

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- theGathering Off-Site - Thursday, July 25th @ 7pm
- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, July 26th @ 9:30am
- VBC Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm
- Klamath Camping Connections Trip - July 31st - August 5th
- Arab Church of Sacramento Workday - Saturday, August 3rd
- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 9th @ 9:30am
- Student Sunday (Single Service @ 10am) - Sunday, August 18th
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm
- VBC Kids Move-Up Sunday (Preschool - 5th Grade) - Sunday, September 8th

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Holy is the Lord" - Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

"I am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan

"Goodness of God" - Ben Fielding, Ed Cash,
Jason Ingram, Brian & Jenn Johnson

"O Come to the Altar" - Chris Brown, Mack
Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

"Living Hope" - Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

"Ressurecting" - Christopher Brown, Mack
Brock, Matt Ntele, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$964,152.00

Giving Last Week.....\$48,701.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$943,989.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

MUSIC: MIKE SHAW & SARAH MENG | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

Living in the new way of the Holy Spirit
Romans 7:1-6

A series of pictures (& stories) of our relationship with Jesus

1. Declared righteous before God:

Rom 3:24 and [we] are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ^{25a} whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

2. Total immersion into Jesus:

Rom 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We 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.

3. Grafted in to Jesus' life:

Rom 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



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4. Willing service to Jesus:

Rom 6:17 *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

5. Marriage to Jesus & death to law:

a. Paul previously stated our freedom from living under the system of law.

Rom 6:14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!*

b. He then illustrates our freedom in terms of death to the law.

Rom 7:1 *Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.*

c. He concludes by attributing our freedom as “marriage” to Jesus.

Rom 7:4 *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

Brief glances at the magnificent work of the Holy Spirit

1. The new birth, born again & regeneration all refer to the same event & experience: when the life of Jesus became our life. See John 3:3-8.
2. At this same time the Spirit cleaned us up on the inside & changed everything about our relationship to God. See Titus 3:4-7.
3. Additionally, a lot of mysterious “indwelling” began to take place; the effects of these serve God’s purpose to change the way we live, the quality of our life. See John 14:16-20.
4. Specifically, our green-ness (being immersed into Jesus) happened at this same time due to the Spirit’s “baptizing” efforts. See 1 Cor 12:12-13.

A process to develop our life with Jesus

1. “What does the living God think about me?”
2. “Can I explain what it means that I am immersed & grafted in to Jesus?”
3. “Am I changing my assumptions about Jesus, myself, sin & obedience?”
4. “Do I anticipate my moments of greatest weakness?”
5. “Am I convinced that God will always care for me & provide all I need to live this new kind of life with Jesus?”