

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Stay Connected in the Spirit ... by Fred

Necessary attributes to stay connected in the spirit

Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord oh my Soul" David realized the necessity to consciously speak to his Soul to bless the Lord and not to forget all His benefits

We are tripartite beings having our spirit which communicates with God and our soul (the realm of consciousness) resident in our body (identifier). We need to consciously address our souls like David, to create an attitude of heart to:

- Bless the Lord by praising Him in songs and/or prayers
- Recount all the great deeds of God (*psalm 136:1- end*)
- Not forget the benefits of Godliness especially when tempted to look back or discouraged

Psalm 63: 4-8 tells us that this attitude of heart when developed leads to satisfaction and a longing heart to fellowship more with God and His people, i.e., we as branches will stay connected and nourished by God (the Vine) to bear more fruit unto Godliness. We have all experienced our heart lifted up above despair and fear when we sing praises to the Lord. Praising Him leads us to praying more praise and joy in fellowship; we are satisfied in our spirit.

'Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.'

We experience peace that passes all understanding. *Philippians 4:4-9* encourage us to:

- Rejoice in the Lord
- Lead a prayerful life

'Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'

Let us stay connected to our source of life Amen!

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Events /Notices

- ▶ **LATE NIGHT PRAYER will be on Saturday 27th August 2016 from 08pm to 11:30 pm.** You are all invited to join us to spend time devotionally in prayers for yourselves, your families and others. We invite you to express your hearts concerns before God as the Spirit might lead you in all freedom.
- ▶ **Bob Fu will speak about China aid,** a ministry to help the Chinese church. Venue: Grosvenor Road Baptist church, Sunday 28th August @ 7.00pm

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).