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The Strength of Meekness

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Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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| 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.

One of the beatitudes Jesus taught in His sermon on the mount is, “**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth**” (Matt. 5:5).

Meekness is often viewed as a weakness by the world. In God’s eyes, it is a strength. Jesus showed meekness (Matt. 11:29), and God expects *us* to show meekness to all (Titus 3:2).

Meekness involves gentleness, self-control, humility, submissiveness, and mildness of temper. This virtue allows God to direct our steps. It allows our desires to be in subjection to the will of God.

One who proudly believes he or she does not need guidance from anyone will not “**receive with meekness the engrafted Word**” (James 1:21).

God is our Master, and we must meekly allow Him to steer us in the direction He wants us to go. Submissiveness should be applied to certain earthly relationships (Rom. 13:1; Eph. 5:21-22; 6:1; 6:5), but it must be foremost directed toward God.

Those who are meek are often belittled by those of the world (cf. Num. 12:1-3). Because the meek don’t insist on having their way all the time and show submissiveness in ways that’s proper, they are often seen as weak.

God upholds those who meekly submit to Him, though (Psalm 147:6), and we must all put on meekness (Col. 3:12) in order to be one who finds favor with God.

“Overcome Evil with Good”

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Romans 12:19-21: *Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord." Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

The first eleven chapters of the book of Romans describe the “**mercies of God**,” which should motivate us to “**present [our] bodies a living sacrifice**” to God (**Rom. 12:1**). We do this by transforming our lives to think and behave as He instructs instead of conforming to the world's standards of righteousness (**verse 2**).

The fruit God's Word produces in a sincere heart is described in the remainder of **Romans 12**.

Much of the focus is on our treatment of others: loving sincerely (**verse 9**), putting others first (**verse 10**), helping when it is needed (**verse 13**), being there for others in good times and bad (**verse 15**), and loving even those who treat us poorly. **Verse 14** says “**Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse.**” **Verses 17-18** teach “**Repay no**

one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.”

An interesting phrase used in **Romans 12:21** is the command “**overcome evil with good.**”

It is a simple truth that if one wants to “put out” darkness, he or she would need a light of some kind. We cannot put out darkness by adding more darkness to it.

In the same way, evil does not go away when one responds with more evil. It only makes things worse.

We can allow evil to overcome us, or we can respond to it with good.

Jesus chose the second option. “**When He was cursed, He didn't curse back. When He suffered, He didn't threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously**” (**1 Pet. 2:23**). He was (and is) a light in a dark world.

When we observe the darkness of sin around us, we must not join in, but be the light of the world (**Phil. 2:15**).

May we respond to darkness with light...and may we never be “**overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**”

God's Plan for Saving Man

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| 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

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

– Proverbs 16:18-19 (ESV)

“Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.” – Proverbs 16:32 (ESV)

Prayer List

Holly G
Jerry & Sandy S
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond B
Barbara G
Robert C
Sharon G (Cancer)
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Carlyle & Donna B
Ken & Christine F
Devin D (Cancer)
Vicki S (Cancer)
Linda C
Susan F (Cancer)

Daily Bible Reading

February 27 – Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29
February 28 – Numbers 17-19; Mk. 6:30-56
March 1 – Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13
March 2 – Numbers 23-25; Mark 7:14-37
March 3 – Numbers 26-28; Mark 8
March 4 – Numbers 29-31; Mark 9:1-29
March 5 – Numbers 32-34; Mark 9:30-50

“Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,”
– Psalm 119:2 (ESV)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Bible Study: Travis

Worship: Dan D

Evening: Jim

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Dan H

Assignments

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Reading: Jeff

Announcements: Dave

Table: Mark

Serve: Steve

Darrell

Dan H

Roger

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Invitation: Dan D

Clean Building

Halls (Feb) / Misty (Mar)

Prepare Communion

Halls (Feb) / Julzy (Mar)

Upcoming Reminders

Wednesday (2nd) adult class:

Ephesians 1:1ff

Next Sunday (6th) adult class:

Fasting &

Overcoming Discouragement

Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 28 – Donna G

February 28 – Sandy