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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

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PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I am a first-time guest.
 I am a returning guest.
 I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

I want to know more about the Gospel.
 I am committing my life to Christ.
 I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
 I want to join a small group.
 I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

For Prayer Team
 For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace (January 11th)

The Inability of the Law to Sanctify

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? (Galatians 3:2-3)

The first question here in [Galatians 3](#) again brings to mind issues of **justification**. "Did you receive the **Spirit** by the **works of the law**, or by the **hearing of faith**?" We received the Holy Spirit of God to dwell in our lives when we were born again, when we became children of God. This is also when the Lord declared us justified, righteous in His sight.

How did the Spirit come to **indwell** us? Was it by our **performance**, attempting to live up to the **law** of God? **No**, it was "**by the hearing of faith**." We heard the good news that Christ died for our sins. We heard the truth that Jesus could forgive us of our unrighteousness. **Faith** was stirred in our hearts as we considered that grand message. In simple, humble faith, we asked the Lord Jesus to come into our lives, to be our personal Savior. "**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name**" ([John 1:12](#)).

The next two questions in our text apply this same biblical reasoning to **sanctification**. "**Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?**" To think that we can **advance** the **process** of **sanctification** (that is, progressive transformation unto Christlikeness) by our own **human resources** (that is, by the flesh) is **foolishness**.

What a staggering thought! Just as we could **never** secure **justification** by our own **best efforts**, so it is true that we can **never** increase personal **sanctification** by our own **best efforts**. Yes, "*The just shall live by faith*," initially and continually!

Dear Lord, I praise Your holy name for justifying me by faith in Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I am so grateful that such a blessing did not depend upon my personal ability or merit. My heart is both convicted and encouraged that sanctification is by faith as well. I am convicted, because I have often thought and acted as though I could effect more practical righteousness by my own resources. I am encouraged that there is a way that actually works, and it depends upon trusting in You. O Lord, please remind me of this glorious, gracious provision day by day, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room. For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**. (Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

January 11, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*

Prayer*

Scripture reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Message

Making the Truth a Reality

Speaker

Pastor Kenneth Hom

Response Card and Offerings

Response song*

Announcements

Doxology*

Benediction/Closing prayer

Pastor Kenneth Hom

(* Stand if you are able, please.)

JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: nvcccem@gmail.com

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

God's love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

MAKING THE TRUTH A REALITY

Notes

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

Citations

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