

MEDITATIONS FROM MAY 2019 SUNDAY BULLETINS

THE WONDERFUL LAW OF GOD

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Rev. Wayne Gatewood

Out here in the world, from the day we arrive, we become aware of and accustomed to following mans' mandates, this rule and that rule, obeying this law and that law; and as we have discovered, when we break these laws, there are consequences. At the same time, there exists a greater Law, a Law not of this world, Pure Principle, a Way to the realization of our Truth, and the only way to the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the Law of God, and least we follow this Law, we seek the Kingdom in vain. The Bible contains untold scripture that clearly reveals the way for us to follow should we seek The Kingdom...conscious realization. From Moses and the Ten Commandments, to the Master Jesus, his parables, his words of Love, peace, and truth, to the amazing writings of the Apostles, the Law is made clear. And it is through prayer and meditation, through the study of scripture and the practicing of the presence of God, that we finally realize that God IS the Law...that there is no other, and In Him, We Are. And so it is, as we become more aware of our Being in and of God, we have a choice of going within, going within to the depths of our hearts and souls, and living from His Spirit of good, or we can turn to limited ego, arrogance, shallow self-determination, to the world of the flesh for our direction....and reap accordingly. It is up to each of us as to which way to turn.

Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. Matthew 7:24

OUR REAL IDENTITY

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Rev. Janet Friedline

As we travel through life, we have many questions. And some of these questions concern our feelings about us – who are we, why we are here, and most of all, what are we suppose to do now that we are here. To learn of our nature, we search the roots of our biological family, certain that our identity is tied to that family. But surely there is more to life than for us to occupy a spot on the family tree. As individuals, we feel the need to excel in a personal way, one that is unique to our talents and our inclinations.

While we long to belong and fit in, there is also a desire to stretch and test our limits in a personal way. We seek identity in a private way, one that somehow sets us apart. In a time of silence, we go beyond what we think we know. As we rest in this place, calmness settles over us and we find us aware in an inward way. We discover a presence that claims us as its own. This is my child in whom I am well pleased. And now we know that we are of God. We have found our true home and we know who we are.

LOVE HEALS

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Rev. Donna Gatewood

The realization of the love of God is an experience so overwhelming that once known, all else pales in comparison. Never again are we content without it. It becomes our primal goal; for out of it comes our every blessing. Love is all inclusive. Every attempt on our part to let the love of God express through us brings us closer to the ultimate experience of Perfect, Infinite Love.

Love is the divine cure for every human ill. Love never fails; Love never falters; Love embraces all. Love forgives all; Love swallows up all our failures and gives us back its Grace. Love is freely given and when we are willing to take the first step, Love does it all for us. Love asks only that we turn in Its direction and that we be willing to allow Its wonder and Its Grace to take place in us.

Each and every one of us has been loved with the greatest Love from the beginning of time. “Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee...And their soul shall be as a watered garden and they shall not sorrow anymore. “ Jer.31:3,12. Let us dwell in Love that God may dwell in us.

REST IN ME

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us live busy and productive lives. A common plea is that we could use a little more peace and quiet, a little more time for ourselves. We have created certain patterns of activity, and while they do provide satisfaction and enjoyment, still, at times they can be a bit overwhelming. The thought is that if we could get away for a while, we would recharge our batteries, allowing us to get back into the groove with renewed energy and vitality.

What we really need is a time out, a time of rest; rest from physical and mental work, rest from demands and responsibilities. We take vacations, allowing a break from routine. While it provides a change of scenery, many times we are not able to release the habits that keep us in the daily routine. Any change that we make must be made in consciousness. To rest in consciousness, means that we release our normal behavior and become an empty vessel, no thoughts, no ideas or opinions. This is the true rest, and it is not necessary for us to leave home to find it; for the promise is “come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”