

WHISPERING HILLS

Church of Christ

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30AM

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Our Religious Conviction

God chose to save the world
by sending His Son,
Jesus to die on the cross
for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen
and obey the Gospel
message SHALL be saved
(Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the church
of the Bible which His Son is
coming for because it is
purchased with His Blood
(Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)



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Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will
just as the Christians in the first century did (Ac 2:42).
Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15).
Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you)
and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.



Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,
Jewel Hunter, Joyce Gutierrez, Joyce Fair,
Curtis Ward, Sheila Harris, Simon Young,
Michael Neazer, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon brother-in-law)
John Rowlette, Sr (Sis Rowlett's/Stafford's brother)
John Rowlette, Jr (Sis Rowlett's/Stafford's nephew)

Grieving

General

Demetria Washington,
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother),
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law)
Judy Blessings (Bro/Sis Hunter's neighbor)

Updates /Announcements

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis concerning God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted as [we] continue to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] Will resume **Sunday Morning Bible Class** next week (**25 Jul 21 @ 09:30 AM**). Topic Study: **Book of Ephesians**.
- [3] Kenneth & Linda Thompson (Bro/Sis Hunter friends) requesting PRAYER for their 85 year-old aunt, who was killed

Birthdays & Anniversaries



July '21

- [18] Barbara Birdow
- [21] Arthur Busby

- [22] Ashley & Corey





**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31

INTRODUCTION:

1. Christianity is a loving religion: One must love God and one another (Deu 6:5; Lev 19:18; Rom 8:8-10).
2. This may go unrequited; but never wasted. It is real, gets dirty and willing to be inconvenienced.
3. The nature of Biblical love is often misunderstood and often viewed on the limited level of the hopeless romantic (measured by feeling rather than substance).
 - A. It is inherently an extension of ourselves to others (a decision to seek another's best interests).
 - B. It is not just a bubbly, feel-good, purring cat softly rubbing against the face feeling.
 - C. This quality literally waits while another's needs are met, first. Remember: needs verses wants.
4. To ensure we keep our sanity, James says, "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (Jas 5:16).

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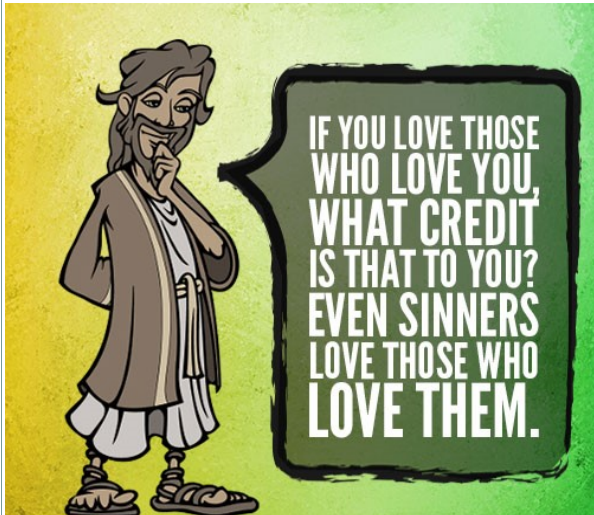
1. THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

- A. The Apostle Paul describes in content how God's People should treat one another as they are unified in the local congregation (1 Cor 12:31; 13:4-7).
 1. These traits are to be developed by [ALL] Christians in every aspect of our daily lives.
- B. The **most excellent way** being expressed by Paul is the nature of Biblical **LOVE**.
 1. When Christians love God with all their heart and fellow Christian(s) as commanded, the church will function as it is intended (Ecc 12:13; Mt 22:37-39; Mk 12:33; Jn 13:34, 35).
 2. It is permissible to desire Spiritual gifts (9); but there are greater gifts than these (1 Cor 12:1-31).
 - A. Faith, hope and love are greater gifts because they are the qualities which enables one to be Spiritual (1 Cor 13:1-13). Every Christian must have faith, hope and love (the greater gifts).
 3. Paul showed how everything work together for the same purpose of pleasing God..
 - A. Christians work together for the head, which is Christ. Whatever gift one has is important.
- C. Thus, the body (church) of Christ has many members; yet, one body. Use this gift to glorify of God.

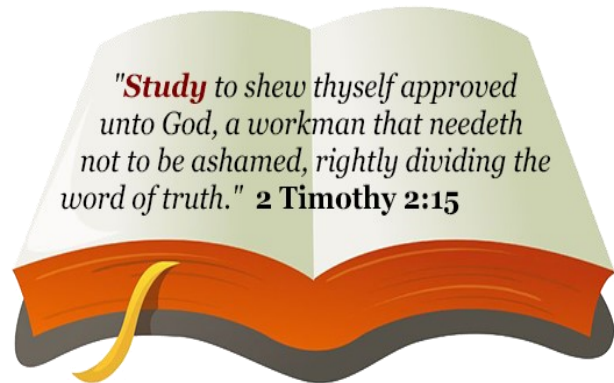
2. LOVE IS NEVER WASTED

- A. If this is true, then why do we, at times, feel discouraged about how people respond to our love?
 1. Some because our love has not risen above and is extended only to those loving us in return.
 - A. This was identified as the kind of love commonly practiced in our world (Mt 5:46-47).
 - B. Jesus calls us to a higher love, to love even those who do not love us in return (Mt 5:43-45).
 2. Perhaps, we get discouraged about unrequited love because we have lost sight of things unseen.
 - A. Though love may appear to go unnoticed/unappreciated, it may yet have a lasting, cumulative effect on the heart of the one to whom we have shown such love.
 3. Sometimes, love is felt as an after-the-event experience (Mt 6:20, 21; Rev 14:13).
 - A. We must press on remembering God is not so unjust so as to forget our work (Heb 6:10).
 - B. We show our love by obeying His commandments (Jn 14:15; 15:12).
 4. Some view Love as a risky business. There is always the possibility of rejection.
 - A. This is what happened when Christ came into this world (Isa 53:3).
 - B. Sadly, we are often unwilling to risk rejection for the sake of those we love.
 1. As a result, some of our family and friends may face eternity because we never gave them the opportunity to hear the truth of the gospel.
 2. Others will never hear the needed correction from us because we have misunderstood the loving nature of discipline (Heb 12:6).
 - A. Who knows what that difficult conversation (seasoned with prayer), may turn out to be a lifeline to the soul of a family member or friend?
 - B. Even if we are rejected, we have shown the love for God, His Word and our friend.

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt 16:18).



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Sermon Notes...

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