

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery
Blake Eddy

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key

Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

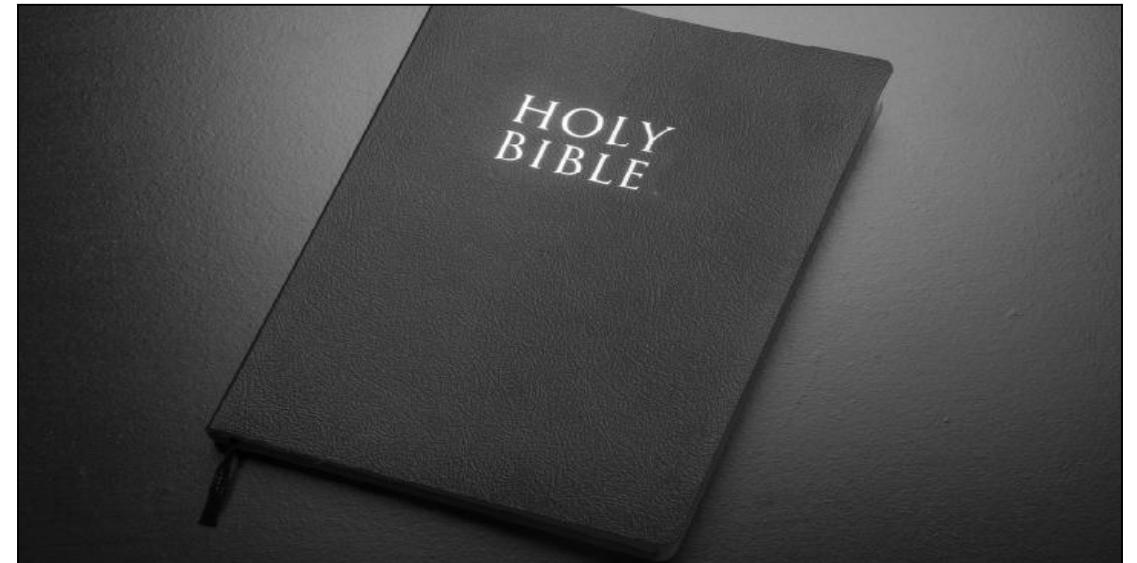
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Christ In Focus

By Winfred Clark

The writer of the Hebrew letter had no problem at all seeing Christ in the right way. However, those to whom he wrote were having some trouble along that line. They, perhaps, were having some help from some of the teachers of that day. After all, there were still those folks who had not fully given up the law of Moses. They still had blurred vision when it came to placing Christ properly in the order of things. Among other things, the Hebrew letter would help them to see him as they ought.

I. They Are Told To Look At Christ

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2).

Notice also verse 3—"For consider him". One does not look at those verses without an awareness of someone important. These passages tell us to focus on the Lord.

I am to see in Christ the ONE WHO KNOWS THE NATURE OF FAITH. This has to be the case since he is the author and perfecter of our faith. I am to also see in Christ the ONE WHO PAID A GREAT PRICE BECAUSE OF THE FAITH. You will note that he endured the cross, despising the shame. He was willing to pay the price that had to be paid. So when I look at him this is what I see.

II. They Are Told To Listen To Christ

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh" (Heb. 12:25). That one is no less than the Son through whom the Father has spoken (Heb. 1:1-2). But why should we be so alert to listen to the Son? Remember what the writer had already said?

For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord (Heb. 2:2-3).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Tammy Dodd: recovering from recent stroke, please pray she makes a full recovery

Jeff Upton (Donna Martin’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Winfred York: doctor said he was able to remove all the cancer from his bladder, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Cody & Amber Corkren: they are planning on delivering the baby Monday (16th) at 7:00 am; let us pray that there will be no complications and that he will have a strong kidney function.

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Carl Dunlap: seizures under control and now he can get help for his back, please continue to keep him in your prayers

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): biopsies came back cancer they are doing blood studies to confirm; let us pray that the results are negative and that she is cancer free

If there is no escape from the message of angels, then how could it be possible to escape the Word of the Son? The answer is, there is no escape. The Son must be heard. He must be heard.

III. They Are Told To Live For Christ

One would find this as a natural conclusion as he reasons properly. However, the writer will spell out just what may be involved in the matter of living for the Lord. In that day and age, such would often be a great sacrifice.

“Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach” (Heb. 13:13). In this case, it would mean one’s departure from Judaism. It would mean the ridicule that would come from being a Christian. It would mean paying a price.

In our day, such could still be the case. Take the case of one who leaves a denominational body in order to become a Christian. Are there not some prices that such people must pay? Aren’t they ridiculed by members of their family on occasion?

Take the case of one who separates himself from the worldly crowd. Isn’t that person made a mark for ridicule? Doesn’t that person find himself left out of many activities in which others may engage? But that does not lessen the fact that he or she is still to go forth unto him without the camp. In this case it would be a camp of worldliness.

Yes, the person who is a child of God must look to the Lord, he must listen to the Lord, and he must also live for Him.

Expositions Of “The Expositor”, vol. 1, p. 512-513.

Upcoming Events

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm
March 22 nd	Tri-County Singing {Here}	2:00 pm

Love Thinketh No Evil

By Rodney Nulph

In contrast to the passing age of miraculous gifts, Paul, by inspiration's pen, wrote of love. While miraculous gifts were about to cease when Paul penned 1 Corinthians 13, love was a permanent blessing of the church. "Love never fails..." (1 Corinthians 13:8a). The power of love is clearly seen by Paul's introductory remarks (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Without love, nothing else really matters! One of the wonderful characteristics of biblical love is that it "...thinketh no evil" (1 Corinthians 13:5b KJV) or "is not...resentful" (ESV).

Firstly, consider the interpretation. The word translated "thinketh" comes from a Greek verb (logizomai) that is an accounting term, which means to "credit someone's account." Therefore, to "think no evil" is to not hold grudges or past hurts done to us by others. There are always enough hurts in life to go around! If a person is not vigilant and diligent, a long ledger of all the hurts done to us by others can be impressed upon one's mind. Then, bitterness and resentment ensue, and before long, we are so consumed with hurt that we cannot see anything else.

Secondly, consider the demonstration. The Old Testament patriarch Joseph demonstrated what it really means to "think no evil." After being laughed and scorned and on the verge of being murdered, Joseph was sold into slavery. Joseph was treated more severely than most people would treat a criminal. Did Joseph have a right to become bitter from the human perspective? Just imagine your own flesh and blood doing to you what Joseph's family did to him! How would you react? How would I react? Yet, after years that could never be lived again, Joseph did not account the wrongs that happened to him against the evil doers. "But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Genesis 50:20). The first Christian martyr, Stephen, also demonstrated what it means to "think no evil." When Stephen's godliness and powerful, scriptural preaching fell on the ears of "religious people," they behaved in an amazingly ungodly way (Acts 7:54ff). Religious people throwing stones? What if you assembled with the saints and someone threw stones at you, how would you react? Sadly, folks often react the very opposite way that Stephen did (Acts 7:60). While those stones may not be literal stones, we all have had some stones of insult, hurt and harshness thrown at us by our fellow "religious" friends. Some Christians carry a list in their hearts of all the negative things that have ever happened to them.

Instead of allowing those experiences to make them better, they become bitter and sometimes even leave the Lord! Surely, the greatest demonstration of "thinketh no evil" is manifested by Jesus on the cross. The sinless, suffering Savior gasped, "...Father, forgive them..." (Luke 23:34b). Did Jesus deserve this punishment? Did His murderers deserve His forgiveness and love? Do I deserve His mercy? Do you?

Lastly, consider the application. What can we do when we suffer unjust actions from others? We must be willing to release; "let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31). Often, it is a decision we must be diligent to make to simply not allow our thoughts to center on bad things and negative experiences! Gandhi correctly said, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet." We must be willing to repay; "and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another..." (Ephesians 4:32a). So often when we think of "repaying" someone for their evil deeds, we think of negative revenge. However, God's children repay good for evil (Romans 12:17-21). While this is certainly not an easy command to obey, it is surely the best way to deal with hurt brought on by others. We must be willing to remember; "...even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). How many times have I sinned against God? If a perfect, holy God can forgive our trespasses, we can surely forgive others (Matthew 18:21ff).

There are far too many Christians enslaved in their own negative thoughts. We can allow life's bruises to infect our entire beings. Do you have a list of wrongs tallied in your mind of bruises from another? Do you find yourself thinking of all the unpleasant things that have happened to you? If so, give those thoughts over to God. Rid your mind of those diseased thoughts today. Remember, "love...thinketh no evil"!

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