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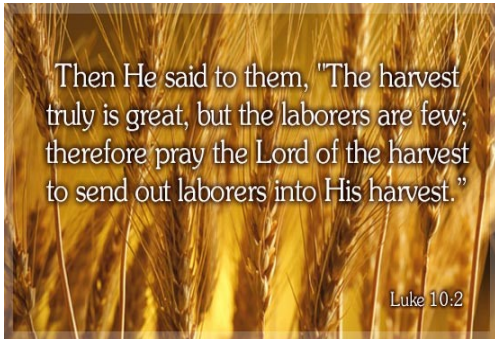
Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church



"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"

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Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Luke 10:2

The Holy Spirit Is Our Drill Instructor

Mature faith doesn't happen overnight. If we want to have a deep, healthy, solid faith in God, we must exercise our faith to make it stronger.

Think of soldiers in the military. They're not ready for the most

intense battles right away when they enlist in a branch of the service. They have to go through basic training. They are drilled and exercised and trained relentlessly. Drill instructors are assigned to do this 'equipping' because soldiers

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Saturday, September 8
Super Saturday

Sunday September 16
Back-To-Church Sunday

Saturday, October 20
**She-oes Luncheon
"Women of Wisdom"**

You Belong Here!

Over 2,000 years ago, 12 young men left everything to follow a promise, placing their entire future on a foundation of hope. That foundation was Jesus, and their future was the church. Never meant to be an institution or political entity, that naïve group of young men would later grow into a worldwide expression of God's commitment to heal, save, and deliver.

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How To Listen To God

These are a few simple suggestions for people who are willing to make an experiment. You can discover for yourself the most important and practical thing any human being can ever learn-how to be in touch with God.

All that is needed is the **willingness to try it honestly**. Every person who has done this consistently and sincerely has found that it really works.

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Sinners Anonymous

A few weeks ago, a grand jury in the state of Pennsylvania published a report on the largest-ever investigation of sex abuse in the US Catholic Church. The report found that 301 priests in Pennsylvania abused more than 1,000 minors in a cover-up lasting 70 years. In an outrage that followed the report, a victim was asked what he would tell the Pope if he had the chance to meet face to face with the pontiff. Without any hesitation, the

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From The Pastor's Desk

August 31, 2018

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Once again, we are coming to the close of another Summer. For many, it seems the Summer days go by way too fast and we await what the new season will bring.

Actually, during the month of September as many are settling back in to their schools and jobs following vacation, we also know this is a time for people to look to the church once again for inspiration and fellowship.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Here at the Cross Street Church, we want to be a welcoming church so that when people are looking for a church to attend, their search stops right here! While we would love to see our church grow, this is far from being the only reason to be a welcoming church. We live in a day and age that people need to hear the truth of the Word of God which is constant and true and brings about hope, joy, and peace in a troubling World.

You can feel confident as you invite your friends and family to our BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY that they will indeed hear the Word of God spoken with conviction and clarity and have a life changing worship experience. We are of the firm belief that we need God in our City, State, and Country like never before, and make no apologies for that belief!

Would you take a few moments to consider a list of about 5-10 people you will invite to our BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY which will take place on September 16 at 10:00 A.M. We also are asking you to join others in bringing a food dish for a Fellowship Buffet as we show our guest radical hospitality.

Have you ever stopped to think that your friend or family member could be thankful for an eternity? They belong here at the Cross as we share the good news of eternal and abundant life.

We hope to see you on this very special day as well!

Blessings in Christ,

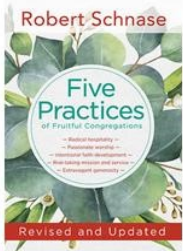
Pastor Moses Harvill

RESET 2018 - 2019 CONFERENCE YEAR

Behold, I will do a new thing .. Isaiah 43:19

- 1. To Refresh**
- 2. To Restore**
- 3. To Start Anew**

Pastor requesting all members to “Join in the RESET” by reading this book and be ready to discuss in September.



Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

By: Robert C. Schnase

People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations.

COUNT ME IN FOR THE RESET!



Note: You can order the book from the Cross Street church website: crossstreetamezion.org in the virtual Bookstore (Cokesbury).

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman...”He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the “beauty of the Lord will be upon us” (Psalm 90:17) and “we shall bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).”

What is Self-Control?

Self control is the ability to control one's emotions, behavior and desires in order to obtain some reward later.

~wikipedia.org

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: TEMPERANCE

TEMPERANCE: Possessing power, strong, having mastery or possession of; self-control.

TEMPERANCE controls when self is out of control. Steady, balance. TEMPERANCE enables the saint of God to praise Him in discipline or testing, trials and the battles of life.

In the Book of Nehemiah, the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and "a city, in ancient days, without walls, had lost its sense of identity and all its defenses. It was prey to every kind of enemy, natural, as well as human". (The Fruit of the Spirit; John w. Sanderson). A life that lacks self-control is similar to a city with broken down walls because it lacks defense and every conceivable evil seeks to enter in. An uncontrolled body and an uncontrolled spirit is at risk for destruction and spiritual decay.

How to cultivate the fruit of Temperance (Consider the athlete's self-discipline code):

1. Aim- run to win
2. Follow training rules - deny self of things that will hinder your winning.

3. Constant, sustained effort - have a well-defined goal: an intelligent manner of life and continue pressing toward the goal.
4. Remember, "You are not your own. You are brought with a price" (I Corinthians 6:19,20)
5. Remember to call every faculty into obedience to Christ, to the glory of God.
6. Allow the Holy Spirit's leading in reminding you of who you are, who God is, where you came from, and where you are headed.

How to Recognize Temperance

Look for persons who:

- * have control over their bodies and do not indulge in harmful activities
- * have control over their spiritual life.
- * do not exhibit pride in less than godly goals
- * are not defenseless, but is fully dressed in the armor of God
- * is not angry, envious or covetous
- * shows spiritual growth and maturity
- * has a passion to be Christ like.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Jesus Facts</h2>			
Serving Size 1 Cup			
Servings Per Cup 1 Life			
Amount Per Serving			
Calories 0		Calories from Fat 0	
% Daily Value*		% Daily Value*	
Love	100%	Gentleness	100%
Peace	100%	Mercy	100%
Joy	100%	Self Control	100%
Kindness	100%	Forgiveness	100%
Goodness	100%	Restoration	100%
Patience	100%	Grace	100%
Faithfulness	100%	Sugar	0g
Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26			

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Philippians 3:18, 19; Proverbs 16:32; Proverbs 25:28; Luke 15:11-13; I Corinthians



FIVE FINGER PRAYER

Your hand can be a constant reminder of those for whom you can pray:

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved one is, C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointer finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and pastors. They need support and wisdom in

- pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your daily prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, judges, elected officials, leaders in business and industry, and all administrators. They shape the nation and form public opinion. They need God's guidance.
 4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that the ring finger is the weakest finger...as any piano teacher will testify. It can remind us to pray for those who are weak, in

- trouble, or in pain. They need our prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for those in need.
5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest one of all. This finger, the least of all, reminds us of where we should place ourselves in relation to God and to others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be greatest among you" your pinky can remind you to pray for yourself, but only after you have prayed for everyone else. Then your own needs will be put into the proper perspective!

Meekness

All the animals of the forest were having a meeting to establish their by-laws. On this day they were to discuss meekness as one of the by-laws. Bear and Mouse were on their journey to the meeting when they came upon an ant hill. They became very interested in watching the busy little ants and how they went about doing their jobs and performing in their areas of responsibility. Then they continued on their way to the meeting. After they continue down the road for a while, Bear noticed an ant on his paw. He said, oh my, I must return him to his family. Mouse

said, just flick him off. You don't have time to go back. We must get to the meeting. Bear said, no, I cannot do that. I must return him to his home. You go ahead Mouse. go to the meeting and I will come later.

So Mouse got to the meeting and everyone said, where is Bear. Oh, he had to return an ant to his home. They all laughed and were upset that Bear would waste everybody's time taking care of a little ant. As they started discussing the subject for the day, whether they should have a by-law on meekness, there was much argument and discussion. Most did not like the idea of having meekness

in their by-laws because they thought it was nammy-pammy and not necessary.

Then bear arrived and they asked, Bear, why are you so late? Oh, I had to return the ant to his family. I could not leave him stranded in the forests. The Lion, who was the master of ceremonies, said; folks, Bear has shown us a perfect example of meekness. Bear was more concerned about the interest and welfare of one less fortunate than himself, than he was of his own interests.

Praise Break !!!!!!!

The 23rd Psalms:
 The Lord is my shepherd ---**That's Relationship!**
 I shall not want --- **That's Supply!**
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures --- **That's Rest!**
 He leadeth me beside still waters --- **That's Refreshment!**
 He restoreth my soul --- **That's Healing!**
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness --- **That's Guidance!**

For His name sake --- **That's Purpose!**
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death --- **That's Testing!**
 I will fear no evil --- **That's Protection!**
 For thou art with me --- **That's Faithfulness!**
 Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me --- **That's Discipline!**
 Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies --- **That's Hope!**

Thou anointest my head with oil --- **That's Consecration!**
 My cup runneth over --- **That's Abundance!**
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life --- **That's Blessing!**
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord --- **That's Security!**
 Forever --- That's Eternity!

Submitted by Rosalind M. Wynter Junior Class



Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103
 New Members Class meets at the same time.
 (For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

Come Grow with US!

MAKING A PROMISE

Devotional Reading:

Isaiah 54:1-10

Scripture:

Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17

EXALT!

Invocation: Speak Lord so that we hear from heaven. Speak through Your word, our teacher, and to each of us. Center our thoughts on You. During this lesson and in the week to follow, let the Holy Ghost energize our spirits for your purpose. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Declaration: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the lord smelled the pleasing order, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the

earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth," ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generation: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Affirmation: "We are standing on the promises of God!"

ENGAGE

Biblically, there is a difference between a contract and covenant. A contract can be nullified if one party breaks or fails to live up to the terms of the agreement. A covenant, on the other hand, is bound by a promise, and the commitment transcends failure on the part of one party or the other. Do you see the difference?

Let's explore the difference

between a contact and a covenant. Assuming it is legal a contact would exist in the case where one party enters into an agreement by which they agree to pay a certain sum of money in exchange for a company finding him/her a suitable person to marry by a specific date. Should the individual fail to pay the agreed upon sum of money or the company fail to find a suitable person to marry by the specified date, then each party would have an argument that the contract has been breached. However, a covenant would exist where an individual and their marriage partner promise, in the presence of God, to love another until death they do part. The failure of one partner to love the other would not nullify the covenant. Bruce Shelly puts it this way: "A covenant puts no conditions on faithfulness. It is [an] unconditional commitment..."

In Scripture, the word covenant is often used to describe God's promises to a religious person/group or to humanity in general. In today's Scripture, God uses the rainbow as a sign of a covenant between God and God's people, and a powerful promise of hope from the Lord.

1. How do you feel when a promise made by an individual is broken?
2. How much confidence do you place in God's promises?

EDUCATE

Because of the wickedness of

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Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

SEPTEMBER

1 Jeremiah 47-49
 2 Jeremiah 50-52
 3 Lamentations 1-5
 4 Ezekiel 1-3
 5 Ezekiel 4-7
 6 Ezekiel 8-11
 7 Ezekiel 12-14

8 Ezekiel 15-18
 9 Ezekiel 19-21
 10 Ezekiel 22-24
 11 Ezekiel 25-27
 12 Ezekiel 28-30
 13 Ezekiel 31-33
 14 Ezekiel 34-36
 15 Ezekiel 37-39

16 Ezekiel 40-42
 17 Ezekiel 43-45
 18 Ezekiel 46-48
 19 Daniel 1-3
 20 Daniel 4-6
 21 Daniel 7-9
 22 Daniel 10-12
 23 Hosea 1-4

24 Hosea 5-7
 25 Hosea 8-10
 26 Hosea 11-14
 27 Joel 1-3
 28 Amos 1-3
 29 Amos 4-6
 30 Amos 7-9

OCTOBER

1 Obadiah, Jonah
 2 Micah 1-4
 3 Micah 5-7
 4 Nahum 1-3
 5 Habakkuk 1-3
 6 Zephaniah 1-3
 7 Haggai 1-2

8 Zechariah 1-2
 9 Zechariah 3-6
 10 Zechariah 7-10
 11 Zechariah 11-14
 12 Malachi 1-4
 13 Matthew 1-4
 14 Matthew 5-7
 15 Matthew 8-11

16 Matthew 12-15
 17 Matthew 16-19
 18 Matthew 20-22
 19 Matthew 23-25
 20 Matthew 26-28
 21 Mark 1-3
 22 Mark 4-6
 23 Mark 7-10

24 Mark 11-13
 25 Mark 14-16
 26 Luke 1-3
 27 Luke 4-6
 28 Luke 7-9
 29 Luke 10-13
 30 Luke 14-17
 31 Luke 18-21

NOVEMBER

1 Luke 22-24
 2 John 1-3
 3 John 4-6
 4 John 7-10
 5 John 11-13
 6 John 14-17
 7 John 18-21

8 Acts 1-2
 9 Acts 3-5
 10 Acts 6-9
 11 Acts 10-12
 12 Acts 13-14
 13 Acts 15-16
 14 Acts 17-18
 15 Acts 19-21

16 Acts 22-24
 17 Acts 25-26
 18 Acts 27-28
 19 Romans 1-4
 20 Romans 5-8
 21 Romans 9-11
 22 Romans 12-16
 23 1 Corinthians 1-4

24 1 Corinthians 5-8
 25 1 Corinthians 9-12
 26 1 Corinthians 13-16
 27 2 Corinthians 1-3
 28 2 Corinthians 4-6
 29 2 Corinthians 7-9
 30 2 Corinthians 10-13

Kingdomtide

Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August and continues until the beginning of Advent. The emphasis includes evangelism, world missions, and the work for peace and justice in all relationships. During this period, special emphasis is placed on the Kingship of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The observance is wrapped up in the heightened awareness of one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith – the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

Color: Green is symbolic of freshness of nature, hope, life and growth.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
EL SHADDAI	The All Sufficient One, The God of the Mountains, God Almighty	God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings. God is all-powerful. Our problems are not too big for God to handle.
IMMANUEL	God With Us "I AM"	Jesus is God in our midst. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
JEHOVAH	"I AM", The One Who Is The Self-existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him.
JEHOVAH- JIREH	The Lord Will Provide	Just as God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac, He provided His son Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. God will meet all our needs.

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Church is not a building; it's a people. It's where millions of people throughout the ages have come to find community, rest, peace, and redemption through Jesus. All are welcome.

THE CHURCH IS THE CHURCH ONLY WHEN IT EXISTS FOR OTHERS.

-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

The Church isn't for the elite. It's not for the perfect. It's for all of us - a place to find friendship and purpose, where we can meet Jesus, and rally around each other.

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM - JESUS MATTHEW 18:20

The declaration of the Church has always been that we are in need, and Jesus is the source of our life. This acknowledgment and declaration lead us to follow Jesus on His mission to care for the poor, serve the hopeless, and meet the world with the same mercy and grace we have received.

That's why the Church was born, as a gathering place of hope for the hurting, the rejected, and the lonely, it is not a place of perfection; it is a refuge for those in need.

The Church has been a beacon of safety during war and conflict. In 369 A.D., it built the first hospital, and the Church has been the largest healthcare provider in history. The Church was the first to fight for women, and stand up for orphaned children.

The Church has shaped so much of the world's amazing art, architecture,

literature, and music; and it's because of God's mercy that we can show up with the same creativity, grace, and forgiveness that Jesus showed us. The Church also united people of different ethnicities and cultures in celebration of God's goodness.

For two millennia, it was a hub of activity and friendship around shared purpose and vision. It is a place where people can find love, acceptance, and meaning.

The Church is not a building. It's a gathering of people brought together to experience God's love and purpose.

God designed the church just for you - you belong here. Are you ready to experience a community of people doing life together? To find out how, visit:

WWW.BeyondABuilding.com

To: The Cross Street Family

From: Dr. Jerome Long

Friday, 13 July 2018, I stumbled and fell flat on my face on the pavement. I sustained bruises & scrapes including a fractured lower jaw, two knocked out front lower teeth, cuts on my chin & lower lip & other minor scrapes and bruises.

Fortunately there was no brain injury and the fracture will heal itself. I am restricted to soft foods until the fracture mends itself, so no surgery is required.

All the stitches have been removed and/or absorbed. So all in all I am recovering a-pace.

This accident occurred while we were moving from Middletown to Cromwell, where we now reside in Covenant Village, 52 Missionary Road, Apt 3110. our phone number remains the same.

I am writing this to express my thanks and gratitude to the Cross Street Family for your support & prayers during this time of our need.

I promise to keep you informed of our condition.

May God bless you,
Dr. Jerome H. Long

(Sinners from page 1)

gentleman says, 'I will ask him to stop praying so much and pay attention'. That statement had me thinking for more than a few days. I turned it over and over in my mind until finally, it hit me! An awakening! You might call it a 'calling' – no pun intended here, really!

Meanwhile, over the past few weeks I've had the privilege to stand in for Dr. Jerome Long, the long time Senior Sunday School instructor, who has been indisposed and had asked me to do him the favor. As long as I can recall, I have never turned him down whenever he needed my services, for any reason, as long as I was in good health myself, and not out of state. Sooner rather than later, you will see the connection of the grand jury report with my taking over Dr Long's class. So, hang in there.

The theme of the lessons of the quarter I started with, has been JUSTICE. All manner of justices. God's justice such as adherence to Sabbath Laws. Social justice such as compliance and compassion. Spiritual justice such as faith and belief and the rewards of such. Human justice, such as rules and law and order. Finally, we had to deal with personal justice, as in individual's commitment to the spirit of the Lord. Our individual commitments to the ideals of our savior who died for our redemption. As is consistent with the school materials for each Sunday, the lessons are drawn from various sections of the Holy Bible; both from the Old and the New Testaments. We covered several instances and the stories of the promises of God to keep His people, the Israelites, safe from their enemies if only they would obey His instructions and live according to His ideals. Over and over, Jehovah had provided evidence of His protection when they heeded the messages that were delivered through the prophets. Equally, he repeatedly turned His back on them when they disobeyed his commandments. No two ways about it!

So the lessons went, and

regardless of the week's specific lesson, one or the other of the numerous letters of the apostle Paul to the emerging Jesus' followers throughout the biblical region, served as the foundation of the nature of Justice we would deal with for that particular week. This past week happened to be his letter to the Ephesians of Ephesus. The principal sentiment in Ephesians was Paul's effort to inspire and extol the so-called Christ's followers to live in unity and as matured folks who would be willing to dedicate themselves to the teachings of their savior; namely to live a life of love and compassion.

As you read Ephesians 1, 2, 3 and 4 (New Living Translation) you'll come to the point where he says in 4:17; *"With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him".* Here's the major point – in 4:20; *"But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God – truly righteous and holy. So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And 'don't sin by letting anger control you --- If you are a thief quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to those in need. --- And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. --- Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ had forgiven you.*

At this point you want to know where the connection is. That is, how does the grand jury report links with these words from apostle Paul? They don't. The statement from the victim is what is relevant here. He says he would ask the Pope to stop the rituals

of public displays and show more action. In other words he would like to see more action and more display of love and compassion than the recitation of words and prose. After reading the entire book of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, I decided to appeal to members of the Adult Sunday School class if we were all READY to DEDICATE ourselves to the advice of Paul to rid ourselves of our old evil ways and start a new life of living according to the precepts of our Lord and savior. To my amazement, the entire class took the vow to start from Sunday August 26, 2018 to aspire to higher ideals of Christian life and to support each other in this endeavor.

"Easier said than done", you may think. We know that. So we start with contact information of each other, to start checking regularly on each other to see how each devotee is doing. We are all adults, matured seniors. We've seen it all before; except this time, we are prepared to let the Holy Spirit of the Lord come into us and guide our ways. That is the challenge going forward. Are we capable of our commitments? Are we dedicated enough for this challenge? I am convinced that with humble and feeble but steady steps we will be able to meet this challenge. For the start, we are setting only weekly checkpoints to review this journey to see how we are doing. Are you touched enough to take the plunge? You are invited to come to the class on Sunday mornings at 8:45 at Cross Street to check us out.

Just as the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) folks take it one day at a time, we are similarly going to take this journey one moment at a time, one thought at a time, one feeling at a time, one breadth at a time, until the spirit takes over and gently hurls us over the hurdle. Yes, we confess we are sinners and that we profess to change our ways and *continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

By Kwame Ocansey

(Promises from page 6)

humanity, God destroyed the earth by a flood. God became very frustrated and saddened with the increasing corruption and wickedness of humanity. It had so blatantly taken advantage of the good world that God created that God decided that it was time to put an end to it and start over. God resolved to start fresh by flooding the earth and destroying every living thing. However, God found favor in Noah.

Because of Noah's righteousness, God chose to preserve Noah and his family. Noah and his family were saved in the ark. This event commonly referred to as "Noah and the Flood" is not primarily an account of disaster or judgement, but of grace and favor. The flood was the result of God's judgement on the earth, and we know that to stand in the path of God's judgement is a terrifying thing. But it is important that we do miss that after this awesome display of God's judgement, following this devastating exhibition of God's fury with sin and the destruction by flood, there is a rainbow, which is the sign of the covenant God establishes.

This is the promise God makes: "I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "this is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:11-13).

Blessings and promise go hand in hand in this account. God promises to bless Noah (Genesis 9:1) and the blessings extend to Noah, his family, and descendants. While the flood and the destruction of humanity is an important aspect of the Flood story, it also is equally important to focus on the promise of the rainbow - that God would never again destroy the earth and humanity by flood. In order for a rainbow to appear, two elements must exist - rain and light. Rain is often symbolic of difficult experiences in

our lives. While, light is symbolic of God. God's rainbow cannot show up unless we experience some rainy days in our lives. Sometimes, we come to truly see and experience God's beauty when we find ourselves enduring rainy and cloudy situations. Often, during difficulty, it is when the light that is God gives us strength to weather the storm as we reflect on our many blessings. While life has its share of tragedy, sorrow, and pain, we do not gather today to survey the damage done by sin, but to celebrate God's promises for our lives.

Because we have endured our share of broken promises by people who claimed to love us or promised to remain with us but failed, we may tend to doubt the promises of God. We know that they mean well, but often, people being people, will disappoint. But God's promises are based on covenant, not contract. If we break or dishonor the terms of the covenant, God will not renege on the promises of God.

There may be countless people in our midst who have never quite known they could trust God's love this way. Their hearts have been broken and they expect their hearts to be broken again. We, who have known God's love, who have trusted God's promises and know that God will not change that promise, even if we fail to keep the covenant made, must point hurting persons to the "bow in the clouds" and assure them of "the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth" (9:16). We are confident of this because "God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth'" (Genesis 9:17).

1. How have you learned to receive the promises of God?
2. At what point in your life did you learn to accept that God loves you, despite your flaws and faults?
3. Have you always found the church's teaching helpful to encourage you to know you are loved?

ELEVATE

If you have seen the movie "Diary of a Mad Black Woman", you will remember the scene when Orlando asks Helen to marry him. He says to her, "I know you don't believe in fairy tales. But if you did, I'd want to be your knight in shining armor. You've been through so much. I don't want to see you hurt anymore. Now I may not be able to give you all that you're used to. But I do know I can love you past your pain." real love, unconditional love, takes that kind of risk. It dares to make promises that it will never break.

God loves us that way. God stared into the abyss of our sin and would not turn away. God loved us in our brokenness, in our misery, in our pain. This kind of love cannot help but sing, "Draw me nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died..."

I THINK:

1. Can you name a person in your life who has given you unconditional love?
2. To whom have you given unconditional love?
3. What did the experience of receiving or giving unconditional love do for you?

VERSE OF THE WEEK: "I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." Genesis 9:11

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching



To All My Brothas, A Tribute

Sistas support the brothas and remember, God can show up in any form!

To All My Brothas, A Tribute

There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.
Whether five-two or six-seven
Yellow fabulous or chocolate heaven,
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.

Long and lean
With deep brown eyes
Wavy hair or dreds
With strong thick thighs
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man

Bald head with goatee,
Cornrows or a fade
A little thick, a little thin
Oh, the choices to be made
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.

Scholarly or not
Wall street or hip hop
I'll sing your praises
To the mountain top.
Head of the home
Provider and lover
Obedient son and loving brother.
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.

A mighty protector you've proven to be
Sacrificing your life to keep me free
Working for crumbs when the table is bare
Praising the Lord,
Leading the family in prayer.
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.

Holding my hand when fear emerges
Remaining faithful, suppressing your urges
Proving your strength by turning the other cheek
Having high hopes when the situation is bleak
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a black man.

Treating me like the queen I was born to be
Never disrespecting, dishonoring, or disgracing me
Giving me credit when it is due
OH BLACK MAN HOW I HONOR YOU!
There is nothing more beautiful
Than a Christian black man.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal Priesthood, an holy nation, a people of his own, That ye should show forth the praises of him who Hath called you out of darkness into this Marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

Author Unknown

IT DEPENDS ON WHOS HANDS IT'S IN!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.
A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.
A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.
A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.
A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.
Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in.
So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because –
It depends on whose hands it's in. »

(Listen to God from page 1)

Before you begin, look over these fundamental points. They are true and are based on the experience of thousands of people.

1. God is alive. He always has been and He always will be.
2. God knows everything.
3. God can do anything.
4. God can be everywhere--all at the same time. (These are the important differences between God and us human beings).
5. *God is invisible-we can't see Him or touch Him-but, **God is here.** He is with you now. He is beside you. He surrounds you. He fills the room or the whole place where you are right now. He is in you now. He is in your heart.*
6. *God cares very much for **you.** He is interested in you. He has a plan for your life. He has an answer for every need and problem you face.*
7. *God will tell you all that you **need** to know. He will not always tell you all that you **want** to know.*
8. *God will help you do anything that He asks you to do.*
9. *Anyone can be in touch with God, anywhere and at any time, if the **conditions are obeyed.***

These are the conditions:

- To be quiet and still
- To listen
- To be honest about every thought that comes
- To test the thoughts to be sure that they come from God
- To obey

So, with these basic elements as a background, here are specific suggestions on *How to Listen to God.*

1. Take Time

Find some place and time where you can be alone, quiet and undisturbed. Most people have found that the early morning is the best time.

Have with you some paper and pen or pencil.

2. Relax

Sit in a comfortable position.. Consciously relax all your muscles. Be loose. There is no hurry. There needs to be no strain during these minutes. God cannot get through to us if we are tense and anxious about later responsibilities.

3. Tune In

Open your heart to God. Either silently or aloud, just say to God in a natural way that you would like to find His plan for your life-you want His answer to the problem or situation that you are facing just now. Be definite and specific in your request.

4. Listen

Just be still, quiet, relaxed and open. Let your mind go "loose." Let God do the talking. Thoughts, ideas, and impressions will begin to come into your mind and heart. Be alert and aware and open to every one.

5. Write!

Here is the important key to the whole process. Write down everything that comes into your mind. **Everything.** Writing is simply a means of recording so that you can remember later. **Don't sort out** or edit your thoughts at this point.

Don't say to yourself.

- This thought isn't important,
- This is just an ordinary thought;
- This can't be guidance;
- This isn't nice;
- This can't be from God;
- This is just me thinking..., etc.

Write down everything that passes through our mind:

- Names of people;
- Things to *do*;
- Things to say;
- Things that are wrong and need to be made right.

Write down everything:

- Good thoughts - bad thoughts;
- Comfortable thoughts - uncomfortable thoughts; "Holy" thoughts - "unholy" thoughts;
- Sensible thoughts - "crazy" thoughts.

Be honest! Write down **everything!** A thought comes quickly, and it escapes even more quickly unless it is captured and put down.

6. Test

When the flow of thoughts slows down, stop. Take a good look at what you have written. **Not every thought we have_ comes from God.** So we need to test our thoughts. Here is where the written record helps us to be able to look at them.

- a. Are these thoughts completely **honest, pure, unselfish and loving?**
- b. Are these thoughts in line with our duties to our family-to our country?
- c. Are these thoughts in line with our understanding of the teachings found in our spiritual literature?

7. Check

When in doubt and when it is important, what does another person, who is living two-way prayer think about this thought or action? More light comes in through two windows than one. Someone else who also wants God's plan for our lives may help us to see more clearly.

Talk over together what you have written, Many people do this. They tell each other what guidance has come. This is the secret of unity. There are always three sides to every question- your side, my side, and the right side. Guidance shows us which is the right side-not who is right, but what is right.

8. Obey

Carry out the thoughts that have come. You will only be sure of guidance as you go through with it. A rudder will not guide a boat until the boat is moving. As you obey, very often the results will convince you that you are on the right track.

9. Blocks

What if I don't seem to get any definite thoughts? God's guidance is as freely available as the air we breathe. If I am not receiving thoughts when I listen, the fault is not God's.

Usually it is because there is something **I will not do:**

(Listen to God on page 14)

(Drill Instructor from page 1)

need to possess strength, stamina, resilience and endurance.

Let's think about this in terms of our faith. First, we enlist, or give our lives to Christ. Then we begin a regiment of basic training, or faith building. The Holy Spirit acts as our Drill Instructor in this case.

The Holy Spirit knows exactly what we each need as a faith-building

requirement so we can be prepared in season and out of season. We just need to obey Him, even when it's challenging, trusting that He knows how to build our faith.

When you let the Holy Spirit train you, the results – a strong, solid faith in God – are well worth the time and effort.

Prayer Starter: Holy Spirit, I submit myself to your instruction. I want to

have a mature, solid faith in You. Train me so I can walk by faith, not sight, trusting God in every situation and for every provision I need.

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” James 1:3 (KJV)

Joyce Meyer: Promises for your everyday life devotional

HOW TO PRAY

Question: How do I start?

Answer: Praying is not as hard as you might think. What is hard is getting into the habit of talking to God everyday. Maybe you could start by picking a time everyday. Think about things you want to say. “Thank you” or “I m sorry” or “Please help me.” You don’t have to use fancy words. You can talk to God like you talk to your dad, mom or a friend.

Question: Can I tell God anything?

Answer: Yes you can. There isn't a thing you could say to God that would make him stop loving you. You can tell

him when you're sad or grumpy. You can thank him when everything is going your way. You can lean on God when you're having a bad day. You can talk to him just like you would talk to a friend. But you know what? Your friends might let you down. Sometimes you might not have someone to listen to you. But God will always listen and he'll understand.

Question: How do I know God hears me?

Answer: God promises to listen! God has promised in the Bible that he will listen to you. Look at Psalm 66:17-19 and read John 16:23, where God promises to listen when you pray in Jesus' name. Most important of all,

the Holy Spirit lives in your heart. He helps you know for sure that God listens when you talk to him.

Question: Must I fold my hands and close my eyes when I pray?

Answer: That 's one way to do it. Closing your eyes shows you don't want anything to get in the way of talking with God. But it's not the only way to pray. You can pray while on your knees or standing up. You can pray with toys in your hands or while your hugging your mom or dad. You can talk to God at anytime because he is always right there with you, and he wants you to be his friend.

(Listen to God from page 13)

- Something wrong in my life that I will not face and make right;
- A habit or indulgence I will not give up;
- A person I will not forgive;
- A wrong relationship in my life I will not give up;
- A restitution I will not make;
- Something God has already told me to do that I will not obey.

Check these points and be honest. Then try listening again.

10. Mistakes

Suppose I make a mistake and do something in the name of God that isn't right? Of course we make mistakes. We are humans with many faults. However, **God will always honor our sincerity.**

He will work around and through every honest mistake we make. He will help us make it right. **But, remember this!** Sometimes when we do obey God, someone else may not like it or agree with it. So when there is opposition, it doesn't always mean you have made a mistake. It can mean that the other person doesn't want to know or to do what is right.

Suppose I fail to do something that I have been told and the opportunity to do it passes? There is only one thing to do. Put it right with God. Tell Him you're sorry. Ask Him to forgive you, then accept His forgiveness and begin again. God is our Father--He is not an impersonal calculator. He understands us far better than we do.

11. Results

We never know what swimming is like until we get down into the water

and try. We will never know what this is like until we sincerely try it.

Every person who has tried this honestly finds that a wisdom, not their own, comes into their minds and that a Power greater than human power begins to operate in their lives. It is an endless adventure.

There is a way of life, for everyone, everywhere. Anyone can be in touch with the living God, anywhere, anytime, **if we fulfill His conditions:**

***When man listens, God speaks.
When man obeys, God-acts.***

This is the law of prayer

God's plan for this world goes forward through the. lives of ordinary people who are willing to be governed by Him.

by Chaplain John E. Batterson



“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25 KJV



Back-2-School & Cultural Bazaar August 25, 2018



WORDS TO LIVE BY

Ten Commandments of Human Relations

- 1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.***
- 2. Smile at people. It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, only fourteen to smile.***
- 3. Call people by name. Music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.***
- 4. Be friendly and helpful.***
- 5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuinely a pleasure, and if it isn't, learn to make it so.***
- 6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can find something to like in almost everybody if you try.***
- 7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.***
- 8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's and the right one.***
- 9. Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what we do for others.***
- 10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manifold through life.***

-Adapted from the Bible Tract Bulletin

FINDING THE WAY HOME

READ: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

*[God] comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with comfort we ourselves receive from God.
2 Corinthians 1:14*

Sometimes this journey through life can be so difficult that we're simply overwhelmed, and it seems there's no end to the darkness. During such a time in our own family's life, my wife emerged one morning from her quiet time with a new lesson learned. "I think God wants us not to forget in the light what we're learning in this darkness."

Paul writes this same thought to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1), after describing the terrible difficulties he and his team endured in Asia. Paul wants the Corinthians to understand how God can redeem even our darkest moments. We're comforted, he says, so we may learn how to comfort others (V. 4). Paul and his team were learning things from God during their trials that they could use to comfort and advise the Corinthians when they faced similar difficulties. And God does that us as well, if

we're willing to listen. He will redeem our trials by teaching us how to use what we've learned in them to minister to others.

Are you in the darkness now? Be encouraged by Paul's words and experience. Trust that God is right now directing your steps and that He's also stamping His truths on your heart so you can share them with others who are in similar circumstances. You've been there before, and you know the way home. Randy Kilgore

Father, help those who are hurting today so they may see and know Your loving presence in their darkest hours.

Never forget in the light what you learn in the darkness.

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CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY

We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?

Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way

For more information contact:
Church office 860-344-9527.or
Rev. Gregory B. Winborne: Days: 860-616-3834

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<p>Sunday 8:45 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service) Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)</p> <p>Monday 6:00 p.m. Zumba 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter 7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)</p> <p>Tuesday Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill 6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and</p>	<p>bible study.</p> <p>Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Zumba 6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)</p> <p>Thursday 6:00 p.m. Steward Board 7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)</p> <p>Friday Day of Fasting 6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month) 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)</p>	<p>Saturday 10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd) 11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month) 12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals Men - 7 p.m. Monday Women - Tuesday & Friday before 5th Sunday Children - 7 p.m. Friday before 1st Sunday Unity - 7 p.m. Thursday Praise & Worship Choir 7:00 pm Wednesday</p>
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

September 2018

Alive In The Word

Start date TBD. More information to follow.

Friday, September 14

First Lady Eledia Harvill's Birthday

Sunday, September 16

10:00 am

You Belong Here at The Cross

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Class Leaders & members to bring a food dish Family Fellowship

Tuesday, September 18

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Church-Wide Study

"FOLLOWING JESUS"

All members, Back-to-Church quests & friends invited to attend

Wednesday, September 19

6:00 pm

Young Adult Fellowship

Please Note: Young Adult Fellowship will be meeting **EVERY OTHER** Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 22

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

New Members: Fast Trac

All new members who have not been brought into Full Connection are to attend

Sunday, September 23

10:00 am

Mission Sunday

Quest Speaker: Sister Lillian Reason, President of the Hartford District WH&OM Society

Tuesday & Wednesday

September 25 & 26

Mental Health Workshop

More information to follow

Tuesday & Thursday

September 25 & 27

7:00 pm

Women's Choir Rehearsal

Women's Choir will be singing Sunday, September 30

Saturday, September 29

8th Annual Women's Health Conference

Sunday, September 30

8:45 pm

New Members class

To meet with Pastor Harvill & Rev. Wilson

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 pm

First Quarterly Conference

More information to follow

Wednesday, October 3

12:00 pm

Senior Luncheon

Men & Women 55 or better are welcome to attend

Thursday, September 4

6:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, October 20

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Women's Ministry Presents:

SHEROES

"Women of Wisdom"

Luncheon

Sunday, October 21

10:00 am

Lay Council Sunday

Sister Carolyn Humphrey, Speaker
 Conference Lay Council President

Wednesday, October 3

Amazing Grace Soup Challenge Event

Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



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EVANGELIZING - EQUIPPING - EMPOWERING
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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, some-
how!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on
tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, "Oh, that You would bless me
**indeed, and enlarge my territory, that
Your hand would keep me from evil,
that I may nor cause pain!**" So God
granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
ful, and sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
der of soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of the heart"*
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is
settled in heaven. I bless you because
you have given me rest according to all
that you have promised to me. Not one
word of all your good promises has ever
failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in
your Word at all times.
I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of
your words are pure, O God, and you are
a shield to me. Lord God, your way is

perfect, and your Word is tried. You are a
shield and a mighty buckler to me as I
trust in you.

With your Word you made the heavens,
O Lord. all of your promises are yes in
Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have
spoken through your Word since ancient
times, in order to give light to those who
sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in
the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword.
It pierces even to the dividing asunder of
my soul and spirit, and of my joints and
marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of my heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I
will endeavor to walk in the light of your
Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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