

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Billy Box
Servers - Greg Lowery
David Key
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

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: Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

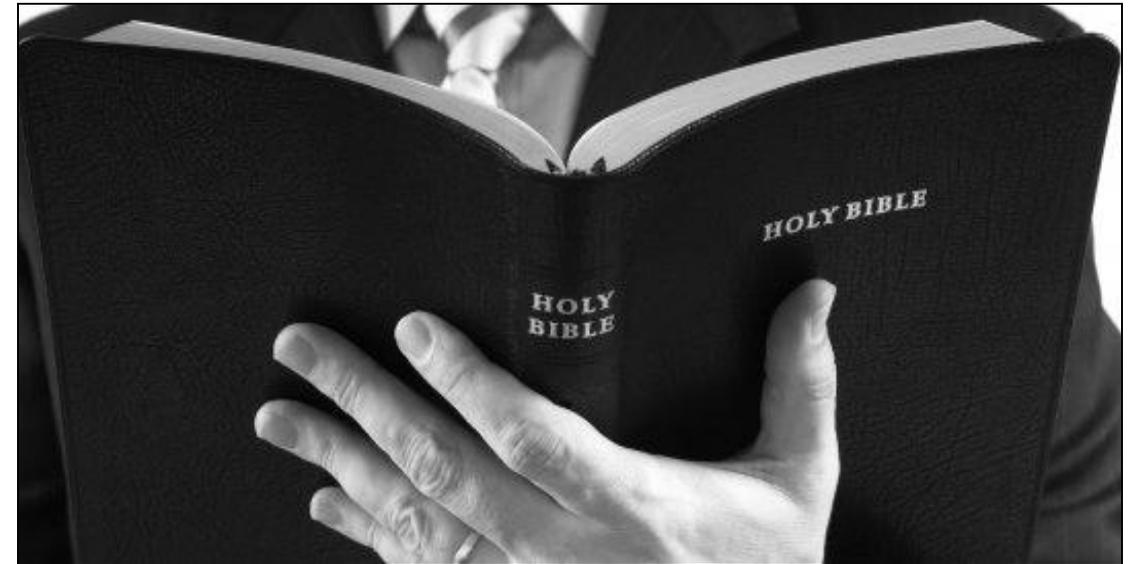
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A Crisis of Holiness

By Kevin Cauley

Some people can't find it within themselves to "live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). Why is it that they seem to make an issue out of every little thing? The answer is that they lack holiness.

Holy living is not just being a moral person: one who doesn't commit fornication, drink booze, gamble away money, take advantage of other people, lie, cheat, steal, etc. Holiness certainly avoids these things, but that is not all it is. Holiness means that one is set apart from the world and its ways. This includes not only immoral behavior, but also worldly attitudes. Unfortunately, some glory in their "moral" behavior, but their attitudes are wholly corrupted by the world. The Pharisee who prayed with himself is in this category (Luke 18:9-14).

Let me paint a picture of someone who has a crisis of holiness. This person gets involved in every little scandal. She always seems to be in a panic. He relishes the latest gossip. She is constantly portraying matters in an extreme way to get others sucked into her mind-set. He can't let go of matters that have long since been resolved. She is neurotic and always feels like something is going on that she isn't involved with. He is paranoid and constantly worried about what others may be saying about him. Lack of holiness is why it is a sin to be a busybody (1 Peter 4:15), gossip (2 Thessalonians 3:11), talk idly (Matthew 12:36), be fearful (Revelation 21:8), disobey authority (Jude 8), be envious (Galatians 5:26), and suchlike. These actions are all unholy because the person doing them can't separate him or herself from the world. Moreover, they lead to one engaging in the immoral behavior listed above. May God help us to be holy both in morality, and in attitude.

God bless you, and I love you.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

Ruth Addison: recovering from recent illness, please pray that she will regain her strength

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Winfred York: is at home and has been placed under hospice care, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): diagnosed with a very rare genetic disease, let us pray that doctors will be able to help her

Vernalen Avery: she recently received a pacemaker, please pray that this will help her

Carolyn Caudle: recovering from recent fall, please pray that she has no problems as she recovers

Glynda Long: she has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Vance Hutton: recovering from prostate cancer surgery, please pray that there will be no complications

Marjorie Goodwin: having some serious health issues, please be praying for her and her family

Confidently Longing for Jesus

By Gary C. Hampton

John and Paul both expressed a longing for the Lord. Jesus’ reassuring statement at the end of His revelation to John is, “Surely I am coming quickly.” The response of the exile on Patmos is like a shouted plea, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20). Paul’s closing words to the church of God in Corinth include, “O Lord, come!” (1 Corinthians 16:22b).

This longing is the undergirding of all faithful Christians. Hebrew converts were reminded that God’s Son “was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:28).

Christians can confidently long for Jesus because He is our Anchor. The inspired penman said, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil” (Hebrews 6:19). We need an anchor to avoid drifting (Hebrews 2:1). Our Lord serves as a perfect Anchor, having offered His blood on the Father’s ultimate mercy seat in Heaven to atone for our sins (Hebrews 8:5; 9:3, 7-8, 12).

A confident longing for Jesus also arises from the fact that He is our Forerunner, having gone like a scout to prepare our way to Heaven (Hebrews 6:20a). He told the apostles He would go prepare a place and come back for them (John 14:1-6). He suffered through the agony of the cross to lead the way to our heavenly home (Hebrews 5:7-9).

We should confidently long for Jesus because He is our High Priest forever (Hebrews 6:20b). There was a continual replacing of the man who served as the Aaronic High Priest under the Law of Moses because each of them died. Jesus ever lives so he can save us completely (Hebrews 7:24-25). He was the perfect sacrifice because He is holy, free from guilt, unsoiled by sin, separated from sinners and lifted up above the heavens (Hebrews 7:26). He put Himself on the altar once for all time so we could have freedom from our sins (Hebrews 7:27).

Let us join John, Paul and other first century Christians in longing for the Lord. That powerful desire can sustain us until He returns to claim His own.

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Blood on the Bible

By Dan Jenkins

The book of Hebrews often gives great insight into Divine truths within just a few words. Read these words, “Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you to perform’” (Heb. 9:18-20).

That book truly was a sacred message from heaven. Because of this, Moses took the blood of animals and dedicated this book, which was sanctified and made holy by God’s use of that blood. The remnant of that blood was a visual reminder of how special every word found in it was. One could not look at these words without seeing the blood which God used to dedicate it.

When Jesus came, He brought a far greater blood—His own blood. The Hebrew letter spoke of “the blood of the covenant,” but He revealed a newer covenant made sacred by a far greater blood. As He instituted the Lord’s Supper, He took the cup and said, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). Blood of the new covenant—think of all that this implies.

His precious blood was shed and used to dedicate the New Testament. While it might not be visible as was that blood sprinkled on the Old Law, with the eye of faith we should see His blood as we turn every page.

There are many books in this world. Solomon said, “Of making of books there is no end” (Ecc. 12:12). There are 29,000,000 in the library of Congress. There are 151,575,778 total items in this library, but only one is tied directly to the blood of Jesus. His blood is the blood of the new covenant. His blood is precious and so is His book. His blood is holy and sacred and so is His book.

What is the value of all the books in the Library of Congress? What is their worth? I do not know, but this I know, all of them added together do not have the value of that one book in your home!

So, the next time you sit and read your Bible, remember to see His blood on every page. See His blood in every chapter. See His blood in every verse. See His blood in every paragraph and every phrase. Look at every word, for remember that we cannot live by bread alone but by every word which comes from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4), and see the value of every single word in your Bible.

When you do this, you will never find study of the Bible as a burden to be borne. You will not find Bible classes as something to be endured. His blood is on every page!

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The Blood of Christ



“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, **WHICH HE HAS PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.**”
– Acts 20:28

- The blood of Christ **AVERTS** the judgment of God against sin – Mark 15:1
- The blood of Christ **CONVERTS** the lost – Revelation 1:5
- The blood of Christ **INVERTS** the person’s position from lost to saved – Ephesians 2:12-13
- The blood of Christ **INSERTS** us into a new place—the Church – Acts 20:28
- The blood of Christ **ASSERTS** that the blessing of forgiveness is secured in Him – Ephesians 1:7
- The blood of Christ **EXERTS** a powerful influence for peace & reconciliation – Colossians 1:20
- The blood of Christ **SUBVERTS** the powers of Hell – Hebrews 2:14 – Colossians 1:14