

Blame Game

Much of the human race is being manipulated by the devil in many areas of their lives, because they don't place themselves under the council of God through His Word. Jesus warned us that the world would become more evil as the end comes closer, we are in those days right now. We the Church must not allow the devil to deceive us like he is deceiving the unsaved. You might say, "How can we stop him?" I believe this Newsletter will help answer that question. Here some Scriptures to study that will show us.

Psalm 1:1-3 AMP Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God] is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked [following their advice and example], Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit [down to rest] in the seat of scoffers (ridiculers). [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day and night. [3] And he will be like a tree firmly planted [and fed] by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season; Its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers [and comes to maturity].

In these three verses there is one big word that exploded in my mind when I read it. The word is 'counsel', and here is its definition; Advice, guidance, direction, instruction, information, enlightenment, recommendations, suggestions, hints, tips, pointers, guidelines, ideas, opinions, views, facts, data, warning, admonition, caution

We have been counseled by people all of our earthly life; and these definitions plainly show *how* we have been counseled by mothers, fathers, schools teachers, family, and the list goes on and on and on. The reason we think the way we think is because of the people we have been around. We don't call them 'counselors' but really they don't have to have the title to counsel us.

I want to ask you a question; have all these people been spokesmen for God or the devil? I know that before I received Christ, a lot of my pre-conceived ideas came to me from the devil through people in this world. However, as I've read and studied the Bible, my thinking has really changed although I still have a long way to go.

Here is a very relevant subject for today that is from God's counsel. We must not judge and blame people for our failures in life. Even though people might have played a big part in it, we will never get free by blaming others. The world says blame them; God says forgive them.

Genesis 3:9-13 KJV And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? [10] And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. [11] And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? [12] And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. [13] And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Genesis 4:3-9 KJV And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. [4] And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: [5] But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. [6] And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? [7] If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. [8] And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. [9] And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Now let me close this Newsletter with these thoughts... If Jesus was at our jobs, schools, and even in our homes, what would He be counseling us to do about playing the blame game? I'm sure you know the answer. We must not expect to receive from God His love and forgiveness when we are blaming and criticizing others for our failures. We must let others' sins go just like Jesus went to the cross to remove our sins. Jesus didn't look down from the cross and tell His Father to kill all the people that were killing Him. He said, "Father forgive them; they don't know what they do". If we can get free from blaming others, we will even get free from blaming and criticizing ourselves. We will receive our forgiveness from our Father God and be free.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Hebrews chapter 13
Tuesday	James chapter 1
Wednesday	James chapter 2
Thursday	James chapter 3
Friday	James chapter 4
Saturday	James chapter 5
Sunday	1 Peter chapter 1

*Upcoming Events

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** 10-11am Mon - Fri.
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Wednesdays 2-3:30pm in our Lee side parking lot; Fridays 2-3:30pm Sam's Warehouse
3. **Noonday Bible Study:** In Sanctuary; live on KJRF 91.1fm; live stream on TCC app.12:15 Mon-Fri
4. **Communion:** Wednesday
5. **Women's Fellowship:** Saturday 9am in the Fellowship Hall

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** Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

Sundays * Prayer: 9am Lee Blvd entrance * Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. *
Services 10:45 am

Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley

Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul

Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon

Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrice Williams

Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade

Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore

Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

Daily * Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

Weekly * Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service

* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

* Mobile Prayer: Wed 2-3:30pm Lee Blvd parking lot; Fri 2-3:30pm Sam's

Warehouse

Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral

* Crosses at the Corner: 11am-1pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays corner of Sheridan and

Cache Rd.

* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month

* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary

* Horse Ministry: 12-3pm 3rd Saturday of each month