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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Ishmael (Genesis 16:1-12)
2. Two (Genesis 19)
3. Peter (Acts 12)
4. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Gary Tuttle
Announcements: Josh Emerson
Encouragement Talk: Ryan Haarmann
Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen
Scripture Reading: John Franks
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Todd McAdams
Helper: Jacob McAdams
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper:
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Closing Prayer: Pete Galvan

Sunday Afternoons

Nov 5 4PM Teacher Classroom Change
Nov 12 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
Nov 19 4PM Encouragement Effort (writing cards, emails at the meeting)
Nov 26 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Speaker: Arturo Orozco



Standing Firm

Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm Ephesians 6:13

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The Example Of Christ: Love

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). No one questions whether God has loved us for He has demonstrated it in His actions.

The Son of God also loves us and demonstrated it in His actions. Jesus said, Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25). Paul wrote, the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me (Galatians 2:20). Like Paul we need to personalize the love of Christ to die for me. This powerful truth should impact us strongly in wanting to love Him in return.

The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked (1 John 2:6). The walk is about how we conduct ourselves, our behavior. If we have obeyed the gospel and are a Christian there are many passages about our walk, but John is pointing to Jesus as our example. In all things we are to follow His example, and that includes His example of love. We are to walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (Ephesians 5:2). The love of Christ has been so great He gave Himself up for us (referring to his death). See in this how Jesus put others before Himself, how He humbled Himself. Love was the reason and purpose for His decision. Love for us as well as love for the Father.

Christians are to behave this same way. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (John 15:10). Our love for the Father and His Son is the reason and purpose for our decisions to give ourselves up for others. Not that we must die for them, but that we humble ourselves and serve others. We do what is best for them. No where is this more true than in sharing the gospel with those who do not know the truth. We put their

needs above our own so that they can learn the truth so as to be saved. This concept of giving up ourselves can include our physical death. John wrote *“we know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”* (1 John 3:16).

When we do not care for others, helping them with basic needs, we demonstrate we do not love them. This truth is taught by Jesus in Matthew 25:34–46. *“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith”* (Galatians 6:10). What are we doing for those not of the household of faith? Do we plan so that when the opportunity comes we have something to help with? Do we seek opportunities? If we do nothing, Matthew 25 indicates we will be punished eternally. Jesus died for sinners because He loved their soul. We must love as Christ loved.

We are commanded to *“love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another”* (John 13:34). This is a love for those who ARE of the household of faith - Christians. Love (from 1 Corinthians 13) includes patience, kindness, and humility. Love is often not demonstrated between brethren. *“Through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another”* (Galatians 5:13–15). Many congregations suffer from bickering, ugly attitudes, meanness, disrespect, and words intended to cause harm. None of this is love. None of this is how Christ loves us. We must not deceive ourselves into thinking we are righteous when we do not love as He loved. He is our example. Paul prayed to God that He would strengthen the Ephesians *“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God”* (Ephesians 3:17–19).

*“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word”* (John 14:23). We best examine ourselves, repent where needed, and keep His word.  
by Charles Willis

## Know Your Bible

### Encounters With Angels

1. The angel banished Hagar and told her to name the child \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from the destruction of Sodom?
3. What apostle was released from prison by an angel who opened the iron gate?
4. The angel sent Philip to the road to Gaza. Who did he meet there?

Answers On Back

### Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



## God Is Faithful

*“Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments”* (Deuteronomy 7:9)

*“God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord”* (1 Corinthians 1:9)

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9)

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful”* (Hebrews 10:23)

*“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one”* (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

*“Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right”* (1 Peter 4:19)

*“May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass”* (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

# God

revealed

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.  
(2 Peter 1:20-21)

“All Scripture is inspired by God” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 1:11-12)

