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Jack Calvert

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Mike Davis      Cory Easley

**Invitation**  
Bryan Garlock

## ABOUT US

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis

**Deacons**  
Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Dave Massey

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## What Outrages God?

Bryan Garlock

What outrages us? Is it slow traffic, messed up fast-food order, current fashion, or personal insults? How do those compare to that which outrages God?

The transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4) has always been the culprit behind God's righteous anger. We read, "For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief" (Heb. 3:16-19). Why was God angry for 40 years with His people? It was their sin!

What outraged Jesus? In the gospels, we read, "And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house

of prayer," but you make it a den of robbers'" (Matt. 21:12-13; cf. John 2:14-17). It was their contempt for His Father's house. Simply put, it was *sin*.

God's indignation can be seen in every judgement against sinful individuals and nations. Paul taught, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..." (Rom. 1:18). Furthermore, God's attitude toward sin is seen in those who love Him. David said, "Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). God is outraged by sin because He hates sin (Psalm 45:7; Prov. 6:16-19; Isaiah 61:8).

Are we outraged by sin? If we choose to obey unrighteousness rather than righteousness, we are not outraged by sin. If we compromise our faith in times of trouble, we are not outraged by sin. If we neglect to simply study God's word and pray to our Father, we are not outraged by sin. If we remain silent by refusing or

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Max Thomas, Maxine Burnham and Mary Alice Turner.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven at **Gabe Buls'** decision to be baptized into Jesus Christ. We welcome him into Christ's body, the church and pledge our help to him as he begins his new life with us at Franklin Drive.

**Jean Cronce** had surgery at St. Michael. She will be going to Dallas for further surgery this week.

**Lahron McJunkins** suffered a stroke last week and is in St. Michael for further tests and treatment. Currently he requests no visitors.

**John Rinehart** experienced some heart irregularities recently but is doing fine now.

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neglecting to seek to restore an erring brother, we are not outraged by sin. If a local church does not discipline the erring, they are not outraged by sin. If a local church does something that is not authorized by the Scriptures, they are not outraged by sin. Simply put, anytime we do something contrary to God's will, we are not outraged by sin!

Surely everyone is aware of the current controversy within the NFL (National Football League). This writer

understands the anger of "We the people" because we love this country and the servicemen and women who have sacrificed themselves for our freedoms. However, a dear brother in Christ wrote recently on Facebook, "Just curious. Are you more offended by football players who don't respect the flag, or just about everyone else who doesn't respect God?" Is our outrage justified? While it is difficult not to get emotional when we are so drenched in the fleshly things of this world, we must remember our focus, our spiritual citizenship, and our mission on this earth.

Consider for a moment our Lord and Savior. While He certainly enjoyed the blessings of this world, His entire mission was spiritual. In fact, this writer finds it hard to imagine that Jesus would care one iota about an NFL player standing or kneeling for a flag because Jesus' time and energy were spiritually spent and His mission was spiritually concentrated. If this world was not His home, did He care whether a man kneeled for a flag? Certainly, while we cannot know if or what social controversies bothered Jesus, we can know what outraged Him - our sin.

To paraphrase another brother: we should not mind someone showing passion for their country if they do it in a way that is not sinful. Currently, people are biting and devouring each other (see Gal. 5.13-15) over a person who chooses to kneel for a flag. Let us consider that the Lord's Kingdom is not of this world (John 18.36) and that our time would be better spent putting all our passion and enthusiasm in defending our Lord, His gospel and proclaiming it to the lost.

Let us always remember where our emphasis should be placed - nothing should

anger us more than sin. If we are outraged by the same thing God is, we will be focused on keeping ourselves pure and making disciples. In love, BG

## A Rotten Egg

Aaron Kemple

Well, it happened for the first time to me last week, I cracked one of our eggs and it was rotten. We have chickens and ducks, and lots of eggs. I love to make eggs in the morning, so just like any morning I took an egg and cracked it on the side of the pan, but this time out came green goo. Wow, what a smell! I just took the pan, went straight out the door and wiped the nasty stuff off in the grass. I had to open windows, light matches, turn on fans, etc.

Oh, and Anna loved it, she was just having a high time laughing about it.

I don't have much to say as far as application, except this. Sometimes you don't know the contents until the outer shell is cracked. When we are under pressure, trials and adversity, our "contents" are revealed, and sometimes they are not pretty!

What is revealed within you when you are under pressure and "crack"? What contents come out?

When we have those times that reveal the heart, it helps us to see that we need to work on the interior; we need to cleanse our hearts and strengthen our faith.

*In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor*

*at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*  
(1 Peter 1:6-7)

*The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the LORD tests hearts.*  
(Proverbs 17:3)

*For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*  
(James 3:7-18)

**Psalm 86:12** *I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; And I will glorify thy name for evermore.*