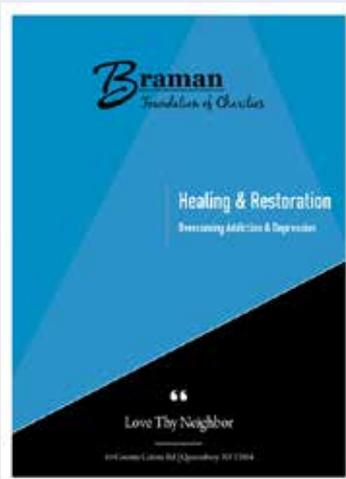
It is perfecting oneself in spirituality that brings real happiness here and in the life hereafter. What else did Jesus have in mind when he exhorted people to lay up for themselves treasures in heaven by being virtuous on earth?

One might gain ownership of the whole world in this life, but if he has not God, he has not happiness or peace or anything of real value. When he leaves the shores of the earth, he will have nothing he can carry into the life hereafter. But one who by utmost effort in meditation has found God, even if he has sacrificed all things material and

OVERCOME THROUGH ADDICTION

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We also rely on God's grace to help you be lifted from your dilemma. If you or a friend or loved one suffers from difficulties surrounding addiction or depression please join us.

All of the principles really are not new, but when presented together in one workbook and when applied in one's life, miracles can occur.

May you be blessed as you seek greater joy and a truly happy life.

is poor in the eyes of the world, is rich in eternal treasure. When his brief stay on earth is over, he will depart with an imperishable God treasure of unending bliss, which will be his to enjoy unto eternity.

The most beautiful things in life are not materialistic things. They're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments, tight hugs, smiles and laughter.



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Christian Love

Matthew 5:43-48

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”

Love and forgiveness form the nucleus of the Christ teachings. Far more than just a noble ideal, the principle of love is verily the manifestation of God in His creation. The universe endures by a play between good and evil. The effect of evil, delusion, is to divide and obscure and cause in harmony. Love is the attracting power of Spirit that unites harmonizes. The vibratory force of God's love, consciously directed by man, neutralizes the power of evil. Hate, anger, revenge, are offspring of the evil force and thus serve to reinforce the evil vibration.

God could instantly destroy evil does some my; but instead, he uses love to coax created beings back to Him. In the simple words, “love your enemies,” Jesus urged man to cooperate with God in his divine plan of redemption: To love one's neighbors, and to have a

place in one's love for enemies as well. Naughty or good, all people are equally God's children.

Those who, under the influence of Passion, think antagonistically Toward others, forget that all human beings are made in the image of God and our brothers. Hatred and anger becloud the divine image in vengeful persons, and delusion makes them lose the consciousness of their inner divinity. Why give hate for hate and thus imitate the vileness of ignorance? One must cultivate the consciousness of Justice and love by knowing how to separate The God-image in the soul of a person from the evil in his ego expression. So one learns to recognize God and those who love him and also in those who hate him.. To see God equally in friend and enemy is a testimony to one's

spiritual realization.

One who extends his love to friends and enemies alike ultimately beholds the presence of the One Love everywhere - In flowers, animals, and especially in the souls of God's human children. In order to see this omni presence of God, the devotee must behold Him not only through the open portal of friendship, but must tear away the dark screen of hate and behold His erstwhile hidden presence even in the heart of enemies.

Love is a divine cleanser and a lasting effective way of winning one's enemies. Hatred may temporarily suppress and put down an enemy, but he will still remain an enemy. The poison of hate increases by hatred and can be counteracted and neutralized only by the chemical of love.

Inimical persons burn themselves with hatred and anger, consuming their interpiece. One who returns enmity likewise burns up his own inner equanimity, His peace which offers to his entire life absolute protection from the devastation wrought by human miseries. So to hate anyone as against one's own interest.

Without any expression or feeling of malice sarcasm, a wronged person should just say within himself: "I forgive you." It is such a healing, elevating experience. That mental expression of love also travels through the ether into the heart of the wrong doer. It is one of the most effective ways to change an enemy. To hate an enemy

is to make him stronger, whereas the inimity is weakened by kindness until he may finally realize his fault.

Thus, Jesus says: "Bless them that curse you" - That is, wish good for those who wish evil for you. If, as often as anyone wishes evil on a person, that person responds by wishing good in return, good in return, the assailant can not long retain his evil attitude against that well-wisher. It is ordinary to think that by retaliation hateful curses can be stopped; but even if the enemy is weak and outwardly cowed down, his hatred will grow all the more, the more, just waiting for the next opportunity to ignite it. A curse for a curse cannot be stopped by an enemy's hatred, but to love and bless a malicious scorner is to place before him a good example that may serve to change his attitude.

Action speaks louder than words. Thus Jesus says, "do good to them that hate you." Not only should one mentally love a detractor, but actually do good to him. With no trace of a "holier-than-thou" attitude, Sincere gestures of goodwill are reminders of the relation of divine brotherhood that is the unifying principle among all human beings.

God is ever merciful, solely because He considers all souls as His children, placing no conditional demands on them in return. So should god's children try to act divinely toward one another without ulterior motives. That is what Jesus urged: "Help all, and you will feel the pleasure of heartening others; help wall, because God is your father and

everyone is your kin. Love and help even your enemies in the spirit of divine brotherhood. And your wisdom shall be great, for god's divine love shall grow within you; and by that you shall know you are not delimited mortals, but the children of the Highest."

Those who love their enemies are surely loved by heavenly father and become Him, for God "maketh His son to rise on the evil and on the good, and sundeth reign on the just and on the unjust."

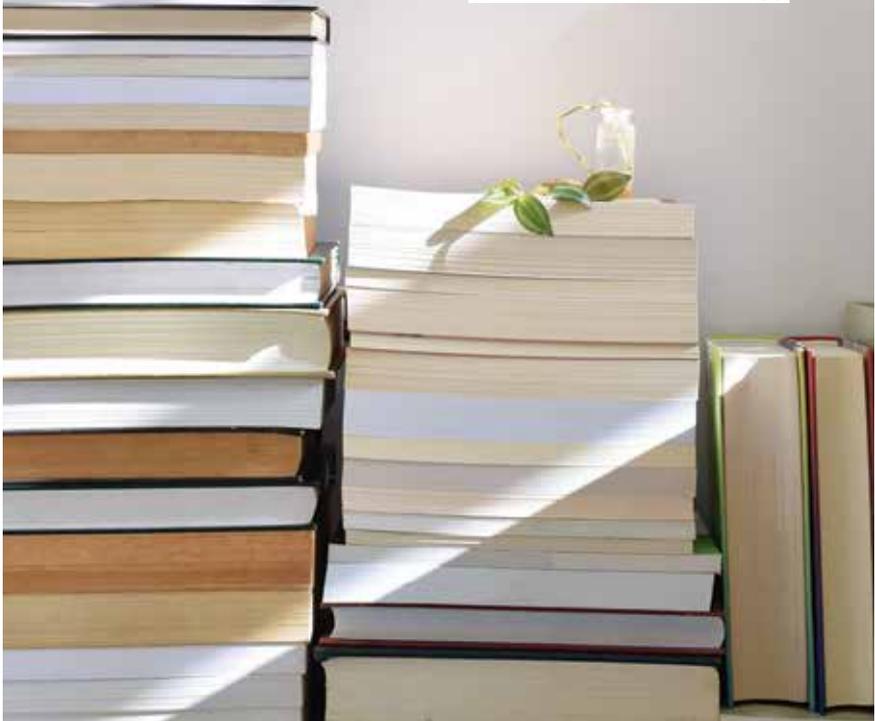
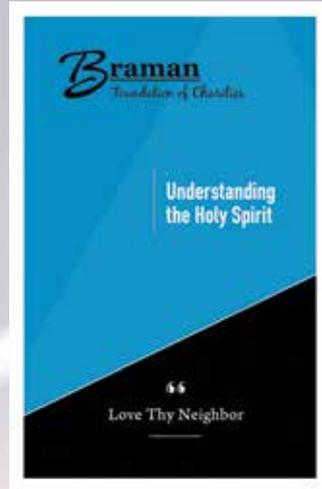
As God loves all of his children, regardless of merit so also "that ye may Be the children of your father which is in heaven, "the true children of God opened their hearts to all their human brethren. Though god's light of mercy shines equally on the good and the evil, in the reign of his helpful powers is showered on the just and the unjust alike, this is not to be understood that the good and bad are able to reflect in equal measure god's infinite grace. Charcoal cannot reflect the same amount of sunlight that the diamond does. Similarly, Dark mentalities do not reflect God as do virtuous mentalities. But God does not deprive his unjust child Because of the evil ways, but rather he gives to his naughty child the same measure of love and opportunity so that he may have a chance to recover his forgotten divine image. The naughty child needs access to the light of God since he lives in self created darkness. God is worried and anxious for his wicked child, but the evil son cannot utilize father's spiritual gifts unless

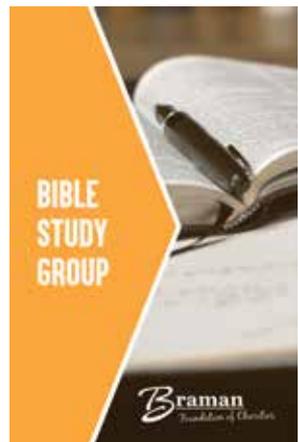
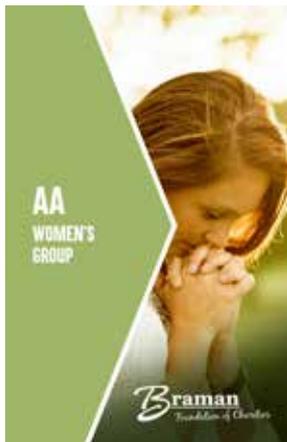
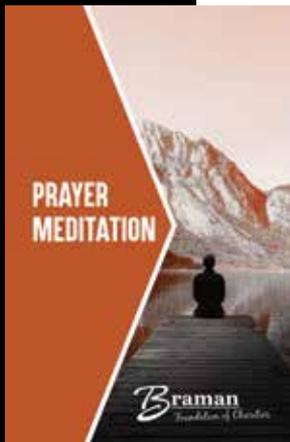
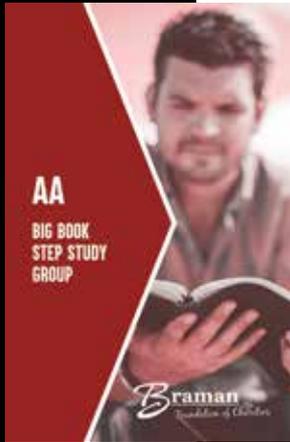
he changes his forward ways. The prodigal son has to redeem himself by penitently making his way back to God; the good son who walks in God's light is already there.

Help all, and you will feel the pleasure of heartening others; help all, because God is your father and everyone is your kin. Love and help even your enemies in the spirit of divine brotherhood. And your wisdom shall be great, for god's divine love shall grow within you; and by that you shall know you are not delimited mortals, but the children of the Highest.

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Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered mediation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.

Worship Service

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

Healing & Restoration

Every Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am

As a brief history, we will explore the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Founded in June, 1935 the A.A. Program has helped millions recover from alcoholism. The essence and the backbone of the Program is the 12 Step Method. Healing & Restoration not only uses the 12 steps in a Christ centered format, it teaches CBT, meditation and has a focus on the body with nutrition and exercise.

Prayer and Meditation

Every Sunday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meditation is not difficult. We meditate to commune in Christ. This Christ communion is an ideal state in which we can naturally unfold in. Learn to use this as your most meaningful time to experience God and in time you will walk continuously in God's presence.

AA Meetings

Big Book Step Study Every Saturday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book. It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.



September
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September 1, 2021

Wednesday

WAIT UPON THE LORD

"The Lord is good to those who wait upon Him, to the person who seeks Him."

- Lamentations 3:25

Seek the Lord Thy God with all your heart your mind and your soul. Continue to press in and go deeper in your time with the Lord. Wait upon the Lord to inspire your next venture. But do not delay!!! The Lord is building His Kingdom now, has and will continue with or without you. Ask yourself: "Is my life a reflection of building the Kingdom? Am I being used by God or do I still do what I think is best for me?" My friends time is passing you by; what are you doing?

September 2, 2021

Thursday

THE LORD IS OMNIPRESENT

“Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God do not be far from me!!”

– Psalm 38:21

Even David, like us all, struggled with this idea that God leaves us. That how could such an evil act occur here on earth. Or how could fear dominate my consciousness as it does. Often, we hear that God is not here or God has left us. My friend God shall always be, has always been and will be always. In fact, the only truth that you can count on is this: God was, is and shall always be. We lose sight of God through the illusion of self. We identify through self instead of growing in our inner nature of God. God is within you. Christ has said this over and over. The kingdom is not here or there but within. We must learn through first being born again to live in this truth!!!!

September 3, 2021

Friday

GOD CONTINUES TO LOVE YOU

“Bless be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His loving kindness from me.”

– Psalm 66:20

Despite how weak your prayers have been God still has granted them. Think of all your prayers answered yet how weak you have prayed. If only we could go back and pray more earnestly. He has protected you from your enemies even though you have forgotten Him most frequently. What about deliverance? What are the strong holds of defeating habits that He has granted removal through mercy and grace, yet do you deserve such favor? How marvelous is our God that He would grant to us such favor? Think of how far away you have been in thought indeed yet He remembers your sin no more!!!! Even, God has rendered your scarlet sins white as snow. You are pure!!! Think of what God through Christ has done for you!!!! Yet do you even deserve such mercy from Him?

September 4, 2021

Saturday

THE LORD IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOU

“The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me”

– Psalm 138:8

In our own strength we are unable to overcome self, and its manifestations of sin, the carnal nature and temptation from this world. The good news is just this: Through our great God we have an advocate. God will perfect in you what He has begun. Yes, you need to be prepared, soften your heart, confess sin daily and release your illusionary sense of self or what is commonly referred as your ego. There is a celebration in this fact. That through this release, through your confession and acknowledgement you are given a divine protection. As you press into your salvation always know that God through Christ will do for you what you are unable to accomplish. O Praise Him!! O bow down to your Divine master!!!

September 5, 2021

Sunday

THE LORD DELIVERS

“Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His loving kindness.”

– Psalm 107:6

Your Lord will deliver you out of your difficulty. Do you know why you are struggling? Have you bothered to even ask the Holy Spirit? You are in covenant with the Holy Spirit, on a path that is to bring you union in God at some point. Many times, our struggles are from God showing us how to rise to the next level in our learning. Do not resist the change you are about to embark upon. Rather, know that God has you in the palm of His hand. You are the apple of His eye, His creation made in His divine image. You are forever loved, filled with love and ever joyful. You do not realize this because you have taken on the mistaken identity of self. Continue to renounce the ways of self and put on your new man in Christ Jesus.

September 6, 2021

Monday

YOU ARE COMPLETE IN CHRIST

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.”

– Colossians 2:9

In Him all the attributes of God are yours to make you complete. His omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, immutability, and infallibility are all combined for your defense. So, Arise Oh believer and know through knowing all that you are forever protected as you abide in God through Jesus Christ. Press into this highest calling to be in unity of the Holy Spirit. Allow the “old man” to be destroyed and lift Thy heart unto the Lord. The love of Jesus poured out for you that have once surrendered and turned back to God within, is ever watching out for you. You are the apple of His eye. He sees only the divine in you. Be not troubled or mistaken in an illusion, for you know He is ever with you and shall always be super naturally protected in Christ. Rest in this truth!!!

September 7, 2021

Tuesday

CONTINUE TO LOVE

“But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has been truly perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one that says he abides in Him ought himself walk in the same manner as He walked.”

– 1 John 2:5-6

In these verses and the verses before these and after John is speaking and writing of Christ Commandment in Matthew: 22:36-39 “Love the Lord with all your heart, your mind and your soul, and the second is like it to love Thy neighbor as Thy self. Upon these two commands rest all the Laws and Prophets. “So, if you say you abide in Christ then your “walk” must reflect that of Christ. So, are you growing, maturing in this manner? Of course, you have not been perfected, however there should be a sense in you that you love all, that you walk in forgiveness and you have interest in all persons to come to the Lord, those that are saved you have an interest in their salvation regarding discipleship. This is what John is referring to in this text: Are you sinning less? Are those strong holds of sin in which used to bind you to self, gone or lessened in its effect? Do you have a general sense of well-being regardless of your circumstances? And can you affirm in your heart a compassion for those that hate you, persecute you or are your enemy? Are you able to turn the other cheek? You ought to be growing in all these attributes. Put off the “old man.”

September 8, 2021

Wednesday

YOU ARE RICHLY BLESSED

“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or fix their hope on uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.”

– 1 Timothy 6:17

Remember all that you have, all that you are comes from the One that blesses us all. All mercies, all grace comes from He who presides over us all. If you think you are such a creator of wealth here; then where will your wealth be upon your transition into eternity? Where do you spend your thoughts, your dedication and your wealth? Are you building unto Thine own self OR laboring unto the Lord? God’s Blessings are ever flowing, a well-spring in a desert, a fresh summer breeze in a desert of heat. We are richly blessed, so let us labor unto the Lord and his people.

September 9, 2021

Thursday

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.”

– John 14:27

Your prayers are needed to bring harmony, peace and love into this world. Yet how is your world? How is it that you pray for peace yet you yourself have little? Therefore, how can you pray for something you know little of and do not possess? Bring peace to you, your loved ones and those in which you interact daily. There could be no greater act than to love those or to lay down yourself your life for one another. What is your sacrifice? Peace in you, around you, in your family, in your neighborhood, your community, your state, your nation, your world, our world. This is possible!! But do you believe? Is your life that reflection of peace?

September 10, 2021

Friday

JUSTIFICATION

"We maintain that a man is justified by his faith apart from works of the Law."

– Romans 3:28

"All that believe are justified"

– Acts 13:39

You that believe are saved, you are part of the kingdom of God, you are saved and are justified in God by your faith. It is not how long you have been saved, not how many works you have performed, not how much money you have sown into the Kingdom. You are reconciled and justified to God through your faith. The best example of Justification is the thief that was on the cross next to Christ. With his act of committing to Christ He was justified and reconciled before God. THEN!! You are NOT judged by your sin nature, It is remembered NO more. We are accepted, we are beloved, today absolved from the sting of sin and acquitted. There is neither speck, nor spot, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing remaining upon any one believer in the matter of justification in the sight of God, the judge of the earth.

September 11, 2021

Saturday

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead."

– 1 Corinthians 15:20

Without Christ's Resurrection there is no truth that death has been overcome, that sins are forgiven and we are justified through our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Suggested reading 1 Cor. 15:13-20) Thanks be to God that Christ is risen and alive today sitting on the throne as the right hand of God!!! There is the truth in our faith. That through His victory death has lost its sting and is swallowed up in the Christ's Resurrection. And so, we are given the power of the Holy Spirit which is the same as the Father and the Son. O praise God!!! O thank God that in Christ's victory we too are given son-ship as we are adopted into the kingdom of God. Do you understand the significance of this truth? Why do you NOT shout for joy?

September 12, 2021

Sunday

COME TO ME

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy and My load is light.”

– Matthew 11:28

Remember you DO NOT have to carry the load!! The Holy Spirit knows your trouble and your burden. As a son of God, the Holy Spirit is working on your behalf. However, you must acknowledge Him and surrender deeper in this process. Know that the Holy Spirit goes before you to open doors and to close doors and to make your path straight. You must know that through your surrender of self, putting on the new man, letting go of fleshly desire you become this new creature in Christ. However, you must confess, let go of and seek forgiveness of yourself. You are your problem. It is not a force outside of you; it is you. Spend more time in solitude, more time in seeking His ways and less time in self. Stop the blame game.

September 13, 2021

Monday

DID JESUS HEAL YOU?

“But he answered them, ‘He who made me well was the one who said to me, take up your pallet and walk.’ They asked him, ‘Who is the man who said to you; Take up your pallet and walk?’ But he who was healed did not know who had healed him; for Jesus had slipped away while the crowd was in place.”

– John 5:11

Have you, too, been healed yet are not sure who healed you? Are you denying the power of Christ in your life? Recall to your mind a time and reference when you asked for healing in your past? Our hurts, pains are not always physical. Our pain can be emotional, on the mental field. Recall the time you were hurting, in pain and you were relieved. Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, knows your torment. Whether physical, pain from hurts from a past relationship, deep emotional pain the Lord is aware of your hurt. Yield and let go of self and allow the power of His spirit to minister to your difficulty.

September 14, 2021

Tuesday

WHAT OR WHO ARE YOUR IDOLS?

"Can man make gods for himself? Yet they are not gods!"

– Jeremiah 16:16

Idolatry is anything, anyone that is set before you and your Savior, an object of your affection that stands before you and God. For example, we can examine our thoughts to know what dominates our thinking. Sometimes it is fear. Fear rules throughout our consciousness robbing us of the true joy that is ever present in God. Perhaps your family, a problem child dominates your thoughts and your ways. For many it is the pursuit of education/career. While we think and believe these idols are good they really are not what is best. Others actually pray to statues or Pictures of saints as if there is some type of mystical power in them. Always remember to "seek ye first the Lord and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." For many it is processes: Yoga exercises, meditation techniques, physical exercise. Watch how self manifests as a god in your life and others.

September 15, 2021

Wednesday

THIS WORLD GIVES TRIBULATION

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world."

– John 16:33

As a follower of Christ this world is not your friend. In fact, all around is a darkness that is the opposite that you have learned upon the path you follow in Christ. This world is not your friend so therefore remember; Christ has overcome and as His disciple you are protected. This world seeks through conformity to devour its foe. You are a foe of this world. In this fallen world all around you there is a quiet dis-pear a fear that lurks to seek to overcome you. Thanks be to god through Christ you have been given super natural power through His Grace, His Mercy to overcome this world, its trappings and its difficulties. Dive deeper in Thee. Go to the "mat" for your Lord and seek His Divine Counsel and peace.

September 16, 2021

Thursday

CHRIST HAS PRAYED FOR OUR PROTECTION

"I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of this world as I am not of this world."

– John 17:15

As a disciple of Christ, you are protected through this prayer. Read John 17:13-21. This is a mighty prayer from our Lord. This is the Prayer for the unity of our church, and unification for you as His follower. Know that you are part of His Body and as a unit of the body your special talents are used to bring glory to the heavenly Father. Know this truth as you sometimes falter in your thinking and are lost in an illusion that you are separate from the body because you are not physically together with other believers. You are one in God with Christ!!!

September 17, 2021

Friday

ADMIRATION BY THE BRIDE

"My beloved is dazzling and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand. His head is like gold, pure gold; his locks are like clusters of dates, and black as a raven. His eyes are like doves besides streams of water bathed in milk."

– Song of Solomon 5:10

Christ is the perfection of your love, lovelier than the loveliest bride. Christ is the purity of truth ever reminding you of who you are in Him, His eyes ever watching in a deep, deep dark repose. He sees all, knows all and is all and all. There is no greater love than the love of the Bride of His church. He is the lily of the field, the blue in the bluest sky and the green in the farmer's pasture. My friend Christ is a friend of friends that will never let you down. The friend that has truly given His life for you, your sinful nature to be removed forever. Come and dwell with Him in His house forever and know true peace!!!!

September 18, 2021

Saturday

THROUGH CHRIST, DEATH HOLDS NO POWER

*“That through death He might destroy
him that had the power of death.”*

– Hebrews 2:14

Friend rejoice for in Christ death has lost its power. You are but a blink of the eye in the seat of Christ. In one moment you face your demise and in another you are awake in eternity with your King. Are you ready? What unconfessed sin do you ignore? Do you realize that Christ has forever destroyed the power of death for those who are in Christ Jesus? For others who is to say? But for you the follower of Christ you will be in eternity. Oh, Death where is Thy sting!!! Absent from the body and present with the Lord. The curse of death has been forever destroyed!! Rejoice my friend, rejoice!!!

September 19, 2021

Sunday

CONFORM TO CHRIST'S WORK

*“So let us go out to him outside the camp
and bear the disgrace he bore. For this
world is not our permanent home; we are
looking forward to a home yet to come.”*

– Hebrews 13:13

Here we are instructed and reminded that this world is not our home and we need not conform to its standards. This writing is NOT going to define standards only to say that we are to be obedient to the inner small voice of The Holy Spirit. Each of us is instructed and used as The Holy Spirit has willed. However, we must first become silent to listen, to read the word, and then we must act upon the inner calling. Christ's work is about kingdom building and His command to Love the Lord Thy God with all Thine heart, thy mind and soul, and the second command is like the first and is the same: To love Thy Neighbor. So, do not conform to this world but proceed with Christ.

September 20, 2021

Monday

DIG DEEPER

“And those on rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while yet in time of temptation fall away.”

– Luke 8:13

Receive this Thy word from God and examine yourself. As the word of God is implanting in you do you respond deep down? Or Do you doubt the word and cast it aside? Ask the Lord to plough and make your soil fertile so you can accept the word of God: You are made in His image. You have within you the ability to rise up above your current circumstances and be of use to the Kingdom of God. Stop trying to fulfill your selfish desires rooted in sin. You are wasting time identifying with your circumstances working out through your salvation the ability to change. You must go within and understand that the God of the most High is in you as your soul as the define image. Go deeper, ask the Lord to until your soil and get going!!!

September 21, 2021

Tuesday

GOD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU

“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

– Isaiah 41:10

There can be no stronger promise than this. God is ever with us. God is in us as us. We are made in His image and must grow in that truth through the activation of the Holy Spirit. First be born anew, then grow through your regeneration into the truth of who you truly are in Christ. Allow this to be your strength through His Grace you can purify yourself. Surrender your ego sense or the great Satan that is your self, the illusional sense of self that harbors all the illusions through your deluded beliefs. Stop identifying with what is dark and take on the Light of Christ. Come home my friend and what better time of year to make the decision to stop wasting your time.

September 22, 2021

Wednesday

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the Glory Forever.”

– Romans 11:36

To Him be the glory should be the single most desire in every believer’s heart. Everything else must be secondary to Glorifying God in our lives. “To Him be the Glory forever.” When someone says, “Great job with this or that, you really inspired me with that writing or what you said”; then instantly we must give God the Glory and in fact verbally tell the person confiding in us that it is God that we Glorify not man. And this is so because it is self as ego always lurking for credit or to be recognized. No, no we must renounce this tendency and always give it all to God. For our lives are a demonstration upon the power of God to transform as into His likeness and to be more like Him or as Him. And so, we give God the Glory and we glorify Him in all we do.

September 23, 2021

Thursday

BE CONTENT; RELY ON CHRIST

“Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means and also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

– Philippians 4:11

It is Paul’s reliance on the Savior that causes his contentment. He knows he can rely on Christ in all he does. It does not matter his circumstance. And so too must we grow into a reliance on Christ for our every part of our lives. It matters little what you may perceive by the news you hear or read for this is the world and when you gave yourself to Christ you renounced the ways of this world. And too it matters little about your income, your own self for once again you have offered your life as a living sacrifice and your life is not your own. It is Gods. For truly a time will soon come when you realize you are not this body, nor live in this family or this earthly realm for that matter; and you will be whisked away. Therefore, learn to be content whatever you are in any circumstance. Paul was a perfect example of this state. He was grounded in Christ. Are you? Or do you continue to rely on self-making and manipulating your life as you see fit asking God to help you as if God is your puppet on your stage of life?

September 24, 2021

Friday

YOU CAN OVERCOME

“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and He will flee. Draw near to God and He will draw near unto you.”

– James 4:7-8

Some of us struggle with thinking patterns of defeat. We are stuck in lives with no purpose, little income, with no real power to create change around us. We sometimes see others working for the Kingdom, yet we lack power. Yet others are caught up in temptation that continues to knock at their door. Sexual sin, addiction to drugs, alcohol, smoking, over eating. Others are filled with a mentality of pride. That we are better than others because of economic status, family of origin, or education and even because of race or gender. Regardless of the sin we must overcome. As a Christian and a follower of Christ we must seek His way in all we do. Realize that Christ, too, was tempted, not from the self as He came as a perfected being, but rather from the evil that lurks to seek and destroy. If Christ was tempted and overcame, we too can overcome (Read John 14:12-14). Jesus was an overcomer. So, do not give up rather emulate the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Jesus overcame death so that we too can claim victory over this sin nature!!! Stand tall!!! You are redeemed, sanctified, justified and your regeneration has begun for those that claim Victory in Christ!

September 25, 2021

Saturday

CONTINUE TO ABIDE

“If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them up and cast them in the fire.”

– John 15:6

Are you abiding in Christ? There may be no large sin that causes you not to commune daily with Christ, rather it is the small sin, the pebbles that add up and choke you off from Christ. Jesus does not honor those that are in sin. You must seek deeper understanding of the sin in which separates you from Jesus. What are you thinking, acting, or saying that is contrary to loving your neighbor? For Christ says: “This is my command that you love one another just as I have loved you.” Where are you missing the mark? For many of us it is the idea that we are in charge of our lives and run the show. Yet recall that your life is not your own. When you surrendered in Christ and asked Him to be Lord of your life He is now in charge of you. For others it is the strong hold of depression, fear and weakness. Christ is your King and no thing is impossible in Christ. What are the pebbles of sin that keep you from abiding? Ask and then listen to the still small voice.

September 26, 2021

Sunday

KEEP YOUR MIND ON GOD

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you.”

– Psalm 55:22

“Thou wilt keep Him on perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.”

– Isaiah 26:3

Be anxious of nothing, those in which their lives are grounded in God. And yes, your mind can stay on God always for those that keep with God and spend time in His word and meditate on God. Those that repent of their separateness, of the fall of man from original sin from Adam. Yes, you can overcome “it all”, however you must be committed to discipleship. You must live a life of accountability. Go deeper in the Lord and understand this world in which seems so real will be gone as you move onward to the next realm in heaven. What you perceive as so real is ever changing, impermanent. So why are you so attached to what is not real, so many lost to sin, and many that live deluded lives of no existence of God? Keep busy with God and stop wasting your time.

September 27, 2021

Monday

BE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME

“For the Lord helps me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.”

– Isaiah 50:7

“Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me!”

– Psalm 38:21

As you strike a match look at how hard that surface is that ignites the match. And so, your determination ought to be to overcome self. For you know that the Lord Thy God is with you as you have invited the Lord to be with you. Now is the time to take seriously your salvation to overcome sin. There is an effort on your part to overcome, press in and be free to be greatly used in kingdom building. Remember the words of Jesus: “I tell you unless you are converted and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Think of the innocence of a small child: Without a sense of self or ego. My friends go deeper and dissolve that sense of self and be free. You can do this with the Grace of God. You are an overcomer. Strive, strive, strive and then one day you have arrived. Praise to the Lord the almighty of Heaven!!!!

September 28, 2021

Tuesday

LIFT ALL YOUR REQUESTS ON HIGH

“Be anxious of nothing, but in everything through prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

– Philippians 4:6

Lift up all your requests to God. God simply is, was and shall always be. Why do you believe that through self you can manage your own life better than the Lord? You have sought the Lord, yet you continue to ignore the still small voice that is trying to speak to you, to guide you and protect you. The voice that says for you to Love the Lord Thy God with all your heart and with all your mind and your soul. The voice that also says to love your neighbor as yourself.

This is your great God that is saying I hear your requests be not anxious, yet do you listen? Are you with me. I walk with you and talk with you, yet you do not follow me. Your life is a living testimony of that fact. Stop following your old nature, your self and follow me your new man the God with in you!!!!

September 29, 2021

Wednesday

THE LORD WORKS WITHIN YOU

“The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Thy loving kindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Thy hands.”

– Psalm 138:8

The Lord is at work in you, changing you opening doors and closing doors. The Lord is on your side. The Lord is your great protector. The Lord is your redeemer. You have been saved and have asked the Lord into your life. As such He is at work within you asking you to yield to your selfish ways. Therefore, let not your heart be troubled for through His Grace redemption is at hand. Your effort is needed to stay on this path, however the Lord is at work in you through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, rejoice in the Lord and be ever confident in the Lord Thy God. He is on your side working to perfect you and complete you in Him!!!!

September 30, 2021

Thursday

PUT ON YOUR NEW NATURE

"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not of the things of this earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

– Colossians 3:1-3

My friends you have made a conscious decision to follow Christ. You have renounced self and the things of this world. Now you have His Grace and Mercy to bring you into your True Nature in Christ. You now must continue to repent from your old ways. Get on your knees and ask the Lord: "Reveal to me the sin nature in which I must renounce?" Then listen and repent and say: "O Lord more of Thee and less of me." Do this as often as possible late at night before you retire for rest. The Lord is waiting for you to acknowledge Him in ALL you do. Stop being lukewarm for it is time for you to step up and claim your true Victory in Christ. Then you will be used in kingdom Building. Stop wasting time and get on with your salvation. Take your eyes off the things of this world.



NEW BOOK COMING SOON!

The church is struggling to teach our people how to confess, repent, self-reflect and become devoted to Christ in submission.

We are great at getting others saved, but just fail miserably with working with others in discipleship. It is important to note that Christ has commanded in Matthew 28.

This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring the believer into a deeper relationship with Christ. Press into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Directions Concerning Prayer

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

The devotee who persistently asks the divine truth from God will receive it from his Omniscient Father. If he seeks God perseveringly behind the darkness of closed eyes in the prayer, he will find Him. By the devotee's continuous knocking with prayerful urgency at the gate of silence to God, it shall be opened unto him, and his consciousness will enter into the heavenly region of blissful God-communion. Every devotee who with unrelenting zeal asked for God-realization receives that enlightenment without fail.

All prodigal sons of God, having run away from the bliss of God-contact into the slums of material distraction, will someday come back towards God through the interior gate of meditative peace to reenter their blissful inner home. Every child of God lost in the forest of material desires, but unflaggingly seeking a way out, will find his way back to God's Heavenly Mansion. He who knocks continuously at the door to God's presence with the

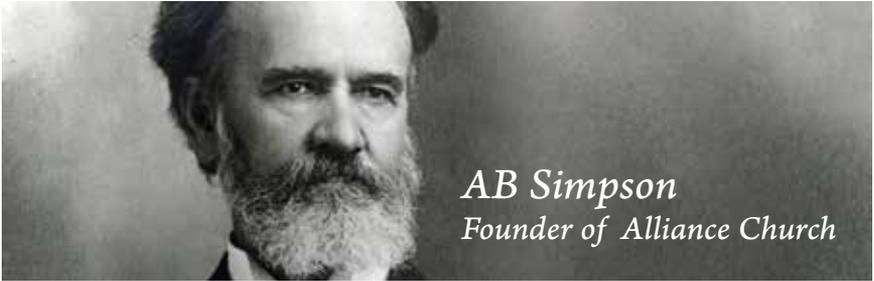
throbs of his heartfelt devotion is the force that can open the gates of God's heart for the devotee to enter in.

If any human son of God asks the Heavenly Father for the bread of eternal life, He will not give him the stone of material ignorance. If the devotee asks of God that food of wisdom, God will not give him the serpent of delusion. If the devotee asks God for divine manna and all-around divine bliss. He will not give him the scorpion of restlessness and mental misery.

The surety of God's sponse to sincere and persevering devotees.

People do not get many of the things they pray for because they do not know how to ask God for them. One of first contacts God by the practice of prayer and then asks for legitimate material needs or for spiritual grace will receive consummation of his prayers.

A Daily Devotional



We must receive, as well as ask. We must take the place of believing and recognize ourselves as in it.

A friend once said to me, "I want to get into the will of God." I answered: "will you then step into the will of God? And now, are you in the will of God? My question aroused in the man a thought he had not considered. He saw that he had been straining after but not receiving the blessing he sought.

Jesus had said, Ask, and ye shall receive (John 16:25). The very strain keeps back the blessing. The strong tension of all y our spiritual nature so binds you that you are not open to the blessing which God is waiting to give you. Whosever will, let him take the water of life freely (Revelation 22:17).

He tells me there is cleansing
From every secret sin,
And a great and full salvation
To keep the heart within
And I take Him in His fullness,
With all His glorious grace,
For He says it is mine by taking,
And I take just what He says

One's seeking must be wholehearted, minding not reverses, until he obtains his heart's desire. To the seeker of God Himself who offers continuous mental knocks of demand of closed eyes in prayer, knocking persistently with the unabated ardor and devotion of his soul - God perforce will open those portals to admit that devotee into His infinite Kingdom of Fulfillment.

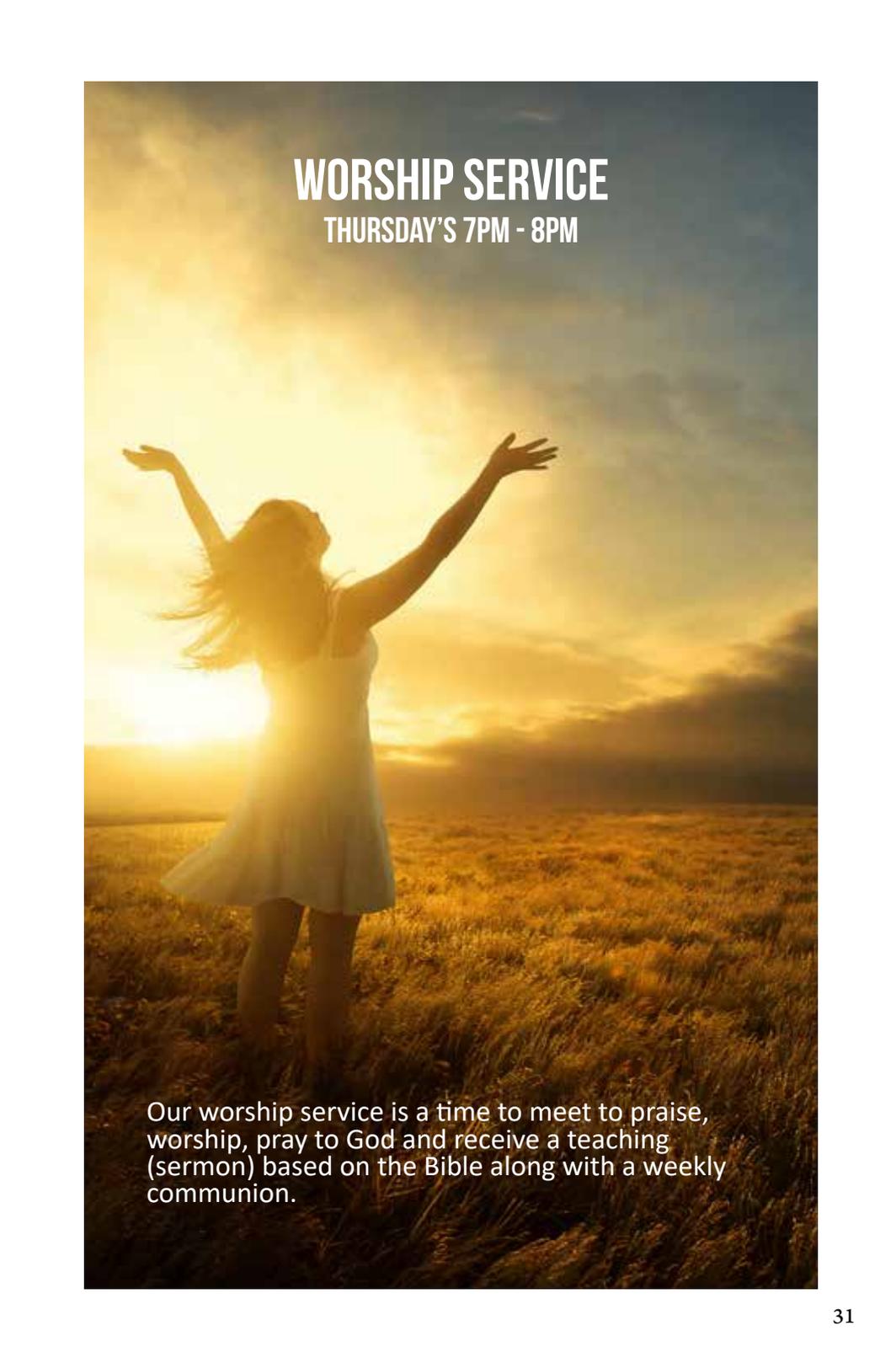
In these verses Jesus speaks of the surety of God's loving response. No true heart will be denied that "asketh" of Him, that "seeketh" Him and His wisdom trove, or that "knocketh" at the door to His Presence behind the pearly ramparts of heaven entered through the inner silence of deep meditation.



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WORSHIP SERVICE

THURSDAY'S 7PM - 8PM

Our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Living One Day At A Time

Matthew 6:33-34

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for th things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

Seeking the kingdom of God 1st is the Cardinal message of Jesus to individuals and nations of the world, because it is the surest way to lasting individual, social, in national happiness. Perishable material possessions do not contain the immortality of everlasting Bliss of the kingdom of God, but his imperishable kingdom contains it in all the goodness of the world. To possess God is to own the universe. If the ear is pulled, the head comes with it. When by devotion one pulls God into his life, then automatically eternal prosperity of immortality, wisdom, and ever new blessings are added unto him.

No matter how much the worldly man acquires, he never fully enjoys the situation said Michael one for he is never satisfied, is always looking for something more, or is afraid of losing what he has. The Western nation's, at the height of industrial civilization, gorged with materiality, Have not succeeded in producing a society free of depression and discontentment. Houses, money, automobiles may be

necessary to modern existence; but if man does not also give some time to God and meditation, the formula of his life will be missing the catalyst necessary to produce true happiness. Unless one seeks the kingdom of God and establishes within himself it's righteousness, peace, joy, and wisdom, the contrast of pleasure and sorrow in his life will foment inner discontentment, on balance, and physical and spiritual deficiencies.

It is possible with practice to hold the major portion of one's mind on God while one's hands in external attention are performing serviceable material duties and enjoying those many material things that express the goodness of God and creation, and with which he intended his children be entertained.

In the context of these verses, Jesus was especially addressing his disciples to exhort them to set for mankind an example of living for God and not for the body and it's worldly kingdom.

Jesus' cardinal message to the individuals and nations of the world.

This lovely standard of renunciation, complete non attachment with faith in God as the Sole Provider, is the ideal that throughout the ages many devotees have embraced as a natural response to their single-hearted spiritual yearning. Though Jesus counseled his disciples in a literal sense of pronunciation, in sovereign nunciation, he meant the spirit of his words to apply to the lives of all believers; Seek ye God first. God's emissaries necessarily speak in absolute, knowing the pension of human nature to pick and choose and adapt to one's own purposes in receptivity from the tomes of scriptural guidance. If there be men who cannot aspire to the summital applications of truth, then at least, as the prophets intend.

Relatively speaking, there is very little happiness in the world, only snatches of transient pleasure from the most part. I do not mean to paint a dark picture, but to urge those who want more from life to make themselves so spiritually strong within that it will serve as a divine bulwark against assaults of sorrow and suffering.

It is best to give once desires to God; and as Jesus adjured, "Seek ye God first...." Be content with what God brings, and be busy every minute doing

good and becoming good.

This is the solution for every truly fulfilled existence, not only for spiritually minded people; because God alone, and "His righteousness," is the sole Source of all tantalizing glimmers of real happiness. It is the foundation of many commandments given by Jesus; "Ye who are wise, ye who are thinkers, seek God first; for to find Him is to open the door to all His gifts of health, power, financial sufficiency, wisdom. God is no miser wilfully withholding his everything news from his children. Man has but to learn how to receive."

It pleases God when His children seek Him. He is hurt when they run away from him to play with earth's baubles, like spoiled children forgetful of the Giver. The virtuous child conscientiously seeks out the Giver to offer Him a loving, appreciative heart. No matter the difficulties, the devotee persists sincerely, alive to the fact that he must know God, and must hear from Him - without throttling his own discriminative reason - the purpose of life. When that constancy characterizes the devotee's consciousness, then God will reveal Himself; but not until then.

Putting God first in one's daily life

During the busy ness of the day, the true God seeker spiritualizes all actions

with the thought of Him.

Whenever there is trouble or unhappiness, the highest recourse is to think of God steadily; just as the needle of a compass points northward, no matter which way the compass is turned, so must the mind be on God no matter what conditions prevail from moment to moment. There is a God of love in compassion who steals silently into is asylum lay into the consciousness, seen only through the ever increasing light of devotion. Have faith in him; He is ever present. None of the wonders of creation could happen without his omnipresent intelligence. This divine intelligence is the evidence, the trademark, of God - in the tree, in the flower, in the skies, in the moon, in the routine of the seasons, in one's life-supporting bodily system. How can one observe the workings of the intelligent universe and doubt the existence of God?

The state of oneness with God is granted by Him only when He is convinced the devotee does not want anything else. As long as there will be a single desire in the heart for other than God, then even though He will be near the devotee, he will not be fully manifest to him. While waiting patiently for there to be room in the devotee's heart for the giving of Himself, He continues lovingly to grant the devotee's simple, legitimate prayers: "Lord, although I have to satisfy a

fee material desires to get along as a mortal being, still in my heart there is only You; and as You have everything, so have You bequeathed that divine inheritance to me." When the devotee with that devotion seeks Him and lives righteously, he cannot fail in his God-seeking.

Jesus then summarized: " Take therefore no thought for morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." If the devotee lives with God, each day, He who guides the destiny of the world, including the lives of His children, will plan the morrow for the divine seeker according to his acts of today. It is hard to get rid of the evil of material delusion, and thus cease accumulating seeds of desire and attachments for the mercurial promises of tomorrow, but it must be done sometime. Why not now?

SPURGEON'S CORNER

'Your heavenly Father'

Matthew 6:26



CGod's people are doubly His children. They are His offspring by creation, and they are His sons by adoption in Christ. Hence they are privileged to call Him, "Our Father in heaven."

Father! Oh, what a precious word is that. Here is authority: "If I be a Father, where is My honor?" If you are sons, where is your obedience? Here is affection mingled with authority; an authority that does not provoke rebellion; an obedience demanded that is most cheerfully rendered—which would not be withheld even if it might. The obedience that God's children yield to Him must be loving obedience.

Do not go about the service of God as slaves to their taskmaster's toil, but run in the way of His commands because it is your Father's way. Yield your bodies as instruments of righteousness, because righteousness is your Father's will, and His will should be the will of His child.

Father! Here is a kingly attribute so sweetly veiled in love that the King's crown is forgotten in the King's face, and His scepter becomes, not a rod of iron, but a silver scepter of mercy—the scepter indeed seems to be forgotten in the tender hand of Him who wields it.

Father! Here is honor and love. How great is a Father's love to his children! That which friendship cannot do, and mere benevolence will not attempt, a father's heart and hand must do for his sons. They are his offspring, and he must bless them; they are his children, and he must show himself strong in their defense. If an earthly father watches over his children with unceasing love and care, how much more does our heavenly Father?

Abba, Father! He who can say this has uttered better music than cherubim or seraphim can reach. There is heaven in the depth of that word—Father! There is all I can ask, all my necessities can demand, all my wishes can desire. I have all in all to all eternity when I can say, "Father."

Grow in your Daily Walk

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*“Behold, I knock at your door, open
up and comesit with me.”*

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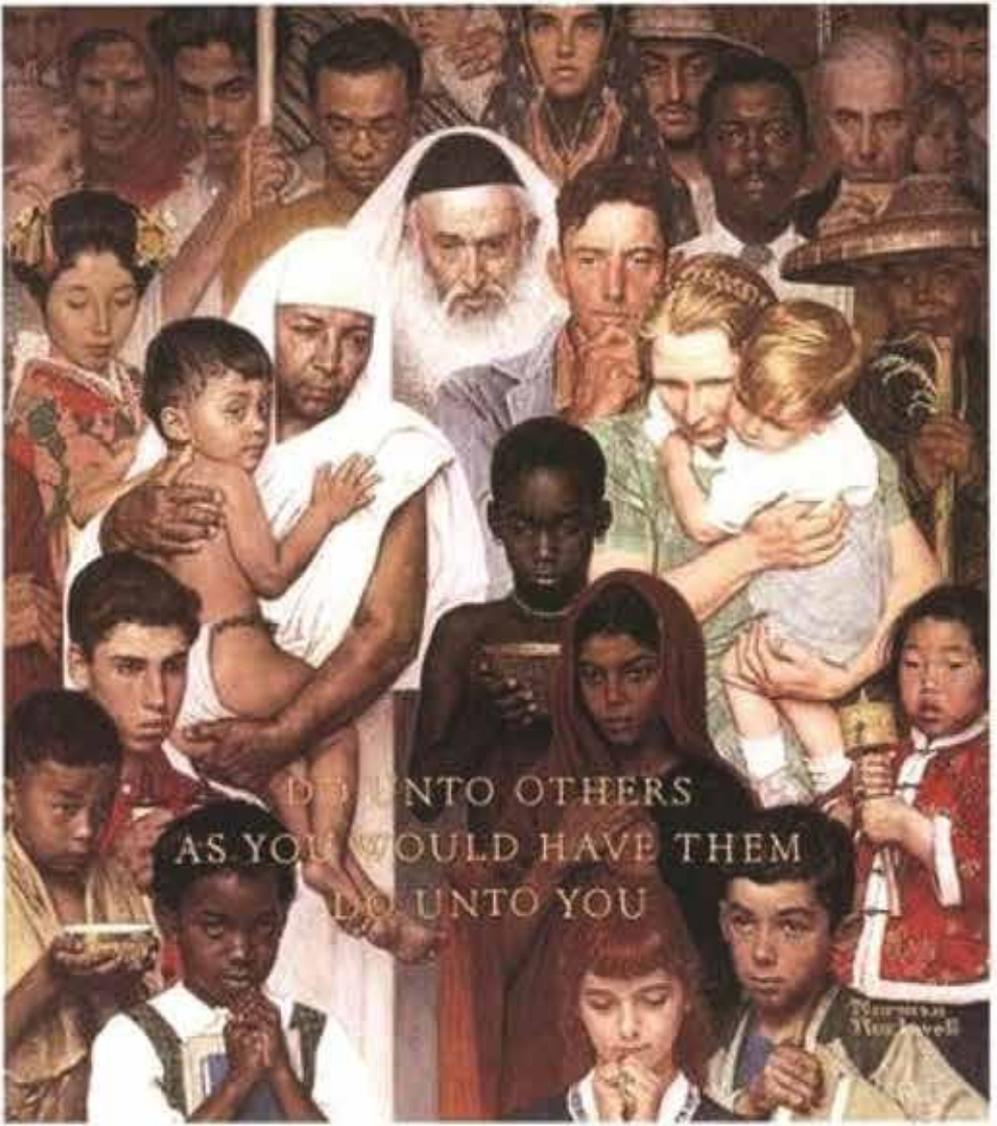
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Colossians 6:17



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