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**Beginning Our 67th Year Dec. 1, 2024**

**GOALS FOR 2025**  
**Theme**  
**“Respecting Bible Authority!”**

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold A Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 9 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Ivan Rochner, Sharon Thompson, Peter Hunt, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis), Pam Caudill, Brooke Thomas, Debbie Lewellen broke her arm, Jimmy Wilson

**THEME THIS MONTH:**  
 Living In The Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

**The Holy Spirit?**

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

**Lord’s Supper Reading**  
 Luke 22:14-22

**Scripture Reading**  
**AM:** Acts 2:42  
**PM:** Deuteronomy 11:1-9

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

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**How Strong Is Your Fellowship?**

**Acts 2:42**

What does the word “fellowship” even mean? How is it used in the Bible? Is it something that is passive or active? Can I grow in it? If so, how?

**I. How Does The Holy Spirit Define “Fellowship?” (Notes):**

- A. I Corinthians 1:9 (cf. Philippians 1:5; I John 1:3ff)**
- B. Acts 2:42**
- C. Philippians 2:1f**
- D. Romans 12:13**
- E. Philippians 4:15**

**II. Measuring The Strength of Our Fellowship (Notes):**

- A. I Corinthians 5:9-13**
- B. 2 Corinthians 1:7**
- C. I Peter 4:8-11**
- D. 2 Peter 1:4**

**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 Peter 4:11.

**VISITORS**

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## Are You Confident In God's Faithfulness?

Deuteronomy 11:1-9

Faithfulness is one of God's defining characteristics. How often do we find it in Scripture? How significant an impact does this have –or should have– on the believer's life?

### I. God's Faithfulness... (Notes):

A. Through every day (Deuteronomy 2:7; 8:1-3).

B. Even through our shortcomings (Deuteronomy 1:19-23; 9:4-8, 22-24).

C. Proving God's promises (Deuteronomy 4:25-31; 25:17-19; 30:1-3).

D. How should God's faithfulness motivate us?

Luke Capps

## Spiritual Food for Spiritual Thought Forgiveness in the Old Testament

Were God's people forgiven of their sins in OT times, or were their sins simply "rolled forward"? The examination of this question must begin with the Old Testament, not the New Testament Scriptures. I believe the Old Testament teaches that God forgave His people in the Old Testament.

First, the Old Testament pictures God as a God of forgiveness. In Exodus 34:6-7 God revealed Himself to Moses as One who is "**forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.**" In Numbers 14:18 Moses quotes this verse to the LORD, emphasizing how God abounds "**in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.**" The words of Exodus 34:6-7 are quoted or echoed in Psalm 86:5, Nehemiah 9:17, Daniel 9:9, and Jonah 4:2. The LORD God "**forgives all your sins**" (Ps. 103:3). "**As far as east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**" (Psalm 103:12). His worshippers praised Him, saying, "**But with you there is forgiveness**" (Ps. 130:4). Micah 7:18-19 presents a beautiful picture of God's forgiveness, saying He treads our sins underfoot and hurls our iniquities into the sea. Isaiah 1:18 says, "**Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they will be like wool.**" In Isaiah 43:25 the LORD says, "**I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.**" The idea of God as a forgiving God was well-known in the Old Testament.

Second, there are several times in the Old Testament God told people they would be forgiven if they surrendered to His terms of pardon. If the people brought the proper sacrifices to God, and leaned in humble trust upon Him, God promised they would be forgiven (Lev. 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7; Numbers 15:25, 26, 28). II Chronicles 6 records Solomon's prayer at the time of the dedication of the temple. Solomon asks God to forgive the people when they come to the temple to pray (II Chron. 6:21, 25, 27, 30, 39). In II Chronicles 7 God assures Solomon He has heard his prayer (v. 12). He tells Solomon when the people turn to Him in time of calamity, He will forgive their sins (v. 13-14). God promised to forgive sins in the Old Testament. I Kings 8 is parallel to II Chronicles 6. I Kings 8 also begs God to forgive Israel's sins (I Kings 8:30, 34, 36, 39, 50).

Third, God is specifically said to have forgiven people in the Old Testament. David (II Sam. 12:13), Isaiah (Isa. 6:7), and Hezekiah (Isa. 38:17) were all said to be forgiven. The author of Psalm 32 spoke of himself as being forgiven by God (v. 5). His words describing the blessedness of the forgiven man in Ps. 32:1-2 are quoted in the New Testament in Romans 4:6-8. God forgave Israel in the wilderness (Ps. 78:38), and throughout their history (Ps. 85:2; 99:8).

Usually, the idea that sins were "rolled forward" is defended by an appeal to the New Testament, not the Old. Hebrews 10:3-4 is the passage appealed to most frequently. However, the "**reminder of sins**" in verse 3 seems to have been in the mind of the worshipper (v. 2), not in God's mind. Animal sacrifices couldn't take away sin (v. 4). Please understand that there is no forgiveness without Jesus. However, people in the OT were ultimately forgiven in prospect of the cross of Christ (Hebrews 9:15).

If there was no forgiveness prior to the cross, how could John's baptism be said to be for forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3-4)? Before His death, Jesus told certain ones their sins were forgiven (Matt. 9:2; Luke 7:48). Were their sins actually forgiven? If so, obviously there was forgiveness before the cross.

Some of God's most beautiful promises of forgiveness are in the Old Testament- Ps. 103:12; Isaiah 1:18; 43:25; Micah 7:18-20. If those people were not really forgiven, how can God's people today have assurance of forgiveness?

Tommy Peeler