

How Can I Love "Them"?



There are some people with whom you just naturally fall in love. They are so spiritual, full of kindness, overly optimistic, and ready to give a helping hand regardless of the need. It is easy for them to hold a special place in your heart. It makes loving one another as brothers and sisters in Christ so much easier. It makes Jesus command, **"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13.34)**, a joy to obey. Because some people just appeal to your heart strings and when you see them walking so closely to the Lord, you are naturally drawn unto them.

It seems like all may be going well for you spiritually, and then, the challenge comes. How do you love those who claim to be following the Lord, but are not spiritually minded, always negative, and never want to help do anything? How do you love "them"? They appear to have so many flaws. They say things that are hurtful without thinking. It seems like they are not concerned about anyone but themselves. Sometimes, we just ignore them. If we see them coming toward us, we turn and walk in the other direction, or instantly turn to talk to someone else to avoid making eye contact. But what if Jesus had done the same with me or you?

When Jesus came, with whom did He spend the majority of His time expounding the way of God and salvation? Was it not the poor, the tax collectors, the sinners (Matthew 9.10)? The tax collectors, the poor, the lame, the blind, the diseased, all people whom the "more religious" of the day did not want to be around. But was that not the exact reason Jesus came? **Luke 19.10, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."** When John the Baptist was in prison and sent two of his disciples to question Jesus if He was the Messiah to come, do you remember Jesus' reply? **"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them" (Matthew 11.4, 5).** Jesus spent a tremendous amount of time with "them," the unlovable.

Do you think when a sinner comes to Jesus in repentance and is baptized for the forgiveness of his/her sins, that he/she instantly changes into one who is easy to love? Or do you think that it takes years of spiritual growth and being around our Lord and other Christians? Naturally, one replies, *"It depends on the person."* Absolutely, but should we not love all those who strive to follow Jesus, even the unlovable? One of the greatest blessings of Christianity is being a part of the family of God. Does one become a happy, optimistic Christian without having someone there showing him/her the way? Would you qualify for that mentoring position? Do you not recall the apostle Paul saying, **"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11.1)**? Can you say that? From the Christian you are today, do you think you could model the love of Jesus to "them"? Let's work on loving the unlovable and let Jesus shine in our lives every day as we do. Look for one of "them" to mentor and help lead them closer to God and true joy in Christ Jesus. We all need the love of God and the love of one another! Share that love! Gary

How Christians Are To Live In Society

Titus 3.1, 2

1. Do you find it hard to see how wicked our people are becoming?
2. God calls us to come out from among them and be separate from them (2 Corinthians 6.17).
3. Even though we dedicate our lives to God, we still have to live with them. How?

As Christians Living In A Pagan Society, We Are To Remember...

I. Our _____ (Titus 3.1, 2).

A. We are to be good _____.

1. Our work is in this world but not of it, because our true citizenship is in _____ (Philippians 3.20).
2. This duty reminds us that we are to **"be submissive to rulers and authorities" (Titus 3.1)**.
3. As Christian citizens, we are to be prepared to _____.

B. In addition to our duties, we are to be good _____ (3.2).

II. Our _____ (Titus 3.3).

A. Paul points out how _____ we were.

1. Remembering this gives us an even great appreciation for God's mercy.
2. It should make us _____ toward the lost.
3. Paul gives a list of sins.

B. Do we remember how _____ we were?

III. Our _____ (Titus 3.4-7).

A. Paul turns the emphasis from remembering our former condition of being _____, to the equally important need to remember our present condition of _____.

1. This is Paul's profound summary of the _____.
2. After Paul exposed the darkness, he pointed to the _____.
3. What was the purpose of God's kindness and love in Christ?
 - a. What was accomplished?
 - b. He _____ us!

B. Our salvation is not based on the _____ of _____ that we have done.

C. How did God save us?

1. **"By the _____ of regeneration and the _____ of the Holy Spirit."**
 - a. What is the **"washing of regeneration?"**
 - b. When does the Holy Spirit "renew" us?
2. We are not passive in the Spirit's renewal of us.

IV. Our _____ (Titus 3.8).

A. We must live as we have been _____.

B. Again, we are to be devoted to _____.

Conclusion: Are you living righteously before God this morning?

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Good Morning WH family! Today we are going to take a quick break from our member features in order to highlight some upcoming opportunities in our Connection Corner.

We are wrapping up our Summer Series, "Family Matters: How To Love One Another!" this coming Wednesday evening with Ryan Inlow from Pleasant Ridge. I have heard from many of you that this summer series has been especially beneficial in helping us learn how to reconnect and really "love" each other the way Christ would have us to, considering Covid and all that has transpired in our world since. If you haven't yet been a part of these Summer Series services, please make a special effort to be here this week. (Don't forget our 6 PM Brown Bag Dinners before our Wednesday evening service. School is starting soon and let's all get back into the habit of coming together for that special time of fun and fellowship.)

Another exciting opportunity is coming up in our Sunday morning Adult Bible classes for the new quarter beginning in September. Gary is going to teach the auditorium class and begin a study of II Corinthians. Additionally, as you know, I am all about improving "connections"; and, what connections are more important than our marriages. In that regard, I am going to be teaching a video series called "*Song of Solomon: The Book of Romance.*" This class is designed for singles desiring to learn Godly principles of dating and courtship, as well as couples in struggling relationships to give them hope. It is also perfect for couples with a good relationship that want to make it great. It can help parents learn how to teach their children or grandchildren God's ideals on love, attraction, dating, sex and marriage. We will be following the couple in this book and their relationship before God from the very beginning: intimacy, conflict, reconciliation, and all the way through "till death do us part" commitment.

I really encourage you, if you or someone you know are in these categories or you could use a relationship boost, please come & be a part of this class. Please note, because of the video & then discussion format, we will be starting each class promptly at 9am. Plan on being there a little early, you won't want to miss a thing, I promise you!

Les Keele



One of our members is in need: They are looking for a 10 x 12 area rug, a small kitchen table, a small table to sew on, a storage ottoman, and bookshelves. If you are trying to get rid of any of these, that are gently used, please let the office know. Thank you.

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnston

Song Leader - Randy McCoy

Song - Holy, Holy, Holy

Song - Blessed Assurance

Prayer - Buck Thomas

Scripture - Titus 3:1, 2

Song - Ivory Palaces

Song - Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Lord's Supper - Milt Birmingham

Prayer for Contribution - Milt Birmingham

Song - Light The Fire

How Christians Are To Live In Society - Gary Williams

Song - Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements - Greg Ball

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

Donate by QR Code?
Here is ours:
Thank You!



For our members and visitors with hearing difficulties, we now provide single side in-ear mono earbuds with a personal receiver for your convenience. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for one.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, August 14

Isaiah 34 - 36

Tuesday, August 15

Isaiah 37 - 39

Wednesday, August 16

Isaiah 40 - 42

Thursday, August 17

Isaiah 43 - 45

Friday, August 18

Isaiah 46 - 48

Saturday, August 19

Isaiah 49 - 51

Sunday, August 20

Isaiah 52 - 54

Last Week

Bible Class:	115	Wednesday:	115
AM Worship:	195	Contribution:	\$ 11,978.49
PM Worship:	54	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Michelle Taylor in her recent passing from this life. A celebration of life will be Saturday, August 19, 2:00 PM, at North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 North Davis Drive, Arlington, Texas. Michelle is the granddaughter of Joe Gentry. Please keep Joe, Jodi, and all the family in your prayers.



SUNDAY NIGHTS

PLAN TO ATTEND EVENING WORSHIP FOR A CLASS ON:

EVANGELIZING YOUR COMMUNITY: TOOLS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

TAUGHT BY GARY AND LES

ONE BOOK PER FAMILY PROVIDED

Ladies, if you would like to share prayer time and gain strength by coming together with your sisters, come to the Library on Wednesday nights at 6:40 P.M.



FAMILY MATTERS

LEARNING *HOW* TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

AUGUST 16

RYAN INLOW

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Janelle Ball is looking for a teacher for the 2 and 3 year olds class on Wednesday nights. Please let her know if you can take this on.



BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.



It's that time of year! The coin cans for Foster's Home for Children are in the foyers for you to pick up and fill with your change. The cans will be picked up sometime in November.



Foster's Children's Day: 2023

Saturday, September 9

1779 N. Graham, Stephenville, Texas

BBQ lunch at noon

Program To Follow

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

August 13, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Joe Gentry 08/09/2023	His granddaughter, Michelle Taylor, who moved to Alaska to teach in a small fishing village, was found deceased in her house Wednesday morning. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Comfort and peace for the family and for all who knew Michelle and her parents
Bob Howard 08/09/2023	Has been in the hospital several times this week and was admitted on Wednesday night. It has been determined that he has had a non-debilitating stroke. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Healing and rehab
Tahlia Witherspoon 08/07/2023	Cut her foot 3 weeks ago and required stitches. The stitches were removed August 3. Due to recent pain, x-rays were conducted and swelling was detected. 3628 Brookland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Decreased pain and healing
Evelyn Woolsey 08/04/2023	Is in City View Rehab Room 208 following a fall which resulted in a broken arm. She would love visitors according to her son, Stephan (505-321-9082).	Healing and strength
Carlene Reeves 08/03/2023	Suffered a mini stroke and was taken to the hospital but she is now home. 1306 Warden Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Recovery
Bob Willyerd 7/27/23	Will have his 1st surgery on his spine, Monday, August 14, 2023. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Successful surgery and quick healing
Wincie Neusse 7/17/2023	Is having health issues. 3425 Riveroad Court, Apartment # 2318, Fort Worth, Texas 76116-1114	Good results and healing
Kham Intharansy 7/6/2023	Had a stent graft procedure for her dialysis on July 6. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Successful surgery and quick healing
James Yawn 06/18/2023	Had back surgery on July 10th and is now home. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Quick recovery

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
August 13, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Kyla Anderson, family member of	Auna Walton	She has been battling leukemia. All treatments have been stopped in an effort to build her up.	For her numbers to be where they need to be so her treatments can continue 08/010/2023
DeAnn Trevino, friend of	Leah Bowie	Has been diagnosed with cancer and will need chemo before they can perform surgery to remove the mass.	Peace, comfort, healing, skilled doctors 08/02/2023
Elizabeth Underwood, friend of	Frankie Smith	Her brother-in-law, James Pittillio, died suddenly on Tuesday, July 25th.	Comfort and peace for the family
Candy (Kumcha Amre)	Candy	She has not been well. 7832 Chapin Road, #310, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116.	Quick healing 7/9/2023

Happy Birthday!

August



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| 1 Bill Baumann | 29 Nell Cain |
| 2 Tommy Intharansy | 30 Sam Anderson |
| 3 Phousi Siharath | |
| 5 Mark Brahn | |
| 5 Wayne Tong | |
| 6 Betty White | |
| 7 Yvonne Hallum | |
| 10 Pam Terrell | <u>Children</u> |
| 12 Patti Musselman | 15 Ava Collins |
| 13 Karen Brahn | 27 Judah Bolt |
| 13 Jeff Swan | |
| 14 James Bowie | |
| 16 Aubrey Hallum | |
| 16 Jane Turner Wright | |
| 20 Loyce Gazaway | |
| 23 Iiand Bouapraseth | |
| 23 Pat Molder | |
| 24 Milt Birmingham | |
| 26 Betty Wilcox | |
| 26 Danny Lee | |
| 28 Dan Pratt | |

