

Sunday – February 10, 2019

Pastor David Higa Walking in Purity – Part 2 Ephesians 5:1-21

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. [Ephesians 5:8-10]

What is acceptable to the Lord? It is quite obvious. They are things you bring to light; like sharing the Word; praying for someone; encouraging them; speaking “in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” [Eph 5:19]; serving the Lord and serving others. The nature in these brings light; they are willingly exposed because they are inherently [Spiritually] acceptable.

To the contrary, what is not acceptable to God? These too are obvious. They are deeds of darkness; hidden and shameful things, “fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you” [Eph 5:3], “neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting.” [Eph 5:4] The nature in these bring darkness, they are secretive and hidden because they are inherently [Spiritually] unacceptable.

These are the contrasts of purity and impurity; of Holy God and sinful man; it is the dichotomy between the God of the Bible and the god of this world. It is the separation that is to be among the Christian and the world. So why are the two so often blurred? Because of the mind. It is a decision of the mind.

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.” [Eph 4:17] To the saints in Colossae Paul wrote, “Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.” [Col 3:2]

The heart follows what we choose to put in our minds. If we set our minds on things above [those acceptable things of God] then the God of the Bible transforms our hearts. But if we set our minds on earthly things then the god of this world darkens our hearts. Our part is to “put off” the old man and “put on” the new [ref. Eph 4:22-24]. It’s a simple direction, though hard to do. When we decide to do our part; God will surely do His. We must decide to put Godly things in our minds.

It begins by sitting with the Lord so that we can set our minds on Him. When we choose these, the Spirit faithfully transforms our hearts and desires toward Him, so that we live in purity for His glory.

Weekly Ministries:

Sun Morning Services – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.
7:30 am
9:30 am with Children’s ministry.
11:30 am with Children’s ministry & Teens ministry [6th-9th grades].

Sun Evening Service – HT Office. *Leviticus - Numbers*.
6:30 pm with Children’s ministry.

Mon Evening Men’s Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
6:30 pm Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study.

Tue Evening Ladies Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
7:00 pm Discussion of Sun message.

Wed Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at Hollywood Royale.
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

Wed Evening Service – at Rosemont ES with Children’s ministry.
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *Job*.

Sat Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at City View Villas.
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

Worship Services:

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.
Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

Announcements

Wednesday Evening Midweek Service

Join us every Wed evening at 7:30 pm right here at the Rosemont ES auditorium for our midweek study of the Old Testament. We will be starting the book of Job this Wed which starts a new section in the Old Testament, the Poetry Books: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. We’ll be in these wonderful devotional books over the next several months so make sure to make Wed evenings a part of your weekly fellowship.

VA Outreach 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Remember every 1st & 3rd Sat of the month we minister at the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles. Please see Sal or Mike for details if you’d like to join us.

Women’s Conference at CC Downey

“Unquenchable Fire” Women’s Conference at CC Downey on March 1-2. Ladies please make note of the date. Details are on the Information table.



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Audio messages at: www.ccEchoPark.com. CDs for \$1.

Daily Bible Reading: 02/11 – 02/17: Numbers 1-14. Reading plan at Info Table.

Spanish Translation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

Prayer Requests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **Prayer Card** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.