

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater
Christ



From Pastor Perkins

A LIVING SOUL



From the moment of birth, we are programmed to think of ourselves as human beings striving to meet our human needs. We eat, sleep, and procreate just as all other animal creatures in the world. Humanity, however, enjoys a higher distinction in that we also recognize that there is a spiritual dimension to our being and we strive to meet our spiritual needs also.

The Bible tells us, however, that we are not human beings striving to meet our spiritual needs, but that we are spiritual beings who ought instead strive to meet our human needs. This is an important distinction. It means that we have been going at life all backwards. By being so preoccupied with trying to meet our human needs, more times than not we end up neglecting our spiritual needs. Prayer is an effort for most of us. Indeed to many people it is a frivolous, meaningless exercise in futility.

To neglect our spiritual needs at the expense of focusing so totally on our physical needs, we often end up unhappy and disappointed. In Genesis 2:7, we are told that God breathed into the nostrils of humanity the breathe of life and we became a living soul. This is the Bible's way of trying to help us to think of ourselves differently. The Bible is trying to help us to think of ourselves first and foremost as spiritual beings with human needs to be met as opposed to thinking of ourselves as human beings with spiritual needs to be met.

To think of ourselves as spiritual beings first means that our lives are most fulfilled when we strive to cultivate our relationship with God. Each of us is a living soul. Until we meet the need of our soul to experience God, we are no more than the other animals of the field. We can have material things in abundance, but if we do not have a deep soul satisfying relationship with God, we will never experience true happiness, peace, and enjoyment in life.

As a living soul, God will not only satisfy our deep hunger to know Him, but He will provide the material things our human nature requires. It's a big leap to change the way we have been conditioned to think of ourselves, but it is the only way we can ever get out of life all God intended for us to have. Start now thinking of yourself as a living soul and spend time striving to experience God. See what a difference it makes. Live from the inside out, not the outside in.

Be Blessed

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NEWS AND NOTES

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Reopening Phase II

We are pleased to announce that we are moving into our next phase towards full reopening of our worship and ministry services and activities. In this phase we will:

- Return to in-person Sunday Study Hour classes. They will meet at 9:00 AM and meet in their same locations as before. We are trying to continue to offer classes on conference lines and other virtual options as well as the in-person option.
- Resume in-person ministry meetings and activities. Ministry leaders must contact the church office and complete a space reservation form to schedule meetings and activities.
- Music ministry return to full operation (full choir) and in-person rehearsals.
- Funeral Service Guidelines:
 1. Home going Services for Members Only.
 2. Temperature checks are required, masks and Social Distancing for All in attendance.
 3. The Deceased family members may sit together.
 4. Repast options are not available at this time.
 5. Video recordings and Live-streams need to be arranged through the Funeral Home as part of their Funeral Service Contract/ package.
 6. Availability for DVD picture presentations during Family Hour must be preapproved by funeral committee in conjunction with the technical arts ministry.

Please note that we will continue to:

- Social Distance
- Properly wear mask at all services, meetings, and activities held in our facilities.
- Encourage hand sanitizing frequently

We pray that more of you will feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship services and return to all of the wonderful ministry work that you have been involved with in the past.

Let's all stay prayerful, vigilant, and adhere to the various safety protocols so that we can be comfortable coming back together.

COME BACK TO CHURCH

24/7 prayer

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