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ABOUT US
<p><b>Elders</b> Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis</p> <p><b>Deacons</b> Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham Mike Davis      Dave Massey</p> <p><b>Evangelist</b> Bryan Garlock</p>
SERVICE TIMES
<p><b>Sunday</b> Bible Study .....9:30 A.M. Worship .....10:15 A.M. Worship .....6:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.</p>
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<p><b>GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION</b></p> <p><b>Hear</b> the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17</p> <p><b>Believe</b> the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24</p> <p><b>Repent</b> from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38</p> <p><b>Confess</b> the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30</p> <p><b>Be Baptized</b> in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12</p> <p><b>Walk</b> in newness of life and <b>be faithful</b> unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10</p>



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Being in Sin
 Joseph Barry

Sin is not good; we all know that. So why does it seem pleasurable? Does not God want us to be happy? Yes, of course He does. But that does not mean we can sin. It means we follow what God says all our lives. Sin seems pleasurable because our physical body wants it (Matthew 26:41). Being in sin means sinning repeatedly. As in deliberately and repeatedly stepping on Jesus (Hebrews 10:29). That is a bad place to be -- a very bad place. If we are continuing to sin, not only are we not faithful (Hebrews 10:26), we are not being a very good example to the younger (or older) Christians.

If we are in sin, that also means we are also a bad example to the world. When the world looks at Christians sinning, they see hypocrites. If the world sees Christians as hypocrites, then they will not want to be a part of God’s family. Since God wants us to spread the word about Him, then it seems only logical to be like Him, correct? Being

an example is one of the ways of spreading the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-20). Being in sin also causes problems in the world. For example, like we have discussed in Bible class if your friends pressure you to drink or take drugs, and you give in, you have sinned. And since it is easy to get addicted to that stuff, it can lead to being in sin. This obviously causes a huge split between you and God, as sin always does. But that is not the only split in relationships that sin causes. It causes division in your relationship with your church family and possibly your physical family.

If a Christian is in sin, it is possible to get out of sin before it is too late. If that person keeps working on it, and asks God for forgiveness every time he/she messes up (1 John 1:9), then that Christian will, if he/she keeps improving, get better over time. One thing that helps is having an accountability partner. Accountability

FAMILY TALK

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

**Melinda Prynne** was scheduled to receive the results from her biopsy and post-op MRI on Thursday.

*We have been having a lot of visitors from the community lately. Are you taking the opportunity to warmly welcome them? Invite them to lunch or dinner? Send them a card? How we treat our visitors determines whether they come a second time and possibly whether they obey the gospel. View all visitors as a potential brother or sister in Christ. Love them dearly, and we will be blessed by God. BG*

**Psalm 23:1** Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Psalm 34:9** Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints; For there is no want to them that fear him.

our mind off of it. Praying also helps us to be more comfortable with going to God and telling Him about our problems.

Finally, sin damages ourselves. If we are in sin, then that means we are hurting ourselves by getting weaker spiritually each time we give in to sin. If we keep sinning, we eventually end up rejecting God, and on Judgment Day, going to Hell. Obviously, hell is not a place where we want to be – or need to be. But that is where a lot of Christians end up going. I think it is because they do not have trust in God. Joseph

Using Our Gifts and Abilities

Bryan Garlock

Please read Romans 12.3-8 and 1 Peter 4.10-11. From these passages we learn that we all have been given gifts by God for the benefit of the kingdom. Some have the gift or ability of teaching, while others have the gift of exhortation – the talent of encouraging people. Whatever gift you may possess, these passages instruct us not to look down on one another nor to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to because the gifts are equal in standing and because the gifts are used to serve one another. How then can one’s gift be any better than another’s? We will do well to develop ways to use what we are good at to serve others, to encourage this church, and to spread the gospel in this community. In love, BG

How We Are to Speak

Bryan Garlock

Jesus said, “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be

justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matt. 12.36-37) One indicator of a righteously trained heart (2 Tim. 3.16-17) is whether a person’s speech is pure. It would do the reader well to read the following verses in context to give full understanding of how Jesus wants us to speak.

**Speak lovingly.** “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...” (Eph. 4.15)

**Speak truthfully.** “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.” (Eph. 4.25)

**Speak gracefully.** “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.” (Eph. 4.29)

**Speak kindly.** “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph. 4.31-32)

**Speak thankfully.** “Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.” (Eph. 5.4)

**Speak knowingly.** “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these

things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.” (Eph. 5.6)

**Speak purely.** “For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.” (Eph. 5.12)

**Speak wisely.** “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” (Eph. 5.16)

**Speak spiritually.** “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (Eph. 5.18-19)

**Speak peacefully.** “Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.” (Eph. 6.9)

**Speak boldly.** “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph. 6.18-20)

If there are any impurities in your speech, train yourself in God’s word. BG

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partners can be helpful in tracking how you are doing spiritually. It can be hard to listen to them, especially when the temptations to sin are so strong, but with God’s help, you can pull through. Another thing that helps is praying. Praying helps by not only fighting temptation but it takes