



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." 2 Cor 5:17

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PASTORAL PONDERING

WALK NOT IN THE WORLD ... BUT IN CHRIST

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." -Colossians 2:6-7

In churches across the globe, people sit and talk, share blessings, and put on their 'Sunday Best'. No, I am not referring to clothes...while that may also be the case, but I am referring to the skin that we often prefer that others see instead of what we really look like. We live in a fallen world...which thus means we gather with fallen people, in fallen conversations, fallen expectations, and fallen self-righteousness. At any given point in time, we can quickly be found either in our thoughts or words condemning the hypocrisy of others, whilst wallowing in our own puddle of filth that we keep hidden from the outside world. Sadly, this is far too often the case and state of affairs of the Bride of Christ...the Church.

I do, however, want to caution you brothers and sisters from thinking to yourselves, "Well, yeah, that is sin...and we are all sinners. I guess that is to be expected." If that is where things ended, then of course that is how we should respond, but it isn't. We have a Savior, named Christ Jesus, that took on our iniquities...our puddles of filth, and paid the cost. Imagine the weight of all of the sins of mankind being exacted onto Christ at once...better yet, just imagine the weight of all of your sins being exacted onto to Christ at once on the cross. Understand that the enemy and deceiver of the world wants us to worship our own filth, to have it consume our thoughts, words, and prayers. Given the opportunity for a foothold, our enemy will distract us with philosophy, indulgence, self-love, and pride. Brothers and Sisters, this is not a call to guilt or shame...but it is a call for all of us to walk in Christ!

"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the

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uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to shame, by triumphing over them in him.” -Colossians 2:8-15

Please open your bibles and keep reading further in Colossians. Let the Word be inscribed on your heart and mind, dripping off of your tongues. It is so important that we do not make the mistake of placing anything in the rightful position of Christ. God is Wisdom...not worldly experiences. Let us find ourselves wrapped up and consumed by the grace and love that abounds in Christ and Christ alone.

Your Brother in Christ, Zack Fugate

Join Us Pre-Service Each Sunday Morning!

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.

welcome

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.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Tues	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
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 17 Meal Team #6
- Oct 24 Meal Team #7

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:** For those attending the young men's study in Colossians with Andrew Steward, here are the remaining 2021 meeting dates and times. **Monday evenings 11/8, and 12/6 with the Study beginning at 6:00 pm.** We will meet at the Steward home 15765 392nd St. Center City MN 55012. The location may change due to weather so keep an eye out for updates in the Newsletter. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Andrew (612) 817-1069

➤ **Immerse:** Although the Wednesday Night Immerse Classes are in full swing you can and should take advantage of this opportunity to participate in these classes. It's never too late to start a class. 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.



Do you know someone that needs encouragement, support, or celebration? Please remember that New Life has a ministry just for that! Contact Lynn with your request via email: lynnjimnelson@gmail.com or call her cell at 651-373-1426.



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
ACTS 10:17-33

Sermon Notes: