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

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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
 Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
 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 & Ron Thompson, Jr.
will be preaching today.

***We are on week # 40 of
 our daily Bible reading.***

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
Courage to Overcome the Devil
Romans 8:31

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

Lord's Supper Reading
Luke 22:17--23-23

Scripture Reading
 AM: Rom. 1:18-21
 PM: Rom. 8:31-34

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 6
 Invites last month: 10
 Visitors YTD: 10

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 Clarksville Beacon**

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Balancing Reverence and Gratitude

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.

Text: Romans 1:18-21

NOTES:

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Gary Henry

Courage to Overcome the Devil

Text: Romans 8:31-34

Names of the Devil:

Description of:

Where is he?

What is he doing?

What can we do?

Take courage!

Ron Thompson, Jr.

Reverence

“Does not every man feel that he is himself made higher by doing reverence to what is really above him?” (Thomas Carlyle).

IS THERE ANYTHING “ABOVE” US? Are we answerable or accountable to any power or personal supremacy that it would be right for us to give “reverence” to? Historically, most human beings have thought so, but it’s not a question that ought to be answered on the basis of tradition alone. It’s an issue for each individual to confront, and it’s the most crucial question, by far, that anybody ever asks. The fact that we have the capacity for reverence is an interesting thing in itself. No other flesh-and-blood creatures have this power. Only we can admire and be in awe, or extend honor and esteem. Only we can *worship* — lovingly and purely. And these qualities are no small gift: of all the things that set us apart from the lesser creatures, the capacity for reverence is the most distinctive. “Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish man from beasts?” (Confucius).

If we wish to deepen the quality of reverence in our lives, I would like to suggest that we look first at our speech. Reverence resides principally in the heart, of course, but it’s a fact that we can sometimes encourage our hearts to change by adjusting external things like our words. We live in a time when reverential, or even respectful, speech has become almost old-fashioned, even among religious folks. We’ve become shockingly rude. I believe we’d gain some good things in our lives if we’d recover a certain modesty and reserve when we feel the urge to speak of things above us, and I agree with Nietzsche’s opinion: “Concerning great things one should either be silent or speak loftily.”

Yet in the end, it’s obvious that reverence must be more than words, or even feelings or sentiments. Reverence is a right orientation to, and a real-life relationship with, all that is above us. If, for example, there really is a God, then reverence would be a worshipful manner of actually dealing with that objective reality. So let us reconsider the concept of reverence. Let us learn again the wholeness that can only come from *humility toward that which is higher and greater than we are.*

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before.
(Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

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