

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Ladies Day - Bible Class Teacher Workshop
at Paris Church of Christ
Sat. April 27th from 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Confronting Cultural Confusion
Fri. 5/3 thru Sun. 5/5
at Clinton Church of Christ
Guest Speaker: Eric Lyons
Fri. 5/3 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Sat. 5/4 from 8:30am - 2:00pm
Sun. 5/5 from 8:30am - 2:00pm
- Open House for Ryan Stevens HS Graduation
Sat. 5/25 - more details to come!
- Sunnyside Road Church of Christ
Sat. June 1st - Bible Trivia Event

*"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
May my meditation be sweet to Him;
I will be glad in the LORD."*

Psalms 104:33,34

God's Perfect Peace

There is a story about a man who was waist-deep in the Gulf Coast waters, enjoying the waves around him. Fish darted at his feet, and the sun warmed his shoulders while he worked his way across the shallow sandbar. But suddenly, his feet slipped off the edge, and he sank into the deep chasm between the banks. Instantly, a powerful rip current pulled him under and away from shore.

Panicking, he fought to return to shore, kicking and paddling hard against the current. But after a few minutes of futile effort, he remembered what his swim instructor taught him years ago about riptides. Though it went against his instinct to fight, he submitted to what his instructor had said. He began swimming parallel to the beach instead of towards it, gaining more ground than he had before. After a few more strokes, he swam safely out of the current.

When we encounter dilemmas, physically or emotionally, our instinctive "fight or flight" kicks in. Panic and stress can send our blood pressure soaring, hearts pounding, and minds racing with all the "what ifs" our imagination can conjure up. But God calls us to remember what He taught us. He knows what we need & His ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). We need to keep our eyes fixed on Him (Hebrews 12:2), focus our thoughts on things that are true, good & praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8), and cast all our cares on Him (1st Peter 5:7). When we follow what God has taught us, the reality of His powerful presence in our lives sinks in and guides us back to His perfect peace.