



Calendar of Events for the Month of April 2018:

- Sunday, April 29th (5th Sunday) - Vision & Mission's Sunday
- **NOTE:** All Sunday Services @ 10:30am and Wednesday Services @ 7:00pm

Upcoming Special Events:

- Sunday, April 15th @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm (All Ministry of Helps Leaders and Team Members) - Training Workshop - Session #1
- Sunday, April 22nd @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm (All Ministry of Helps Leaders and Team Members) - Training Workshop - Session #2
- Wednesday, April 25th @ 7:00pm - **NEW** Discipleship DVD Teaching Sessions
- Sunday, May 13th @ 10:30am - Mother's Day

Special Announcements:

- We will continue our **"Heart -4-The-House"** Campaign through the month of May to take us through the end of first phase of our planned Construction and Modifications of our new Church location. Our 4-month (Dec 2017— Mar 2018) total contributions = **\$5,011.92** (Our new Construction need is: **\$5,500.00**).
- **"Heart-4—The-House"** Suggested Gift Amounts: \$55 = 1%; \$110 = 2%; \$220 = 4% or \$440 = 8% or \$550 = 10% (We thank you for partnering with us with your **faith** and **finances**. We are standing and agreeing on: **Exodus 36:2 - 7; Nehemiah 2:18; Matthew 18:18 - 20** with our faith believing and expecting from God in Jesus' Name.)
- Pastors Ed & Cynthia request your feedback if you are interested in attending a fully accredited Bible College/University @ TWCC to earn up to a 2yr Associates Degree in Theology. Please email us or let us know if you are **interested** and are **willing** and **available** to attend Monday night classes beginning in August 2018.

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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 2018

SERMON TITLE: "Redeemed and Restored In Christ!"

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) – "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"

- **(NLT)** – "He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins"

1 Peter 2:18 – 19 (NKJV) – "18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE SON - JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD: **Read Ephesians 1:7 - 10**

- _____ **is an accomplished fact in Christ.** Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," - **John 8:32**. The truth will not help you if you do not know it. You must _____ what God has done for you.
- **What have we been redeemed and made free from?**
- 1st – _____: "...In whom we have redemption through his blood..." - **Ephesians 1:7**; **Romans 6:14 (NKJV)** – "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."
- 2nd – _____: **Galatians 3:13 (NKJV)** – "13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." There are three simple, yet powerful statements made in **Galatians 3:13**. Let's take a closer look.
 - 1st - The first fact is that you are _____.
 - 2nd - The second is what you are redeemed from—the _____ of the law.
 - 3rd - The third is what you were redeemed by—Christ was made a _____ for you. In other words, Christ took your curse so you could go free.
- 3rd – _____: **Psalms 107:2 (NKJV)** – "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy; **Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)** – "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
- 4th – _____: **Isaiah 51:11** – "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."; Did you know that as a believer you've been _____ from the curse of grief and sorrow by the blood of Jesus Christ? The enemy of your soul will begin to attack your _____ with grief and sorrow even before you lose a loved one, lose your job or business, or lose your good health.
- You and I have been **REDEEMED** from grief and sorrow and we have to _____ it just like you have to resist the temptations to sin. YOU ARE THE REDEEMED! You shouldn't partake of anything but _____!
- **Jesus paid much too high a price for your freedom for you to stay bound with grieving and sorrowing.** It is an insult to God for you to stay in prison when Jesus paid the price for your release. Satan cannot hold you. Sin cannot hold you. The past cannot hold you. **Read Isaiah 61:1 - 3**.
- **Mourn / Mourning** = the act of sorrowing; a period of grieving. **The same anointing and "oil of joy" is on Jesus and you are in Him (Christ).** **Read Hebrews 1:1 - 9**.
- Why do you and I need JOY? (1) The _____ of the Lord is our strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**); (2) We are to _____ the Lord with gladness (**Psalms 100:2**); (3) We are directed to count it all _____ when, not if, we fall into various trials, tests, temptations and trouble (**James 1:2**); (4) We are told that at destruction and famine we are to _____. (**Job 5:22a**); (5) A merry heart is good like _____. (**Proverbs 17:22**) and make a cheerful countenance (**Proverbs 15:13,15**); (6) We are instructed in Scripture to _____ in the Lord always (**Philippians 4:4**); (7) Our Father God sits in the heavens and _____ (**Psalms 2:4**) . (Rejoicing, singing, dancing, laughing, shouting, running are examples of the JOY OF THE LORD.) It's our responsibility to stir up the _____!

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

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IN CHRIST YOU HAVE BEEN AND ALL (RIGHTEOUS) THINGS HAVE BEEN RESTORED!:

- **Psalms 51:12 (NKJV)** - "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit."; **Psalms 23:3 (NKJV)** - "He restores my soul..."
- **Isaiah 57:18 (NKJV)** - "I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, and re-store comforts to him and to his mourners."
- **Nahum 2:2 (NKJV)** - "For the Lord will restore the excellence of Jacob..."
- **Jeremiah 30:17 (NKJV)** - "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds..."
- **RESTORE** = to bring back; to recover; to refresh; to relieve; to compensate; to recompense.

A STORY OF RIGHTEOUS RESTORATION: **Read 2 Samuel 9:1—13**

- Some of us have been whipped and wounded in battle and like Mephibosheth we've been injured or infirmed by the blows we've taken the battle of life by Satan and unwitting people.
- Betrayal, beat downs, backbiting has resulted in us losing a grip and sight of our rights and privileges we possess in Christ.
- Perhaps you've lost: (1) _____ (2) Mental and _____ stability and sanity (3) Your _____ or (4) Your physical _____ and soundness.
- People, knowingly or unknowingly, penetrate your soul and emotions and gets you _____ or get you _____ on Social Media or TV or in person.
- God can strengthen and _____ your soul (**Psalms 23:3**) and help you with the thoughts _____ and purposes of His heart (**1 Corinthians 2:16**)
- **Ecclesiastes 10:11 (KJV)** - "Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babler is no better."
- If your soul (your mind, your will and your emotions) are weak then you will be in for troubled and terrible days. We are benefited and blessed in Christ to have a strong _____ and strong _____ power in the Lord to resist the things that easily _____ and _____ you. These Social Media Trolls and Talkers get you mad, insulted and offended so quickly; bad news that incites and insults you to lose emotional control and mental sanity? - you have a weak **SOUL**! Having a tough time dealing with your flesh, your body, your emotions - you're an emotional eater? You lack discipline to grow and make necessary changes in your life financially or relationally? - you have a weak **SOUL**!
- **Read Psalms 103:1 - 6**
- **Appropriating and Accessing our "Restoration Rights":**
 - ⇒ Ask for _____ or _____ from the Lord (Our Heavenly Father) in the Name of Jesus. (**Isaiah 42:22**)
 - ⇒ Ask / Demand / Claim the **RESTORATION** of things that have been stolen or taken from you (e.g. your health, your wealth, your children, etc.) - (**Proverbs 6:30, 31**)

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