

The BREAD OF LIFE

What's INSIDE

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Preparing for Eternity

Most people are consumed with day-to-day living to such an extent, they don't take time to consider eternity. Or to put it another way, they do not consider life after death! Most believe that once you die, that is the end. The Bible doesn't validate that conclusion. One verse of scripture that disproves that theory is Hebrews 9:27. The scriptures reads "And just as it is appointed *and* destined for all men to die once and after this [comes certain] judgment (Hebrews 9:27 AMP)."

This can be rather confusing if there is no life after death! What's the point of reflecting on everlasting life if life ends when we die? It's important because Hebrews 9:27 offers credible evidence that after physical death, life does not end. The scriptures lets us know that after physical death, we face judgment. Since man is tripartite in nature, physical death is the cessation of life in the natural realm. Our spiritual life carries on!

Let's provide some clarity on the tripartite nature of man. There are two scriptural references that can assist us to gain a better understanding. I Thessalonians 5:23 provides a solid breakdown of the tripartite nature of man. Man is a spirit; he has a soul, and he resides in a body.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23)." 1 Thessalonians 5:23 offers proof that man has three distinct parts. The Apostle Paul identifies the different parts of man: spirit and soul, and body! The different parts of man are listed and set apart by the word "and!" This can be rather difficult to comprehend if you're seeing this for the first time. Space will not allow further proof about the tripartite nature of man because the focus of this article is eternity.

The next verse we can examine is Matthew 10:28. This verse of scriptures states "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28)." The main point is that after one's physical death on earth, our existence does not end. Since our physical life ceases on earth but our spiritual life continues, it may be beneficial to rethink how we're currently living our lives! The consequences of our decision carry eternal implications.

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HOW you can HELP

Each of us has a part to play in the Body of Christ! God doesn't require an individual to have a title to be effective. God has equipped each of us with specific talents and abilities to assist Him in advancing His kingdom! Won't you join us?

Monthly Scripture

Romans 10:9 (AKJV)
⁹ that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.





Preparing for Eternity (cont.)

Let's cover one more scripture that will assist to make this point clearer. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul (Mark 8:36-37)?" Let's think about this for a moment. In the mind of many, there is the belief that life ceases after death.

There is life after death. That being the case, it is imperative that we make the right decision on accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We cannot afford to ignore this important piece of information. Perhaps this is your initial introduction to this topic. Therefore, you may not be fully convinced. The goal is to assist you to examine the facts in the

Holy Bible. The Holy Bible can be trusted despite its critics.

This article seeks to stir up your pure mind regarding your stance on life after death. Please consider receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9). It takes one step. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)."

Remember, man was created to live forever. We only have a short time here on earth. Review the scriptures in this article and ask God to give you an understanding heart to receive His free gift of eternal life. We get only one opportunity. Won't you receive Him today!

The Prayer Room

Let's pray! Father, I ask that you cover and protect everyone who comes in contact with this newsletter. Let them know how much you love them. Provide whatever it is that they need.

If it's healing, please heal! If they need increase in their finances, please provide! Whatever they need, I pray that you bring into manifestation their desires according to you riches in Christ Jesus! Lord bless them in a special way. In Jesus Name! Amen.



The Validity of the Holy Bible

The Holy Bible is the infallible and inerrant "Word" of God! Contrary to the belief of many, the Holy Bible can be trusted (2 Timothy 3:16). Contrary to the diluted minds of false teachers, the Holy Bible was not written by a specific ethnic group. Nor was the Holy Bible derived from private interpretation (1 Peter 1:20-21).

The Holy Bible is the number one best selling book of all time. God provided the Holy Bible so we would know His will for

Our lives. Through the Holy Bible, God informs us of humanity's origin, His will for us, as well as the end of the age!

To know God's will, we must become familiar with the Holy Scriptures. It is important to spend time in the Holy Scriptures on a daily basis (2 Timothy 2:15). Our world is rapidly changing. God provided the Holy Bible so we would not be in the dark. The Holy Bible contains the answers. Read it for yourself today!



Sunday Mornings:

Discipleship Class: 9:00—10:00

First Step: New Members Orientation 9:00

Worship Service: 10:30

Wednesday Nights:

First Step: New Members Orientation 6:30

Training Center 6:30—7:30

Intercessory Prayer:

1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:00—10:00

Stay Connected

Stay connected to what God is doing. You are going to miss out if your contact information is not up to date! Please ensure we have your latest contact information. The importance of staying connected cannot be emphasized enough.

There are some exciting events coming soon! You don't want to miss out. Don't allow others to catch hold of the excitement taking place in your church. Stay Connected!



Spiritual Fruit

The Bible provides guidance on how Christians should conduct themselves. The Holy Bible provides the following: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23)." This is commonly referred to as the "fruit of the spirit!" These are provided so we can reflect the nature of God.

Moses encountered God in the Book of Exodus. The encounter was riveting as God revealed specific attributes of His nature to His servant Moses. "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and

abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation (Exodus 34:6-7)."

This is significant because God expects us to treat one another in the same manner. God is longsuffering toward us. We must learn and practice the "fruit of the Spirit" as ambassadors of the kingdom. God never gave up on us. He gave us a second chance.. Don't pass up this opportunity. God expects us to respond to other as He responded to us!

Single & Free

Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center is hosting the Single & Free luncheon on 30 July from 11:00 – 2:00! The luncheon is for "singles" only! The Lord wants the "singles" to know how much they are appreciated!. In some instances, churches fail to minister to singles. This event seeks to encourage and to build up single men and women. For those who desire a wife and or husband, God will unite him or her with the

appropriate individual He has for them! In the meantime, God wants to work on the single man or woman to prepare them. Prepare them for what you ask? God wants to prepare them for the incredible journey called marriage!

It's important to understand relationships from God's perspective. When done God's way, marriage is sure to last! Pass the word about the Single and Free luncheon on 30 July. It's free!

Evangelism Corner

Evangelism is not dead. Tragically, it has been dormant. God gave us the "Great Commission" which is outlined in Matthew 28:18-20. It is time to revitalize the churches obligation to evangelize.

Last year we conducted a sermon series on The Roman Road to Salvation. This is not an original thought. These descriptive steps come straight from the Holy Bible. First, we must understand that all of us are sinners (Romans 3:23).

We must understand that there is a penalty for sin (Romans 6:23). God responded to our spiritual condition (Romans 5:8). Finally, God expects a response from us (Romans 10:9 and Romans 10:13).

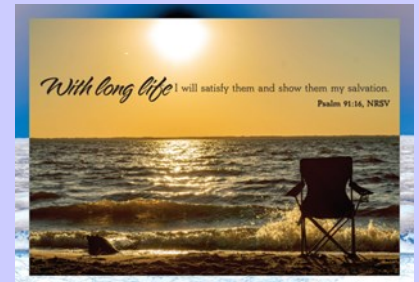
If you have already accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, pass this on. It's too good to keep it to yourself! The best thing about being saved is inviting someone else to join you!

The Grace of God

Grace is God's unmerited, undeserved, and unearned favor! Ephesians 2:8-9 sums it up best.



Grace is a gift from God! The only way to obtain this gift is to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!



Welcome to the winning team. Satan is defeated and he unable to make a comeback! Accepting Jesus provides kingdom principles. Are you on the winning team?

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

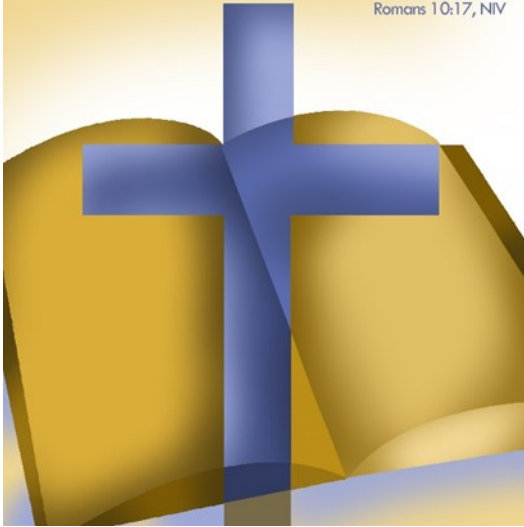
Birthday Celebration!

Sister P. Yarbrough 4 July
Sister T. Tanner 14 July
Sister C. Rogers 21 July

Sister T. Scott 6 July
Minister. T. Pie 21 July
Sister A. McCaulley 27 July



Faith comes from hearing
THE MESSAGE,
 and the message
 is heard through the
WORD OF CHRIST.
Romans 10:17, NIV



Upcoming Events

The Single & Free luncheon will be held on 30 July from 11:00 – 2:00. The event will be held at 2611 Pulaski Pike NW. God has put it on our hearts to celebrate single men and women. This is for singles only! The luncheon is free. But you must register at www.touchbytheword.church.

Women with Purpose Prayer Breakfast is September 10 at the Westin Hotel. Tickets are \$25.00. Registration will be available soon!

Women On The Move Conference on 10 September at Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center at 6:30.

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Answer: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." DANIEL 2:20-21

" _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
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 _____ 2→ _____ . " DANIEL 2:20-21

WORD LIST:
*up, God, his, ever,
 sets, wise, name,
 power, times, kings,
 praise, wisdom,
 changes, seasons,
 deposes, knowledge,
 discerning*

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.

Puzzle!