

July 31, 2022

The One Who Sees All

By Michael Hickox

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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.

Hebrews 4:13 teaches, “*There is no creature that is hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.*”

God has the ability to be everywhere and see everyone at all times. He knows our every action, word, and thought. As Proverbs 15:3 says, “*The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.*”

This serves as a motivation for fleeing unrighteousness. Though others may not know something evil we have done, spoken, or thought, God does (Luke 16:15). No one can successfully flee from His sight (cf. Jonah 1:3-4).

While God’s all-seeing nature is a discomfort to the unrighteous, it is a *comfort* to the righteous. God “**sees in secret**” (Matt. 6:6) the good deeds that often go unnoticed by others. One who is sincerely striving to do right can find joy in the fact that God is fully aware of all that we do.

Like much of God’s character, His all-seeing nature can be a fright or a comfort, depending on our choices.

God is Faithful

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The phrase “**God is faithful**” is used multiple times in Scripture, indicating that God is constant, trustworthy, and can be depended on (cf. **1 Cor. 1:9**).

Notice, for instance, what the apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 10:13**: ***No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.***

This verse stresses the fact that no matter how strong a temptation may be, we always have the ability to *choose* not to sin. There is a “**way of escape**” with every temptation.

The assurance we have of this “**way of escape**” is grounded in the truth that “**God is faithful.**” God’s character is such that He can be depended on to make sure no temptation is unbearable for us.

More generally, God’s faithfulness means that He can be trusted to follow through with *everything* He promises.

God’s faithfulness is the foundation of the Christian’s hope that anchors him or her through trials.

Because God “**cannot lie,**” we have absolute assurance that the righteous will be raised to eternal life in heaven (**Titus 1:2**).

The perfect faithfulness of God also assures that He is always available to hear the prayers of any one of His faithful children, and that He will answer in perfect harmony with His divine wisdom.

While God’s faithfulness is a comfort to the righteous, it is a *discomfort* to the unrighteous. God’s faithfulness is proof that the unfaithful really will spend eternity in hell. God assures eternal punishment for the wicked (**Matt. 25:46**), in a place “**where their worm doesn’t die, and the fire is not quenched**” (**Mark 9:48**). As the saying goes, “God said it. That settles it.”

The faithfulness of God is such that we should take Him at His Word. We should trust and obey Him because He is *trustworthy*.

For those faithful to Him, God’s trustworthiness is a source of great comfort. We need not fear as long as we are on the faithful One’s side. Truly, “**great is [God’s] faithfulness**” (**Lamentations 3:23**).

Area Gospel Meetings

Hazell Dell Church of Christ:

August 7-12 (with Andrew Roberts)

Sun: 9:00, 10:00, 6:00; M-Fri: 7:00 PM

Topics for Our Meeting (Aug 14-19)

Sun Class – Free Will

Sun AM – Powerful Things

Sun Class – The Marriage Partner
Everyone Wants To Have

Mon – Challenges To Being A Parent

Tues – Skill To Help In Parenting

Wed – The Spirit Of Christ

Thurs – Serving God Where I Am

Fri – The Gospel Of Christ

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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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Prayer List

Holly G
 Jerry & Sandy S
 Cheryl S
 Norma C
 Raymond B
 Robert C
 Doans’ Grandson, Wilson
 Devin D (Cancer)
 Susan F (Cancer)
 Christie’s Brother, Jerry (Lung Cancer)
 Berlyn Y
 Leah C

Daily Bible Reading

July 31 – Psalm 54-56; Romans 3
 August 1 – Psalm 57-59; Romans 4
 August 2 – Psalm 60-62; Romans 5
 August 3 – Psalm 63-65; Romans 6
 August 4 – Psalm 66-67; Romans 7
 August 5 – Psalm 68-69; Romans 8:1-21
 August 6 – Psalm 70-71; Romans 8:22-39

“But [Jesus] answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God’s mouth.’” – Matthew 4:4

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Bible Study: Dan H

Worship: Larry

Evening: Travis

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

John

Assignments

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Reading: Travis

Announcements: Jeff

Table: Dave

Serve: Roger

Mark

Dan H

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Invitation: Mike

Clean Building

Misty (July) / Cynde (Aug)

Prepare Communion

Misty (July) / Linda (Aug)

Upcoming Reminders

August 14-19: Gospel Meeting

(with Gale Towles)

Anniversaries

August 15 – Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve

August 5 – Julzy

August 10 – Cheryl

August 11 – Jim

August 19 – Paula

August 24 – Debbie

August 26 – Olivia

August 31 – Stephanie