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 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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Goals For 2022  
 Theme  
 Be Ye Imitators of Christ  
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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**Gary Henry**  
*Is preaching today*

**We are now in week #40 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin, Sharon Nale,  
 Polly Ward , Dunn family on Les' passing  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

**THIS MONTH: Respected Scriptural Authority**  
 Mt. 4:3-10, 2 Tim. 2:15 Acts 20:32

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

**Lord's Supper**  
 Heb. 9:11-14

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: 1 Pet. 1:13-17  
 PM: Joshua 1:9

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 6  
 Invites last month: 19  
 Visitors YTD: 15

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Our Theme for 2022...  
**"Being Imitators of Christ"**  
 1 Cor. 11:1  
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**Radical Respect for God**

**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.

**VISITORS**  
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Reading: 1 Pet. 1:13-17

**INTRODUCTION**

Text: **1 Pt. 1:13-17.**

Few of us think of ourselves as being outright irreverent — but true reverence includes respect, and there are often ways in which our respect for God leaves something to be desired.

**We Cannot Be Indifferent To God**

In a "secular" society most people will feel that religion simply does not matter — the average person will not take God into account as an active, practical concern.

Even as Christians, we sometimes catch ourselves acting as if other things were relatively more important to us than God.

**We Cannot Accommodate God To Ourselves**

We may try to adjust or fit God to ourselves — to "domesticate" God, or "cut Him down to size."

If we find God and His will intrusive on our "lifestyle" or an embarrassment before our friends, we may try to moderate them and make them convenient, respectable. Cf. **Mk. 8:34-38.**

**We Cannot Confine God To One Compartment Of Life**

By its nature, the commitment we make to God is all-encompassing.

**We Cannot Mock God**

Mock = "to treat with ridicule or contempt; deride" (AHD).

Children — if they know "Now don't do that" is an empty threat — will often do as they please with a contemptuous mockery toward their parents.

**Conclusion**

Jesus sifted those who only wanted a superficial attachment to Him from those who wanted a serious involvement. Cf. **Lk. 9:57-62.**

**Gary Henry**

## Moral Courage

### Introduction

Text: **Josh. 1:9**.

The most interesting stories are those of the heroism of “average” people in life-threatening situations.

Most people have more *physical courage* than they realize.

### DOING RIGHT SOMETIMES REQUIRES PHYSICAL COURAGE

True commitment to God has never been without its physical dangers. Cf. **Hb. 11:32-38**.

### MORE OFTEN, HOWEVER, THE DANGERS ARE NOT PHYSICAL

Peter, the physically courageous, shows that it is possible for a person to have considerable physical courage and still lack moral courage. Cf. **Mt. 26:33; Jn. 18:10**.

Peter denied the Lord three times - **Jn. 18:15-18,25-27**.

And years later, he showed a similar lack of courage in the Gentile controversy - **Gal. 2:11-14**.

### THE COURAGE WE CAN HAVE IS GROUNDED IN GOD’S TRIUMPH OVER EVERY EVIL

It is through Christ — and only through Him — that we can “do all things” (**Phil. 4:13**).

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (**Jn. 14:27**).

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (**Jn. 16:33**).

### Conclusion

It is the *overcomer* through Christ who will reach heaven - **Rev. 21:1-7**.

But *cowardice* can damn our very souls: “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (**Rev. 21:8**).

## Testing Everything By the Scriptures

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11).

The prophets in Israel had predicted the coming of a Messiah. This Messiah or Christ (literally, “Anointed One”) would reign over a kingdom superior to any of the kingdoms of mankind (Daniel 2:44). But Jesus of Nazareth was not the only individual in the first century (or even later) to claim to be the Messiah. Messianic pretenders were a dime a dozen, as we might say. So how could a person know? How could one be sure?

When Paul came as a former Jewish rabbi and spoke in the synagogue at Berea, he proclaimed that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, the very One who had been predicted in the Jewish Scriptures. Paul was an eyewitness that Jesus had been resurrected (Acts 9:1-9), and Paul could perform miracles to verify his claims (2 Corinthians 12:12). But to their credit, the Berean Jews knew that the ultimate test of Jesus’ messiahship was scriptural in nature: if this Jesus truly was the person the Hebrew prophets had spoken of, then everything about Jesus would interlock with what had been said about the Messiah in the prophecies themselves.

So listening respectfully to Paul’s claims, they were “examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” In the final analysis, that is the test every religious teaching has to pass. Does this teaching match up with what God is known to have revealed in the past? God does not contradict Himself, and any new revelation has to be consistent with what we know God has already said. (The shocking story in 1 Kings 13 makes this point very dramatically.)

Fortunately, there is an abundance of Jewish Scripture against which Jesus can be measured (Psalm 16 & 22; Isaiah 53; Micah 5:2; etc.) — and there is no detail of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection that does not match up. For His part, Jesus was willing to be tested against the Scriptures, and He even upbraided those who had not done this. “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:25,26).

“In the Old Testament the new lies hidden, in the New Testament the old is laid open” (Augustine of Hippo).