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# 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 Ponderings

After spending last week gazing and marveling upon the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, one of the amazing elements that hit me from Scripture was this concept of 'dwelling'. We know that because of the sin of Adam, God and man were separated. But since the garden of Eden, God had let His people know of His plan to restore this relationship through a Man who would crush the serpent (Genesis 3:15). But first, God rescues His people from Egypt, makes covenant with them as His chosen people, and tells them that He will dwell in their presence, *"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst."* (Exodus 25:8) Incredible! After the law is given to Israel, God promises blessings for obedience *if* they walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, *"I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people."* (Leviticus 26:11-12) But, obeying the law is impossible because, sin. It infects every part of us. It makes us hostile to God and totally warps our affections. It separates us beyond all comprehension. This is clear throughout the Old Testament. Israel could not keep God's law and became vile, so He sent them into exile - twice! And yet even amidst the exile in Babylon, God tells them of His promise, *"My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people,"* (Ezekiel 37:27) God's continual pursuit of His people is awe-inspiring! And yet, sin still separated man from God. Sin. It had to be dealt with. But man could do nothing except offer up animal sacrifices again and again. And yet, this also was futile, *"For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."* (Hebrews 10:4) But God...

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."* (Isaiah 7:14) The name of the One to come was 'God with us - Immanuel!' God wants to be with His people! So, the Father sent to the earth His one and only Son, Jesus. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth..."* No one has

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## Pastoral Ponderings cont.

*ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."* (John 1:14, 18) God literally walked amongst and spoke to His people, calling them to Himself! God amongst sinners! And yet, sin still separated and had to be dealt with. Jesus' sacrifice upon the cross, bearing the punishment for our sin, being our propitiation, our substitute, that we could receive forgiveness of sins and His righteousness, that we would be reconciled to God! Not only that, Jesus stated that He would be with us always (Matthew 28:20)! So He sent His Holy Spirit to live within His people, *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."* (Romans 8:11) He dwells within us! What astonishing news this is! Because of His loving kindness - to the praise of His glory and grace. And yet this isn't the end of the story - there's more! The end of this age will come, but we've been given the ending. God reveals from His throne that His promise and desire to be with His people forever will happen. *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."* (Revelation 21:3) What our Savior accomplished must draw out perpetual praise from us! Praise be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who have graciously purchased us that we should the people of God, dwelling together forever! Amen.

Pastor Jeff

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**This Week's Schedule of 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 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)

**Meal Teams:**

5/1	Team 1: Pizza
5/8	Team 3: Salads

*Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in joining a meal team.*

**Fellowship Tip for April**

Spring is often a time where we get the itch to do a project around the home or get creative in the kitchen. Consider asking a brother or sister to join you and use everyday life activities as a way to build deeper relationships with one another bringing Jesus into each conversation.

**April Memory Verse**

“For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)

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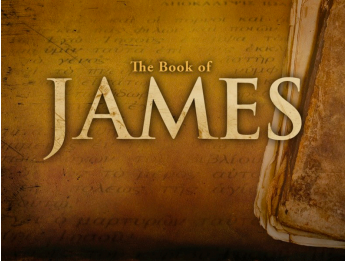
**Ladies of New Life!** I'd love to have you come to my home on Friday, April 29, at 7:00pm for another testimony tea! This will be our last tea for a few months, as our family will soon be welcoming a new little one and life will be a bit crazier around here for awhile! If you haven't been able to come yet, please put this on your calendar. I'm so looking forward to seeing each of you and pray that you are blessed and strengthened by a sweet time of fellowship and encouragement. This testimony will be suitable for your younger daughters as well as teens, so if you think your daughter can sit through about an hour of testimony and prayer, please come! Janel Anderson

**Young Men's Bible Study:** Hey brothers, I'm excited to let you know that I will be starting up the Young Men's Bible Study again! We will have the next one next Monday on 4/25 at 6-8:30pm. It will be a potluck style for supper so if you're able please bring a something to share. I would like to have it at the New Life building but I will let you know if the location changes. I'm very excited to start up again and hope to see you all. Blessings!

**Hall of Men tonight!** Men young and old join us at 6:30 this evening as we gather to proclaim the core confessions of our faith and hear testimony from faithful men of the past who were captured by Christ, our faithful savior, and set apart for His good work.



## Today's Passage



Pastor Paul will be teaching from the  
book of James.  
Our passage for today is Sunday is James 3:1-12.

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