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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. Samson (Judges 14:6)
2. Satan (1 Peter 5:8)
3. Solomon (1 Kings 10:18-20)
4. Daniel (6:16)
5. Daniel (7:4)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
 Announcements: Arturo Orozco
 Encouragement Talk: John Franks
 Opening Prayer: Casey Thomas
 Scripture Reading: Truett Blazek
 Luke 1:8-17
 Song Leader: Gary Tuttle
 Table Talk: Kevin Buckner
 Contribution: Sandon Spyker
 Helper: Kyle Crain
 Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
 Helper: Jonathan Lovell
 Helper: Lester Mabry
 Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 11 3PM Prayer Meeting
 Aug 18 Nothing
 Aug 25 3PM Group Visitation
 Sept 1 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
 Speaker: John Franks



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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Portraits Of Salvation

God sent His Son to die for us. *“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him”* (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus did not sin, but He was willing to die for our sins. We are new creatures; a new day has dawned. Attempts to characterize salvation by using only one term or definition is to take away the richness and fullness of our rescue from sin. Something so great and grand cannot be adequately defined by just one term. For example, the church is variously referred to in Scripture as the bride of Christ, the body of Christ, the house of God, the church of God. Christians are disciples: sometimes they are branches, sometimes sheep. In describing our salvation, we find several terms that express the beauty and fullness of our salvation.

Consider the word *propitiate*. It is defined as “to appease, to render favorable.” The idea of wrath is a part of the meaning of this word; in this case, it is the judicial wrath of God against sin, rather than the arbitrary, capricious wrath of pagan gods. God’s wrath is a holy wrath; it is not spiteful or vindictive. Rom. 3:24,25 says: *“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.”* The majesty of His law must be upheld; the penalty for sin must be paid. God’s righteousness remains intact, not because of our own sacrifice. Jesus paid the penalty for our redemption. His death propitiated God’s wrath against sin.

Consider the word *redeem*. This word was employed in the market place. It means “to buy back; to pay the ransom price.” As captives of sin, we lack the ability or power to free ourselves. Divine rescue was necessary. *“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many”* (Mk. 10:45). He paid with His life; He shed His blood. *“For there is one God, and one mediator between*

God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim. 2:6).

Consider the word **justification**. This word is the opposite of condemnation. It is a legal term employed in the courtroom by the judge. Justification is by God's grace; our salvation is utterly undeserved (Rom. 3:24). Justification is possible through the blood of Christ. *"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him"* (Rom. 5:9). Justification is appropriated upon the basis of faith. *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Rom. 5:1). What are the effects of justification? *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..."* (Rom. 8:1-2).

Every picture of salvation points to the sacrifice of Christ. Every picture says loudly that God took the initiative in reconciling us to Him through Christ. The better we understand our need for salvation, the better our understanding of propitiation, redemption, and justification. These words do not flatter us; they do suppose the magnitude of our need. These words should send us running as fast as we can possibly get there to the outstretched arms of Jesus!

By Randy Harshbarger

(The Book of Mormon, Introduction, paragraph one)
"The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible. It is a record of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of the Americas and contains, as does the Bible, the fullness of the everlasting gospel... On September 21, 1823, the same Moroni, then a glorified, resurrected being, appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and instructed him relative to the ancient record and its destined translation into the English language."

(God, through the apostle Paul, Galatians 1:8)
"But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Know Your Bible

Lions

1. Who tore a lion apart with his bare hands?
2. According to 1 Peter, who is like a ravenous lion?
3. Who had a throne with lion statues beside it?
4. Which devout man was placed in a lion's den?
5. Who had a vision of a lion with eagle's wings?

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.



Do You Love Jesus?

by Luther Bolenbarker

I'm sure you feel appreciation for Jesus and the principles He taught. However, do you truly love Jesus? You might ask the question: How could I know for sure that I truly love Jesus? Someone might answer the question by claiming that whoever believes in Jesus loves Him. Another might suggest that one who studies the Bible loves Jesus or perhaps the one who goes to church shows his love for Jesus. Others might claim that living a moral and upright life demonstrates one's love for Jesus.

Let's stop the suggestions and let Jesus tell us who it is that loves Him. Jesus said in John 14:15 *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."* Jesus, again, states in Matthew 15:9, *"and in vain they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* Obviously, we need to learn and obey not the commands of men, but the laws of Christ. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:27, *"If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord."* Thus, Paul be the revelation of the Holy Spirit wrote the commandments (laws) of the Lord. John said in 1 John 2:4-6 *"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him, ought himself also to walk just as He walked."*

Thus, we have answered our question, 'Who are the ones who truly love Jesus?' It is those who keep His commandments as revealed in His New Testament. Do you truly love Jesus?

Be filled with the knowledge of His will



in all spiritual wisdom and understanding

So that you will walk in a manner



worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects



Bearing fruit in every good work



Increasing in the knowledge of God



Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might

For the attaining of all steadfastness and patience.

Colossians 1:9-11