

The Abiding Word

Back To The Bible & Let The Bible Speak

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The church is made up of people who have been called out of an empty way of life, into a dynamic, purposeful and peaceful life.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired message that came from God and gives us the truth that sets us free.



We believe that it is possible to be the church that Jesus built, if we will simply read the Bible and teach and practice what is written.

We study the Bible for ourselves and, as we grow in our knowledge, we seek to become more like Christ.

We call upon all people of all religious persuasions to join us in a quest to follow God's word and be Christians only.

WHO WE ARE

We are a warm, friendly and family-like church.

We are a gathering of people from diverse backgrounds, ages and ethnicities who have placed our trust in Jesus the Messiah.



Each of us has turned to Him in order to have a relationship with our Creator.

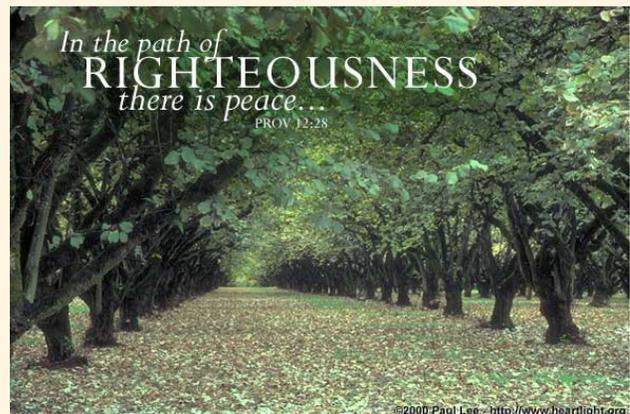
We are grateful for the blessings that have come to us through faith!

PROVERB FOR THE DAY

One of the key methods I have learned over the years for dealing with the everyday challenges that living throws my way is to meditate on the Word of God each day as I walk with God.

I have found that reading the Proverb for the day in the morning and reflecting on that Proverb and seeing how I can put it to action in my life as I go through the day has become a great faith builder and strength when trials and conflicts come my way.

Each day has its own Proverb and in one month I have applied all 31 Proverbs ready to do it again the next month. It really works, try it.



Worship Is Not For Our Entertainment

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, OR.. of God??
OR... am I trying to please men?? If I were still trying to please men,
I would not be a servant of Christ..... Galatians 1:10

Proverbs 12:15 ..The way of the fool is right in his own eyes.

Reflect more, believe, let comment. Thanks. Amen Jam Square

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Where Can A Person Go?

In the midst of the religious confusion of our day, where can the really sincere and honest person go to find the truth about God, faith, salvation and those who follow the one true God and Creator of all that is?

Go to the Bible! Search the Scriptures! Read about the church that is in the Bible!

Forget about all the different things you have always heard about the church. Find out what the Bible says about it and you will have the truth! Too many people over the years have been reading the latest popular and respected theologians or listening to the "high powered" evangelists that draw the crowds and thinking that all these people must be following the right way.

There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 16:25 NASB

Personally and individually I need to look for the church in the Bible and when I find it I can be sure I will find the Bible in the church!

Rather than looking for the latest trend in a church I need to look for restoration of the church found in the Bible and restore according to that which God established in unity, love and purpose of the first century church.

Many times, movements tend to lose direction, purpose, and motivation; and it takes a re-examination of our marching orders to gain a clear view of our direction. Jesus has given us a number of commands which, when applied, will secure for us the establishment of the kind of body in Christ He intended.

We must love one another [*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:34-35 NASB], for through our love, others will see our reflection of Christ. Am I loving as Christ loved me?

We must hunger and thirst for righteousness;

3 *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

4 *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

5 *"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.*

6 *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

7 *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

9 *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

10 *"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

11 *"Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.*

12 *"Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

13 *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.*

14 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

15 *"Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.*

16 *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. [Matthew 5:3-16 NASB]*

The desire within my being should be to become more like Christ and know more about Christ and His will for me as His servant. What am I hungering and thirsting for in my life?

We must be about our Father's business of going and making disciples; *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. " [Matthew 28:18-20 NASB]*, and this starts with ourselves. Question: Are you a disciple of Christ according to the Bible?



An Invitation!

Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM
we host a Bible Study in our home.

If you are near and able,
Joy and I invite you to join our study group.