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Scripture Of The Month:

"And He has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

- Ephesians 1:22, 23



Pastor Wayne and Marian Holbrook



Championing the Cause of the Cross

It is my desire that on this Easter Sunday we will all come to a greater appreciation and a greater understanding of the amazing love of God through Jesus Christ. My prayer is that we would realize that there is available a daily source of strength and a continual supply of Christ's *resurrection power* that *can* and *will* enable us to overcome every obstacle that we may face in life.

God has a divine purpose and a divine plan for you! In fact, He has designed and destined for you to be a *Champion for the Cause of the Cross!* It was at the Cross at Calvary that Jesus displayed a love greater than words could ever describe. Moreover, this passionate display of His love in the form of suffering and sacrifice *was for YOU!*

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heartbeat of Christianity and the

life of the Christian faith. Unfortunately, it has been watered down and introduced simply as a philosophical idea and as a religious form. The Apostle Paul said that it was his determined purpose *"...to know Him (Jesus) and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead"* (Phil. 3:10,11). Here, Paul's declaration brings relevancy to each one of us today.

For Jesus, dying was His reason for living. He died for you so that you might live forgiven. John 15:13 reads, *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* Further, it was Christ's resurrection which demonstrated that He was the Son of God. It took the victory of the open and empty tomb and the power of the

Risen Lord to give effectuality to the Gospel. It was the foundation stone upon which the Church was built.

Christianity is unlike all other religions in the place it assigns to the death of its Founder. All other religions base their claim to the greatness on the life and teaching of those who founded them. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ centers on the Person of Jesus, including and especially His death, His resurrection and His return or second coming.

In the New Testament the death of Jesus is mentioned directly more than 175 times. In fact, one out of every four verses refers to this subject. In studying the life of Jesus, we are awe struck by the many miracles performed by Him; the feeding of the multitudes, healing the sick, forgiving sins, casting out devils,
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-- PW

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raising the dead and walking on water. By these mighty works, He gave ample evidence that He was in fact the Son of God and that He was all He claimed to be.

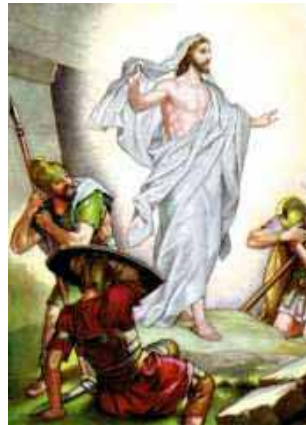
However, His work was not finished by these accomplishments in His life. **His primary passion and purpose in coming to this Earth was to bring salvation to the souls of men!** Ultimately, Jesus came to fulfill the redemptive plan and purpose of God for mankind's eternal salvation.

Adam and Eve's transgression in the Garden of Eden brought separation from God and man. Man's sin was so great and God's holiness so pure that man could not enter into God's presence. Only the shed blood of Jesus (a sinless man) could pay the price for sin and restore man's ability to once again experience a relationship with a holy God.

Through His death Jesus fully met every need of the sinner relative to sin. It was at the Cross at Calvary that Jesus became a **substitution and a sacrifice** for us. In other words, He became sin for us that we might

become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).

At the Cross, Jesus died for us and His death fulfilled God's will. It was a fallen race – *the sin race* – not a particular religious group that crucified Him. In fact, no one could kill Him. Jesus *gave* His life! Further, it wasn't the nails that kept Jesus on the Cross; it was **His love and passion for you.**



At Calvary, Jesus died with a shout of triumph on His lips. He did not say, "*It is finished*" as one who admits defeat. He said it like a victor who has won his last engagement with the enemy, like one who has brought a tremendous task to its ultimate conclusion. **FINISHED!** It is the cry of Jesus, our champion, crucified yet

victorious and forever triumphant!

By His death and resurrection, Christ has opened a new dimension of life...it is the promise of *eternal and everlasting life*. This **new life** also brings the fullness of His blessings, the abundant and prosperous life that God originally intended for mankind now in this time.

This divine way of living speaks of a life filled with His love, His passion, His peace, His power, and His joy. Jesus said in John 10:10, "*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*"

In this statement we discover that Jesus has made available all that we will ever need to succeed in life. For it is in His triumph – **that we too** – can champion the cause of the Cross and live victoriously!

- Pastor Wayne



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcomes Dr. Dennis Burke

Sunday, March 15 @ 10:00 AM



Dr. Dennis Burke

Dennis Burke is affecting thousands of people worldwide. At the heart of this ministry is a focus on faith in the Word of God and an inner desire to walk in the power and the flow of the Holy Spirit — the explosive combination that will keep the fire of God burning in His people.

His quest to see people changed, healed, restored and renewed is evident as he teaches with compassion, simplicity and humor. For the last nine years Dennis faithfully served as President for the International Convention of Faith Ministries (ICFM) and is a featured speaker at National and International conventions. Invite your family and friends for a life-changing message.

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Men's Fellowship

Sat., March 7th @ 8:30am

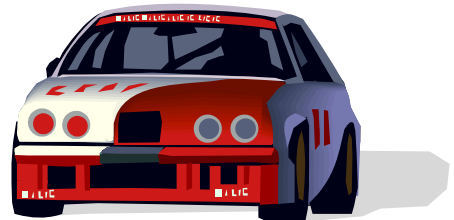
GO KART WORLD

21840 Recreation Rd., Carson

Men, join us for a great time of fellowship and ministry in the Word. We have 10 cars and 1 hour of nonstop NASCAR-style racing!

The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes coffee, donuts, juice and participation on the Super-Track in the NASCAR GO CARTS. Sign up and reserve your CAR! Pastor Wayne will share on the topic...

*“How To Succeed In
The Race Of Life”*



I've been drawn again to a very short, sometimes overlooked, book in the Bible – Philemon. When you read it you discover several layers of application. The word that caught my attention this time is *refresh*.

One of the commendations Paul made to Philemon was for the times he had “refreshed the hearts of the saints.” That phrase alone makes me thirsty. In my mind I visualize Coca-Cola – *the pause that refreshes*. Or I see the Lipton Tea commercial where someone falls backward into the cool water on a hot day.

Do you feel dry? Is your heart in need of a little refreshing? I believe we all need refreshment, and often don't know how badly we need it until someone says something that brings a smile to our lips and joy to our hearts. Paul gives a beautiful example of speaking to others about the good things we see in them.

How can we bring refreshing to others? One way is by letting them know you are praying for them. Not in a braggadocios manner, but sincerely, as God would lead you. Paul was specific in saying that he thanked God for Philemon during his prayers because he had heard of the “love and faith he had toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints.” Paul was not buttering Philemon up, nor using insincere compliments to manipulate him. He was simply expressing what he had heard about Philemon. Don't you think that *refreshed* Philemon? Mutual refreshment!

This letter also shows what joy comes to the heart of leadership when they see and hear of the fruit growing in the lives of those they serve. Philemon had displayed his love for both the Lord Jesus and for the saints. Paul had heard the reports and it made

his heart grateful to know. Listen as he tells Philemon, in verse 7, that he has *great joy and consolation* because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by him. And in verse 20, Paul makes an appeal to *let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord*.

I took a creativity class last summer and on the last night together we were instructed to mingle and tell each one what we appreciated about them. It was a very revealing experience. First, it revealed we are not comfortable hearing good things about ourselves! Also, some found it difficult to say nice things to others. We have this *avoidance* mindset that prefers put-downs or sarcasm as the means of communicating affection rather than straight-forward expressions of caring. However, the most telling aspect was how deeply touched people were to be told they were valued and appreciated. Some teared up, others looked down and away. It became obvious how much we need to hear praise and encouragement from others and how little we actually get. We are a dry and parched people.

We need to be refreshing the hearts and spirits of fellow believers. We may not always know what's happening in each others' lives, but we can genuinely tell each other we're glad you're here on Sundays and we notice and miss you when you're not. To know we've been missed instills value in our hearts. We matter. Someone cares.

God provides *rivers in the desert*. May we be the ones splashing in the pools, pouring out living water and refreshment on one another.

Blessings to all.

– *Pat Bennett*

"How can we bring refreshing to others?"

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– *Pat*



"Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord."

Philemon 20

Rolling Into Spring

Spring is right around the corner for the New Life Kidz Crew!!

Through the month of March, the kids will be learning about the hope they can have in God. Because Jesus Christ is Lord, His death and resurrection give us the ultimate reason for hope of eternal life with God. We are going to share with your kids that we have hope in Jesus because He is the mighty King God promised to send.

We want to make sure they know that they can share with others about our hope in Jesus. Some of our friends might not have hope, but we want to remind them that Jesus loves them too!

As April approaches, we will begin sharing with the kids the true meaning of Easter. We will have a craft to prepare on Easter Sunday, so be sure to



invite a friend to join you in learning about Jesus.

As we continue through spring, our Kidz' Crew will be learning about all the things they can do with God's help. We will share how God can achieve great things through unlikely people. Even though some of our friends, or even us, may act ugly, God loves them and can use them to do great things!

I am so proud to be a part of the children's ministry here at New Life Christian Church. I have the honor of teaching all age groups, and I am touched by each and every one of your children. They continue to show eagerness to learn more and more about God. All of them engage in the activities and help with reading bible verses.



"Some of our friends may not have hope, but we want to remind them that Jesus loves them too!"

- Lisa

Continue to encourage your kids to read their bible and share with others that God loves them!

Please share with your kids this bible scripture:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

- 1 Peter 1:3

Blessings,

- Lisa Potter



"The beauty of nature and seeing those stars caused me to know that God was real, although it would be many years before I came to know him as Lord."

- Jeannine

"Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, 'How awesome are Your works!'"

Psalm 66:1-3

I was born in Santa Monica but lived my entire childhood in Torrance. Being a mile from the beach brought many wonderful days at the beach and the old Redondo Beach pier. My mother still lives in the same house that I was raised in, and it is a blessing to be able to visit her often.

Every summer for as long as I can remember, our family would vacation for two to three weeks in the Eastern Sierras. Our favorite camping spot was right next to the creek, where the sound of bubbling water would lull you into sleep. Our favorite campsite was Rock Creek, but we made trips to various fishing spots and interesting places from Bishop to Bridgeport. At least twice during our time there we would hike into the back country where God's creation is basically untouched by man except for the trail.

I recall lying out under the stars at night. They looked so close and numerous – it seemed as though you could reach right up and grab one! The beauty of nature and seeing those stars caused me to know that God was real, although it would be many years before I came to know him as Lord.

I am a country girl at heart and love animals,



especially dogs and horses. I've had quite a menagerie at times – from reptiles to furred, finned and feathered creatures of all kinds. We made our home in Big Bear Lake for nine years. I moved to the Temecula area with my son and daughter in 1988. It was still a fairly small town at that time, with lots of open space. The horses were eventually traded for motorcycles and quads (they're much cheaper to keep!).

When my daughter was four days old, she stopped breathing. She was flown to Loma Linda Medical Center where she was eventually diagnosed with a seizure disorder. I vowed to God that if He would let her live I would go to church. *He* did, so *I* did! She received prayer on our first visit and was healed of the seizure disorder. At the age of eighteen months she was healed of Cerebral Palsy.

I was born again after the first healing, but had no real relationship with God until 1993. At that time I was delivered from drug addiction,

saw many signs and wonders, and fell deeply in love with the Lord.

I attended an International School of Ministry for two years and began serving the Lord wherever needed: praise and worship, prayer, children's ministry, office work and the needs ministry. For three years I was the administrator of an outreach ministry that included the Angel Tree Project, Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship's program for children of inmates. We felt so blessed to see many salvations as our teams ministered the love of Jesus.

After moving to Torrance, the Lord called me here to New Life. I'm now am a "KAMMER" – a member of the Kingdom Advancement Ministry. What a blessing it is! We do visitation, give a 10-week foundational bible study to anyone who wants it, and learn how to get people saved, healed and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

God has blessed me with a son, a daughter, two wonderful grandchildren and another on the way. What an awesome God we have! His love endures forever!

- Jeannine Cushman

New Life Christian Church Invites You To 2 Powerful & Life-Changing Services

Good Friday...April 10th @ 7:00 PM

So. Coast Botanic Garden - 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

*Join us for an outdoor service as the sun sets in the beautiful "Garden of Gethsemane".
Pastor Wayne Holbrook will share about **The Victory At Calvary!** Discover how Jesus' death on that dark day brightens your life today! Communion will also be served.*

Easter Sunday...April 12th @ 10:00 AM

New Life - 28340 Highridge Rd., Rolling Hills Estates

Experience His Resurrection! On that third day Jesus brought new meaning, new hope, and the offer of new life! Could you use a third day in your life? Come celebrate Jesus' resurrection, and discover how His power still brings new life and new hope today.

***Contemporary Worship *Egg Hunt & Prizes for the Kids *Loving Nursery Care**

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Why Me, Lord?

Oh, why me, Lord?

Why, of all people on Earth, did it have to be me?

Why was it that You revealed Yourself to me and made me your child when so many others around me remain distant from You?

Certainly no works I ever did would put me in the lofty reaches of Your kingdom. Indeed, I've done just the opposite.

Yet, You've loved me without ever demanding anything, only desiring me to draw closer to You.

It's been more than 20 years since I accepted You, Jesus, as Lord of my life, and why I was chosen remains a mystery.

There were a million ways I could have stayed away from You and gone through life with You on the periphery, rather than the center. But somehow You touched my heart and set my feet upon the Rock.

It's one thing to know how powerful Your love is; it's quite another to understand why an ordinary soul like me can have fellowship with You.

Frankly, I'm just happy to

understand this much: Your love goes beyond all reason; You walk beside me and hear my prayers. In the depths of the universe, You are near me.

Why me, Lord?

Maybe what really matters is that I need to grow in the Spirit. In Philippians 1:6, You say that He who began a good work in You will complete it. Yes, I have a ways to go.

Your servant,

-- Juan Arancibia



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they may have life
and that they
may have it more
abundantly."**

John 10:10 (b)

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March/April Birthdays

Marcela Such
March 18

Lynn Goebel
April 5

Lisa Potter
April 9

Betty Sessions
April 22

Steve Goodrich
April 22

Letti Chambers
April 28

*"He made Him who knew no
sin to be sin on our behalf,
that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him."*

2 Corinthians 5:21

Sunday Night In The Spirit!

March 29th & April 26th @ 6:00 pm

An evening dedicated to praise, worship, prayer and ministry in the Holy Spirit. Join us for a powerful and prophetic night of refreshing, renewal and restoration. We'll minister healing through the laying of hands and anointing with oil.

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." John 4.23

Receive God's grace and favor! Get filled with His divine power and partake of His great and precious promises!



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