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Church of Christ

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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. Keturah, wife of Abraham (Gen. 25:1-4)
2. Job's wife (Job 2:9)
3. Ezekiel (24:16-18)
4. 2 John
5. Zipporah (Ex. 2:21)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Aaron Emerson
Announcements: John Van Baale
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain
Scripture Reading: Truett Blazek
Luke 19:28-40
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Jordan Thomas
Contribution: Kevin Buckner
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Fruit of Vine: Leighton Daniels
Helper: Casey Thomas
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: Billy Lovell

Sunday Afternoons

Feb 22 Visitation Day

Mar 1 Nothing

Mar 8 3PM Devotionals

Mar 15 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Jordan Thomas
Speaker: Josh Emerson



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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Forgiveness, The Forgotten Command

We have at least one thing in common: We’ve all failed someone. And each of us also knows the pain from someone’s failure toward us. In a world characterized by this kind of personal hurt, even our most significant relationships are fragile. All relationships would eventually disintegrate if not for one healing and hard reality: We are called to be people who forgive and who in turn receive forgiveness (Matt. 6:14-15). If we sincerely desire a close walk with God, we already embrace the concept of forgiveness. We know that forgiveness is always the best plan – until the one who needs to do the hard forgiving is me.

Unfortunately, there are no easy steps to forgiveness. But we can be confident that what God directs us to do, He also provides the strength to accomplish. Consider the following Biblical principles when we are ready take the freeing steps of forgiveness.

First, consider God’s example. In Ephesians 4:32 Paul writes, *“forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”* The word *“as”* means that we should handle forgiveness the way God does. How has He handled forgiveness? Christ’s forgiveness is abundantly generous. He has forgiven willingly, leaving us free of guilt. It is not something we deserve or earn. God just gives abundantly! Out of these great riches, God asks us to share the grace He has given us with those who have failed us. That sounds really good, but how do we do it?

Next, we must realize that forgiveness is risky business. The person we forgive might fail us again ... and again – perhaps even in the same area. How many times should we forgive someone? Jesus described this as the *“seventy times seven”* factor (Matt. 18:22). He said we should set no limits. Forgiveness according to Jesus is not quantitative but qualitative. It is not how many times but how well. It cannot be measured and cannot be counted. It has but one substance, sweet mercy. It is important for us to realize

we have been forgiven. What a terrible price was paid for that forgiveness. What a marvelous attribute of God’s kindness that we have been forgiven. Forgiveness cannot be measured. Guilt, which is it’s ultimate object, cannot be measured. You can’t measure so that you come up with hyper-guilt or multiplied guilt. Guilt is guilt. My guilt added to your guilt does not make more guilt it just makes guilt. So it is with forgiveness. Forgiveness is getting rid of the guilt. Extend forgiveness as many times as needed. That is what God does. Can we do any less?

Forgiveness is also costly because it is not based on feelings but compassion. It means we have to get out of ourselves and feel what our detractor feels. It means consciousness plays a role in compassion. It means we consciously say we know we were wronged but we want to forgive the offender, because we have done wrong before. Forgiveness is not related to deservedness but mercy. Prompted by our being forgiven, the forgiven sinner will anxiously await opportunities to emulate his Masters forgiving spirit in forgiving others.

Finally, if we harbor ill-will in our heart forgiveness gets harder and harder. The harder our heart becomes we will have a hardened conscience. It says we are not willing to do for others what was done for us, on a smaller basis. An unforgiving person will be lost. If you do not have an attitude of forgiveness then you cannot be forgiven and will not go to heaven when you die. You will harbor hate when He did not harbor hate against you. Forgiveness is often neglected in the lives of Christians.

Though we fail time and again – and are disappointed often by those we love – Christ forgives and restores. Let’s follow His lead.

Rickie Jenkins
Focus Magazine, Aug. 31, 2015

***Know
Your
Bible***

Women

1. Who was the mother of the Midianites?
2. Who urged her husband to curse God and die?
3. Who was forbidden to mourn the death of his beautiful wife?
4. What epistle is addressed to a woman?
5. What Midianite woman married Moses?

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.



The Sin of Profanity

Dan Dow

The world has tried to connect the practice of profanity with toughness, yet nothing could be further from the truth. Profanity, cursing, swearing, and filthy talk is an indication of weakness and ignorance. It is like a great bright neon sign pointing to oneself saying, “I cannot express or control myself”. Although difficult, the Christian must strive to put this aspect of his past sinful life behind him, for he is sanctified in Christ and is no longer a part of the world.

Taking God’s name in vain is prohibited. “Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain” (Ex. 20:7). Modern day euphemisms (a word or phrase substituted, considered to be less distasteful_ are just as vain as the use of God’s name itself. “Golly” or “Gosh” are nothing more than substitutes for God’s name. “Gee” is the euphemism for Jesus. Check your dictionaries!

Profane and idle words are considered sinful. That which is profane is that which is irreverent, vulgar and has no redeeming value. Using God’s name in an irreverent way is profane, but other words and phrase would do the same. Profanity is becoming quite common on television, radio and in our music. Even “respectable” people swear a little. Worlds like “Damn” and “Hell” are sprinkled throughout everyone’s conversation. “Damn” is the consignment of one to eternal destruction. “Hell” is that place of eternal torment and anguish. He is the place where God will not be. When men take these serious spiritual concepts and treat them with such irreverence, they sin. Again, euphemisms are often used to soften the blow: “Darn”, “Drat”, Heck”, etc...Check your dictionaries!

Vulgar street language degrades the bodily functions of man making them crude and disgusting. There is no redeeming value in this language.

The Christian must refrain from filthy communication. Jesus said, “Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in te day of judgment. For by they words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matt. 12:36-37). “Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it give grace to them that hear” (Eph. 4:29). Remember the words of Jesus, “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matt. 12:34). When we read, watch or listen to others constantly spew forth this garbage, we will be affected. So we must be diligent to meditate on God’s word and associate with those of like mind (Phil. 4:8; 1 Cor. 15:33).