



**GROW
IN
GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

Volume 41, No.16, April 21 , 2015 / Southside Baptist Church & Christian School / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / The Grow in Grace Newsletter is **a weekly Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church. It is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

The SURPRISING Place Where God Works REAL Revival!
All God powered Revival
Takes
Place
In TEMPLES!

*"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's!**"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

CHRISTIAN: You and I are tempted on every hand and in many different ways to feed the flesh, to bow to the world, the flesh, and/or the devil. **But GOD tells us: WE ARE NOT OUR OWN!**

WE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE!

*"Look you back to the day **when** you were bought, **when** you were bond slaves to your sins, **when** you were under the just sentence of divine justice, **when it** was inevitable that God*

should punish your transgressions; **remember how** the Son of God became your substitute, **how** He bared His back to the lash that should have fallen upon you, **and laid** His soul beneath the sword which should have quenched its fury in your blood! **That** the blood of Christ was shed to buy our souls from death and hell **is a wonder of compassion which....**ought to overwhelm us with adoring love for Christ. Christ's death was the substitute for the death of the ungodly. He was made a curse for us, and the presence of God was denied Him because of it." (C. H. Spurgeon)

Behold the suffering Lamb of God! Open the pages of Scripture and meditate deeply of Christ at Gethsemane and Golgotha.

WE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE! Let any right thinking Christian write his or her biography and all will agree:

*** THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT in all of **my personal PAST** is that **I have been bought/redeemed by the blood of Jesus!**" (1 Peter 1:18) **I am not my own. I belong to Jesus!**

*My past is forgiven! The blinding, binding, grinding power of sin and satan is broken. Sin's weights are lifted! **I am set free** from the futility of performance based living, of trying to be good enough to merit heaven. **I am resting in** the total sufficiency of Jesus, in His precious blood, in His goodness, and in His merit. And God the Father is WHOLLY pleased with the merits of Jesus!!*

*** The MOST SIGNIFICANT REALITY in all of my experiences **in the PRESENT** is that I am **in Christ!** BEING IN CHRIST, I am a Minister of Reconciliation, an Ambassador for Christ, and on Mission with God! (1 Cor. 3:7-9; 2 Cor. 5:19-20)

Because I am forgiven (Past/Present/Future!) **and resting in Christ**, I am now free to be and become all that Christ intends today!

*I no longer search or strive for significance. **For in Christ I have supreme significance— I am a Child of God!***

*** “The most significant thing **about my FUTURE** is that I will continue to experience the ongoing cleansing power of the blood of Christ; and ONE DAY I will rule and reign with Christ for all eternity.” (Rev. 5:9-10; 7:9-12; 12:11)

THEREFORE, I am free from any obligation to fear death or the future. Nothing! No one can separate me from the love of God in Christ.

Whether I live or whether I die, I am the LORD’S!

As I walk with Him, being on Mission with him,

I am invincible until He calls me home!

BOUGHT WITH CHRIST’S PRECIOUS BLOOD!

CHRISTIAN— YOU ARE HIS TEMPLE!

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Cor. 3:16) “...You are the temple of the living God...” (2 Cor. 6:16)

Many pages of the Old Testament tell us in great detail about the Tabernacle and the Temple! The most sacred place in either of these structures was, of course, **the Holy of Holies**— the place where God uniquely manifested His presence. It was there that God “tabernacled” [dwelt!] in Israel. When we come to the New Testament we find that the prophecies of the prophets were fulfilled. Thus, we read, *“And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us....” (John 1:14) God came down and “tabernacled among us” in the person of His Son, Jesus!*

BUT WHERE IS JESUS NOW? He is seated at the Father's right hand! (Mark 16:19) And Every Christian experiences "...the riches of the glory...which is **CHRIST IN YOU**, the hope of glory..." (Col. 1: 27) Or as Galatians 2:20 tells us, "**CHRIST LIVETH IN ME!**"

CHILD OF GOD, YOU ARE HIS TEMPLE!

"If you refuse the implication of His claim upon you, then what business have you to hide in the shelter of John 3:16?"

I cannot have the grace of God without the government of God! The price of His blood demands a practical surrender of all my body... I acknowledge, 'I AM NO LONGER MY OWN; I am bought with a price!'" (Alan Redpath)

CHRISTIAN: YOU ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE!

Your Body is the Dwelling Place of the Holy Spirit.

Your Body is His Temple.

You Are Not Your Own!

Therefore, Glorify God in your body and in your Spirit, which belong exclusively to GOD!

"THE HOLY SPIRIT'S [indwelling] presence is... like the sun, which cannot shine Without brightening the earth and sky and sea; **Without giving color to the rose, its fragrance to the lily, its flavor to the peach;**

Without ripening the golden grain and cheering and brightening the hearts of men.

GOD CANNOT DWELL IN THE SOUL WITHOUT CORRESPONDING INFLUENCES—

Without fostering love and purity;

Without making sin more odious and holiness more attractive;

Without giving the soul strength to banish sin and the strength to follow holiness.” (W.G. Blaikie)

CHRISTIAN: YOU ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE!

The context of I Corinthians 6:19-20, is very significant!

GOD IS WARNING SAINTS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF SEXUAL SIN! CONTEXT: 1 Cor. 6:15-20—

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? **Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot?** Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. Flee [FORNICATION] sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is in you***, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body^[b] and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

John MacArthur writes, “Christ’s people are ‘**one spirit**’ with **Him...** Paul uses it [that truth] to show that **a Christian who commits sexual immorality involves his Lord!**”

All sex outside of marriage is sin, BUT WHEN IT IS COMMITTED BY BELIEVERS it is especially reprehensible, because it profanes Jesus Christ, with whom the believer is one, (John 14:18-23; 15:4, 7; 17:20-23)...

it [sexual sin] places Christ in an unthinkable position...

Christ is not personally tainted with the sin...

But His reputation is dirtied...”

Furthermore, “...although sexual sin is not necessarily the worst sin, it is the most unique in its character.

It rises from within the body, bent on personal gratification.

It drives like no other impulse and when fulfilled,
it affects the body like no other sin.

It has a way of internally destroying a person that no other sin has!

Because sexual intimacy is the deepest uniting of two persons, its misuse corrupts on the deepest human level.

That is not a psychological analysis but a divinely revealed fact, as seen in the following verses."

(Proverbs 5:3-5; 8-12;

Proverbs 6: 23-29; 32-33;

Proverbs 7: 21-27;

1 Cor. 6:15-20)

**"Sexual immorality is far more destructive than alcohol,
 Far more destructive than drugs,
 Far more destructive than crime...**

To commit sexual sin in a church auditorium,
 disgusting as that would be,
 would be no worse than committing the sin anywhere else.

OFFENSE IS MADE WITHIN GOD'S SANCTUARY [our bodies!]

wherever and whenever sexual immorality is committed by believers.

Every act [in thought or deed!] of fornication,
 every act [in thought or deed!] of adultery by Christians,
is committed in God's sanctuary—

Their/our own bodies."

NOTE: Here are 3 of many Biblical directives which God gives to empower saints to avoid sexual immorality:

1 Corinthians 7:1-7;

1 Corinthians 9:27;

1 Timothy 2:9

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Another major area of application: Christian, when Jesus took up residence in your body, His Temple, purchased by His blood—

JESUS, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BAPTIZED YOU INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST!

HE PLACES YOU IN A LOCAL ASSEMBLY!

He is the Head.

We are members one of another.

The hand can't say to the foot, "I don't need you!"...etc...

We are built up by the supply of the Holy Spirit flowing through each other. (Ephesians 4:16)

BEING VITALLY CONNECTED TO A SPECIFIC BODY OF BELIEVERS IS NOT AN OPTION!

FOR FURTHER STUDY: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 11:27-29; 12:1-31; 13:1-13; 14:1-40; Ephesians 4:11-16.

CHRISTIAN! Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit! YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN! You Have Been BOUGHT With A Price— With the Precious Blood of Jesus!

GOD IS GIVING ALL OF US A SERIOUS CALL FOR REVIVAL—

A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS IN THOSE WHO ARE HIS TEMPLES!

A REVIVAL OF SERIOUS COMMITMENT to the local body of

believers to whom the Holy Spirit has joined us!

Abundant grace to one and all!
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James Bell

SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care nursing home. Meet at the front door at 5:30PM. Questions call Bradley Pennington at 615-804-3054.

**** WEDNESDAYS: PRAYER SERVICE at 7:00PM; Come in side entrance, iron steps... meet in Ladies Sunday School Room ****

NOTE: Jody Allen is ministering to **Children**, during Prayer Service.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH MEETING, 6:30pm led by Chris and Rachel Beth Estep.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY— April 23, 11:00am, The Life of David! - 1 Samuel 23-24 - Cindy Bell, teaching. {Meet in Ladies Sunday School Room: Come in FRONT doors of the church auditorium or the SIDE door at the top of the IRON STEPS!}

*** EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8am: Men's Fellowship/Bible Study!** {Study in 1 Thessalonians}... Come to back of Church building... Come in under the drive-thru awning... walk forward... till you smell the coffee!

Sunday, April 26—

9:30am- Sunday School;

10:45am- Worship Service;

NOON- Fellowship, Covered-dish meal;

1:00pm- Early Afternoon Service



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