

In Him

Ephesians is a book every Christian should lay up in his heart. It is about the tremendous privilege we have as Christians. It is about the great blessings we enjoy as a result of being Christians. It is about the huge challenges we face because we are Christians. And it is about the eager anticipation we enjoy because we are Christians. In Ephesians Paul uses the phrase “*in Him*” to describe what it means to be a Christian. And he will identify the “*him*” by speaking of being “*in Christ*” twelve times.

In Him we have redemption through His blood (1:7). In Him we have forgiveness (1:7). In Him we are recipients of the abundant grace of God (1:7, 8). In Him we have an inheritance (1:11). Remember how Peter described this inheritance in 1 Peter 1:4-9. And so we, like them, “*trusted in Him*” after we heard the word of truth and in Him we were sealed with the Holy Spirit (1:13). And now because we are in Him we have boldness and access (to God) with confidence because of our faith in Him (3:12; Romans 5:1-11).

As a Christian you are “*in Him*” and that is where every spiritual blessing is located (1:3). If this does not get you excited and make you want to study God’s word more I do not know what will.

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15

May 22, 2022

A Compassionate God

In the Bible, we are first introduced to the prophet Jonah in **2 Kings 14:25**: “*He [King of Israel Jeroboam II] was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hepher.*” Here we see him proclaiming the word of the Lord. The Lord desired to save Israel from their suffering in spite of their evil (**2 Kings 14:26,27**). In this account, we find no evidence of Jonah being unwilling or hesitant at all to do as God wished.

In the Book of Jonah, the Lord has a different job for His prophet. He commands Jonah to go and tell the Assyrian people in their capital of Ninevah to repent or be destroyed (**Jonah 1:1,2**). Instead, Jonah boards a ship going in the opposite direction. Famously he is tossed overboard and swallowed by a great fish provided by the Lord (**Jonah 1:3-17**). Jonah prays to God and, after three days, is spat out upon the land (**Jonah 2**). He does what God wants, and Ninevah repents (**Jonah 3**).

Why did Jonah not want to do what God wanted in this instance? Because Jonah knew that God was a “gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity” (**Jonah 4:2**). Jonah didn’t want God to forgive the people of Ninevah. He wanted God to destroy them, because the Assyrians were wicked. They were undeserving of mercy because of the crimes they had committed against Israel. They had it coming, and Jonah was unwilling to participate in their salvation.

The remainder of Jonah chapter four consists of God attempting to get Jonah to see people through His eyes: “...*should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?*” (**Jonah 4:11**)

The book ends without us finding out if Jonah learned the lesson, but we have an opportunity to avoid the mistake that Jonah made. Do we see all people as people to be saved as God does? Do we see them as people He gave His only Son for? Do we see some of them as unworthy of saving?

Joshua Pettigrew, Monticello church of Christ

Memory Verse

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”

Romans 13:8 (NIV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

Congratulations Graduates!

High School

Joshua Tolbert

Jailen Miller Lucy Pugh

Kindergarten

Harper Bryant Josie Knight
Emily Thompson Gentri Walker

TODAY'S EVENTS

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Evening worship at 5:00
- Going away party for the Halberts

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Jennifer Knight... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Chris Beard... Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper...Ricky Epps... Tommy Haynes... family of Joan Head... Bertha Henry... Kenny Hudgens... Deane Johnson... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... James Perry... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of William Woods... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| May | 16 | Emma Miller |
| | 17 | Brad & Mandy Tolbert |
| | 18 | Suzette Russell |
| | 19 | Chris & Leah Bryant |
| | 21 | Braydn Curtis |
| | 22 | Walter Stiles |
| | 24 | Andrew Miller |
| | 27 | Cheryl Shirey |
| | 30 | Karli Walker |
| June | 2 | Ray & Kathy Linder |
| | 3 | Rachel Wilson |

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 22 Job 5-8
- 23 Job 9-10
- 24 Job 11-14
- 25 Job 15-18
- 26 Job 19-21
- 27 Job 22-25
- 28 Job 26-28



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

like to give toward a money tree, see **Sandra or Lindsey Baker**. If you would like to contribute toward pizza, see **Stacy Usry**. Bring your own chairs and drinks.

The **Fellowship Hall** will be used as a **polling place** for the upcoming election on **May 24th**. For this use, the Fellowship Hall is reserved **May 23rd-25th**.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** in the box in room 134. The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

A Note of Thanks:

“To my Monticello church family from Loyce Ray: I have always been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love you have given to David and me. Thank you for sharing in my heartbreaking loss of David and surrounding me and my children with prayers and love. The disk garden from “friends at the Monticello church of Christ” is beautiful. It touched my heart and still does every day. Always grateful. Always loving you!”

Attendance

Bible Class	83
Sunday AM Worship...	100
Sunday PM Worship	90
Wed. Evening	69
Contribution	\$3,192

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In Search of the Lord's Way
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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

May 22	Jacque Davidson
May 29	Jacque Davidson
June 5	Regina Dunn
June 12	Regina Dunn

Ladies May Duties

Cards:	Barbara Dyson
Food:	Sandra Baker Margaret Harris