



THE LINK

LINKING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, EACH TO THE
OTHER, TO CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD

PASTOR'S NOTES

PASTOR JAMES W. CARLSON

My precious sheep:

"You had me at Hello." Do you recognize this famous line from the movie, "Jerry Maguire (1996)?" It stars Tom Cruise and Renée Zellweger. In the movie they are married but separated. At the end, Tom Cruise's character apologizes and wants to get back together. He gives a lengthy speech to win her back but before he can finish, she interrupts and says, "You had me at Hello."

A while back I was determined to read 1 Corinthians chaps 1-4 in my devotions. This is the first major section of the letter. But as I started reading, I didn't even get past v. 2. V. 2 is part of Paul's greeting to the church and it stopped me dead in my tracks. God had me at Hello.

I want to share this verse with you, and I hope you'll be blessed as I was. 1 Corinthians 1:2 reads, "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be His holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours."

There are a few things that stand out to me in this verse. The first is our identity as Christians. Paul says the church is made up of those who are "sanctified in Christ Jesus." Sanctified is a fancy word that means to declare holy. As Christians, we are holy. It's not our holiness; it is the Lord's holiness that has been given to us as a gift (received by faith). That's what he means when he says, "sanctified in Christ Jesus." This should be a great comfort/encouragement to us.

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THE MISSION OF CCC:

"WORSHIPING GOD, GROWING,
SPIRITUALLY, SERVING OTHERS,
INVITING FRIENDS"

****The Church is open for Worship Service**
on Sunday Morning at 11 AM .
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watch the worship service live
11 AM on Sunday.

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Culture

Awareness gradually perceives the approaching images
As envisioning light composes fascinating features
When motion becomes coherent in our space of time
From which primal energy has taken in tandem
To express arresting stories by remitting circumstances
That can enliven roles in changing relations
To give this idea of being human its presumptive meaning
That for all our days of turbulence and resolve
Can give strength through enabling effort
To make possible on these boards an audacious
performance
Through this eternal glimpse to find sustaining beauty

By Edward S. Murphy

ON AN ANGEL'S WING

I DREAMED I WAS FLYING ON AN ANGEL'S WING,
DIPPING AND SOARING THROUGH SWIRLING, STARLIT CLOUDS.
I DREAMED I WAS FLYING ON THE WINGS OF LOVE...
SOFT-FEATHERED ANGEL WINGS, LIFTING HIGHER AND HIGHER,
HOMEWARD BOUND, TO HEAVEN ABOVE...
THE SKY ABOVE ME, THE EARTH BELOW,
THE MOON CASTING IT'S SHADOW, ON THE HEAVENLY GLOW.
OH, THE SHEER JOY OF THE MOMENT! -DANCING IN THE LIGHT
OF GOD, ON THE WINGS OF AN ANGEL,
ON THE WINGS OF LOVE...

WRITTEN BY, DIANNE INGLE



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Let's face it: We don't always feel holy. We don't always live holy lives. We all struggle with sin. We all have strongholds in our lives. Yet, our holiness, like our salvation, is secure in Christ because it is IN Christ. This truth of our holiness in Christ is taught elsewhere in the NT (see 1 Cor 1:30; 6:11; Col 1:22; 3:12; Eph 5:26-27).

And when you realize Paul originally wrote these words to the church in Corinth, that's even more encouraging. The Corinthian church had issues. They could have been on an episode of Jerry Springer. They were quarreling with one another (1:10-12; 3:1-4). They were suing one another in the secular courts (6:1-8). Some of them were seeing prostitutes (6:15-20). And one guy was sleeping with his mother-in-law and the church was boasting about it (5:1-13)! Yet, Paul says they are "sanctified in Christ Jesus." If that's true for the Corinthians, there's hope for us.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

That's secondary for we Christians. No matter what you do for a living, or no matter what you're good at (or not), your fundamental calling as a Christ-follower is to live a holy life. And when you mess up (again, as we all do), don't be discouraged, because your holiness in Christ is still secure. This identity is where we find the power to live a holy life. That's the difference between living under grace and not law (Rom 6:14-15).

Thirdly, we can be certain that Paul means to apply these truths to us today, for he writes, "together with ALL those EVERYWHERE who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – THEIR Lord and ours." Do you need help to live a holy life? Are you not sure who to call? Not 911. Call on the Lord to help you live a holy life. He will answer that call.

Grace & Peace, Pastor James



HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

BIRTHDAYS

- May 7th: Jenifer Gallegos
- May 7th: Stacey Moyle
- May 9th: John Moulton
- May 9th: Dave DeGroot
- May 16th: Mary East
- May 17th: Diego Felix
- May 20th: Nate Gallegos
- May 22nd: Annastasia Birr

CLASSES & STUDIES

Classes/Groups for Spring:

SMALL GROUPS – in person & online

1) **A Women's group** led by Stacey Moyle, Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. Bible study on "**Foundations for Faith.**" -They meet in the Cafe. All are welcome!

2) **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** -Carol Rieb leader, Wednesday mornings from 10-11am. "**Fruits of the Spirit- Joy**". They meet in the Fellowship Hall.

3) The Men's Bible study meets every other Thursday at 7 PM in the Cafe. Currently going thru Pastor Tony Evans Bible study "**Kingdom Disciples: Heaven's Representatives on Earth**"

4) A study through the book of **Hebrews** on Wednesday's at 7pm. A group for everyone led by Pastor James. They meet fireside in the vestibule ****This class is facilitated via the church's Facebook Page. (jamescarlsonsr@gmail.com).***

If you have questions contact your group leader or Pastor James (626-476-5543) or the church office (801-825-1115).

HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

MINISTRY NEWS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CARE CENTER MINISTRY

PLEASE COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY AT 10:30 AM FOR A HALF HOUR OF SONG AND A MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER THAT DAY WITH PATIENTS. ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT EILEEN OR DENNIS RICHARDS 801/825-3471. MAY 5TH -PASTOR JAMES CARLSON, MAY 12TH - STEVE SMITH
MAY 19TH -DENNIS RICHARDS, MAY 26TH - ALICE CIPOLLINI

FISH 'N LOAVES

OUR FISH 'N LOAVES FOOD PANTRY IS AN EMERGENCY FOOD SOURCE FOR PEOPLE HAVING FOOD INSECURITY. WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING: SIZE 2 AND ABOVE,, SHAMPOO, TOILET PAPER, BATH SOAP, BEANS, HAMBURGER HELPER, HAMBURGER, AND BUTTER. ALSO FISH 'N LOAVES IS IN GREAT NEED OF MORE DRIVERS TO TAKE FOOD TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED. IF YOU THINK THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS POSITION TO SERVE IN OUR CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!! CONTACT SARAH VOIGT (801 552-1713)

MARTHA CIRCLE WILL MEET AT 11:30 ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US, INCLUDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. WE HOLD A BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING, SHARE A DEVOTION AND ALSO SHARE FOOD IN THE FORM OF A POTLUCK. (FOOD CAN BE HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT.) PLEASE COME AND JOIN US – IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW THE OTHER LADIES OF OUR CHURCH AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL CHRIS REBMANN – 801-540-5882 OR
DIANNE INGLE – 801-776-6836

MARTHA CIRCLE BABY SHOWER:

IN APRIL MARTHA CIRCLE WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL BABY SHOWER TO SUPPORT THE PREGNANCY MEDICAL CLINIC. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF NEW BABY ITEMS - BOTH STORE BOUGHT AND HOMEMADE. IF YOU DONATE CLOTHES, THEY CAN USE ITEMS UP TO SIZE 2T, BUT THEY CAN ALSO USE OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS WIPES, BOTTLES, BIBS, OR CASH. THERE WILL BE A BIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE DONATIONS.PLEASE HAVE ANY DONATIONS IN BY 19 APRIL AND LEAVE THE PRICE TAGS ON OR IF HOMEMADE PUT A NOTE WITH IT AS TO ESTIMATED VALUE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS ALWAYS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
CALL CHRIS REBMANN, 801-540-5882, WITH ANY QUESTIONS

HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

PRAYER CONCERNS

May 2023

Marjory Spencer, Bob & Jamie Wright, Sue Carlson,
Kaylin Terry, Kathy Knighton, Eric Palmer, Lynn McCarthy,
Pat Call, Linda Manning, Jamie Richards, Stuart Simmons, Bob
Roberts, Travis Jeffery, Barrett Wellington, Dennis & Naomi
DeGroot, Marilyn Simon, Angelika Bertrand, Traudy Sandborn,
Jean Moneymaker, Tonya Brandler, Audrey Otrumbar,
Bob Schellhase, Pat Zabel, Jackie Ross, Andrew Milito,
Robert & Doris Stott, Kristin Taylor, Karen Snyder,
Vanessa Chavez, Debbie Maryott,
Norma Jean George, Wendy Chipp

"Rejoice
always, pray
without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the
will of God in
Christ Jesus for
you."

1 Thess 5:16-18

WE STARTED A PRAYER MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT THE CHURCH (9AM - ROOM #10). WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING THREE PRAYER REQUESTS. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU FOCUS ON THESE PRAYER REQUESTS EACH WEEK THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH OF MAY DURING YOUR OWN PRAYER TIME.

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE (MATT 6:13; EPH 6:10-20; 2 TIM 2:26)

-PRAY THAT WE WOULD LOVE AND TREASURE CHRIST MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD (MATT 6:19-21; PHIL 1:21; COL 3:4; REV 2:4-5)

-PRAY THAT WE WOULD DENY OURSELVES, TAKE UP OUR CROSSES, AND FOLLOW AFTER JESUS (LUKE 9:23); THAT WE WOULD OFFER OUR BODIES TO GOD AS LIVING SACRIFICES (ROM 12:1; EPH 5:2) AND THAT WE WOULD EXPERIENCE JOY FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT (GAL 5:22) IN THE MIDST OF SUCH SACRIFICE (HEB 12:2)

LET US PRAY. PASTOR JAMES

