



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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NEW HOME

Romans 6:3-4 ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Helping the Milner's move reminded me of our move a few months ago. We spent a lot of time packing up the house and getting rid of things (some say junk and some say treasures) we no longer needed. As with anything measured in time there are memories, and packing the boxes stirred up many memories.

Memories of marriage and our first child being born. Memories of finding out twins would be coming into our family. Memories of late nights or early mornings depending on how you look at it, rocking the kids back to sleep. It seemed like it was just yesterday.

After we packed the last box and put it in the trailer and then emptied the trailer at the storage unit we rented, I got a ride back to the house where my car was still parked. When we got there, I went in to do one last check around. As I was walking throughout the house, I had a feeling come over me. It wasn't a feeling of sadness or the memories of the past. It was the feeling that this is no longer my home, it is somebody else's. I was surprised how quickly that feeling came over me. I woke up that morning with the feeling of home and by that evening that was gone.

I have reflected on that and thought of when we leave this earth we may wake up with the morning feeling of home and by the end of the day realize that we have a new home in heaven and have forgotten all about earth.

God has given us the gift, through His son Jesus to let us realize that our home is not a physical place, but it is the place where He is. Earthly houses may come and go, but His presence is always with us. He dwells with us, and our final home is in heaven.

Today as a family, New Life celebrates baptism. We get to hear each person's testimony that led them down the road to their decision to be baptized. In some cases, we may hear darkness shattered by the light of Jesus or the innocence of one's heart come to the realization that Jesus now resides there. To hear these decisions made publicly and ask the rest of us to walk with them in Christ Jesus

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is a great feeling. It is such a joy to watch as people are standing in the water one minute, then go under and rise out of the water. Seeing the light in their eyes and witness the fire in their hearts is a time for great joy and celebration. I am reminded all over again of the sacrifice of the cross and the ultimate joy we will have when we will rise from the grave. We get to forget about our earthly home and get to be home with Jesus.

Colossians 2:12 "Having been 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."

I come to the river with heaviness within,
with darkness in my soul of sin

I fall to my knees from the weight of it all,
for everyone to behold my great fall

As I wade into the darkness praying to Him,
what I can do seems so slim

I will fall back and let it all go,
under the water remembering what he did so long ago

Out of the water feeling so free,
knowing what happened when he was on that tree

Cleansed by the water for all to see,
let His light shine from me

God's Blessing, Paul Gilbertson

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

New Life Video Ministry

This is an opportunity to serve those who are unable to join us in person to worship Jesus Christ and to study God's Word on Sunday morning. New Life video ministry is looking for camera operators. You can sit with one of the camera operators to see what is involved, talk to anyone on the team about the ministry, or contact Jim Mabee @ 651-470-4172. We would love to have you join our team!

IMMERSE

is geared up to start very soon with great teachers, however, we are still in need of helpers. Please let Pastor Chandler know if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

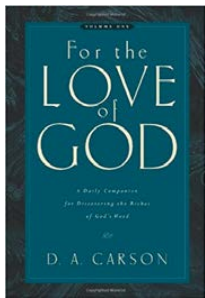
IMMERSE

Our Wednesday night Immerse season is just around the corner. We will be starting our Bible Studies for every age group the first week of September (**Wednesday, September 6th @6:00pm.**) We have exciting studies planned for the whole family. The New Life Adult Bible Study will begin this year with an exciting study called *"The God Who Is There."* The second half of the year we will be offering a dearly loved study called *"Shepherding a Child's Heart"* (among other "to be determined" adult studies).

Women's Ministry - Living Proof

Living Proof simulcast with Beth Moore takes place on **Saturday, Sept. 16** from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm at Alliance Church of the Valley. Free event, no registration needed (lunch on your own). More details to come later.

RESOURCE CENTER - AUGUST BOOK HIGHLIGHT



If you are looking for a daily devotional that "places each reading into the larger framework of history and God's eternal plan to deepen your understanding of his sovereignty and the unity and power of His Word" stop by the Resource Center and check out *For the Love of God* by D. A. Carson. This book, "will in the course of a year guide you through the New Testament and Psalms twice and the rest of the Old Testament once."

AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (ESV)

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Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
[Mark 13:1-2](#)

Sermon Notes:

