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Goals For 2020  
Theme  
 A Church With 2020 Vision  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 34th week of our Bible Reading.

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Dale Kahl  
 Pam Caudill  
 Brook Thomas

**Love:** John 13:34-35  
 I Jn 4:7-8, I Cor. 13:1-7

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Hebrew 10:4-10

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Ps. 103:1-17  
 PM: Josh 24:15

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 2  
 Invites last month: 110  
 Visitors last year: 48  
 Visitors YTD: 8

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## The Lord's Benefits

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**Read Ps 103:1-17.** This month we're focusing on Love. Let's take a look at the Lord's benefits that have been given unto us because of His great love.

- I. Forgives My Inequities**  
 Ps. 103:3, Is 59:1-2, Jer. 31:34, Ps 32:2
- II. Heals Our Sick**  
 Ps 103:3, Luke 7:22, Mk 14:14, Js 5:14-15
- III. Redeems My Life From Death**  
 Ps 103:4, Rom. 3:23; 6:23, Eph 1:7, Heb. 9:12
- IV. Crowns You With Steadfast Love**  
 Ps 103:4, Eph. 2:4, Jn 3:16, Rom. 5:8, I Jn 4:7-8
- V. Satisfies Our Needs**  
 Ps 103:5, Js 1:17, Mt 6:33; 7:9-11, Ps 37:25
- VI. Redeems Our Youth**  
 Ps 103:5, Eccl 12, 2 Cor. 4:16
- VII. Who Acts As An Avenger To The Oppressed**  
 Ps 103:6, Rom. 12:19, Ps 12:5, Mt 18:6
- VIII. Showers Us With Mercy**  
 Ps 103:10-17

## Choose Ye This Day

**Read Joshua 24:15.** Joshua challenged the people on this occasion to make a decision. Everything we are and everything we do is based upon our decisions. Let's take a look at something we need to choose to be today.

### I. To \_\_\_\_\_

Jn 13:13, Mk 10:44, Gal. 5:13

### II. To \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13, Mt 6:14-15

### III. To Be \_\_\_\_\_

I Jn 1:4, Phil. 3:1; 4:4, 6, I Cor. 15:58

Jn 13:17, Lk 9:23

### IV. To Be \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 14:19, Eph. 4:16; 4:29, I Thes. 5:11

Acts 4:36

### V. To Be \_\_\_\_\_

I Tim. 6:6-10, Phil. 4:11

### VI. To \_\_\_\_\_

Josh. 24:15, Is 7:15, Rom. 6:16-18

Heb. 5:8-9, Rom. 5:8

## Do Not Love This World

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). When we read this we begin thinking, "What does this love include?" There are certainly things in this world that I love. How could God create a beautiful planet and tell us not to love it? There are people in this world, even those who are not members of the Lord's church, who I love dearly. There are innocent objects in this world that hold a sentimental value to me. What does it mean to not have love for this world or things in this world?

It is helpful to see how John uses this word "world" in his writings. It can refer to various things. This is highlighted in his gospel account. "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him" (John 1:10). Here it refers to both the created world and a group of people in the world. Even in this context it is clear that the whole world did not reject Him (John 1:12-13). So, the world here refers to the "cosmos" of people that rejected Him. Two different contexts in the same verse.

In the first letter of John, we see the word used twenty-three times in the small book. We see it being used as the source of evil. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:16). False prophets are in the world (1 John 4:1). The evil one is in the world (1 John 2:14; 4:4; 5:19). Still, Christ died for the whole world (1 John 2:2; 4:9, 14). The world is portrayed as this corrupted creation, perverse to its original design, but God sent His Son to redeem those that would come out of the world. We are to be as Christ was in this world. We are in it physically but spiritually abiding in or in communion with God (1 John 4:16-17).

What does that mean for my love for things in the world? Our chief attention and affection should be reserved for God and those things that are from above (Matt. 22:37; 6:33). It is possible to love His creation. We can have an affinity for the simple pleasures that are afforded to us. We are commanded to love our neighbors even if they don't agree with us religiously, politicly, socially, or even morally. However, our love for this love stops at whatever is corrupted or torn out of its original use. In general, that includes the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Anything that is out of step with God's purpose or intent is perverse and corrupted (Eph. 4:22). We need to evaluate things that we love under the microscope of its purpose and end. May we never live on the edge of what is acceptable but flee the immoral (1 Cor. 6:18).