



Making disciples who make disciples
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Next Parish Council Meeting

July 29, 2020

Currently services are on Facebook ONLY.

The virtual live stream begins at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us!

In Other Words – No Condemnation

The Epistle reading from Romans this week gives us a stark reminder that Paul did not use chapters or verses. We are used to chapters ending the author's thought on a particular topic and beginning with something new. But Chapter 8 of Romans begins with "Consequently." The word requires an explanation of something before it that will then be determined to have caused the result that follows.

Consequently, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. — Romans 8:1 (LEB)

Because of *something*, there is now no condemnation for people in Christ Jesus. The causation aspect of "consequently" means that before this thing happened, they were indeed condemned.

In the preceding chapter, Paul described his tendency to sin even though he knows that behavior is wrong. Most likely, because of Paul's continued prayerful connection with God, he was sinning less than he had previously, but his point about falling off the wagon could lead him to despair. But for some reason it doesn't. Just two sentences earlier he wraps up his comments about his sinful nature by asking a rhetorical question regarding who will save him since he can't save himself.

Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! — Romans 7:24-25

Paul says he is saved from the penalty of his sins through Jesus, and that he's not alone in that—everyone else that is a disciple of Jesus is now at peace with God also: no condemnation! Despite their guilt under the law, Christians are saved through Jesus through the spirit because they are not under the law. The Jews who had been under Mosaic Law, awaiting the Messiah,

now had him in Jesus. By accepting Jesus as their Messiah, they were rescued from the penalty of the Law (death) and brought into new life through and in Jesus. The Gentiles never received the law, so they obviously were not guilty of violating it. The Holy Spirit now guided their behavior and desires, enabling them to obey Jesus in the new life they likewise received.

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what was impossible for the law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the requirement of the law would be fulfilled in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
— Romans 8:2–4*

An important comment by Paul here is that God sent Jesus in “the likeness” of sinful flesh. The word used means “similar” and is the same word that sparked the controversy that led to the need for the Council of Nicea. *Homoousios* means “the same in being or substance,” while *homoiousios* means “similar to”—just one letter difference. The Arian (heretical) view was that Jesus was *similar* to the Father, but not the same substance, and therefore created by the Father. The Trinitarian view is that Jesus and the Father, both being God, are the same substance, *homoousius*.

By choosing to describe Jesus being made *similar* to sinful humanity, it shows that Jesus was entire human physiologically, but without sin. Jesus lived his life following the Father’s will as guided by the Holy Spirit. He did not, unlike every other human, choose to do what he wanted over what God wanted. By living in the spirit, as Paul describes, we are able to obey God also.

*For those who are living according to the flesh are intent on the things of the flesh, but those who are living according to the Spirit are intent on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mindset of the flesh is enmity toward God, for it is not subjected to the law of God, for it is not able to do so, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh are not able to please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this person does not belong to him.
— Romans 8:5–9*

Paul writes in verse 9 a statement that eliminates any possibility of *universalism* (the errant belief that Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection saves everybody). Those people who do **not** have the Spirit of Christ, available only to those who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, given to them by our Heavenly Father, do not belong to God. Only those people who accept Jesus as their Lord belong to the Father.

Many Christians often say that everyone is a child of God. Biblically, that’s wrong. Jesus himself referred to some people as sons of the devil (John 8:44). Everyone is created by God, but God requires acceptance of his son, Jesus, in order for them to be adopted as his children.

It is an objective aspect also. In other words, how we feel about it at any given moment (subjective) has no bearing on the statement’s validity. God says we are saved through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, regardless of whether we *feel* saved or not (subjective).

It's his promise to us, and God always keeps his promises.

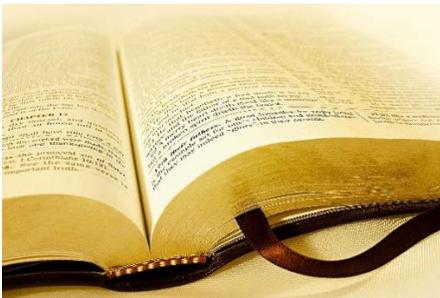
¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also make alive your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you. — Romans 8:10–11

Those who are no longer condemned are saved.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



**Readings for the
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*Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8], 9-14;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*



Those Who Serve
Lessons ~ Frank Durham
Prayers ~ Ann Traverso
Altar Guild ~ Sherri Wayman



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Alfredo & Lilian Campa, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Kate Campa, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Armida, Armida's mother, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

The Right Rev. Keith and Gail Andrews, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Anglicans

The Very Rev. Thomas and Elizabeth Phillips, Dean of the Deanery of Arizona

Spencer Johnson, President of the Executive Committee of the Diocese

Roger Pelham, Chairman, the Steering Committee of the Deanery



Sunday, July 12

11:30a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)

Tuesday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Nehemiah) via ZOOM

Wednesday, July 15

2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Pauline Letters – 2 Corinthians) via ZOOM

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

Sunday, July 19

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)

CTR PRAYER PROJECT

Colossians 3:23-25-Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong, which he has done, and that without partiality.

In the past, our Bible Study group has studied about consequences. The Life Principle for that study says that “We reap what we sow, more than we sow, and later than we sow.” As we look around our country today, we wonder if there are any consequences anymore. If people don’t like a law, they ignore it. If people don’t like the enforcers of the law, they vote to defund the Police Dept. altogether. If people don’t like what was done in our country centuries ago, they tear down the monuments. If orders have been issued to self-quarantine or wear masks, but it’s inconvenient, they disobey the orders. And there doesn’t seem to be any consequence, at all. Last week, thugs destroyed a wall surrounding a homeowner’s property and when the owner tried to defend himself and his family, he was immediately investigated for threatening the perpetrators with a gun; the thugs were not questioned or arrested. No consequences? It appears that way, but God’s Word tells us otherwise. The consequences don’t always come immediately.

Sometimes they appear the same year, but often they become apparent many years after the poor choice. David’s son, born to Uriah’s wife, died after David acknowledged his adultery, but because he did not refrain from adultery or confess his sin to God immediately, he suffered not only the death of a son, but a family divided, torn apart, and dysfunctional for many of his later years. As Christians, everything we say or do should bring glory to God. If we fail to set a good example for our children and/or grandchildren, they will make wrong choices, as well. If we sow disobedience to God, we will reap curses. If we sow obedience to God, we will reap blessings. We’ve all been given free will. Have we chosen to use it to stay yoked to God, to be in obedience to Him, to remain in the center of His will for us, to grow in our relationship with Him, and to live in peace, unity, and harmony with our neighbors, especially the ones we disagree with? When we respond with foul language or hateful gestures to someone who has said or done something we don’t like, what message are we sending our children? When we say mean or disrespectful things about our boss or our co-workers, what are we teaching our grandchildren? When we say hateful things about our President, our Governor, or our Mayor, what ideas are we planting in the minds of those who hear us? As Christians, we are to be models of joy, peace, patience, and love for those around us, because we claim to be followers of Christ. What comes to other people’s minds about our

faith and beliefs when they see us behaving like non-believers? We see church attendance dwindling. Is it because people have “better things to do” on Sunday mornings, or is it

because the only thing they see in the lives of Christians is hypocrisy. The life, growth, and effectiveness of God’s Church and His Kingdom depends on us. Are we growing His Kingdom or contributing to its demise. There are consequences to every choice we make. Take a moment to consider your recent choices and ask yourself what those choices are teaching your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about your faith in God.

Praying in One Accord-We cannot be in one accord with followers of Christ when what we do or what we say tells others we are followers of Satan.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, You set the perfect example of one who lives out the will and Word of God; help us remember that there are consequences to every decision we make regarding our words and actions. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us free will; thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to enable us to use our free will to Your glory, not ours. Amen.

The Story of the Farmer

Matthew 13:1-23

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