

September 5, 2021

Fearing Rejection

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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.

Some fail to submit to a command(s) of God because of rejection they might receive from others. **John 12:42** speaks of some among the chief rulers who believed on Jesus, ***“but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.”*** Verse 43 goes on to point out that ***“they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”***

Anytime we allow fear of how someone else will react come between us and God, we send the message to Him that we love the praise of others more than the praise of God.

Jesus stated ***“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me”*** (Matthew 10:37), implying that being His disciple often involves making choices that angers others. If we fail to do what God demands of us for fear of what others will think, Jesus says we are not worthy of Him.

May we avoid this pitfall and surrender fully to God. As the apostle Paul said, ***“If God be for us, who can be against us?”*** (Rom. 8:31).

Humble Like the Lord

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Philippians 2:3-8: *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Jesus' humility is remarkable. God the Son has existed from everlasting as Deity (**John 1:1**). Yet, He humbled Himself to the point of taking on human form.

While Jesus was on earth, He allowed Himself to often live in unpleasant circumstances (**Luke 9:58**). He suffered continuous persecution (cf. **Matt. 12:14; Luke 4:28-29; John 11:53**) from people who constantly rejected Him (**John 6:66**) and made false accusations against Him (**Mark 3:22; John 10:31-33**).

He endured excruciating physical pain at the time of His crucifixion. If that were

not enough, He was spat upon and mocked (**Matt. 27:29-31**). The fact that Jesus did not retaliate or seek revenge against those who mistreated Him took remarkable humility (**1 Pet. 2:23**).

The inspired apostle said "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**" (**Phil. 2:5**). Following Jesus requires one to be full of humility.

One area we must have humility that did *not* apply to Jesus is in acknowledging that we have done wrong and are therefore doomed to Hell without God's grace (**Rom. 3:23; 6:23**).

It also takes humility to realize that God knows what is best for our lives, and to let Him direct us (**Jer. 10:23**).

It takes humility to choose to serve rather than seeking to be served.

This humility is what true greatness is about (**Matt. 23:11-12**). The call to be a Christian is not a call to seek exaltation from men, but to exalt God.

The only begotten Son of God showed humility. If the Savior of the world was able to humble Himself to accomplish the will of the Father and help others, we can do likewise.

A question for each of us to ask ourselves is: am I humble like the Lord?

Area Gospel Meetings

Robinson Church of Christ:
September 16-18 (Various speakers)
Thurs-Fri: 7:00 PM; Sat: 6:30 PM

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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

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Words to Consider

***“The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?”***
– Psalm 118:6 (KJV)

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond & Maxine
Barbara G (Cancer)
Robert C
Don C (Esophageal Cancer)
Ken G (Pancreatic Cancer)
Sharon G (Cancer)

Daily Bible Reading

September 5 – Psalm 120-131; 1 Cor 7
September 6 – Psalm 132-137; 1 Cor 8-9
September 7 – Psalm 138-143; 1 Cor. 10
September 8 – Psalm 144-150; 1 Cor 11
September 9 – Proverbs 1-3; 1 Cor 12-13
September 10 – Proverbs 4-6; 1 Cor 14
September 11 – Proverbs 7-9; 1 Cor 15

***“I open my mouth and pant, because I
long for your commandments.”***
– Psalm 119:131 (ESV)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Bible Study: John

Worship: Dave

Evening: Larry

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Dan H

Clean Building

Misty

Prepare Communion

Donna G

Upcoming Reminders

Wednesday adult class:

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

Lesson 2 (Avoiding Pride) &

Lesson 3 (Envy and Jealousy)

Assignments

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Reading: Jim

Announcements: Travis

Table: Mike

Serve: Steve

Jeff

John

Mark

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Invitation: Michael

Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 15 – Emory

September 20 – Michael