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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
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

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Brian Anderson is preaching today

We are now in week #33 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin's father
 Pam Caudill
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen

Love: John 13:34-35, I John 4:7-8, 11

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Is. 53:3-6

Scripture Reading
 AM: Eph. 2:1-5
 PM: Luke 10:25-37

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 14

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His Great Love

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.

Intro: This month we're focusing on Love. The bible has a lot to say about love. This morning we want to spend some time looking at what the Bible has to say about God's great love for us.

I. We Are Subject To Sin

Eph 2:1-5, Rom 3:23,10, Is 59:1-2, Js 4:4, Col 1:21
 2 Thes 1:7-9, Rev 21:8, Eph 2:2-3, Col 3:7
 Rom 6:23, 1 Jn 1:5

II. We Are The Object Of God's Grace

Eph 2:4-8, Col 2:9-10, Eph 1:6, 12,14,22-23,4-7,9-11
 2 Thes 2:13-14, 2 Tim 1:9-10, Rom 5:8, Ps 8:4, Is 66:2
 Jn 14:23, Rev 3:20, Heb 2:9

III. We Are The Project Of His Design

Jer 10:23, Prov 14:12, Ps 3:8, Eph 2:10, Col 1:21-22
 Eph 1:3, 2 Tim 2:10, Rom 6:3-4, Gal 3:27, Col 2:12
 Eph 1:8-10, 2 Pet 1:3, Js 1:18, 1 Pet 1:22-25, 2 Cor 5:17
 1 Cor 15:9-10 Eph 3:20, Phil 4:13, Eph 3:7-8, Jer 18:4-6
 Is 64:8, Col 1:22

Love Thy Neighbor

Intro: Read Lk 10:25-37. Here we have the story of the good Samaritan. The Scripture states *“And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” 27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Let’s take a look at the object lesson gave regarding loving our neighbor.*

I. Caring About _____

Matt 5:46, Jn 4:5ff, Mk 10:13, Js 2:1

II Taking _____

Lk 10:33, Matt. 22:37ff, Gal. 6:1

III. Doing _____ You Are Right _____

Ex 4:2, I Cor. 12:14ff, I Jn 3:18

The Greatest Love Story

His love for her is one that has inspired both writer and poet, song and sonnet. The true story of a man that loved his bride more than life itself, more than any earthly treasure. Even, it seems, more than she loved him. It was clear to most that she did not deserve his love or such devotion. To the same crowd, she appeared a common one, but he spoke of her as one set apart, a beautiful city on a hill for all to see. He spoke to thousands about the attributes of his beloved. He told them that everyone should know her and that she is a blessing to all acquainted with her. He spoke of her as though he knew her so intimately. “Such a great treasure,” he would say. “Be prepared for our wedding,” he would admonish, though no one had ever seen her. There were many who liked hearing about his bride, yet others did not. For envy and jealousy the bridegroom was taken. He was savagely beaten and died a gruesome death. Throughout his painful demise he spoke of her. He loved her and for his great love, he died.

This allegorical depiction of Christ, the Bridegroom, and the church as the bride highlights a very sacrificial love. It is a literary device that is used several times in the New Testament. On one occasion, John the baptizer mentioned Christ as a bridegroom and himself as a friend of the bridegroom (John 3:29). Jesus used this imagery twice in Matthew 9:15 and Matthew 25:1-12. These all tell of a responsibility to the Bridegroom. The Holy Spirit through the pen of Paul mentioned it again in Ephesians chapter 5. Paul, talking of the mystery concerning Christ and His church (Eph. 5:32), deepens our understanding of the relation between husband and wife.

In the short section of Ephesians 5:22-33, there are several commands. The wives are called to be in subjection to and show respect for their husbands (5:22, 33) “as to the Lord.” That includes the expectation that husbands will be the head of the household and leading in spiritual matters. The command to husbands is to love “just as Christ.” These three words are repeated twice, showing men how they are to love their wives. In verse 25, “Just as Christ... gave Himself for her.” We are to have a sacrificial love for our wives. One that would take self out of the way and practice those things that would promote her well-being. We are also to have a love that “nourishes and cherishes...just as Christ” (5:29). This is a love that builds up and protects. It is not bound by just the physical needs but also speaks more to her spiritual needs.

As we contemplate this great love story, let us exercise diligence to graft it into our own story of love. By putting into practice those commands concerning marriage, we are given insight into the mysteries of Christ and His church.