

# Church News

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### Christian Growth Part 9

*Those who would walk with the Lord do well to consider this classic text on the matters of Christian growth and renewal:*

**Galatians 5:16b-17, 19-25 (NIV)**

16 . . . I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us conclude our exploration of said fruit with biblical self-control.

What is self-control? Self-control, also translated as temperance, is the capacity for self-mastery; the ability to say “no” to the world, the flesh and the devil and “yes” to God. Such elements are wonderfully articulated in the following selection:

**Titus 2:11-14**

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Let us consider another beloved passage on the theme of self-mastery:

**I Corinthians 9:24-27**

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Herein, Paul likens the Christian experience to an athlete preparing for the stadium games. Ancient athletes, much like their modern counterparts, went into strict training in preparation for their races (i.e., that they might perform effectively). You see, quality performance required self-mastery. Otherwise, competitors might yield to desires which yield disastrous ends (e.g., the breaking of diets and the ditching of workouts, etc.). Self-control was critical for those who wished to win!

In the same way, Christians are engaged in a life-long spiritual marathon which is often difficult and grueling. If we are going

to run in such a way to get the prize, that being heavenly reward, we cannot afford to waste time or energy on yielding to sinful appetites. We cannot “run” effectively or endure as long as we are trifling with carnality and wickedness. No, we must learn to practice self-control, self-mastery and restraint in the Lord. We do well to ask: If an athlete can so train in order to attain an earthly award that will fade, how can we not learn to master ourselves and run with endurance for a crown that will never diminish? Our spiritual forefathers—like the apostle Paul—knew of the heavenly reward to come:

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

To what degree do we, like Paul, long for the reward that is to come? Let us practice self-control and run our race in Christ.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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### Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend

*“You must be born from above,” Jesus said.*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page. Scripture Reading: John 3 v 1-17  
I. Introduction

If we were to truly listen to each other, what we are trying to convey, our thoughts and ideas, our beliefs about something, and more, then perhaps there would be less time for misunderstandings, arguments, divisions, and much more. We would be in a place where our relationships would be more harmonious, our ideas would be shared and respected, even though we would not necessarily agree with each other. We would be able to find our way together and build a better world where we all can live together in peace. Let’s see what the Gospel of John is trying to convey to us in this nightly visit of Nicodemus to Jesus.

II. You must be born from above

As a Jewish leader, Pharisee and skilled theologian, Nicodemus had his own ideas about God, religion, and the good life. He was a member of the ruling class, and of the Sanhedrin, and he stressed the careful observance of the Law and tradition of the elders. That was the way of salvation for him. He was curious, though about Jesus and His message of love and forgiveness, the miracles and signs He performed.

It was a bit awkward for a Pharisee and religious leader to come and spend time with Jesus, to have a conversation, instead of arguing with Jesus. He was there to listen, to understand, even

though he had his own ideas about religion and spirituality. He was respectful and even paid Jesus a compliment about His spiritual gifts and acknowledged that Jesus was a teacher and sent by God.

But Jesus gave Nicodemus a different kind of response, one that puzzled him a bit. Jesus is providing him with an existentially different view of what he, Nicodemus thinks life with God is about. “No one can see the Kingdom of God, unless he is born again, with water and with the Spirit”. To be born with water meant that he would need repentance and purification from his reward to come.

No human effort and obedience to specific laws can bring about the re-birth of the inner being that is necessary to enter the Spiritual Kingdom of God. A person must also be reborn with the Spirit to experience the inner working of God in their lives. So, it is good and well to observe that I am sent by God, Jesus says, and to acknowledge my message and gifts, but I need you to understand that no laws can save you from entering the Kingdom of God.

You must be born from above, from the heavens, meaning, you must have God working in you, and then you need Me, the Son of God in your life and then you need the re-birth of the Spirit of God to live inside of you, to live a spiritual life to the fullest. This was difficult news for Nicodemus, but he remained respectful of Jesus, defending Him with the chief priests later on when they challenged the temple guards for failing to bring Jesus to them. Nicodemus’ response was that Jewish law required that a person could not be condemned without first being heard and he even joined Joseph from Arimathea helping him to lay Jesus’ body in a nearby tomb. We don’t know what happened to Nicodemus after that, but his interaction with Jesus must have made him think about his own beliefs. He did not reject Jesus’ views, instead he listened, and allowed Jesus to teach him. In addition, Jesus’ comment about the Spirit, that “the wind blows where it pleases...must have had an impact on his life.

III. Conclusion

On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the power of God and the Son and the Holy Spirit in our lives. We need all of God to be with us, to live inside of us, for our salvation, but also for our daily lives and that deep relationship with God that makes life easier to manage and that provides us with God’s peace inside of us. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is crucial for us, as it brings us closer to our purpose and calling in this life. Through the Holy Spirit we become partners with God in fulfilling God’s will for us and this world. God wants to show us the way, but we can only experience that extraordinary gift of God’s guidance by allowing the Spirit to move inside and through us.

So, the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit is God’s way of saying, you are born from above, from the heavens, so that the Kingdom of God can come down to this earthly Kingdom, with the gifts of love and peace and justice and kindness bestowed upon on all the earth. May God make this message clearer to all of us every day and help us to be grateful listeners first to God, and then to one another so that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO24P1363EA Estate of: Robert S. Hayward Sr. Also Known As: Robert S. Hayward Date of Death: March 18, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jerusha E. Fish of Alton, NH

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jerusha E. Fish of Alton, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 05/30/2024

**Town of New Braintree Invitation To Bid**

The Town of New Braintree will accept sealed bids for materials to be used in road construction and general road maintenance of various town roads. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to bid is for FY2025. All bids signed with the name and address of the bidder should be submitted in a sealed envelope that is plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope “Goods and Services FY2025”. All bidders are required to be in compliance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Prevailing wage rates, where applicable. The Town of New Braintree reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities in the bidding if they deem it in the best interest of the town to do so. Bid spec-

ifications must be obtained from the Select Board office, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or can be emailed upon request by calling the Highway Department at (508) 867-2451. Bidders must be prequalified by the Contract Engineer of Mass. D.O.T., before specifications can be handed out. **Bids will be received until 6:30 p.m., Monday June 24, 2024,** and will be opened and read at 6:35 p.m. in the office of the Select Board. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion. 05/30, 06/06/2024

**MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by DAVID J. TWISS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as nominee for COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated February 24, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 54975, Page 172, as affected by Assignment of Mortgage to Country Bank for Savings dated August 9, 2023 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 69514, Page 325 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the **18th day of June, 2024,** on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 175 Pleasant Street, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

“The following described real property located in the County of Worcester State of Massachusetts:

The street address of the Property (if applicable) is: 175 Pleasant Street, Barre

The permanent tax identification number of the Property is: E110

The legal description of the property is:

The land together with building(s) situated thereon located in Barre, Worcester County, Mass. being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northern line of Glancy Road:

Thence N. 77° 11’ 46” W. 163.79 feet by Glancy Road to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 73° 07’ 22” W. 245.82 feet by said road to a drill hole at land now or formerly of Gallery;

Thence N. 20° 43’ 17” E. 180.67 feet by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 17° 42’ 52” E. 138.37 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 75° 34’ 16” E.

90.42 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence S. 8° 45’ 11” E. 219.56 feet by land now or formerly of Brewer to a stone bound;

Thence N. 80° 58’ 07” E. 117.27 feet by said Brewer land to a gun barrel set at the westerly line of Pleasant Street;

Thence S. 10° 54’ 21” E. 66.54 feet by said Street to a gun barrel;

Thence by said Street and a curve to the left with a radius of 1,374.75 feet, a distance of 166.66 feet to the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northerly line of Glancy Road, being the point of beginning.

Being shown on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 427, Plan 64.

EXCEPTING and EXCLUDING a certain parcel of land situated westerly of Pleasant Street in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a certain Quitclaim Deed dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54134, Page 53.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Grantor herein by Massachusetts Foreclosure Deed by Corporation dated July 8, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54086, Page 267 being the parcel marked as “Remaining Land of Country Bank for Savings” containing 52,877 S.F.

Being the same premises conveyed to David J. Twiss by Deed of Country Bank for Savings dated January 8, 2016 recorded in Book 54975 Page 169.”

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder’s sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

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The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.**

Country Bank for Savings, Present Holder of said Mortgage

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