



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tracy Hills Harvest Party Outreach** – Saturday, October 14, 2-5pm, we will host a Harvest Outreach Carnival at Tracy Hills Park. Please donate individually-wrapped candy to pass out. Candy can be brought to the office, lobby or purchased on Amazon to be delivered to the church. We also need 50 volunteers to run games as we try to reach the Tracy Hills community. Contact the office with questions. For more information contact Christine Garth at [cgarth@southwinds.org](mailto:cgarth@southwinds.org).
- **Discovery 301** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 301 class on Sunday, October 15 at 3-7 pm. If you are interested in learning more about your Spiritual Gifts and how you can use those at Southwinds sign up today! Sign up on the App or contact the office with questions. Childcare and a light meal provided.
- **Baptism** – Our next baptism is Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm. The Bible teaches that baptism is an act of obedience after making a commitment to Christ and allows a believer to declare to the world their heart-felt commitment to Christ. Join us for this month's Baptism Sunday as we celebrate the proclamation of faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Register on the App or contact the office with questions.
- **Pumpkin Party** – A Pumpkin Party Carnival for our Southwinds families and their friends. Enjoy 30+ Carnival Games with candy, inflatables, yummy food and fun activities. Come dressed up. Totally FREE event. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 5-7:30pm. Contact Christine Garth: [cgarth@southwinds.org](mailto:cgarth@southwinds.org) for more information.

## MY STORY

**What was the strangest or funniest “rules” that your parents made you follow when you were growing up?**

**Do you follow any of those rules today? Why or Why not?**

## **QUICK REVIEW**

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### **Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 7:1-3**

**Point #1: When a UNION has died, it carries no OBLIGATION.**

"Our union with Christ breaks the power of sin & death of the law. As long as you are united to the Law - under its obligation/authority/jurisdiction it is the same as it would be in a marriage. But if the husband dies the woman is free of the marriage law. When the union is dead – there's no obligation." – **Chris Thielen**

**Why do we feel so obligated to the Law?**

**Why do we default to thinking that God is most concerned with our obedience to his rules?**

### **Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 7:4-5; Galatians 5:16-25**

**Point #2: Our union to the law of the FLESH is dead because of our union with CHRIST, so now we have no obligation to the flesh.**

Galatians 5:23-24 - The Fruit of the Spirit" is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

"What does it mean to be 'dead to the Law?' To be dead means to be 'unresponsive'. Being dead to sin means being unresponsive to its temptation, its pull. To be alive (to the Law) is to be responsive (to the law)". – **Chris Thielen**

"We have died to law through Jesus on the Cross, so that we may belong to Him. You can only be Alive to One at a time – either God or Law" – **Chris Thielen**

**What has worked well for you to be less responsive to the flesh and more responsive to the Spirit?**

### **Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 7:6**

**Point #3: Our new union with Christ weds us to the way of the SPIRIT so that we can BEAR FRUIT.**

"Spirit is the capacity to know God. "To be in the Spirit" is to be controlled by the Spirit. The Spirit makes us bear fruit for God." – **Chris Thielen**

**How well does it work to try to produce the Fruit of the Spirit on our own?**

**What makes it so hard to trust the Spirit in us to produce the Fruit of the Spirit in us instead of working hard to love, have joy, find patience, etc.?**

### **Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 7:7-12**

**Point #4: The law was for the good purpose of REVEALING my sin and my need for union with Christ.**

“To be ‘In the Spirit’ is to be controlled by the Spirit. To be ‘in the flesh’ is to be controlled by the flesh. Those sinful passions and desires of flesh are triggered by the Law.” – **Chris Thielen**

“Our union with Christ, fills us with Spirit, which empowers us to obey. It releases us from the Law, which no longer holds us captive. We are free from the Law – but not thereby Lawless. All the gospel requires is repentance and faith. People will ask, ‘Well, what about obedience?’ The gospel PRODUCES Obedience. That is the bearing of fruit ONLY comes after we dies to law and United to Christ.” – **Chris Thielen**

**How have you experienced the law “arousing our sinful passions”?**

**Has there been a time that you didn’t think about doing something until someone told you not to do it?**

**How does the idea that the Gospel doesn’t *require* obedience, but rather *products* obedience help with sharing our faith?**

#### **APPLICATION**

**Spend sometime this week asking God to reveal an area where we are focusing more on the Law of His Word vs the production of the Spirit.**

#### **PRAISES**

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**