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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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Mike Thomas
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 47 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:
Christ Giving Us Courage
Acts 28:15, Heb. 9:14

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Isa. 53:7-12

Scripture Reading
 AM: Mark 2:1-12
 PM: Jer. 35:1-10

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 0
 Invites last month: 12
 Visitors YTD: 12

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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How Can We Know When We Are Forgiven?

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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Text: Mark 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus healed a paralytic to prove He has power to forgive sinners (Mark 2:1-12).
- B. How can we know when we are forgiven of our sins?

DISCUSSION

Avoid Unreliable Standards

- A. A clear conscience is important, but it does not prove righteousness (Rom 10:1-4; Phil 3:6)
- B. Approval of others does not make us right, either (Acts 26:9-11; 7:58-8:1)

We are Forgiven When God Declares It

- A. He determines salvation (John 8:34-36; Luke 7:47-50)
- B. Discovered through the apostles' teachings (John 20:22-23; Eph 2:20-21)

Faith in Jesus

- A. He justifies sinners (Acts 13:38-39) who believe in Him (vv. 28-30)
- B. We must trust in His power to save and obey Him (Acts 16:27-34)

CONCLUSION

We will not receive a miraculous healing like the paralytic when we are forgiven, but we can know we are forgiven when we trust in Jesus and obey His word.

Mike Thomas

Influencing Our Family to Heaven

Text: Jeremiah 35:1-10

INTRODUCTION

- A. Jonadab had a positive influence on his family for generations (Jer. 35:1-10).
- B. What type of influence do we have on our family? Will we help them make it to heaven?
- C.

DISCUSSION

Show Them Love

- A. True leaders have genuine concern for others (cf. Ezek. 34:4-6)
- B. Do we demonstrate sacrificial love to our family? (1 Pet 3:5-7; Pro 31:10-20)

Show Them Integrity

- A. True leaders engage in honorable practices (Pro. 20:7)
- B. Does our family know we only support what is right? (1 Sam 3:12-13; Pro 22:15; Heb 12:5-11)

Show Them Faith

- A. True leaders will exemplify confidence in God
- B. Does our family know we have faith in God? (Deut. 11:18-21; 2 Tim 1:5)

CONCLUSION

You have a profound influence on your family (Pro 17:6). Use it to help them find God.

Mike Thomas

For the Wages of Sin is Death

FOR the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. So reads the last verse of Romans 6. How far-reaching the influence of sin; how horrible the anticipation of its payday. Its implications are clear cut; to recognize it is difficult task, yet to its damning, ruinous and infamous nature the mind of man seems blinded.

1 John 3:4 defines sin thus: *"Whoso sinneth, transgresseth also the law for sin is the transgression of the law."* That the law referred to here is the law of God, no thinking person will doubt. The transgressions that bring our souls into jeopardy may be in thought, in word or in action. Whatever the offence, the result is death. Therein is represented the wages paid to the transgressor. The enormity of sin can hardly be realized, which fact accounts for the attitude manifested by the sinner. If our eyes could behold the untold misery of broken homes, broken hearts and broken lives, we would arise against the tyrant "sin" and take from him his dominion and power. If, then, we could add to that scene the horrors of a devil's hell, prepared not for man, yet to be shared by those of us who unwittingly place ourselves under his command, this discourse would be of greater effect.

The very word itself has a sinister sound. It has in it the hiss of the serpent and the sting of the devil. The wages of sin is death. Death here, as in other places. Means separation. A person is said to be dead when his spirit leaves his body. Man was dead in trespasses and sin when, by reason of his transgression, he was driven from the presence of his maker. What thought of death could be more impressive than that suggested in the fact that Adam was separated from the God who made him and that because he had sinned.

Concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil, God has said, "Thou mayest not eat, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The devil, the father of liars and the instigator of all sin, said, "God knows that you shall not die, but that you shall be as God himself, knowing good from evil." This is not the last case in which the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life have taken their toll. But when our mother, Eve, observed that the fruit of the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eye and that it was a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Gen. 3:6

God walked in the garden in the cool of the day and faced his creation with a question, "Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat? And the man said, 'the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.' And the Lord God said unto the woman, 'what is this that thou hast done?' And the woman said, 'the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.' And the Lord God said unto the serpent, 'because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' Unto the woman he said, 'I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.' And unto Adam he said, 'because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree of which I command thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorn also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread, til thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'" Nor is that all. In that day man was driven from the beautiful garden. No longer could he talk with God face to face. Isaiah's prophetic statement is in point here: *"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that he cannot save; neither is his ear heavy that he cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear."* Isa. 59:2

Note the result. Thorns, thistles, briars, sickness, disease and trouble of every description have since plagued the human race. Time and chance happeneth to them all until after a while the weary body decays and dies. Can there be any doubt

H. Robert Williams

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