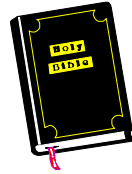


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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

When Love is Bad

Even though Jesus taught that love is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-40), we are also warned that there are certain types of love that are unprofitable and evil. The following are examples of love that we should not have:

Love of money – *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows”* (1 Timothy 6:10 ASV).

Love of the world – *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him”* (1 John 2:15).

Love of prestige – *“It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory”* (Proverbs 25:27); *“For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted”* (Luke 14:11).

Love of idols – *“Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you”* (Deuteronomy 6:13, 14).

Excessive love of self – *“For men shall be lovers of their own selves...”* (2 Timothy 3:2); *“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again”* (2 Corinthians 5:15); *“...in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others”* (Philipp. 2:3, 4).

Love of strife – *“As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife”* (Proverbs 26:21); *“But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work”* (James 3:14-16).

Love of sin – *“That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness”* (2 Thessalonians 2:12); *“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”* (Romans 1:32).

- Jason Hilburn, Minister, Luverne church of Christ, Luverne Alabama

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T J BOLEN—Hindrances to being God's "fellow workers"

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NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

PM: T J BOLEN—A Just God and eternal punishment

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” - 1 Corinthians 3:19

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Anna Porter, Judy Walker, Margaret Herring, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- **Gwen Pittman** has severe back pain which prevents her driving or even being able to prepare food at home. Call her, see what you can do, take her mail into her, send her a note of encouragement as she has been so encouraging to all of us. She's to see another doctor on the 16th. Pray fervently for her recovery so she may soon be us again.
- Little **Zoey Sailors** has been having fever spikes with seizures which is very scary.
- **Judy Walker** has some bad disks causing her severe back pain, pray for her relief.
- **Anna Porter** wasn't able to get out to be with us last week as she had hoped. Pray for her to recover her strength for she so wants to be with us.

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” - James 5:16

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Game Night, **fellowship for all**, Friday November 22, @ building, 7 PM. Bring a game, a snack, something to drink, **and** maybe a spiritual thought to share as the cherry on top of an encouraging time together!
- **YOUNG ADULT** class Sundays, 10am in the upstairs classroom.
- Check bulletin board for those to whom it would be **especially** good to **send cards!**
- Get your **Bible questions answered** Saturdays at 3pm at the building.
- Sermons are available on CD and soon **DVD!** See **Jones Gamble** or **Ken Parks**.
- **Bible Bowl** Feb 22, 2014—Book is 2 Samuel, the New King James version.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

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THANKSGIVING

The traditional Thanksgiving time is almost upon us. Rather than put a picture of a turkey in the bulletin and some words reminding you to be thankful, I'd rather you took this with you:

“When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” - Luke 14:12-14

Need another reason?

“... that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.” - 2 Corinthians 4:15

WHEN HATE IS GOOD

We need to hate more. Does that disturb you? Do you think it's *wrong* for Christians ever to hate? Then carefully consider this lesson because hate is **essential** to our salvation! If we don't hate, as the Lord has told us, then verily it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for us to enter heaven. The Lord told us this through the apostle Jude:

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” - Jude 1:22,23

I was burning leaves one time in the back yard. My son was riding his bicycle around, and as boys do, managed to fall into the fire. The next thing we both knew, he was flying through the air. Without thinking I had snatched him from the fire and stripped his burning coat off him. We must treat **sin** the same way. We must **hate** it and **abhor** it *so much* that without thinking we thrust it from us, or reach out to others to snatch them from it. We must be so aware, with every bit of our being, of the evil and deadly nature of sin that we reflexively react to save ourselves and others from it.

This is essential for our salvation! We **must** hate sin. We must abhor evil:

“Let love be without dissimulation.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” - Romans 12:9

We **must** because God hates sin. Jesus told us this:

“But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” - Revelation 2:6

He didn't hate the Nicolaitans, but he **did hate** their sin! God can not have sin in his presence, and if we have sin He will not receive us. This is of such paramount importance, that Jesus had to **die** in order for us to be cleansed of our sins.

Sin necessitated Christ's cruel death on the cross. Can we then think so little of sin so as **not** to hate it? If we don't, then we'll find ourselves tolerating sin in our brothers and sisters—not **hating** the garment spotted by the flesh. And then, we'll find **ourselves** accepting sin in ourselves. And then we'll die.

We must **know** that God hates sin so implacably—so we will strive to keep sin out of our lives, and out of the lives of our brothers and sisters. That is why this hate is **essential**, for without it, we'll have a lackadaisical, not really important, tolerant attitude towards sin. We'll fool ourselves into thinking that God feels this way too. And this will kill those around us and eventually ourselves also. We'll not work to pull our brothers and sisters from sin, as God has **commanded** us to do, and many in the church will die—if we don't **HATE SIN!!** As Jesus' disciples, we strive to have His mind in us (Php 2:5). A perfect man will have **all** elements of Jesus' mind. Don't neglect this one.

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