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Assembly Times

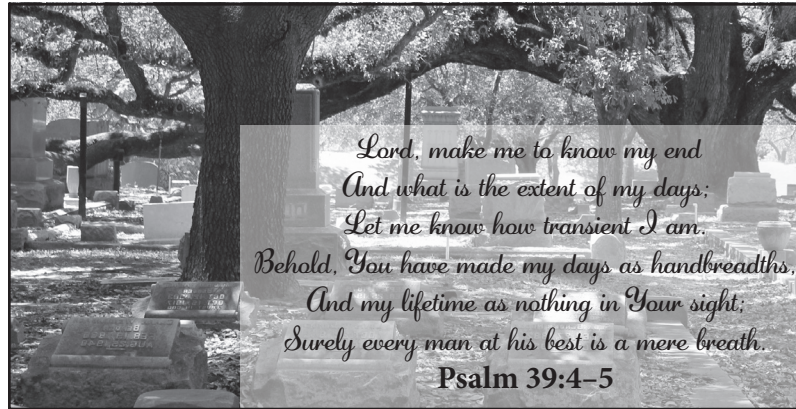
Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. A brass serpent (Numb. 21:5-9)
2. Quail (Ex. 16:11-13)
3. Frogs (Ex. 8:5-7)
4. It became leprous, then became normal again (Ex. 4:7)
5. A tree (Ex. 15:23-25)



This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Gary Tuttle
Announcements: Arturo Orozco
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Robert McCorkle
Scripture Reading: Billy Lovell
1 Thessalonians 5:16-28
Song Leader: Harper Flores
Table Talk: Todd McAdams
Contribution: Ryan Haarmann
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Fruit of Vine: Eddie Bowen
Helper: Lester Mabry
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Jacob McAdams

Sunday Afternoons

Dec 10 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
Dec 17 Nothing
Dec 24 Nothing
Jan 7 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Speaker: Tyler Blazek



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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Right Attitudes For Faithfulness

It is clear to every Bible student, you cannot be faithful to the Lord if your attitude is not in keeping with the teachings of Christ (Phil. 2:5; Col. 3:17). Attitude has to do with the content of your mind, your disposition and the control you exercise over your emotions.

The simple truth is, the New Testament is loaded with teaching, examples, prohibitions and warnings about attitude. This spiritually healthy instruction should be the basis of our discipline over our mind. Your attitude toward God is basic. All other phases of attitude are rooted in your attitude toward God. We must hold Him in the highest esteem, revere Him, worship Him and obey Him with wholehearted love and trust (Eccl. 5:1,2; Matt. 22:37; Rom. 12:1,2; Prov. 1:7).

Once your attitude toward God begins to weaken, all other phases of attitude will likely deteriorate. Let us be aware of this and constantly monitor our attitude toward God, seeking to enrich our relationship with Him. Your attitude toward Christ is a component of your attitude toward God. If God is your father, you will love His Son (Jno. 8:42). If you love God and want to obey Him, you will have a favorable and grateful acceptance of His Son, Jesus Christ. You will regard Him as the perfect expression of deity and humanity, the spotless Son of God who died in order for you to be free from sin and enjoy eternal life. Likewise, you will read and study about His attitude with the highest esteem, seeking to imitate Him in all your behavior.

Your attitude toward others develops out of your reverence for Deity. If you believe in God and follow His Son, your behavior toward others will be based on that. You will seek to do all God has said about how to treat people. You will study and follow the compassion of Christ, as well as His boldness in seeking to save the lost. His relationship to others becomes your pattern (see 1 Pet. 2:18-25).

Your attitude toward other members of God's family will be suitable, in keeping with all that is written about such relationships. Peter teaches God's people to "love one another fervently with a pure heart," (1 Pet. 1:22), and John taught extensively that "we should love one another," (1 John 3:11). "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you," (Eph. 4:32).

Our attitude must endeavor to follow the pattern of unselfish humility demonstrated by our Lord (Phil. 2:1-5). Your attitude toward sin will be fitting. To remain right with God, it is necessary to maintain an abhorrence of sin (Rom. 12:9). If you court the favor of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). It is essential to arm yourself with "the same mind" or attitude Jesus had against sin and error (1 Pet. 4:10).

Your attitude toward life should be realistic and godly, not bitter and angry. If you murmur and complain about your life, and this becomes your habitual attitude - you cannot be what you should be! And when you get to this low state, you need to stop and recognize that the devil has seduced and maneuvered you into this state of constant anger and resentment. While you remain in this mood you cannot develop the love described in 1 Cor. 13:4-7, and you cannot grow and taste the kindness of the Lord (1 Pet. 2:1-3).

In the "beatitudes" (Matt. 5:3-12), the Lord addresses every phase or direction of attitude: Your attitude toward God (poor in spirit & hungering and thirsting after righteousness), your attitude toward yourself (meek), your attitude toward others (merciful), your attitude toward those who oppose you (vss. 10-13), and your attitude toward sin (mourn and purity in heart). Growth and faithfulness depends upon the constant development of these qualities.

By: Warren Berkley

Know Your Bible

Moses & Miracles

1. What did Moses mount on a pole as a way for healing the ailing Israelites?
2. What bird served as miracle food for the Israelites?
3. What animal came forth out of the Nile in droves?
4. What miraculous thing happened to Moses' hand?
5. What did Moses cast into the bitter water at Marah to make it sweet?

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.



What Is Sin?

by Charles Willis

"Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4; also 5:17).

"To one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

These two Bible references make it clear that man does not inherit sin from anyone. Sin is about practicing lawlessness (committing sin) or not doing what God said (sin by omission). It doesn't have to do with what anyone else does. *"The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself"* (Ezekiel 18:20). Sin is not inherited.

The reality is *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). *"Each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death"* (James 1:14-15). God *"does not tempt anyone"* (James 1:13). No one makes us sin, not even the devil. The devil will tempt us, but we allow ourselves to be carried away by our lusts rather than practicing self control. If we exercise self control we will not sin. Paul wrote, *"I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified"* (1 Corinthians 9:27).

"The deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13) is real. We deceive ourselves thinking we are doing well, or okay, and that we remain in fellowship with God though we have unrepented sin in our life. *"If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"* (Hebrews 10:26).

"The one who practices sin is of the devil" (1 John 3:8).