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Remember – we must win the lost at any cost because people last forever!



Jesus Christ ~ the Theme of Our Lives!
It's All About Jesus!

Jesus was a man who claimed to be God. Think about this for a moment. If this were true, how would it change the way you thought, felt and lived your life?

No one is more loved or hated than Jesus. This is not surprising, since He's the most famous person in all of human history. More songs have been sung to Him, artwork created of Him, and books written about Him than anyone who's ever lived. Even our calendar is based on His life, dividing time before and after Him.

Naturally, someone this important will have fans and foes. A lot of people have an idea of who Jesus is. They may get this idea from TV or movies, maybe from past church experience and Sunday school felt boards, from history books, or maybe from just hearsay. Just because we have ideas of who Jesus is doesn't mean we actually know Him.

At Missions Church Orlando, we believe that Jesus is God. We take Him at His word. Everything we do is all about Jesus. We recognize that the only way to really know Jesus is to understand what the Bible says about Him, which includes what He said about Himself. We invite you to learn more about this man who is God and how you can find new life and forgiveness in Him.

AROUND the World – **PRAY** today



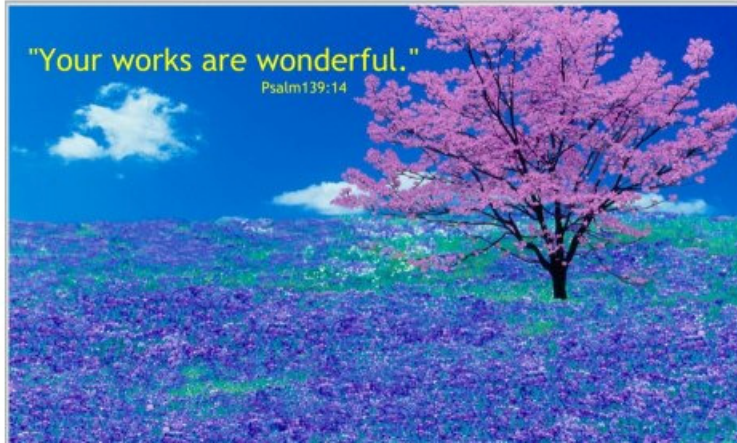
Because of the blood of Jesus, we can continue to take steps into the unknown. Thank You Jesus for clear access to Your throne. Because of Your blood the past is gone and done. Open my eyes to see the authority and power that is in Your blood. **Today, I make much of the blood and the blood will make much of me.** By faith I commit to walk under the covering of Your blood.

Sunday AM
9:45 – 10:00 AM
Church-wide Prayer
10:00 AM
Worship & The Word
MCO meets in the
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday PM
7 PM – 9 PM
Church-wide Prayer
We meet in our church
office which is the last door
on the left of the front building
next to the Fellowship Hall

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Fact Faith Feeling By Pastor Che Ahn

Back in the early 70s when I first became a Christian, Campus Crusade put out a little booklet called “The 4 Spiritual Laws.” It was designed to explain the plan of God's salvation in simple terms that anyone could understand. One graphic that was really powerful for me displayed a train with an engine, a car and a caboose labeled in order: Fact-Faith-Feeling.

The booklet explained that **God's word and His promises are always the Truth. They are Fact whether we believe them or not, and no matter how we feel about them. Faith results when we are persuaded of the truth and choose to put our trust in God's promises.** It is wonderful when we have powerful feelings that accompany our decisions of faith, but this doesn't always happen. **We can never base the truth of a situation on how we feel about it. Truth is always based on the Fact of God's word.**

Most Christians understand and accept the Fact-Faith-Feeling paradigm as it applies to forgiveness of sin and acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord. However, when it comes to divine healing, we often get the cars on the train out of order.

Many people put Feeling first. They may not realize it, but they are operating by the principle of “seeing is believing.” If they don't immediately feel a change, they think that nothing

has happened and that they are not healed. This is in direct contradiction to God's word that instructs us, “for we live by believing (faith) and not by seeing.” (2 Corinthians 5:7) In fact, faith is defined as “the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1) Another common mistake people make is putting Faith first. They try to work up enough faith to strongly believe so that healing will happen. They fall into a type of magical thinking that if they simply say something, like quoting a Scripture enough, they can make it happen. Their faith becomes a performance they do to move God to do something He hasn't already done (i.e., to heal them).

They have the order backward. They fail to understand that faith can only appropriate what God has already done. **Faith begins by accepting God's word as Fact above anything else. Faith ignores Feeling and chooses to trust in God's word and promises alone. Actually, God's promises are so powerful that even a tiny amount of faith (i.e., the size of a mustard seed) is enough to activate them.**

Mark 11:23-24 instructs us to believe that we receive what we ask in prayer, regardless of what we see or feel, and we will have it. **God assures us that by the stripes of Jesus we were healed (i.e., an accomplished Fact). As we focus on this Fact of God's word, Faith builds within us and through faith we know it is true no matter how we feel.**

This type of steadfast faith will always produce results, but often we get pulled in two directions at one time. We strongly hope God's promise of healing is true, but we feel no change and fear that nothing has happened. The book of James tells us that when we do this, we are like a wave being tossed back and forth. We have not made a firm decision to believe and release our faith, and therefore nothing happens.

To avoid this wavering, we must keep the train in order. **God's Fact is first. It is the Truth we base our Faith upon. Our Feelings can vary moment to moment and we need to ignore them when they don't line up with God's Fact. If we keep our train in order, healing will result!**



Prayer Starter

Matthew 6:10-13 The Message + JB Phillips + NKJV

¹⁰Our Heavenly Father, reveal who You are. Set the world right; may Your name be honoured and Your kingdom come, and Your will be done as above, so below. Give us this day the bread we need, forgive us what we owe to You, as we have also forgiven those who owe anything to us. Keep us clear of temptation, and save us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. You're in charge! You can do anything You want! You're ablaze with beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

- God –I am Yours and You are mine
- I pour out an offering of worship to You
- This is my prayer and my solemn vow
- I will love You with all of my heart and all of my mind and all of my strength all of my days
- I set Your seal upon my heart
- I embrace and commit to all that You are and all that You have and all that You require of me
- Everything You want me to have I want and anything You don't want me to have I don't want
- Take me into Your chambers
- Let me see Your beauty, let me see Your face
- The branch of the LORD has been revealed
- By Your stripes I have been healed
- Holy One, You said, “Beloved I wish above all things that you be in health & prosper even as your soul prospers.”
- All of the nations stand in awe and wonder and say
- You are good and Your mercy endures forever
- Nothing can keep me from You God, nothing!