

The Christian Center
Pastor Paul's Newsletter 8-24-25
God and His Family the Church

The Bible is a Promise Book to all of us that are born-again Christians. The Bible is also a Family Book. God is our Father; Jesus is our Brother, and all that believe in Jesus are part of the Family. Therefore, all Christians must quit considering God as just a religion; we are born into a spiritual family called the Family of God.

We were born into this world as sinners, because Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. Then Adam's nature became the nature of sin. In other words, every human being that was born from a human mother was born to sin, so we did not choose to be born with this sin nature. Just like it's in the nature of dogs to bark, and cows to moo, all human beings have the nature to do things that are against God's will.

God saw Adam's disobedience in the Garden had made all of mankind to be sinners; so He sent His Son, Jesus, to die and be punished for the sins of the whole human race. After a person receives this wonderful gift of salvation, that can only come from Jesus, God gives them their own personal position in His wonderful Family.

Born-again Christians must now start thinking of themselves as new creations in Christ; they're no longer the persons they

were before they accepted Jesus as their Savior. We Christians are not just forgiven sinners; we are new creations spiritually speaking. Our spirits have been made perfect and sinless, so we are no longer separated from God. Now that we are in God's wonderful spiritual Family, we must quit seeing ourselves as natural physical bodies. We are spirit beings living in natural bodies, and we must renew our minds to our new spiritual identity. We still have to live in these natural bodies until we die physically or Jesus comes back before that happens.

Now let's get into this Newsletter on the subject of God's promises to His Family. The Bible is a Book of promises to God's children. We must not read the Bible without thinking, "this is my Father God talking to me and telling me what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do for His Family. Now let's look at Scriptures about God's family. I will be sharing on this subject on Sunday, so come and get ready to receive! If you're not able to come, stream with us live on the TCC app. Or you can listen to it on the app after it is downloaded. It will change your life.

Ephesians 3:14-21 KJV For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] Of Whom the whole family in Heaven and Earth is named, [16] That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being

rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. [20] Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

John 17:5-25 KJV And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. [6] I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word. [7] Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee. [8] For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. [9] I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. [10] And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them. [11] And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [13]

And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given Them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [15] I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. [18] As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. [19] And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. [20] Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; [21] That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. [22] And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: [23] I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me. [24] Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me.

See you on Sunday.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday 1Corinthians 14

Tuesday 1Corinthians 15

Wednesday 1Corinthians 16

Thursday 2Corinthians 1

Friday 2Corinthians 2

Saturday 2Corinthians 3

Sunday 2Corinthians 4

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** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** The Christian Center app-
[-https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app](https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app)

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

** Make it a point to make full use of the TCC app containing

- The Confession Booklet (text and audio)
- Over 850 audio/video sermons from Pastor Paul and other speakers
- Search topics to study
- Over 4 years of Newsletters
- Live stream Sunday and Wednesday night services, Early Morning Prayer, and Noonday
- Connect to KJRF 91.1fm

** If you know anyone in the McAlester or Woodward areas of Oklahoma, invite them to tune in to our radio stations: 91.9fm McAlester and 95.9fm Woodward

** Annual Labor Day Picnic at Camp Faith 11am-3pm Monday Sept 1. Hot dogs, lemonade, and water provided. Please bring a dish or dessert

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer: Sanctuary M-F 6:15-7:15am

*Women's Dance Aerobics: M-F 10-11am in Gym

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

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 under balcony

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