

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

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| <b>Records you Made:</b>                          | 11/08/15              | 11/0115   |
| <b>Bible Classes</b>                              | 31                    | 27        |
| <b>Worship Service</b>                            | 94                    | 96        |
| <b>General Contribution<br/>2nd Sunday - Bldg</b> | \$1628.00<br>\$493.00 | \$1641.00 |
| <b>Wed Bible Class</b>                            | 34                    | 31        |
| <b>Baptisms / YTD</b>                             | -                     | 10        |

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### Feeling Down?

"Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what the nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires ...." Romans 8:5-6 (NIV)

Good morning young people. How are you feeling today? Do you ever wonder why you're discouraged and feeling down? What can you do about it? One thing that can help when we are feeling down is our mindset. The Scriptures say if your mind is SET on the sinful nature. It's going to bring you down. We want to be uplifted in our hearts and minds. As we change our mindset, we change our thoughts; as we change our thoughts we change our actions. As we change our actions, we feel better; as we feel better we achieve more; as we achieve we overcome the potential of depression in our life.

In conclusion if we live in accordance with the Spirit we will have our mind set on what God desires for us.

Romans 12:2 "...his good pleasing and perfect will."

A Godly mindset will have us looking UP when we are feeling down. A Godly mindset will have us positive when others around us are being negative. Remember young people: ATTITUDE MATTERS! Go be a blessing to someone this week!!

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### Spirituality uncovered

"So God created man in His own image and likeness" (Gen. 1:27); in this act of creation humankind were imbedded with an intrinsic spiritual nature, *the imago dei*, the image of God. This among other things is the capacity to search out and actualize a relationship of fellowship and an experience of communion with our transcendent God and Creator. This capacity is human spiritual nature; it is that which drives us to find meaning, values and purpose in life. Humans with this level of spirituality are described as carnal or natural, (Rom. 7:14). It does however, make us at times to be thoughtful, empathetic and even enable us to make heroic self-sacrifices. Eventually, it makes us realize that life is more than our ourselves and our personal world. This spirituality opens for us another reality; our *capacity for transcendence* ("going beyond the limits of ordinary experience,"[Webster's Dictionary]) and it is at this point that Christian spirituality may become a reality.

Christian spirituality is actualized when we are "born again;" "born of water and the spirit" (John 3:3,5), the process by which we are recreated in Christ and in the image and likeness of Christ. "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; Cf. Rom. 8:29).

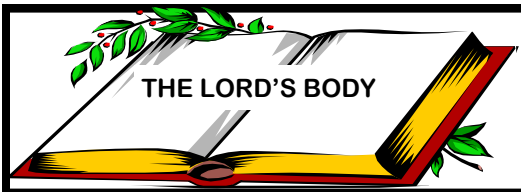
There's a sharp distinction between human spirituality and Christian spirituality. Human spirituality is of this world - worldly and earthly "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12). This spirituality has its own values, wisdom and aspirations. At its fullest and best, it leaves the individual with unfulfilled spiritual awakenings. This person although spiritual in the worldly sense is "carnal" or "natural," does not accept the things of the Spirit of God (I Cor. 2:14-16) and lives out "the acts of the sinful nature" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Christian spirituality on the other hand is the full coming to being of the union of the human spirit and

the Divine spirit; God Almighty becomes the ultimate and only concern of the individual. This is the process of regeneration, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior," (Titus 3:4-6). This person is now "Christian spiritual," his/her spiritual nature intentionally follows the Holy Spirit who leads with and through His word, the gospel of Christ. For this Christian spiritual person, God Almighty is the foundation for all self-transcendence and for all spirituality. The framework for such a life is "living in Christ" lived out in the "*pneuma*," the Holy Spirit as stated in 1 Cor. 2:14 - 3:3.

This Christian spiritual person's life is directed by the Holy Spirit and therefore lives a life of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal. 5:22). This person and others of like kind offer spiritual worship to God, (Rom. 12:1-2; John 4:23-24), commune with God, (Acts 20:7), are generous givers (2 Cor. 8:7) and are dedicated to spiritual practices that contribute to the growth and maturity of the congregation. The Holy Spirit says such ones, "like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). And James the brother of our Lord admonishes, "beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life, (Jude 20-22). Christian spiritual persons are addicted to the way of Christ, consequently, they like Christ go "about doing good" (Acts 10:38; 1 Pet. 2:21).

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



**ladies' Corner**  
by  
*Paulette Watson*

**Privileged to Serve 11/15/2015**

**Morning Service**  
**Song leader** Greg Watkins  
**Call to worship**  
**Welcome/Prayer** Jamal Colson  
**Song #1** 851 (1,2)  
**Scripture – Psalm 30:1-12** Ben Field  
**Songs #2** 852 (1,2)  
**Song #3** 853 (1,3)  
**Second Prayer** Steve Lynch  
**Song #4** 364  
**Lord's table and Collection:**  
**Lead** Mike Salimbene  
**Assistant** Chris McGue  
**Assistant** Joe Cirnigliaro  
**Assistant** C. Hendrickson  
**Song - Kids to class**  
**Song #5** 396  
**Scripture- 2 Kgs 20:1-7** John Sicignano  
**Sermon -** Lancelot Watson  
**Invitation #6** 313  
**Responses & prayer:**  
**Derek Peterson**  
**Jason Harper**  
**Announcements &**  
**Closing Prayer** Jamal Colson  
**Closing Song #7** 703

**The Gospel Truth**

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**Genuine Concern**

Death in family. Sick children. Financial issues. Depression or loneliness. Spiritually struggling. We all will go through a time when we are hurting and struggling. Going through these trials alone can destroy us. Our father never intended for us to go through life alone, much less our trials. He himself promised: *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* (Heb. 13:5). Interestingly, our father in heaven knows we will need a physical presents in our loves from other men and women. He said of Adam, *"It is not good for the man to be alone..."* (Gen. 2:8) He teaches the Corinthian church, *"...we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."* (2 Cor. 1:4) John will say, *"...For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."*

Paul testifies about the life of two wonderful brothers!  
*Phil. 2:19-21 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.*

*2 Cor. 8:16-17 I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. 17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.*

These men, along with Paul, had GENUINE CONCERN for the brethren of the church. Their actions exemplify a fantastic model of the obligation we have to one another.

Paul says, *"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."* (1 Cor. 12:26) "Love must be sincere." (Rom. 12:9) It is very easy for us to get caught up in our own affairs and disregard the needs and cares of others. However, we do not fulfill the will our father intended.

*Phil. 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Jesus' example of the leprous man who desired healing. "Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man..." (Matt. 8:3) Such a deadly and gross disease, Jesus could have just spoken words, but instead he "touched the man"!

**The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part VI**

**Question – Is the "Rapture" real? Should I shun this concept?**

**Song # 383** *"till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river"*

**Song #490** *"and Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight. The clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound.."*

When you sing these songs in worship do you mean them or are they lip service? They paraphrase bible verses. Perhaps you vainly utter words? Perhaps they are heresy and idle music? Do you sing, but just stop when you object to the "rapture?" I'm curious...

**Short Answer – Two parts...**

**1 – Yes the "Rapture" of the church is true and real scripture. For anyone who has difficulty with this, I must admonish that it is a biblical principle, it is scriptural, and it essential to Christianity. All believers are expected to look for it. 2 Pet.3:12**

**2 – However, people often mean VERY different things in use of this term. Because popular culture has impacted this concept, it is critical to ascertain meaning in interpersonal discussions.**

Whenever someone asks me my opinion of the "rapture" my first response is; "What do you mean by "rapture"?" It isn't a trap, it is an attempt to ascertain what they really mean. The term "Rapture" in raw form is as valid as the term "Trinity." Both describe a biblical concept (similar to the term "contribution" in place of "offering" or "tithing" by the way) and neither appears in the bible. It is a shorthand way of describing a complex truth in the bible. Lancelot discussed one aspect of this weeks ago – Listen to the 10/14 Wed. lesson on it – it's on our website. .

**The "Rapture," in pure terms, refers to specific prophecy of believers being dramatically redeemed by Christ in the last days of the End Times.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven... with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet...the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord..."*

**1 Corinthians 15:52** *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."*

**Matthew 24:31** *'And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.'*

Why is there any confusion then? **It is because the rapture is tied to another concept - the Great Tribulation.** There are reasons for this. Next week – The Great Tribulation – "Tribulation" vs. "Wrath"

**A Woman's Place III**

"... The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire" (James 3:5). These words remind us that we can do great harm with our speech. Whether it is gossip, insults (even veiled), or nagging, there is no limit to the damage that careless or spiteful words can do. A woman's place is not in the "fire of a world of unrighteousness," which an unwieldy tongue can cause (James 3:6) but rather, her place is in a prudent tongue. The word "prudent" indicates that her words are careful, wise, discreet, and practical."

In considering a woman's place, we see from Proverbs 31:26 that the worthy woman **"opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."** So, we see that her place is to speak with wisdom, teach, and use kind words. It is not a place of voiceless reserve and reticence. "She opens her mouth..." A closed mouth cannot impart wisdom, and it cannot teach."

It is a woman's place to care enough for her family, and others she can help, to guide them with her wisdom, and she therefore prays for the wisdom she needs to do so as James advises: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him [or her] ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given..."

It is also a woman's place to teach with kindness. She teaches her children how to behave according to the word of God – she therefore studies God's word so she will know it to be able to teach it. She also teaches others as the opportunity or need arises.

It is a woman's place to counsel and teach with wisdom and kindness. She does not have an overbearing, prideful attitude that places her in an imaginary place of power. She follows Paul's advice in Colossians 4:6, and her words are always "gracious, seasoned with salt," as she speaks. To be gracious is to be courteous, tactful, and kind. As salt adds flavor to food, so her words add spice to the spiritual nourishment she imparts.