

Those To Serve

September 7th, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

George Thomas

Preside

Steve Phillips

Assist

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

Zac Hall

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Sep. 10th

Song Leader

Zac Hall

Invitation

George Thomas

Building And Communion for The Week of Sep. 14th

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Lawn And Ground for The Week of Sep. 14th

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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

Ladies Class Sep. 13th at 10:00 am

Men's Meeting Sep 14th following services.

Cleaning Day Sep. 20th at 9:00 am

Singing Sep. 24th

Ladies Day With Shenja Brownlow-Dindy Sep. 27th

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

Anniversary

Steve and Judy Phillips 9th

Passage to Ponder: Eph. 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Sunday Sermons

Am – The Blessings of Being a member of the church of Christ

Pm – How we Should Treat Each Other.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 3:18

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 25:7



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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.

“Gentleness” The Fifth Characteristic of “the Fruit of the Spirit”

Part 1

Chuck Northrop

"The fruit of the Spirit" has many attributes. Just as an orange has attributes like round, orange, and sweet, the fruit of the Spirit has the attributes of love, joy, peace... By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul gave the fifth attribute of "the fruit of the Spirit" — gentleness. The word gentleness comes from the Greek word "chrestotes" and means goodness of the heart or kindness. It is normally associated with moral goodness. It carries with it the idea of a "kindly disposition" and is more often translated "goodness" and "kindness" in the King James Version. Thus, this attribute is always sweet, kind, and full of graciousness.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). As Christians we are to imitate God, the Father. Thus, Jesus' statement is brought home in application when we consider God's goodness. Paul wrote, "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4). The word "goodness" is the same as "gentleness" in the original language. God is rich in goodness! "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17), and "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). God is so good to us that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). If we have the mind-set to imitate God and live godly, then we will also be rich in goodness/gentleness.

Please notice the application Paul makes in Romans 2:4. God's goodness ought to lead us to repentance! Generally, when tragedy hits, we turn to God, or, in the least, it causes us to think about our soul's destiny. It is an illness, an accident, or a death of a loved one that causes us to consider more seriously our eternal fate. But God's goodness ought to do the same. His kindness shown by His supply of our daily welfare . . . His spiritual provisions given to us through His word . . . His generous care as He watches over the affairs of this world . . . these things ought to impel us to live as God would have us to live.

One aspect of the goodness of God emphasized in scripture is the goodness God has shown toward us through Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 2:7, Paul wrote, "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." It is through the kindness that God has shown to us through Jesus, the Christ that we will be able to praise God throughout eternity. Again, the word "kindness" in this text is the same as in Galatians 5:22. Paul also makes this thought clear in Titus 3:4. After reminding us what we were, he wrote, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." Here is the point: God showed His kindness and love toward mankind in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, to this world of woe and in the sacrifice and death of His Son for our sins.

Notice, also, God's goodness and severity is contrasted. Again, to the Christians in Rome, Paul wrote, "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off" (Romans 11:22). The severity of God fell upon the unbelieving Jews while the goodness of God was shown toward the Gentiles because of their faith. The conditional nature of salvation is under consideration. As long as the Gentiles continued in faithfulness, they would see the goodness of God, but if they became unfaithful like the Jews, they would be cut off. The same could be said of us. Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrew 5:9). Our salvation is contingent upon our obedience to Jesus. As long as we obey, we have salvation, but when we quit obeying, we no longer have salvation. Sadly, this was the state of affairs in Galatia. Rather than living for Jesus, some Galatian Christians turned back to the old law, and Paul assessed they were "fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4). Let us determine not to follow their example but be as John exhorted – "faithful unto death" so that we may receive "a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

Look for part 2 Next Week!