

## "Crossing Jordan" ... The weekly overview of PLC 2/17/2013

### **Greetings from Pastor Jeff Steiner!**

Again we bring a weekly overview of this week's ministry and events. It is our prayer that this briefing will help as a reminder for personal meditation and reflection of the Word of God ministered here at PLC this last week. Your comments are welcome!

### **Wed evening midweek Bible Study**

#### "THE STRUGGLE OF FAITH"

We taught on the "Struggle of faith" tonight. We used Gen 25:20-28 as our text of study regarding Isaac's wife Rebecca and the struggle in her womb between twins Esau and Jacob. In typology this pictures the inward struggle of the child of God between the sin nature and the new divine nature we received at conversion. As Rebecca, many believers are troubled with the question, "If I am in God's will, why am I having this inward struggle?" Let us look at a few facts:

- Rebecca is a type of the Believer
- The twins in her womb represent the two natures within the Believer - The Sin Nature/The Divine Nature
- Esau represents the Sin Nature which was present first at birth (the Elder). (This nature has no desire for spiritual things, for God, The Word of God, the promises of God, what's of faith, obedience to Christ, but desires the fleshly, carnal, worldly, sin pleasures, the self centered life and favors false religious beliefs that favor his carnal passions, etc)
- Jacob represents the newer Divine nature that came later at conversion. (This nature is the new life of the Spirit of Christ that now is to reign in power over the sin nature within and leads the believer into all that Christ has died to provide)
- The entrance of the new nature initiates conflict with the old nature
- This conflict is the warfare between the flesh and Spirit and causes conflict within.
- Listen to this teaching as to how the Believer walks in victory over Esau by clicking [HERE](#)

You may request a CD of this nights teaching by emailing or calling the Church office.

### **Sunday Morning Service**

#### "THE IMMERSION"

This morning's Worship service went well as the Spirit of the Lord began to move within hearts. It made preaching flow as hearts were prepared for the Word of God. The message today was titled, "The Immersion". We used Acts 9:10-18 as our text referring to the conversion of Saul, or later known as the Apostle Paul. Paul now newly converted in Christ found himself "immersed" into a brand new living way! He was brought out of dead religion and immersed into the Kingdom of God! All believers in Christ have a similar experience. We have been saved by faith in the blood of Jesus shed for us and have been immersed into Christ. We dealt with the three Baptisms taught in Scripture for the New Testament Christian as follows:

- **The believers Baptism into Christ** - This event happens at conversion as the believing sinner believes upon Jesus Christ for salvation and forgiveness of sin. Paul in Romans 6 called this baptism a "Baptism into the death of Christ". This immersion is done by God the Father as he places the new believer into the death, burial and resurrection of his Son. This places the believer "in Christ" and is the only baptism that "Saves". Man has no "hands-on" involvement in this event.
- **Water Baptism** - This baptism is a "Testimonial". Once we have saving faith, we go public with our new found faith in Christ. We allow a minister of the Gospel to bury us into water and raise us up out of the water as a picture of one's identification with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I show my sincerity and genuine conversion that I am a Christian from within!

- **Baptism in the Spirit** - Once saved we go onto the empowering of the Spirit. We ask the Lord Jesus to fill and baptize or immerse us in the Holy Spirit. This baptism of the Spirit empowers the believer for service, opens the potential of the gifts of the Spirit as told in 1 Cor. 12, the fruit of the Spirit can now develop properly, the receiving of a personal prayer language as told in Acts and 1 Cor. 14, and anoints the believer to speak and minister under a strong unction of the Holy Spirit. And yes, it is still for today and for you!

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### **This week's comments from Services and Live-Stream**

*"I love watching your services every Sunday morning. Wish I could watch Wed. evenings, but when you are on, I am at work"....Butch & Tami (Hawaii)*

*"Bro, it is good to know you preach the message of the Cross"... Robert M.*

*"Thanks pastor Jeff for the Sermon this morning. The Lord blessed (us) very much! So blessed! The praise and Worship was wonderful! Of course the Word of the Lord!...PTL! Bob C. (Minnesota)*

*"God is wonderful...in good times and in bad ones...had a wonderful day today from the time I had down at Promised Land Bible church in Watertown, WI (a good solid church) to the ride to Milwaukee..." Bryan W. (Green Bay, WI)*

*"Pastor, I am overwhelmed by the message you preached today. I have learned more today than in most of my years in the other church I have attended for years! Ken Z. (Fort Atkinson, WI - Said to me at the Altar call as he clutched my shoulders and through his tears!)*

### **Upcoming Events**

- Congratulations to newly married Matt and Debbie Renner! May the Lord bless them beyond measure! Joined in Holy Matrimony 2/17/2013 at 2pm!
- May 3rd -5th - Former Klu Klux Klan Imperial Grand Wizard Johnny Lee Clary will preach here at PLC. Johnny was also known in the 1980's as professional wrestler "Johnny Angel". He was gloriously saved and called into Gospel ministry! Mark this on your calendar and don't miss this event!

### **Prayer needs**

- A greater opportunity for the "Live-Stream" and media outreaches
- Funds to come in for the needed roof repairs
- Children's Church workers
- Items for our "Helping Hands" food pantry

### **In Conclusion**

*Let's keep the faith and believe God for a greater year in the work of God and the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! May God bless you richly!...Pastor Jeff & Elizabeth*