

## SUNDAY MORNING

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Cole Meador

### Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

### Lord's Supper

Mark Davis    Bryan Garlock  
Clay Morris    Bill Brittenham

### Prayers

Jerry Schnelle    Joseph Barry

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Rodney Ellis    Pete Rowland

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Bill Brittenham

### Song Leader

Clay Morris

### Prayers

Bryan Garlock    Wendell Mobley

### Invitation

Bryan Garlock

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry    Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis    Clay Morris

### 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; Romans 10:9-10

**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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## The Book of John and the Cross

Bryan Garlock

John was chosen to be an eye-witness to Jesus' signs (miracles) and the events that occurred during Jesus' ministry. While there are many running themes in John's book — light and darkness, life and death, the deity of Christ — there is one theme that is put on display for all to see: the cross. Readers of this book cannot travel far in John's words without confronting this highlight of the inspired text — it is literally on every page.

It was the first words John the Immerser announced as he saw Jesus approaching them — "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (1.29). The fact that John attached the purpose of lamb-sacrifices (sin-offerings) to Jesus illustrated the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world (1.9). In 1.51, we learn that it is Jesus that will be the way to heaven — he is the ladder (John 14.6) and the mediator between God and man, and

that, only by His death (read the book of Hebrews; see also Genesis 28.10-22).

In chapter two, prior to Jesus' first sign, He said to His mother, "My hour has not yet come" (2.4). While some see this as His time to publicly reveal Himself as the coming Messiah, one cannot help but connect it to His death. Then, when Jesus started His public ministry by cleansing the Temple (2.13-22), He told the Jews who asked for a sign, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (2.19); yet, they thought He meant the actual temple, but He meant His body (2.21-22).

In chapter three, Jesus taught, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up...." This is a reference to Numbers 21.9. In John 12.32-33, we read, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, W.H. McFerrin, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next class will be on Tuesday, **Jan. 14, 2020.** There will be no class in December.

For the January singing, we would like to ask for **song requests.** You can make your requests on the church's Facebook page, "FDchurch", or give your requests to Daniel, Bryan, Jack, or Clay. Please have your requests in by Sunday, Dec. 22nd so we can make the list and divide them between the leaders.

**Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.**

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myself. He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die".

In chapter four, Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well satisfying water that leads to eternal life (4.13-15). Interestingly, though, eternal life is for those who believe in His death for their sins (3.14-16). Furthermore, Jesus spoke of a coming hour when worship would no longer be bound to Jerusalem (4.21-24). This must have been fulfilled in His death on the cross, as the Law of Moses was no longer binding after the

New Covenant began. At least one more picture of the cross is seen in chapter four. Jesus told His disciples, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." What work? His obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2.8). No wonder Jesus said, "It is finished" when He took His last breath *on the cross* (John 19.30).

Again and again John turns the reader's attention to the cross because Jesus makes His death the center stage.

Now it is your turn. Continue to study through the book and notice all the references that point to that horrible scene where Jesus died for us. Honestly, it is a paradox — it is both awful and beautiful. Let us be awed by Jesus' love for us. BG

### The Missing Checkmark (Unknown)

Small things can convey important messages. A period (.) either ends a statement or defines value in a set of numbers. 1750 carries a different value than 17.50. An ant can lift twenty times its body weight and protect its Queen from other colonies. When one of these is missing the outcome is altered. Now consider the checkmark (✓) which can denote a task completed or a correct answer. Picture an attendance chart where names are listed down a column and dates are along the top. Image finding your name and running your finger to the right of the page. A checkmark has been placed under dates of Sunday and Wednesday services. Perhaps most of the

boxes contain a ✓ but what about those where the ✓ is missing? A missing ✓ means a missing "body" at services. Those in attendance may wonder if you are sick or maybe out of town. They may even question if you are struggling spiritually. Do I have an answer? If I or a family member is ill, have I reached out for help or alerted the elders or a friend? When I, as well as my ✓, are missing what am I depriving others? Encouragement from a friendly hello and smile, motivation for someone struggling when they see me participating in the song service? My voice cannot be added to those of my brothers and sisters as they sing praises to God. My example of opening my Bible to follow along during a sermon or Bible class is lost. Connections with my congregational family cannot be made and I am not able to make a visitor feel welcome.

When my ✓ is missing there is no immediate joy to be shared with one who is baptized into Christ or restored to our family. I cannot support and mourn with those who have lost loved ones through physical death or church discipline. Watching the little ones grow from the toddler weaving in and out of the crowd to one leading singing or teaching a Bible class — its lost if I'm missing. Although being a Christian means living a life of service to others, there are also personal losses: gaining Bible knowledge and insight, being uplifted by songs of praise, encouraged and motivated by Christians of all ages; growing as a Christian is instructed by Peter in 1 Peter 2: 1-3.

It is understood there are exceptions when your ✓ must be missing. Illnesses are part of life, caring for family members is required, traveling out of town will happen. And yes, brothers and sisters should inquire as to the reason for your absence. A missing ✓ is a missing body part of the church family. Reflection: Why is my ✓ missing? Why is my brother or sister missing and how can I help? How often is your ✓ missing?

### "The Law of The Lord"

**Psalm 1:1-2** *How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

**Psalm 19:7-8** *The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

Prayerfully ask yourself a few questions:

1. Do I truly **DELIGHT** in the law of Jehovah?
2. Do I meditate on **His LAW** day and night?
3. Do I truly believe the law of Jehovah is **perfect, sure, right and pure**?
4. Do I want/need my soul to be **restored** and **enlightened**?

David, being a man after Jehovah's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14), gives the answers we should also give. David loved God and His law. So should we!