The Bible: the Book of the World of the Spirit

If we were blind and in a boxing match with someone that could see, we would probably lose the match: not based on strength or talent, but based on sight. Since they can see you, but you can't see them, you might as well quit the fight before you start; because you will never win. Likewise, we are blind to the spiritual world until we start reading the words of the Bible that reveal that world. Let's look at Scriptures that point this out.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 NCV If the Good News that we preach is hidden, it is hidden only to those who are lost. [4] The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News-the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God.

I've been thinking and talking to the Lord about how to help myself, and others as well, concerning living a victorious life. We are on this earth to live the victory of Jesus, not the misery of the devil. I believe I have some answers in this Newsletter.

First of all people that do not read and study the Bible will never walk in the victory of Jesus. They can't, because they won't know how to. Let's read this from the mouth of Jesus Himself.

John 8:31-32 KJV Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jesus said that if we continued in His Word, the truth would come and set us free. My question to Him would be, "free from what?" I believe His answer would be, "free from the devil's deception". Here are some Scriptures that bear this out.

Ephesians 6:10-17 KJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

So many people believe that the bad things that are happening come to us from the seen world. I suggest to you that this is far from the truth. We wrestle with the kingdom of the devil; so we must learn, from the Bible, how to discern what is attacking and go on the offensive against the devil. We have the power to strike the devil with the Word of God. We can defeat him if we can see him. In the illustration I used at the first about the blind boxer, we know that the boxer can never win until he sees his opponent. We can see him, if we put God's Word in our mind; then

we will never lose! Read and study your Bible today, and your spiritual sight will come back!

Love you, Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Genesis chapter 6
Tuesday Genesis chapter 7
Wednesday Genesis chapter 8
Thursday Genesis chapter 9
Friday Genesis chapter 10
Saturday Genesis chapter 11
Sunday Genesis chapter 12

*Upcoming Events

- 1. Women's Dance Aerobics: Cancelled till 6/28
- 2. Mobile Prayer: Wednesday cancelled this week; still have Friday 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. Kids' Camp Registration: This Tuesday 10-11am at Camp Faith
- **TO RECEVE Special Announcements, opt in to The Christian Center text list by texting the letters

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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: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month