

November 1, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford

Sunday Song Leader
John. Hopper

Wednesday Song Leader
Keith Newby (11/04/20)

Scripture Reading
Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer
Brad McAlister (AM)
Eli Carter (PM)

Closing Prayer
Chance Criswell (AM)
Chase Chapman (PM)

Count and Usher
Brock Lindley & Michiel Criswell

Communion
Terry Chapman

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

October 25, 2020

Sunday Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Worship: 80

Sunday Evening Worship: 92

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 77

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Contribution this week: 3,970

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THE LOVE OF GOD Mark Lindley

The Bible has much to say regarding the love of God. Reflecting on God's wonderful love should cause all to have a deeper appreciation for His love and inspire us to greater heights of faithfulness. Consider the following points regarding God's love:

1. God's love is unbounded. The Lord's apostle John wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God loves the world, all nations and races included. His love is not limited to any class of people. Consequently, Jesus tasted death for "every man" (Hebrews 2:9). No one in the whole world is beyond the scope of God's love.

2. God's love is unconditional. Paul wrote concerning God's love: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly...But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8). These passages reveal that God's amazing love is not limited to those who do His will; rather, God loves the "ungodly" and "sinners" (Romans 5:6, 8). God loves murderers, thieves, rapists, adulterers and drunkards. God's love is not mitigated by man's choice to live in sin.

However, God's "unconditional" love should not be interpreted to mean that His love will unconditionally "save" all sinners. Rather, it simply means that man does not earn God's love. Sinners will go to hell unsaved, but not unloved. God loves all—including vile sinners.

3. God's love is unrequited. Jesus warned, "But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you" (John 5:42). Jesus affirmed that some of his day actually hated God: "He that hateth me hateth my Father also" (John 15:23). Paul also described some as "haters of God" (Romans 1:30). Each of these passages reveals the sad truth that God's love is often unreturned. How sad it is that God chose to freely bestow His boundless, unconditional love upon His creation. Yet, those created in His own image often do not love Him in return.

Those who truly love God are those who keep His commandments (1 John 5:3). The claim, "I love God," is a hollow, baseless falsehood, if the one making the claim does not strive to obey God and do His will.

We have every reason to love God. He loved us before we ever heard of Him. From all eternity, He planned for our salvation. He sent His Son to die for our sins; gave us the glorious gospel and, offers eternal life in the glory and bliss of heaven. No wonder John wrote, "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

IS BEING COMFORTABLE ENOUGH?

No. 3

James Pilgrim

In two (2) previous articles the question was asked, "Is being comfortable enough?" The word of God was produced as evidence to answer the question in the negative. One may believe one is right, yet be wrong. (Proverbs 16:25). This study follows lesson number two.

The creed of the New Testament Church is not found in manuals, creeds, disciplines, catechisms, or any other doctrine and commandment of man. The creeds of men did not exist in the first century. In fact, none of these books existed until many years after Jesus built His church. Most did not exist until a couple of hundred years ago. Some are of recent origin.

The word of God is the only book one needs to know what is right, and what should be done. Mary said it best, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." (John 2:5). The Psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Verse 30 reads, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Why should one "preach the word"? (2 Timothy 4:2). The Psalmist said it best, "for all thy commandments are righteousness." (Psalm 119:172). One is begotten with the "word of truth" (James 1:18), God's "engrafted" (implanted) word. (James 1:21), His "perfect law of liberty." (James 1:25). Studying a book written by a human with obedience thereunto will make one a follower of that person.

Studying the word of God will make one a Christian. Remember, people have no power to save; only Jesus has that power. (Acts 4:12).

The mission of the church is to save souls. Jesus sent the eleven into the world to save souls. (Mark 16:14-16; Matthew 11:28-30; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 5:11-14). That is accomplished in three (3) ways: evangelism (Mark 16:15); edification (1 Corinthians 14:12); and benevolence (Galatians 6:10). As the late beloved W. A. Bradfield eloquently used to say, in New Testament times "the found found the unfound, the saved saved the unsaved, the taught taught the untaught, and the disciples disciplined the undisciplined." He then stressed that we should do the same. He not only taught these things. He energetically did them. Brother Bradfield also stressed that we should not decide who will and who will not obey the gospel. We should take the saving gospel to every lost person. They should be the one who decide whether or not they will obey Jesus, **NOT US!**

Beloved, are you comfortable with whom and what you are? Read (Ephesians 3:4), study (2 Timothy 2:15), and rightly divide the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15). Show yourself approved of God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed. Receive the word with all readiness of mind, and search the scriptures daily to know what is so, right. (Acts 17:11, 12). The Bereans did that and became genuine believers. So will each person who is honest and sincere. Likely, no person has had more to overcome than Saul of Tarsus. He was comfortable where he was in persecuting Christians. He must have been uncomfortable in separating himself from his destructive, rebellious associates, **But he had great strength to do so!** Will you?

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Sunday Evening Service

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*Remember to count your blessings, pray
for our lost ones, the sick, the world and
the broken-hearted.*

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Wayne Vandygriff, Jessica Emerson, Mike Moore
Bryan Davis, Emmie Gaillard

•**HOSPITAL:** Romia Palmer (TCH/Rehab),
Baby Rich Harris (Le Bonheur), Imogene Hardon
(TCH)

•**SURGERY/TEST/RECOVERY:**
Jodie Criswell, Shirley Simmons (heart, Shawna
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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom,
Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese,
Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

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Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson,
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