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**Service. Wednesdays Bible Study and Prayer Services**  
**5PM**

2024 Theme: "Draw near to God." James 4

Words of Encouragement from Dr. C. Yvette Brock, Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus, In summary, the new liberty that Christ gave us ensues our freedom to walk close with Him and to live confident, content, and holy, no matter what condition our world, family, and society may be experiencing. For example, in the past, before Christ changed us, we looked at the world as it looked physically. We heard only with our physical ears. We thought in terms of what our flesh and blood felt. Therefore, we based our choices on our physical sensations. We chose to love whomsoever and whatsoever made us feel good. We chose friends, hobbies, jobs, and spouses according to the pleasures of our physical and material desires. That was how we lived before Jesus reached into our hearts and souls. That was when we were in the yoke of bondage. That yoke brought us into sin, shame, guilt, depression, and other dark places. We were sometimes deceivers, cheaters, prideful, selfish, disobedient, disrespectful, impatient, jealous, envious, malicious, grudful, and, some of us might have been murderers, thieves, robbers, or rapists. That was our burdensome condition



which estranged us from God. But Jesus offered us an easy yoke, which only requires faith in Him. With this faith in Him, we can surrender ourselves completely to Him and trust Him to perfect us and everything concerning us. He has borne our shame, guilt, and sin. He has forgiven us and made us new with the freedom of His fruit, so that we, unconditionally can be faithful to God, trusting Him to guide us and help us to see with spiritual eyes, beyond what our physical eyes can see. He gives us new ears so that we can hear His voice above the physical noises around us and the evil thoughts within our heads. He has given us new hearts which love doing our Master's will more than pleasing the flesh-our own or that of other humans. In this freedom which Jesus gives us, we have peace even when we are sick or dying or when we are grieving and bereaved, because we know that there is life after this life. That is why we can love those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who abuse, attack, reject, despise, and in other ways violate us. This is the liberty which Galatians 5:1 speaks of, and which sums up the freedom we have because we know Jesus is our Shepherd, our Lord, Salvation, Refuge, Strength, Battle Axe, Healer, Savior, Master, God, Counselor, and everything and whatever we need to live here and in the life after!

From the Editor

I read a poem the other day which I will paraphrase: Whatever name you answer to is who you call yourself. Whatever good you do, keep doing it even when others may not understand your motive or may not appreciate your good deeds. Do good anyway and call yourself who you want to be! (The editor's opinions and expressions may not reflect those of Holistic Ministries, Inc.)