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When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai, you are hidden in the strength of God Most High. ² He's the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me, the only God for me, and my great confidence. ³ He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy, and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse. ⁴ His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you. You can run under his covering of majesty and hide. His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm. ⁵ You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you. ⁶ Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you, nor will the powers of evil launched against you. ⁷ Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed.
Ps. 91:1-7 TPT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Responsive Reading today – Judges 6:11-24

FROM THE PASTOR:

All ministry anniversary days for the year 2020 are going to be virtual.

Our Father's Day service, Sunday June 21, 2020 will be in the rear parking lot again weather permitting. We will conduct at least two (2) per month for the remainder of summer but still doing online as well.

We are having a four (4) week Summer Camp beginning July 6 - July 31, 2020. Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27, 2020, but times have not been finalized.

The church will be conducting massive in-depth cleaning during those days listed above. Please take your personal belongings home because we will begin to discard them on Monday July 6, 2020.

As of now we are coming back to the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Please watch this page for updates because our services are going to change with time and order. When we do come back in the sanctuary, we will have gloves, mask, and sanitizing stations available for all. We simply ask that you discard them appropriately when finish. **If you are not feeling well, please stay home until you're better.**

When announcements are given from the Pastors office they are official. Nothing changes unless you hear from the Pastor, or Chairman's Richard Mason and Larry Jordan. Disregard anyone else that may say "what they heard"

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”
II Corinthians 5:1-5

For the past several years we as a people, Black America have become all too familiar with the phrase, “I Can’t Breathe” Because of reckless and senseless homicides, countless parents and families have had to bury their loved ones who were victims of over zealous law enforcement officials, and vigilantes across the land who felt the need and thought it was okay to take the life of another individual without facing consequences. No, it’s not okay. It is not okay for a neighborhood citizen to feel they can act in the capacity of law enforcement without cause. No, it’s not okay for neighborhood racist troublemakers to hunt down and kill a man who is merely jogging through the community. No, it is not okay for law enforcement to kick in a door without notification looking for a suspect only to wrongfully kill an innocent person. No, it’s not okay for police to surround a man, wrestle him to the ground, handcuff him, put your knee on his neck suffocating him until he dies, no it’s not okay. We are tired, as a matter of fact, we’re tired of being sick and tired of saying, “**I Can’t Breathe**” but I want to encourage us today in spite of all, “**We Still Have Hope**”

In the text, the Bible teaches the believer we are guaranteed of eternal residency with Jesus after this life, this earthen vessel has been dissolved. The Apostle Paul gives us hope and desire of heavenly glory.

The believer not only is well assured by faith that there is another life, and it is a happy life after this is ended, but he has good hope, through grace, of heaven as a dwelling-place, a resting-place, a hiding-place. In our Father's house there are many mansions, whose builder and maker is God. The happiness of the future state is what God has prepared for those that love him: everlasting habitations, not like the earthly tabernacles, the poor cottages of clay, in which our souls now dwell; that are moldering and decaying, whose foundations are in the dust. The body of flesh is a heavy burden, the calamities of life are a heavy load. But believers groan, being burdened with a body of sin, and because of the many corruptions remaining and raging within them. Death will strip us of the clothing of flesh, and all the comforts of life, as well as end all our troubles here below. But believing souls shall be clothed with garments of praise, with robes of righteousness and glory. The present graces and comforts of the Spirit are earnestings of everlasting grace and comfort. And though God is with us here, by his Spirit, and in his ordinances, yet we are not with him as we hope to be. Faith is for this world, and sight is for the other world. It is our duty, and it will be our interest, to walk by faith, till we live by sight. This clearly shows the happiness to be enjoyed by the souls of believers when absent from the body, and where Jesus makes known his glorious presence.

Saints we are related to the body and to the Lord; each claims a part in us. But how much more powerfully the Lord pleads for having the soul of the believer closely united with himself! Thou art one of the souls I have loved and chosen; one of those given to me. What is death, as an object of fear, compared with being absent from the Lord!

So the echo of “I Can’t Breathe” rings loud and clear based on the circumstances we are currently enduring, but the good news for born again baptized believers is, “We Have Hope” and our hope is in the risen Savior Jesus Christ.