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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. Paul (Acts 9:25)  
2. Pharoah's baker (Gen. 40:16–17)  
3. Twelve (Matthew 14:20)  
4. Jeremiah (24:1)  
5. Moses (Exodus 2:3–5)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Casey Thomas  
Announcements: Josh Emerson  
Encouragement Talk: John Franks  
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain  
Scripture Reading: John Van Baale  
Luke 11:14–28  
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco  
Table Talk: Kevin Buckner  
Contribution: Billy Lovell  
Helper: Theo Edge  
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek  
Helper: Truett Blazek  
Helper: Aaron Heald  
Closing Prayer: Sandon Spyker

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 10 Nothing  
Aug 17 3PM Devotionals  
Aug 24 3PM Visitation Day  
Aug 31 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco  
Speaker: John Van Baale



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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Guilt

At one time or another we’ve all felt guilt. We’ve had a remorseful awareness of having done something wrong. Defensiveness, disappointment in ourselves, feeling the need to confess, and a desire to avoid an issue or person are all symptoms of a guilty conscience. Every Christians has had feelings of guilt over sin because that’s what drove us to repentance, confession and obedience. The Bible has a lot to say about guilt, but it’s not a subject we often discuss or study.

According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 8:6–8, it is possible to feel guilt when in fact you are not guilty. He said some were feeling guilty about eating mean that had been sacrificed to idols, which was not a sin. This can be seen in our every life, we sometimes feel like we let someone down when in fact the other person doesn’t feel that way. Likewise, a lack of guilt doesn’t assure innocence. We may not feel guilty about an illegal lane change on the highway, but it was illegal, and we are guilty. *“If a person sins and does any of the things which the Lord has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty, and shall bear punishment”* (Leviticus 5:17). We might be unaware of God’s law due to lack of study, or a purposeful blinding of our own eyes so that we might sin willfully. Either way, we are still guilty of violating the Law of God. Many of the people in our prison systems feel no guilt for the crimes they have committed. They have become *“seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron”* (1 Timothy 4:2). Therefore, we must be careful about feeling guilty and carefully analyze the reasons why we are having those feelings. We should examine our heart regularly to check that it has not grown hard being unable to feel guilt.

Psalm 51 is a written by David and expresses the guilt he felt because of his sin with Bathsheeba. The cure for guilt is praying for forgiveness. David wrote, *“create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me”* (Psalm 51:10). He knew the feelings of guilt would be purged from him when he begged God’s forgiveness, and God forgave him. We must also pray to God to forgive us when overcome with

feelings of guilt. While the prayer doesn't have to be long, or elaborate, it must speak directly to the sin that led to the feelings of guilt. David's plea was *"deliver me from blood-guiltiness"* (Psalms 51:14) for he had Bathsheeba's husband Uriah killed. David was very specific about what he felt guilt for. We also need to ask for forgiveness about specific things that cause us to be guilty.

Unresolved guilt is dangerous. It creeps into our thinking and prevents us from concentrating on other things. It will eat away at our life. We will become good for nothing. When we believe we are finally concentrating on something else, our mind suddenly leaps back to thoughts of guilt, and we re-live the sin over and over again. The Bible portrays this in the life of Judas who, because of guilt, went out and hung himself (Matthew 27:5).

*"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven"* (Psalm 32:1). A life free of guilt is full of reward. He is blessed! His mind can be at ease because he knows his sins are forgiven. No longer will the mind keep returning to the same thoughts of guilt, but will instead return to God who has forgiven the transgression. He will be at peace. When we do not pray for forgiveness, our mind tells us of our guilt, and we in a sense condemn ourselves. Truly, we are blessed when we have been forgiven!

There are many example in Scripture about how people handled their guilt. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God to avoid punishment, then they passed the buck (Genesis 3:6–12). Cain's sacrifice was not pleasing to God, so he killed his brother Able. His jealousy was a response to his guilt (Genesis 4:3–8). When Simon the sorcerer tries to buy the power of God from the apostles, he was then taught the error of his ways. Peter said, "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity" (Acts 8:23). Simon's reaction to these feelings of guilt was to pray for forgiveness. Another response is shown to us by Felix, who chose to procrastinate, saying "when I find time" (Acts 24:25). Clearly our reaction to guilt is no different than these people from long ago.

***Know  
Your  
Bible***

**Baskets**

1. What apostle was saved in a basket?
2. What ill-fated servant had a dream of three bread baskets?
3. How many baskets of food were collected after the feeding of the 5,000?
4. Who had a vision of two baskets of figs in front of the temple?
5. What future liberator was found floating in a basket in a river?

*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.



We would think that after feeling guilt and receiving forgiveness that we would tend to remember the guilt, but we really do tend to forget it. Guilt will not plague us as before. This is due to one very important fact: *"they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, 'declares the Lord,' for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more"* (Jeremiah 31:34). We are assured that God will not hold these transgressions against us of which we have repented and sought forgiveness. Guilt was designed by God to cause us to turn back to Him!

by Charles Willis

***Abundance Of Blessings***

by Donald Willis

God has so richly given us so many blessings to enjoy. There are physical and spiritual blessings. We live in a world that often finds even our young people without adequate food to eat leading to physical and mental disabilities. We are blessed to live in such a prosperous country. Most of us have not suffered the anguish of hunger, not have we often been forced to live in less than comfortable surroundings. We are blessed beyond our human demands. Truly God has been very good to us. We should, in appreciation, be totally committed to the ways of God.

Gluttony is a sin. Titus 1:2 says, *"The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies"* (King James). "slow belly" is the Greek term phagos, meaning a glutton (Vine's Dictionary). God has provided us so many wonderful, continuous blessing beyond human imagination. It is our responsibility to recognize and understand the magnificent blessings bestowed by an all powerful hand, the hand of God!

Be appreciative of these blessings from God. Take time daily to give praise. Lift up holy hands in thanksgiving. Tell others of the marvelous hand of God upon us. Let the whole world rejoice in His dynamic graciousness and blessings. *"In every things give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God"* (Philippians 4:6). In 1 Timothy 4:3–4 the Apostle Paul spoke of *"meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused, it if be received with thanksgiving..."*.