



Pastor's Perspective – Overcoming Nagging Sins

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

Romans 6:1-14 supplies a crucial principle: Correct theology must precede right living. Ethics without theology means frustration for those wanting to live a life unto God.

If we reduce the Christian life to just doing our best or merely following the moral example of Christ, we miss the whole basis for it. Living right grows out of our union with Christ. His death to sin is our death to sin. His resurrection is our resurrection to new life. That is where the power and confidence to live for Christ come from.

Sometimes, though, our personal struggle with particular sins can obscure the fact that we are in union with Christ. We adopt an attitude that says, "Well, Christ died to save me, but I guess it's up to me to live right from here on out." Paul

would tell us during such times: "Know...consider...present." Know that who you once were has been crucified with Christ and that you are a new creation, raised to new life. Consider, recognize or remind yourself that you are dead to sin and alive to Christ. And present this new life to God for His glory and service.

**“Know...
consider...
present.”**

Sin will always be with us this side of heaven. But so will the truth of Christ's saving us from it. And that truth, as Jesus promised, will set us free:

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Women Study God's Names, Strengthen Fellowship

By Louanne Robinson

Over this past year, our women's Bible study group finished the book *The Names of God*, by Ann Spangler. We read through passages in the Old and New Testament, and saw the many WONDERFUL names of our LORD GOD—there's some for you!

Is He your MASTER? (Oops, there's another one.) Do you walk beside Him? Is He the SHEPHERD of your soul? And do we recognize the grace and mercy of our SAVIOR every day? There were 52 studies, each one a blessing, as we delved into the Scriptures. Fifty-two names of the ALMIGHTY, to help us understand what He is like, revealing His nature more fully and pertaining to our everyday lives and thoughts. We got to know our CREATOR more personally, which brings to mind the song, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." The book guided us to pray the names of JESUS and what they mean. It continues to be a blessing each day. The names of God, and there are more than 52, are a constant inspiration to my faith and how He works in our hearts.



The Women's Bible study group has just started a new book, *The Fruit of the Spirit* by Phyllis J. LePeau and Jack Kuhatschek.

We still meet at 9:30 AM on Tuesdays. It would be great to see some new faces come out and fellowship with us. I always come away blessed by His presence and by the growing fellowship of my sisters in CHRIST. And a special thanks to Gina Irving, our facilitator, who would be glad to provide more information about the book.

In Him, our ROCK, our DWELLING PLACE, our REFUGE, FORTRESS, SHIELD and STRONG TOWER.

An Easter Message

by Louanne Robinson



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Invisible fingers
have rent the temple veil of bondage.
Humanity weeps,
not knowing it has been set free.

I can almost visualize the funereal procession
as the beloved disciples
bear His body to the tomb.

I can almost feel the white linen they used,
Their grief laden fingers,
Wrapping Him endlessly,
round about....
round about....
round about.

And I can nearly taste the tears
as they run down their cheeks
and over their lips that uttered in lonely prayer.
"Dejected, empty souls, shuffle home."
"You look weary and lost."

The night engulfs them more swiftly than ever before.
Their beds and dreams that night,
Held no security,
But only bitter memories and visions.
Agonizing visions,
of crosses
and blood
and His face.

But what is this expectant feeling
that breathes in the wind
and proclaims its self with the dawns birth?

An angel's voice
has rent the shrouds of their heart's bondage.
"Fear not ye,
for I know that ye seek Jesus
which was crucified,"
"He is not here, for He is risen!"



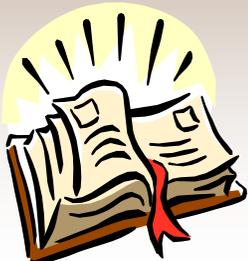
Easter Breakfast

ALLELUIA!

A breakfast is planned Sunday morning, April 5,
at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea and
juices will be provided. Those planning to attend
are asked to bring a dish to share. Sign up online
at <http://goo.gl/piorre>. If you do not want to use
the internet to sign up, call Mary Ann Monk at
(703) 426-5924.

April Memory Verse

*After His suffering, He showed himself to
these men [the apostles He had chosen] and
gave many convincing
proofs that He was
alive. He appeared to
them over a period of forty
days and spoke about the
kingdom of God. ~ Acts 1:3*



April Calendar

April 5	Easter Sunday Breakfast (8:30 AM)
April 11	Men's Breakfast (8:00 AM)
April 14	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
April 25	Women's Day Trip (Emmitsburg Antiques & Gettysburg Outlets)
April 29	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)

Money Matters

March Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$6,142
Weekly Need	\$4,933
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$60,509
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$64,129

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