

SUMMER 2020

TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH



LIBERTY!

Liberty and Justice for all!!! That is the noble idealism our founding fathers set for America. I am grateful for their wisdom to have proclaimed such a noble ideal, espoused by the Constitution and the laws of our country. Yet, as we have seen in recent events, the law is a teacher, a standard, and can no way control a person's heart and actions; it can only give consequences. Our heavenly Father knew this. He chose Abraham because he believed God, and He blessed his seed, of whom Christ came. He gave the Jewish nation divine wisdom, protection, and blessings. At the hand of Moses, their mediator, he gave the law: the guiding principles and commandments that would bless their lives, their families, their nation, and sustain a relationship with God. However, only a very small remnant remained faithful and obedient. For the most part the Jewish nation chose to rebel against the word of the Lord and served false gods. So, God sent his only begotten Son in the form of helpless babe, who grew up and walked among them. He spoke the truth of God and taught his righteousness, not only in word but by example. While performing miracles in the midst of the Jewish nation. He was born in Bethlehem, a short distance from the seat of Jewish rule in Jerusalem, and observed firsthand Jewish customs and traditions that had become a "show" of righteousness. His teachings and parables exposed how blind the Pharisees were to the righteousness of the law. He told the chief priests that publicans and harlots would enter into the kingdom of heaven before them, because they repented not at the baptism of John. Apostle Paul reproved the Jewish nation stating that "they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3).

In the fullness of time Jesus, our precious Redeemer, came to be ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of the whole world. No man took His life, He laid it down of Himself. He shed His life's blood that we could obtain salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Today His sanctifying power gives the greatest freedom ever attained in this life: worshipping God in spirit and in truth, straight from the heart!

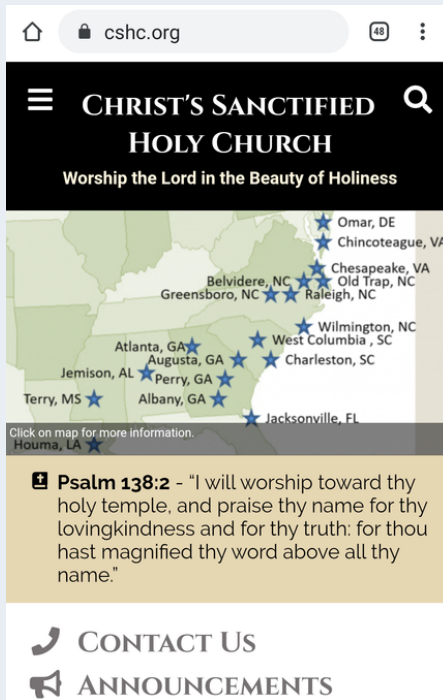
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"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

GALATIANS 5:1

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*"My God is able to save and deliver and heal and restore anything that He wants to
 Just ask the man who was thrown
 On the bones of Elisha if there's
 anything that He can't do
 Just ask the stone that was rolled at
 the tomb in the garden
 What happens when God says to
 move..."*

*This is the sound of dry bones
 rattling, this is the praise make a
 dead man walk again
 Open the grave, I'm coming out
 I'm gonna live, gonna live again"*

- STEVEN FURTICK / CHRIS BROWN / BRANDON LAKE

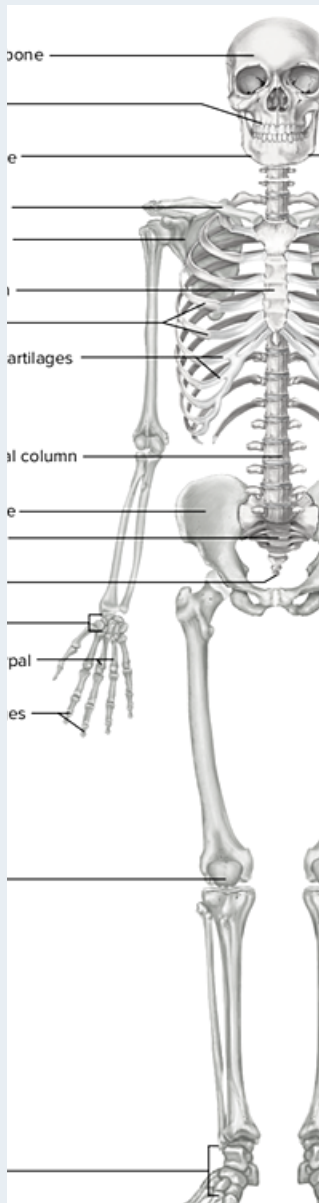
Through death He destroyed the devil, (who had the power of death), and delivered us from the bondage of inbred sin. What liberty in Christ Jesus! The Holy Ghost was given! Once we have that sanctifying power, that "earnest of the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5), then we are "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God". (Romans 8:21)

The greatest miracle this side of heaven is the gift of sanctification. It is also the great equalizer! The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10). "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). We each have to meet the same conditions: a repentant heart, and faith in Christ Jesus to obtain this precious redemption of our soul. Skin color, nationality, financial status, or station in life matter not before God: "by grace ye are saved, through faith: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Finally, while reflecting on America today, I see a nation in need of salvation. May we take on the mantle to serve our communities and be a light. In Paul's parting words at Ephesus to the elders of the church, he exhorted them: "so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35) Repeatedly in the Old Testament the people of God were warned to "relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17). When sharing the gospel of Christ, remember to share worldly goods; laying up treasures in heaven. This last verse sums up the liberty and justice of the gospel of Christ: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

- Sis. Rene' Clelland

Fitly Joined Together



A body has 206 bones, over 7 trillion nerves, over 650 muscles, and over 70 organs. This is not even everything that makes up our body. Although each of these components serve different purposes for our body, they are still fitly joined together. Everything still works together to make one because each individual part is strong and working properly. This allows us to do amazing things. We are able to walk, run, talk, work, and so much more. This is how we need to be spiritually. For the body of Christ to work it needs to start with the individual. We each need to have a personal relationship with Christ through salvation. We need to be converted, which is asking God to forgive you of all your sins. Then you need to get the second blessing called salvation which is asking God to come into your heart. This salvation gives you the keeping power to live a life free from sin. Once you give your life to God, He has a plan for you. God can use the talents you have to spread His gospel. This may not even be something you consider a talent. Paul in 1 Thessalonians shares, he doesn't consider himself great with words or being good with public speaking. However, God still asked him to preach, and Paul was able to spread the gospel with God's help. God can use us in ways we never thought were possible. He knows what we are capable of and gives us a purpose based on that. Philippians 4:13 assures us we can do anything through Christ. We can then use our gifts and talents to serve in the body of Christ. In the body we are bonded by the holy spirit that we share through salvation, which Paul explains to us in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. Even though God has given us different purposes for our lives, as Ephesians 4:11-16 tells us, we are still fitly joined together. We are able to reach so many people because we are all so different and help each other in areas we may not be strong in. Ephesians 4: 11-12 tells us God gives us different jobs and it is all for the edifying of the body. But, like anything else, the devil can use this to cause division and doubt. When we start to compare with others, we tend to become blind to our purpose because we are coveting after someone else's. The body wouldn't be a body if we all had the same calling in life. 1 Corinthians 12:14-18 paints a picture of what it would look like if the body was made of only one part. We need to be encouraging to one another and finding ways to help others embrace their gifts from God. 1 Corinthians 12:25 instructs us to care for one another and not cause a divide in the body. Even though we are different, we are human, and we certainly won't agree on every little thing. We are in the body of Christ with the same goal in mind: to spread the gospel to those that are lost. So in the end it doesn't matter what political party you agree with, what car you drive, what degree in education you obtain, or the minor opinion someone else has that you disagree with. We are all serving the same God, within the same body of Christ, working towards the same goal. Lord help us to have the determination to stay fitly joined together to do the work of the Lord and not give into the devil's devices to create a divide causing us to stop.

- Sis. Shelby Hagan

Peaceful Isle

- by Sis. Dot E Funderburk, poem originally published in "The Comforter" August 1965

My peace is like a lovely isle
Amist a boisterous sea.
The breakers roll, at times
They seem to almost cover me.
But when the tides have come and gone
Back to their troubled sea,
They've only washed my isle of peace
And carried off debris
Collected on the shore awhile,
It's now gone out to sea.
And brighter and more beautiful
Have left my isle of peace.

I once was just a sailor tossed
Upon this troubled sea;
But anchor found, and met the cost,
Obtained my isle of peace,
For none can stop the boisterous sea,
'Twill ever surge and roll
And gathering about your ship
May swamp your troubled soul.
There's safety and a peaceful isle
With beauties to unfold.
The Bible has your chart on file,
The Savior compass holds.

PARTING THOUGHT

I pray you and your family are doing well during this time of uncertainty. I woke up this morning with the song "I Believe Jesus Saves" on my mind. The first verse says, "In this age of confusion there's dissolution everywhere. It's hard to find true peace of mind or someone who really cares. I have put my trust in Jesus. He's like no other man I know. His word is true, He will see me through. I believe Jesus." No matter what we may hear from friends, family or the media we have to understand that God is in control and that He will continue to walk with us and direct our steps. Often times I pray to the Lord for clarity in situations, that He will led me into paths of righteousness. I've learned that you have to pray earnestly with faith that the Lord will answer your prayers according to His will. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to me must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." I believe Christ uses each trial for His glory and to our benefit. I wouldn't be the spiritual man I am today without the trials that I've gone through in this life. The great thing about life is that it will change. So if you're enduring trials right now hold on, because things will change. I Corinthians 13:17 says, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." If we allow God to work with us during trying times it will build our spiritual confidence and ultimately cause us to step out of our comfort zone and do things we never thought we could. Right now I challenge you to do more for God, your church, and your families. With the extra hours of time at home I've been able to listen to church podcasts, watch old Campmeeting videos and other church congregation services. I feel more than ever that I am a part of their congregation with the folks that are preaching the gospel at our other locations. We are not alone. If your heart is in the right place when you pray, the Lord will reveal what He desires of you. Psalms 37: 4 say, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart". It takes on average 66 days to form a new habit. Now is the time to form a habit that will glorify the Lord. There are multiple stories in the Bible where God uses humble and plain folks to perform his work. I think of Joseph and all the things he endured. All of the unfortunate things that happened to him were not self-induced. Joseph had the faith that God was using each situation in his life for good and that each trial he went through was just building his faith in God. We know how the story ends with Joseph saving his family from the famine, however, Joseph didn't know the end of the story. Paul writes in Philippians 4: 11, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content". Just like today, we don't know the end of our story. God is using situations in our lives to mold us into a precious diamond so that we will be ready to serve when we are called to do His work. I'll leave you with this verse: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest". Ecclesiastes 9:10.

- Bro. Justin Toole

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