

5/8/22 ... IT'S MOTHER'S DAY! PLEASE COME PREPARED TO GIVE GIDEON BIBLES IN HONOR OF MOTHERS and / or GRANDMOTHERS!



PLEASE USE the Grow in Grace Newsletter for your own spiritual growth; and **AS A RESOURCE** to help equip you to MINISTER to others! **Volume 47, No. 17, May 3, 2022** / Southside Baptist Church / 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; and 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 JESUS CHRIST!**

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE and FAMILY!

[Part 2]

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, the Newsletter articles and the Sunday messages have one PRIMARY CONCERN: **What does the WORD OF GOD TEACH ABOUT MARRIAGE and FAMILY?**

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS? 1) **WE must** apply the Word of God to OUR own MARRIAGE and FAMILY; 2) **OR WE must** apply the WORD OF GOD so as to build a right foundation for a future MARRIAGE; 3) **OR WE must** apply the Word of God so as to be EQUIPPED to reveal the ways of God to a neighbor or co-worker, etc.

NOW: I HAVE NEVER MET A COUPLE WHO WANTED TO GET MARRIED BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BE MISERABLE!

HOWEVER, MANY couples become miserable, destructive; and their marriages are left in the garbage dump. **In most cases the root problems are very simple:** (1) They married without a Biblical foundation; AND/OR (2) They FORSOOK the Biblical foundation they earlier embraced.

WHAT IS The Primary Foundation OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE?

I. The Primary and NECESSARY Foundation is the NEW BIRTH!

If you are BORN AGAIN, **you have Christ indwelling by His Holy Spirit to empower you!**

1. You have been crucified— you are now dead to living a life for self, the world, and satan. Sin, selfishness, satan and society's ruling power in you has been broken— Roman 6:14-22; Galatians 2:20; 6:14. You NOW have the mind of Christ— Philippians 2.

2. You are flooded with God's love, the oil that eliminates friction— Romans 5:5; His love to you and THROUGH YOU is sacrificial, forgiving and full of mercy and grace. (Ephesians 2:1-10; 4:29-32) **God first loved you when you were unlovable, undeserving and unresponsive, Romans 5:8.**

3. GOD'S LOVE IN YOU is ready to flow through you as **one majestic intertwined explosion of Holy Spirit fruit**— love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. (Eph. 4:28-32; Gal. 5:22-24)

4. THIS DIVINE LOVE in you is His love and His love is very patient and very kind— looking for ways to build up instead of ways to accuse and condemn. **His love through you** is not conceited or arrogant or rude. **His love through you** does not insist on its own way, it is not quick to take offence, it is not irritable or resentful or touchy; and does not keep a score of past wrongs. (1 Corinthians 13:1-7)

BE ALERT and ALARMED:

Yes, the real Christian can deeply grieve the indwelling Holy Spirit of love. We can fail miserably. However, we will be moved upon by the Holy Spirit to repent or we will be chastened!

If there is no repentance and/or chastening— we are giving testimony that we are illegitimates, or as the KJV says, ‘bastards!’ (Heb. 12:5-8)

FURTHERMORE, in 1 John 4:7-8, the truth cannot be missed: *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**”*

1 John 4:19-20: *“We love him, because he first loved us. ***If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, [sister, child, husband, wife, etc], he is a liar:*** for he that loveth not his brother, [sister, child, husband, wife, etc], whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”*

FRIGHTENING REALITY: Looking back over more than 50 years of pastoral **ministry it has been exceedingly rare to sit down with a couple**, (who is about to get married or a couple whose marriage is in trouble), **and find that they understand that their relationship with the true and living God through Jesus Christ is THE KEY to a good marriage!**

Naturally flowing out of and building upon the foundation of the NEW BIRTH IS...

II. The Foundation of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:18.

1. Ephesians 5:18 is a COMMAND to obey; not an emotional experience to seek— “Be ye being filled with the Holy Spirit! The Spirit-filled life is not merely a privilege for an elite few; but the provision of God commanded and provided for every Christian. (Eph. 5:18) The command to “Be being, continuously filled with the Spirit” is followed by a

revelation of the overflowing evidence of Holy Spirit fullness. **KEEP IN MIND: This evidence of Holy Spirit fullness also continuously FEEDS Holy Spirit fullness!**

(a) SINGING UNTO THE LORD, (Eph. 5:19) Singing unto the LORD in the hour of trouble is the doorway to miracles: 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Acts 16:23-33.

(b) GIVING THANKS UNTO GOD, (Eph. 5:20) Such a heart will not be finding fault with Christ in what He brings or in what He allows!

REALITY: When we COMPLAIN or FIND FAULT and get UPSET at OTHERS in our world— we are in fact, accusing GOD... for He either brought or allowed the trial! The TRIAL is not about 'THEIR' real or imagined FAULTS— the trial is about what GOD IS UP TO in us! (Psalm 105:17-19) "Blessed is he" who IN EVERYTHING gives THANKS— Philippians 4:4-7!

(c) SUBMISSION UNTO GOD, (Eph. 5:21) "In lowliness of mind each counting the other better than himself"

(1) BORN AGAIN, HOLY Spirit-filled husbands and wives will submit ONE TO ANOTHER in the fear of God! [MOREOVER, in faith-obedience to the will of God, Husbands and wives who submit ONE TO ANOTHER in the fear of God will, (AS A RESULT), overflow with Holy Spirit fullness!]

(2) BORN AGAIN, HOLY Spirit-filled wives will be in submission to their husbands, (Eph. 5:22).

(3) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled husbands** will love their wives, as Christ loved the Church, (Eph. 5:25).

(4) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled children** will obey and honor their parents, (Eph. 6:1-3)

(5) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled fathers** will not provoke their children to wrath but bring them up in disciplined training of the LORD, (Eph. 6:4).

(6) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled servants** will be obedient to their masters, (Eph.6:5).

(7) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled masters** will be considerate, and will treat their servants as they would wish to be treated by their master, (Eph. 6:9).

(8) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled Christians** will be warriors, clad in the whole armor of God, (Eph. 6:11).

(9) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled Christians** will be strong in the Lord, spiritual giants, not sickly SPIRITUAL dwarfs, (Eph. 6:10).

(10) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled Christians will not be warring against flesh and blood;** their enemies are now external, and they are free to concentrate all of their attention and God-inspired energies on external enemies.

[NOTE: Christians who fight, quarrel with each other, pick at and find fault with each other are 'FIGHTING FLESH AND BLOOD' and clearly out of the will of God and acting like pagans!

STOP IT! REPENT!

The enemies of the Spirit-filled Christian are the world, the flesh, and the devil; powers and spiritual hosts of wickedness, (Eph. 6:12; 1 Jn 2:15-17).

(11) BORN AGAIN, HOLY **Spirit-filled believers will** be praying always in the Spirit, (IN AGREEMENT WITH) (Eph. 6:18).

NOTE AGAIN: The above 11 points are evidences of Holy Spirit Fullness.

However, the lack of these 11 realities must never be excused on the basis of a lack of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Instead, each and all of the above commands must be met with faith obedience, which will stir up Holy Spirit fullness!

The Word of God is divine FUEL for the Spirit-filled life:
Colossians 3:16— ***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.***

There is no way to have a Christian home unless there is one or more people residing in the home who is TRULY

SAVED and BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

III. HOW CAN WE GO FORWARD in Cultivating a Growing, Intimate Love for and Fellowship with one another in our Marriage, our Family... AND or in our Church Family?

1. FULLY Embrace these Four Foundation Stones for the Christian Home:

- (a)** New Birth, Romans 6: 1-23; We **MUST** be born again;
- (b)** Spirit- filled, Eph. 5:18; We **MUST** be being filled with the Holy Spirit;
- (c)** Living with Divine Purpose, Rev. 4:11; Eph. 1:12; I Cor. 6:20; We **MUST** be living for GOD'S PLEASURE, not our own;
- (d)** Fellowship I Cor. 1:9. **We MUST be living in FELLOWSHIP with Jesus Christ our LORD.**

2. Recognize and reject the works of the flesh:

Galatians 5:19-21. The destructive factors that fight against the Christian home AND church are the works of the flesh. At the root of these fleshly works is selfishness and pride. (I Cor. 6:9-11; Isaiah 21:1-6)

Being born again makes a person a willing love slave of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6: 1-23; Exodus 21:1-6)

New birth makes a radical and practical difference in our lives—being born again is no less than **a miracle of conversion from**

serving self, Satan and society **to serving Christ and to serving others for Christ's sake.** (1 Thess. 1:9; Gal. 5:24; 19-23)

Grace to all in Christ! James www.southsidegallatin.org

NEWS NOTES:

SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 8, 15, 22, 29 / 2022

1. * Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

2. * WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SERVICES:

1. 5/8/22 ... MOTHER'S DAY! PLEASE GIVE GIDEON BIBLES IN HONOR OF MOTHERS and / OR GRANDMOTHERS!

2. 5/8/22 ... 5pm— Training Faithful Men

3. 5/15/22 ... AFTER the MORNING service: THE LORD'S TABLE

4. 5/22/22 ... FOURTH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE at 5PM. (Adam, Bradley, and others give specific preparation for this Service.... and, this month, **Adam Troutt** scheduled to preach.)

4. 5/29/22 ... FIFTH SUNDAY EVENING— REST! FAMILY TIME! MINISTER TO SOMEONE!

EVERY SATURDAY*** 8:00 AM, — Men's Bible Study! (*Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee's Biscuits are available!*)

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study, MAY 17, @ 11:00 AM**

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! ** Adult Prayer Service ** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service [ADAM or Jaden weekly communicate as to LOCATION]

***** LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or by ONLINE GIVING:**

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066/ OR... TO GIVE via ONLINE GIVING: <https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES AND as to Responding with WISDOM and NOT fear IN SEEKING TO KEEP AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN— SO AS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS OF THE LORD!

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM as to 'social

distancing’... masks ... vaccine choices, etc. — PLEASE HONOR THE LORD, by continuing to give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. **In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM!** I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, E, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber... And Ivermectin.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH! BE PROACTIVE! BE PREVENTIVE!

LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene — **please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.**

4. **AN EDUCATIONAL resource from ...** FROM Doctors who successfully treat covid-19 patients!

=> <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/>

5. Peter McCullough, MD, BRIEF. EXCELLENT:

→ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3lX3oGM>

6. The PDF booklet: A Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment can be downloaded ... **focus is on PREVENTION and early treatment:** COVID Treatment - Truth for Health Foundation <https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/>