

Those To Serve

August 31st, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

Zac Hall

Opening Prayer

George Thomas

Preside

Zac Hall

Assist

George Thomas

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

George Thomas

Closing Prayer

Zac Hall

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Sep. 3rd

Song Leader

George Thomas

Invitation

Zac Hall

Building And Communion for The Week of Sep. 7th

George Thomas

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Sep. 7th

Zac Hall

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Cody Carr, and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Donna Jones, Drew Shinn and Paula Stilwell

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Meal Aug. 31st

Questions and Answers Aug. 31st

Ladies Digging Deep Sep. 6th at 11:00 am

Ladies Class Sep. 13th at 10:00 am

Ladies Day With Shenja Brownlow-Dindy Sep. 27th

Gospel Meeting with Terrance Brownlow-Dindy Sep. 28th – Oct. 1st

Birthdays

Millie Robertson 2nd

Gia Ayers 3rd

Passage to Ponder: Eph. 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,

Sunday Sermons

Am – Guest Speaker Nathanael Nelson

Pm – Questions and Answers

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 3:2

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 25:1



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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.

“Longsuffering” The Fourth Characteristic of “the Fruit of the Spirit”

Part 2

Chuck Northrop

Since longsuffering is an attribute of God, then we also know that Christ is longsuffering. In 1 Timothy 1:16, Paul wrote, "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." When Paul was persecuting the church; when Paul was victimizing Christians; when Paul was rejecting the truth; Jesus was provoked, but He restrained Himself showing longsuffering towards Paul. The same could be said of us! "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "While we were yet sinners," while we transgressed God's law (1 John 3:4), while we knew to do good but did it not (James 4:17), while we violated our own consciences (Romans 14:23), while we lived in unrighteousness (1 John 5:17), Christ was longsuffering towards us. We deserved death, separation from God, but instead "Christ died for us." "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." (1 John 3:1).

Since God and Christ are longsuffering, it is only natural that Their servants be longsuffering. To the church at Ephesus, Paul wrote, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-2). The quality of longsuffering has its foundation in love. Paul further wrote, "Love suffereth long" (1 Corinthians 13:4). In other words, love is longsuffering. It keeps on suffering long. It keeps on being long-enduring. It keeps on exercising patience, forbearance, and perseverance. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11). Brethren, if God so loved us that He is longsuffering with us, we ought also to love one another in the same way and be longsuffering with one another. With this application, consider Colossians 3:12-13 "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

God and Jesus are our examples of longsuffering. The Holy Spirit tells us through the Word He inspired to be longsuffering. Let us, therefore, put on longsuffering. Let us be longsuffering towards one another and towards the world. Let us have this — another characteristic of "the fruit of the Spirit."

Am I Worthy?

Zachary Hall

Sometimes in life man can become discouraged. Living a Christian life isn't always easy. It is easy for a man to examine his life and start to think, am I worthy enough to be saved. As a gospel preacher I have listened to people ask this question. In tears people will make the statement "I have done too much wrong for God to save a sinner like me." Unfortunately, it seems that this type of doubt is often too natural for man. This doubt seems to be multiplied when one would read passages such as Romans 3:23 which states "all have sinned" or Romans 6:23 which states "the wages of sin is death." Then throw in 1 Corinthians 11:27 which states one can "be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" This could cause someone to believe that they are not worthy to be a Christian or even serve or worship God. Let us consider a few principles together.

The first principle is without Jesus none are worthy. The truth is that both Romans 3 and 6 are true in the fact that we all have sinned. If we do not remedy the problem of sin, WE WILL DIE!!! This is illustrated in Genesis 3. God had given Adam and Eve specific instruction in the garden (Genesis 2:15-17). They were told if they ate off the tree in the midst of the garden, they would die. When they ate this is what happened, God drove them from the garden (Genesis 3:24) and they were separated from God. Death is a separation as one sees in James 2:26. The only remedy is Christ and being obedient to Him. Consider a few things Christ does for us: He came and died for us (John 3:16-17; Luke 19:10). His blood is what washes our sins away (1 Peter 1:17-19; Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-12). He is our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). He is an Intercessor for us (Hebrews 7:25). Without Christ we have no hope, Christ gives us hope and helps us stand. Even though one may sin, Christ and obedience to Him makes it possible to be worthy.

People do say from time to time, because of my sins I could never be right before God. However this is simply not true the Bible is full of individuals who did not always do what was right but were still accepted in they eyes of God.

David – He took a man's wife and then had the man killed (2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-18). David did all this and was still called a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). He is called this because he was obedient to God and reacted to sin in a proper way. He was penitent. Have you taken another individuals spouses and killed them? If David can be a servant of God, so can you. Peter – He was a man that denied Jesus and swore while doing it (Mark 14:66-72). He goes on to be a great servant of Christ even preaching the first Gospel sermon in Acts 2. Have you denied the Lord and cursed while doing it? If Peter can serve the Lord, then you can too. Paul – He was a man that caused havoc in the church, killing and putting people in prison (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2). Paul went on to become an apostle and write 13 of the 27 New Testament books. Have you killed any Christians or put any in prison? If Paul could serve the Lord, then so can you. These men were able to serve God because they changed their life. They had sin and they repented of it.

The truth is, if one puts God first (Matthew 6:33) and is obedient to Him (James 1:25) then they can serve God. Understand it is not because one can do anything to earn heaven (Titus 3:5) but because of the grace, mercy, and love of God. All have sinned and all men will sin. The question becomes what does man do when he realizes that he is sin. Do they have the mind of David? Are they willing to turn to God? An individual is worthy because of the grace of God and the faithful obedience of oneself. What about you?