



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2Cor 5:17

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PASTORAL PONDERING

PSALM 32 PRAYER

Brothers and sisters, with the hurts, pangs, and struggles we face on a day-to-day basis as well as the burdens we carry together as the body of Christ. To whom will we turn? We must always cast ourselves upon Jesus, take refuge in His Words. This is not in order to be removed from our difficulties but that in the midst of the many various trials, we see that Christ IS there, ever present, and always at work unto His praise and glory. Let us turn and look to Jesus together. You may skim though these words and see the rest is a Psalm and may be tempted to put your newsletter down. I would commend you to read it, familiar or not, read it, meditate on the words, write it out, and pray though. This passage of scripture below, the elders studied and prayed through during an all day retreat last December. As we sought our Lord's direction and perspective before entering 2021, we were led to drink deeply into **Psalm 32**.

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

- ¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.*
- ² I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.*
- ³ Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.*
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.*
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.*
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.*
- ⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*
- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.*
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*
- ¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*
- ¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,*

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- and desires to see many good days,
13 keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
16 but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
19 The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers him from them all;
20 he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
21 Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
22 The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*

A few points of application:

- If the content of this Psalm is what David was thinking through at this troubling time in his life (Look at [1 Samuel 21:13](#)), this is a pattern for what we should be thinking about during any trouble we face.
- Begin the habit of conversations starting with “How is the Lord working” less than “How are you doing”... this keeps Christ centered in our minds and circumstances.
- Vs. 3 “Oh, magnify the Lord WITH me, and let US exult His name TOGETHER” May we be intentional to foster an environment within this body of talking in this way with one another, for the best place you can bring someone is to praise the Lord and boast in His name no matter the circumstance.

Oh Lord, keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit. Cause us to turn away from all evil and do good, may we seek peace and pursue it. For Your Word teaches us that those who fear the Lord will have no lack and that You reveal Yourself that man would taste and see that You are good! Help us to see Your goodness and loving kindness in our lives when we are tempted to look elsewhere. May Your praises always be on our lips that together as Your people we would lift our voices to magnify and exalt Your holy Name. Jesus, how can we give enough thanks for the abundance of Your gifts and kindness freely given to us and the salvation that You accomplished for us! For You have redeemed us from death and those that take refuge in You will not be condemned. And so our souls make their boast in the Lord, always and forever! Pastor Paul

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Mon	Young Men-Colossians- 6:00 pm
Tues	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Tues	Young Adults Gather- 6:30 pm
Tues	Women's Precepts- 6:30-8 pm
Wed	Every Man's Battle- 6:00 am
Wed	Immerse Classes- 6:15-7:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Study- 10:00 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study- Noon
Thurs	Ladies Study- 6:30 pm
Thurs	GriefShare- 6:30 pm (Adults & Youth meet separately)

October Memory Verse:

1 Peter 1:24-25

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you." ESV

October Fellowship Tip:

The changing colors of the trees stand out as an obvious display of God's glory in creation, but what other ways can you be pointing out the glory and work of Jesus to others around you?

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

- Oct 10 Meal Team #5
- Oct 17 Meal Team #6

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a meal team or a helper.

Check out New Life Online
newlifechristiancommunity.org

- **Young Men's Study in Colossians:** Young men's study in Colossians is this **Monday evening, 6:00 pm October 11** at the New Life Building! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Andrew at (612) 817-1069.
- **Young Adult Gathering:** Young Adult gathering is starting back up again this week at the Minell's 2212 73rd Ave. Osceola. Gatherings will be twice a month on the **second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month 6:30pm**. If you have an instrument please bring it. Each night we will be diving into God's Word, spending time in prayer, singing, and intentionally building relationships with one another through the conversations. If you're asking the question of whether or not you're considered a young adult or whether your son or daughter is, that means you should plan to come :) See you there!
- **Immerse:** Wednesday Night Immerse Classes are in full swing. Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in these classes. These nights are one of many ways at New Life to invest in the lives of this local body (children and adults); together being taught, equipped, and sharpened in the Word as well as opportunity for inter-generational relationships to be formed. Meets at the building **Wednesdays 6:15pm-7:30pm**. Currently there are 2 Adult studies taking place, Biblical Manhood and Womanhood and Study and practice through the NT prayers of Paul.

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If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship and a meal after service today. We would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.

Join Us Sunday Mornings Pre-Service!

Each Sunday morning at 8:30-9:00am in the large classroom, we have a time of prayer. If you are here early please come! Specific topics to pray for are: ministry teams, missionaries, bible studies, immerse classes, and really anything the Lord impresses on our heart. The goal is that the needs at New Life might be made more known and prayed over and that the saints might grow in beholding the Glory of God in the face of Jesus as we bring requests in prayer together. We serve a gracious God who hears our prayers! Let us make every effort to gather often and pray.



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
ACTS 10:9-16

Sermon Notes: