

July 25, 2021

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

“As Christ Forgave You”

By Michael Hickox

Jesus' love is exemplified by His willingness to forgive (cf. **1 Cor. 13:5**).

Perhaps the most striking verse that demonstrates Jesus' forgiving attitude is **Luke 23:34**. In this verse, the Son of God and Savior of the world was being crucified because of others' hatred and envy. Remarkably, He reacted by saying, “***Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.***”

Jesus' statement was not excusing evil-doing. It did, though, show that Jesus had no resentment or bitterness toward those who treated Him despicably. He was desirous of their repentance, rather than wanting the worst for those who mistreated Him.

When the inspired apostle Paul wrote “***to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae***” (**Col. 1:2**), he commanded, “***bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do***” (**Col. 3:13**).

No one has ever mistreated us as much as we have mistreated Christ. If *He* is willing to forgive *us* upon submission to His terms, how much more should we eagerly forgive others?

“Do All Things Without Murmuring”

By Michael Hickox

Jude 16a: *These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts...*

Jude 15 references the ungodly who God will execute judgment upon. When ungodly individuals are described in the Bible, words such as selfish, proud, worldly, covetous, and dishonest are often used.

A word which may not be as frequently spoken against is used in **Jude 16** to describe the ungodly: murmurers.

Murmuring is often descriptive of unfaithful individuals. The generation of Israelites who exited Egypt *murmured* against Moses (and the LORD) when their desires were not met (**Exod. 16:7-8; Num. 14:27,36**). The inspired apostle Paul warned the church at Corinth not to *murmur* like the Israelites did (**1 Cor. 10:10**). Paul also commanded the church at Philippi to “***Do all things without murmurings and disputings:***” (**Phil. 2:14**). A consistent mark of the Jews rebuked by Jesus was *murmuring* against Him (**Luke 15:2; 19:7; John 6:41**). What is this murmuring, and why is it wrong?

The definition Thayer gives for the word translated “*murmurers*” in **Jude 16** is “a murmurer, one who discontentedly complains (against God)” (*G1113*).

The murmuring condemned by God isn’t putting forth a just complaint to encourage correction, but grumbling in discontentment.

Digging into the murmuring that marked the “exodus” generation of Israelites helps us understand why it can be destructive.

At the beginning of the book of Exodus, the Israelites had been in Egyptian bondage for

many years. As they were being oppressed, “***God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob***” (**Exod. 2:24**).

God showed His faithfulness to that covenant by leading the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. As the Israelites started their exodus from Egypt, God showed them additional evidence that He was with them (**Exod. 13:21-22; 14:19-30**). Despite this, the Israelites time and again distrusted God and murmured (**Exod. 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; Num. 14:2,29**).

The murmuring of the Israelites was caused by discontentment, selfishness, lack of faith, and shortsightedness.

These same problems cause murmuring today. An “attitude of gratitude” produces joy rather than murmuring (**Phil. 4:4**).

This isn’t to say that disappointments are never going to come (cf. **Rom. 12:15**) or should never be noted (cf. **Col. 4:18**). It also isn’t to say that negative topics should never be discussed. The inspired apostles spoke of the ugliness of sin (cf. **2 Pet. 2:1-6**). The purpose of such teaching, though, was to warn against sin’s consequences (**verse 6**).

The murmuring condemned by God is different. It serves no good purpose.

The Israelites fell into the trap of murmuring by forgetting God’s promises (**Ex. 6:6-8**). Their lack of faith led them to grumble instead of praising God.

May we learn from this example, and “***Do all things without murmurings.***”

Area Gospel Meetings

Casey Westside church of Christ:
August 3-5 (with Kris Emerson)
T-TH: 7:00 PM

*Our Gospel Meeting will be
August 8-13 with Jim Stauffer*
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 2:00; Mon-Fri: 7:00

Meeting Topics

Sun Class – Flesh and Blood Hath Not Revealed This

Sun AM – How Was Jesus Glorified

Sun PM – The Purpose of Good Works

Mon – Jesus: God’s Grace, Our Savior

Tues – How Does God Choose Us

Wed – How Does God Deliver Us

Thurs – How Should I Respond to the Gospel

Fri – No Other Name

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God’s Plan for Saving Man

God’s Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ’s Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit’s Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner’s Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner’s Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner’s Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner’s Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian’s Work	James 2:24
Christian’s Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian’s Endurance	Revelation 2:10

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond & Maxine
Barbara G (Cancer)
Robert C
Don C (Esophageal Cancer)
Gerry S (Cancer in leg)
Ken G (Pancreatic Cancer)
Ethan W (Injuries from fall)

Daily Bible Reading

July 25 – Job 1-5; Acts 7:1-29
July 26 – Job 6-8; Acts 7:30-60
July 27 – Job 9-11; Acts 8
July 28 – Job 12-15; Acts 9
July 29 – Job 16-19; Acts 10
July 30 – Job 20-22; Acts 11
July 31 – Job 23-27; Acts 12

“Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him.”
– Colossians 3:17 (WEB)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Bible Study: Dan D
Worship: Douglas
Evening: Jim

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Travis

Clean Building

Debbie (July) / Jessica (Aug)

Prepare Communion

Debbie (July) / Jessica (Aug)

Upcoming Reminders

Aug 7: Flyer distribution 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
(meet @ church building at 9:30)

Aug 8-13: Gospel Meeting (with Jim Stauffer)

Assignments

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Reading: Darrell
Announcements: Jeff
Table: Travis
Serve: Dan D
Dan H
Mark
Steve

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Invitation: Dave

Anniversaries

August 15 – Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve
August 5 – Julzy
August 10 – Cheryl
August 11 – Jim