

Created in God's Image

God never wanted man to suffer and live a life of misery. Mankind was created by God to live like Himself. God could not make man like Himself without giving him the right to choose. He definitely knew that in doing so, He would give man the potential to leave Him and serve His enemy, the devil. Fast forward to our time after mankind fell into slavery to the devil, and Jesus came and paid for our freedom. When we receive what He did, we can once again live like our Father God. He puts in us His new nature to live like God. In this Newsletter, I want to show you that God doesn't demand you to live like Him; He gives you the choice. When we choose to accept His new nature, then we can live His new life out of that new nature. We have the power to do what He wants us to do through our born-again experience. The nature of a dog causes the dog to live like a dog. The nature of God in us causes us to live like Him. Let's look at some Scriptures that bear this out.

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.

2 Peter 1:3-4 MSG Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you-your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

In these verses we see nature change. For years I've known that God wants His children to live like He lives. In the Old Testament, God was forcing man to live right through fear of punishment. In the New Testament, He changes man's nature. Through this nature change, it is an automatic change of behavior; through nature not by force. He gives us His nature, then we want to do what He does.

1 John 3:9-10 KJV 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. [10] In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

In these verses we see that the new birth that a Christian receives causes a nature change. Your spirit doesn't sin after you're born again, because His seed remains in your spirit. That is, His nature is in your spirit which causes your spirit to not sin. The flesh of a Christian sins after their spirit is born again, because the flesh is not saved yet.

Romans 8:23 KJV And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

He said we have received the first fruits of the spirit. What is the first fruits? It's the born-again

spirit man. Our bodies are waiting to be changed. This is why we have to make our bodies live right. Look at what Paul said here...

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NCV So I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something-not just the air. [27] I treat my body hard and make it my slave so that I myself will not be disqualified after I have preached to others.

I hope this newsletter has helped you see that you can live the life of God, even while you're in a body that wants to go the other way.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Leviticus chapter 13
Tuesday	Leviticus chapter 14
Wednesday	Leviticus chapter 15
Thursday	Leviticus chapter 16
Friday	Leviticus chapter 17
Saturday	Leviticus chapter 18
Sunday	Leviticus chapter 19

*Upcoming Events

1. **Women's Dance Aerobics:** 10-11am Mon-Fri in the Gym
2. **Mobile Prayer:** Wednesday 2-3:30pm in our South parking lot; 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. **Monday Night Care Group:** In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
5. **Men's Basketball:** Thursday 6pm
6. **Friday Night Prayer:** 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony
7. **Men's Fellowship:** Saturday 9am at Golden Corral
8. **W.O.W. Conference:** October 29-30. Ushers have registration forms. \$40 due by Oct 22

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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
* Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm
* 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
* Men's Basketball: Thursday 6pm in Gym
* Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly * Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral
* Crosses at the Corner: 11am-1am 1st Saturday corner of Sheridan and Cache
Rd.
* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall
* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday of each month 5pm in Sanctuary
* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month