



Shiloh Messenger

The Only Choice For Life September 2014

“Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with it,” Proverbs 8:8-11.

The Heart of The Lord draws people to know Truth. Without Divine Truth we have no reference of who we belong to. All through man's history we can draw conclusion that man has failed in his attempt to be independent of God (Look at the consequences of independent choices). History and also the present bares witness that man has failed at seeking the Lords council for the pilgrimage of life. We cannot live independent from Him, we must be totally be dependent upon Him thru communion in prayer and His Word (“Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come,” Jer. 33:3). God's Solution to right choices has always been found in Christ Jesus (The Living Word). **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men,” Jn. 1:1-4.**

The Lord is serious about His desire for man to know that he is loved and that he has eternity in his heart (Eccl. 3:11). Man's response should be in humility and to consider his ways. After self-evaluation man should reach a conclusion. It should be like David in **Psalm 8:3-6**, **“When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers— the moon and the stars you set in place, what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority.”** David was a man after God's heart. We can see from David's perspective he had revelation of mans high order in which he was to conduct himself on earth. King David knew that he was a man who was given authority by God. He knew that his promotion from a shepherd boy to a king was because of encountering God in worship. His path from obscurity to notoriety took place out of David's heart crying out to God. A secret place of worship was established between him and the Shepherd of his soul. It was the Spirit of God that attracted David into a place of getting alone with The LORD. It was in these quite times with the Lord that he expressed his relationship with his God by writing about it in the Psalms. The Holy Spirit would lead him into the secret place where The Anointing transformed him into a champion for God. We read all about David's exploits in the Word of God. But David's life story is about an invitation for us to encounter The Heavenly Father's Heart .

Life is a matter of choice. The LORD in His love for humanity gave us the ability to choose. It would be out of character for God to create a being as a robot with no ability to make choices. In our design the Creator gave us a spirit. **“The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart” (Prov. 20:27).** With our spirit -man we can communicate and worship God who is Spirit. **“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” John 4:24).** In this wonderful design we can be lit as a lamp for the LORD. This will happen when we choose Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior. He becomes our “Light” in life (Jn. 1:4). It is an atrocity for people who has God's copyright (Gen. 1:26) on their lives to be slaves to satan (the god of this world). In **2 Corinthians 4:4** the Apostle Paul states that peoples minds have been blinded. **“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.”**

In satan's scheme to destroy man he simply gets man to be carnal instead of spiritual. **“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (hostile) against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God,” Rom. 8:5-8.** The world we live in is under the control of a demonic influence. The influence is to attract our flesh to the things of the world, so we will never experience God. This is seduction. When we are seduced we are aroused to sin. It is in this environment where flesh is gratified. We enjoy it so much that sin creates an economy for the flesh to be fed. In this economy we earn wages, which is death! (The wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23). But the LORD is gracious. He states in **Romans 5:20b**, **“But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more!”** Simply the Lord is saying “My Grace is not a license to sin, but more powerful than sin, because it loves and forgives. Any heart that surrenders to its influence becomes empowered to live a Righteous and Holy life.”

“This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you to understand, and it is not beyond your reach. It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, ‘Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?’ It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’ No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it,” Deuteronomy 30:11-14.

Graduates Testimony

My name is Alexander Rivera and I am 38 years old and I am from Temple Texas. I graduated Shiloh Ministries on August 1, 2014. I am grateful that the Lord Jesus Christ brought me to Shiloh Ministries to be a disciple. I have learned how to love Jesus and others as well as learning how to win souls for the Kingdom of God. I give Jesus all the glory because He turned a bad situation and made it good in my life. I started consuming illegal substances when I was a teenager, which consisted of alcohol and marijuana. In my adult life I started using cocaine, acid, ecstasy, mushrooms, and meth. Being raised in a single parent home my mom blessed me with a good childhood and I regret being rebellious to the Lord and to my family, but God is good; He caused my heart to repent. There are a lot of terrible things that my family does not know about and I have asked the Lord for forgiveness. I was raised in a Catholic household I knew right from wrong, but I was a slave to sin. I was in denial about my addiction and turned my back on God. I got to a point in my life where I was so accustomed to doing evil I lost the ability to change my attitude. My pattern of living became so set that I no longer feared the consequences. During my drug use I became irresponsible by not paying my child support and was incarcerated for that. When I started using crystal meth my behavior became violent with others and again incarcerated a couple of times for that offense. In my addiction I hit rock bottom by not keeping a steady job and getting into an argument with a family member that left me with nowhere to live. My Uncle and Aunt found Shiloh Ministries on the internet and thank God for giving me an opportunity to redeem myself. I regret ever drinking and using drugs and with the Lord's help I know I will stay sober for the rest of my life. I want to thank the supporters of Shiloh for their finances, prayer, fellowship and for their love for God and His ministry at Shiloh. This helped me realize how much Jesus loves me and His desire to see me fulfill my destiny. Thank you Lord, for Your Holy Spirit Who is my comforter and teacher. Proverbs 3:5 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight".



We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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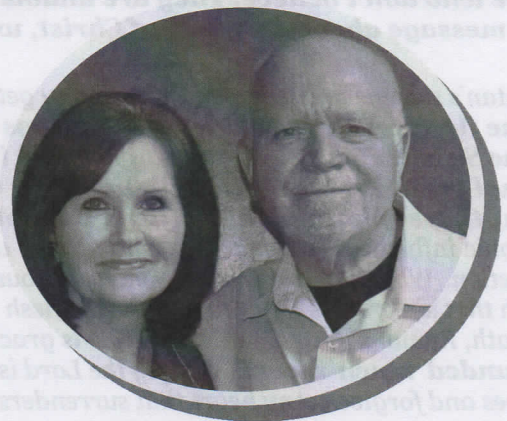
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