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No Guilt in Life, No Fear in Death... This is the Power of Christ in me! **March 6, 2016**

Romans 8:1-17 NIV

Life Through the Spirit

8 Therefore, ***there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,***² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life ***has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death.***³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,^[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.^[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ ***Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.***⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[d] because of righteousness.¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[e] his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[f] And by him we cry, "Abba,^[g] Father."¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 Peter 2:24 NIV

²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ***"by his wounds you have been healed."***

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; - ***In Christ Alone*** – Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me. - ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** – Charles Wesley

Two kinds of guilt - http://www.greatbiblestudy.com/dealing_with_guilt.php

- There's ***Godly sorrow that leads a person to repentance*** (2 Corinthians 7:10), which is known as ***conviction*** and it comes from the Holy Spirit (John 16:8, "when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin..." - NASB). Once a person repents, the guilt lifts and they feel relieved and joyful that their sin(s) have been forgiven.
 - Sin is like a reverse polarity to the work of the spirit. It works against the Spirit of God in us and robs us of our focus and energy.
- Then there's ***another kind of guilt, and that's condemnation or accusations from the devil***. Satan loves to torment God's people by reminding them of their pasts, and continually holding their sins

before them even after their sins have been forgiven. This is condemnation and there is no good that comes out of it whatsoever. It tears us down, makes us feel dirty, unworthy and robs us of our faith and confidence in Christ Jesus. It's a lie from the father of lies, and it needs to be ignored.

- Satan takes advantage of condemnation guilt and replays the scenes and scenarios over and over. We must take those thoughts captive and submit them to the authority of Christ. We must resist the devil and he will flee from us!

The Guilt of Being a Burden on Others...

- Health & financial
- Insecurity from feeling like you aren't good enough for... the boss, your spouse, your family, etc.
- Age
- Consequences of sinful actions and mistakes...
- Learning to give and RECEIVE
- **Matthew 11:28-30 NIV** ²⁸ "Come to me, *all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
- Learning to receive grace & to pray grace for others...
- **Hebrews 4:16 NIV** ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, *so that we may receive mercy and find grace* to help us in our time of need.

Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

- **Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, *let us throw off everything that hinders* and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² *fixing our eyes on Jesus*, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, *scorning its shame*, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
- Focus on Jesus, not on our guilt and shame... He bore that for us so that we wouldn't have to!

Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com 705-812-2833

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Men's Basketball – Mondays 8:00 pm at the church

Woman's Walking/Exercise Group – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

Mom's Hangout – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

God Squad Jr. High: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

Sr. High Youth: Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

Good Food Box – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

Consecration Fast - Monday March 7th to Wednesday March 9th Three days of water only fasting and prayer (if you are in a physically demanding job you may drink fruit juice). As we fast and pray we will focus on three areas for breakthrough - 1) Purity (Holiness & Consecration to the Lord) , 2) Health (Mental-Emotional-Physical-Spiritual-Financial-Relational), 3) Family (Strengthening & Restoration if needed). The Fast will end after the Prayer & Worship Night on Wednesday evening.

Consecration Fast Prayer & Worship Night - Wednesday, March 9th - 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the church - A night of worship, prayer, confession, declaration, rejoicing and celebration

Teen Challenge Sunday – March 20th 10 am we have the Ontario Women's Speaking Team from Teen Challenge in Aurora.

Multi Church Good Friday Service - Friday, March 25th 10:30 am at Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle (375 Westmount Dr. N, Orillia, ON). Everyone is invited for this great worship service.