

MEDITATIONS FROM MARCH 2017 SUNDAY BULLETINS

CHANGES THAT MATTER

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Rev. Donna Gatewood

If there is one single thing we can count on in this world, we can be certain that change is constant. And in the human condition, change can be considered a good thing or a bad thing depending on how you choose to look at it and experience it.

The fact is that change is catalyst for the growth that encourages us to reach higher levels of experience and understanding. Whether the changes we experience are met with ease or with difficulty is determined by our attitudes toward them. A cheerful and positive attitude is the key that unlocks the doors to unexpected blessings.

Indeed, change is constant. Change is going to happen with or without our consent. How we are affected by the changes in our lives is entirely up to us.

If a sudden change seems to throw us off our balance, let us always remember: We are the children of God. As His children we are heirs to all that is good and very good. These truths are constant and never change or waver. Reminding ourselves constantly and consistently that we are His beloved children and heirs to all of His goodness will keep us steady and positive during any change in circumstances.

Always remember, “The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” Deut. 33:27

CHRIST IN MAN

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Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Man is not human, but Divine. The Christ is not a man who walked the earth two thousand years ago, but the spirit of God in man; that which makes man holy. Man’s nature is Divine and it is the Divinity in him that is forever saying, “I am with you always. I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

In the Christ is the fullness of life. It is the Christ of man that reveals itself as the health of his body and the peace of his mind. It is the Christ of man that reveals Itself as the answer to every human need.

Our challenge is to lose ourselves – even if it’s for an instant – in this Truth; for this is the Truth that sets man free. This Truth now born in man, alive in the mind of man, is the activity that heals the sick and feeds the hungry. This is the father within that doeth the works.

For this understanding, and for the gift of Truth as an activity of our own consciousness, O Most Gracious God, we give you thanks. Amen.

THE SEARCH FOR IDENTITY

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us has a personal sense of identification and we call this identification “I.” Whatever we say after this word, more or less tells us who we think we are. We assign certain attributes, characteristics and traits to this person. And then we think and act from that sense of identity, fulfilling the roles that go with it. But this idea of us changes as we adjust our view of life and, in time, we begin to wonder who we truly are. Surely there is more to us than the changing scenes of human hood.

The Bible tells us that we are made in God’s image and of his likeness and we wonder what this might mean. We have read that God is spirit. If this is so, then the one of his image and likeness must also be spirit. How do we get to know this Self, the one of eternal identity? This is the age old question that man has pondered since the beginning of time. The ancient mystics and holy men point to the inner Self. Today’s studies do the same. Let us turn within to the Self known as “I Am.” It is who we are. The search is over and all is well.

BE YE TRANSFORMED

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Paul tells us that “If the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

When the spirit is come as an activity of individual consciousness, in that consciousness many of the false theories and beliefs about the health of our bodies and the peace of our minds and the harmony in our homes are dissolved. We discover through the activity of the Spirit that man was never meant to be limited by a physical body that finds itself in a physical environment. Which is why Paul tells us time and time again that we are not to conform ourselves to this human experience, but “be transformed by the renewing of our minds.”

At all times and in every place the spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is working on our behalf. Our challenge is that we realize it.

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”