

MEDITATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 2017 SUNDAY BULLETINS

PERFECT LOVE

February 5, 2017

Rev. Donna Gatewood

We are reminded day in and day out that God is Love; we are also reminded that God is in us, with us, through us all. We know that what God is we are also. We, made in the image and after the likeness of God, are Love.

Love is all inclusive. Love is the cure for every human ill. Love never fails; Love never falters; and Love embraces all. Love forgives all. Love swallows up all of our failures, all of our misgivings, all of our fears, all of our burdens and fills us with Grace and the Fullness of Life. Love does everything for us and asks only that we turn it its direction and that we become willing to allow Its Wonder, Goodness and Grace to become our Life.

Love changes everything. It purifies everything and fixes everything that seems broken, sordid, and hateful into all that is wonderful. Love changes weakness into strength and fear into faith. Love conquers all.

Put your Trust in Love for it is the Power of God in the world. Let the Love that you are flow from you freely knowing that Love opens the way for Peace, Joy, and Harmony.

HE CARES FOR YOU

from April 1999 Newsletter

February 12, 2017

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

In First Peter we have this statement, "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you...for he careth for you." This is personal. "He cares for you," This is intimate. "He cares for you." It is along the statement "I will never leave you nor forsake you. I am with you always."

We pray not to change God, but to become aware of His Presence. We are not here to make things happen, but to know God. And Divine Science teaches that it is through prayer that we know God. Prayer is the most personal of all human experiences because it is through prayer that we become aware of God.

Man is never apart from God. We do not have separate lives. Whatever God is, man is. But it is through prayer that it is confirmed. Therefore, take time to acknowledge the Presence that is ever present. Take time to give of yourself to him, for "He is thy life."

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee."

NEW PATTERNS

February 19, 2017

Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us establish routines that are convenient and comfortable. And mostly, they work for a while. But there may come a time when we are no longer satisfied with the usual practice. We may have grown bored or weary, and we are willing to consider a new habit, a new pattern of doing things. Actually, we may have made a New Year's resolution to do so. But here we are, in the month of February, and we find us following the patterns established in times past.

And we wonder what happened. On New Year's Eve, when we resolved to make some changes, we truly intended to do so. All things proceed from the inner to the outer. Change must first occur in us before it can appear outwardly. Change takes place in consciousness, and it is there that the determination is made. In the stillness of inner being, the indwelling presence guides and directs. When we listen to the still small voice, we find us where are meant to be, doing what we are given to do. Let us resolve to do so.

BELIEF

from Dial-a-Prayer, June 25, 1998

February 26, 2017

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Sometime, somewhere, we discover that our thoughts are actually our daily prayers. That what we really believe has a way of materializing in our lives as events, circumstances and experiences. That it is the quality of our thoughts that determine the quality of our happenings. In so many words, the Master explained all of this by saying, "What you believe, you receive. When you pray believing, that is what you will receive."

It is not only what we believe, but the beliefs we live out here in the world that lead to lives that are either empty or fulfilling, but always in perfect harmony with our beliefs.

Therefore, this day, believe that God fills heaven and earth, the invisible and visible realms of life. Believe this, walk in this belief that the answer to your prayer is in your hands simply awaiting your recognition as if to say, "I am with you always. Be still and know."

For the blessing of your immediate presence, O Most Gracious God, I give you thanks. Amen.