

Those To Serve

Oct. 19th, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Ed Hanson

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

Ed Hanson

Assist

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Oct. 22nd

Song Leader

Zac Hall

Invitation

George Thomas

Building And Communion for The Week of Oct. 26th

Zac Hall

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Oct. 26th

Zac Hall

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Cody Carr, and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Barbra Hook, Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Donna Jones, Drew Shinn, Joe Tigner, and Louise Dodson.

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Game Night Oct. 24th at 6:00 pm

Ladies Digging Deep Oct. 25th at 11:00 am

Questions and Answers Oct. 26th

Singing Oct. 29th

Birthday

Pj McCray – 23rd

Passage to Ponder: Matt. 9:12

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Sunday Sermons

Am – The Portraits of Christ: The Great Physician

Pm – In Everything Give Thanks

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 4:33

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 27:1



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

“Meekness” The Eighth Characteristic of “the Fruit of the Spirit”

Part 1

Chuck Northrop

"The fruit of the Spirit" is the produce the Spirit yields in the heart of men. By the Spirit's influence through the Spirit inspired word, man is instructed in such characteristics as "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," and meekness (Galatians 5:22-23). In our study, we are concerned with meekness, the eighth characteristic of "the fruit of the Spirit."

Like the other qualities of "the fruit of the Spirit," meekness must not be disregarded as being unimportant. Jesus taught this God admired virtue in the third beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). Paul informed the young evangelist Timothy to flee covetousness "and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (1 Timothy 6:11). Rather than adorning themselves with fancy hairdo's, gold, and costly attire, Peter instructs ladies to adorn themselves with "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4). Thus, we see the importance of meekness.

What is meekness? Meekness is a virtue describing an inner quality of a person. It is not necessarily an outward quality though such temperaments express themselves by outward actions. Meekness carries with it the idea of self-abasement and is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-willed. Meekness also implies submission. To be truly meek, one must be submissive. Jesus expressed this thought in John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." In our culture, meekness is often portrayed as weakness and is sometimes characterized by a person who is unable to help himself. However, Jesus is meek, but as God, He is infinitely powerful. The Greeks considered animals that were tamed as meek. The animals still had all their strength, but being tamed, their strength was under control, disciplined, and gentle.

Meekness is often associated with humility. In fact, they are so closely related only the humble heart can possess meekness. In Jesus' invitation, notice how He joins these two qualities. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). Because Jesus is meek and lowly in heart, Christian ought to be the same. Thus, these two virtues are again connected in Ephesians 4:2 which says, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." Finally, notice the connection in Colossians 3:12. Paul, writing to the church at Colossae, said, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Colossians 3:12). Thus, in each of these instances, we see this close alliance between meekness and humility.

Meekness begins with a proper attitude towards self. As we stand in the presence of the almighty God, how do we view ourselves? Are we or, at least, should we be humbled by His greatness? Meekness is void of pride. Because of our sinfulness, we have nothing of which to boast or flaunt. Therefore, James wrote, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6).

Meekness continues with a proper attitude towards others. The meek are gentle, mild, and lowly. For this reason, the meek do not demand their own rights. Isn't this what Paul wrote about concerning meats sacrificed to idols and a brother's weak conscience (Romans 14:13-23)? There is nothing intrinsically wrong with eating such meats, but because it may cause a brother to stumble, we ought to refrain. Rather than demanding our rights, in meekness, we abstain. Meekness also is involved in our teaching and encouragement of others. Consider the following passages in this light:

- Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
- 2 Timothy 2:24-25 "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."
- 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Though there are time when it is necessary, none of us like to be severely reprimanded. With all the problems in the church at Corinth, Paul approached them "in love, and in the spirit of meekness" (1 Corinthians 4:21) and "by the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:1). Let us, therefore, be followers of Paul and humbly seek to instruct and correct one another in the spirit of meekness.

Part Two Next Week!!!