

# MARKET STREET

*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*



# MESSENGER

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## *Walking In Love*

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*"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour" (Ephesians 5:1-2).*

It is quite obvious from both language and attitude of the masses today that they have no true understanding about the scriptural teaching of the word of God concerning the love of God and the love of one's fellow man. The Bible contains much teaching on the subject of love and the object of man's love. The denominational world and many unlearned brethren are trying to disguise sin under a perverted definition of love.

The American Standard Version makes the thought in this passage even plainer: "Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell."

I should like to briefly call attention to three points in these verses. **First**, we are instructed to be followers or imitators of God as dear or beloved children. In the verses going before this passage we are instructed in the proper relationship that should exist between brethren. All forms of evil and immoral conduct are forbidden. Instead, we are to imitate God as His children and deal with each other as God deals with us. The last verse of Chapter 4 states that God also in Christ forgave you, hence, to imitate or follow God we must have that ready mind to forgive each other. While we are certainly to follow God in everything required of us, I understand this verse to particularly relate to our dealings with each other, because of the context. Both before and after these two verses in Ephesians 5, the subject matter deals with human relationship.

God does not tolerate such sin in the lives of His children as are mentioned here. He does not ignore such conduct and allow it to continue without a just condemnation of it. If I follow God as a beloved child, I will have the same attitude toward such sin. If this is not what is meant, what does the language mean?

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

**Second**, we are to walk in love. “Walk” signifies the manner of life one lives. His manner of life is governed by love. This brings two questions to mind: (1) What is one to love? and (2) what does love do?

The New Testament clearly teaches that we are to love God (Matthew 22:37). Christ (John 14:21), the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10), enemies (Matthew 5:44), neighbors (James 2:8), and the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17; 3:8). We are also taught not to love the world (1 John 2:15), iniquity (1 Corinthians 13:6) and evil (Romans 12:9).

Since we are to walk in love, following God as beloved children; and since God loves even sinners (Romans 5:8), but hates every evil way, it follows that we must love the truth and the souls of men, but we must hate every evil way. Walking in love would mean that we follow or imitate God in all that we do. We must learn to separate the person from sin of which he may be guilty. This does not mean that we must deal with him as if he had not sinned. When one is guilty of sin he must bear the consequences of his sin. However, love for the guilty person will lead us to try to persuade him to forsake his sin and obey the truth that he may be made free. We cannot condone the person in sin and follow God because He does not do so.

But what does love do? Most people today have the mistaken idea that love forbids any attempt to expose one’s sins or to take any action to correct him. If God’s love is our pattern the very opposite is true. The Old Testament is full of God’s dealing with men in sin and it established beyond doubt that “every transgression and disobedience receive a just recompense of reward” (Hebrews 2:2). God punished those who sinned. He does so now; and He does so without partiality or respect of persons. Is this Love?

If a young girl fell into a deep hole filled with water and you could only reach the hair on her head, would you hesitate for a second to think not to grab her hair because it might not be an act of love, inasmuch as it would hurt and you would be abusive? If an old man stepped in front of an automobile and your only chance to save him would be to grab him by the collar and pull him backward to the ground, would you hesitate to question this as an act of love?

You know it would not be love to allow a little girl to drown because you might hurt her by pulling her

hair, or allow an old man to be killed because you did not want to jerk him backward to the ground to save his life. This is not love in any Bible sense of the word.

When one is lost in sin and we do not expose his error and try to get him to repent, we do not love that person as God loves him.

**Third**, our love is to be the kind that Christ had. We must be willing to die if necessary to uphold the truth that frees men from sin. We cannot expect to be appreciated by all when we stand firmly against sin in any form. But if you love as Christ loved, you will be willing to suffer for the truth.

True scriptural love is described by the Holy Spirit as: “...taketh not account of evil: rejoice not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth” (1 Corinthians 13:5-6).

~via *The Railroad Ave. Bulletin*; Antioch, California



#### **Editor’s Note:**

During our meeting last week, brother Bowman read to us, “mini-sermons” on a couple of nights. Several have asked for copies and they are reprinted below for you.

## ***God Is On His Throne***

**Dee Bowman**

When your heart sinks from the weight of some seemingly insuperable difficulty, **God is on His throne.**

When tears blind your eyes and hurt blunts your hope, and you still must go on, **God is on His throne.**

When your friend ceases to walk with you and you seem helplessly alone, **God is on His throne.**

When your patience wears thin and you want desperately to release your disgust in one huge, inundating wave of anger, **God is on His throne.**

When your sins have piled up so high that you no longer know whether or not God hears, **God is on His throne.**

When you are tired, exhausted from trying hard, so tired you wonder if it's all worth it, **God is on His throne.**

When you must go on in spite of scathing, imposing opposition, and when those you loved and who supposedly loved you don't try to understand, **God is on His throne.**

When you feel hopelessly alone, when no one stands with you, and no one seems to care, and you feel the weight of the sheer loneliness, **God in on His throne.**

When you've succeeded and things are good all over; when it seems you can't fail and your heart fills with undue pride, **God is on His throne.**

## *The Rope of Hope*

**Dee Bowman**

Hope is called "the anchor for the soul." It is a mental apparatus, based on faith, which reaches off into the future and attaches itself to that which we desire and have a warm expectation of receiving. It's like a rope attached to an anchor and tossed from here to the very throne of God.

When you're down and out and no one seems to care,  
*pull on the rope.*

When you've momentarily lost your way and everything seems blurred,  
*pull on the rope.*

When depression seems your lot and you call out and no one answers,  
*pull on the rope.*

When your friend turns and walks no longer with you,  
*pull on the rope.*

When there is bad news on top of bad news,  
*pull on the rope.*

When you're tired and it still must be done and you feel like you can't go on,  
*pull on the rope.*

When time has eroded your health and this time it's worse than ever,  
*pull on the rope.*

When you suddenly realize it's your fault and "I'm sorry" sticks in your throat,  
*pull on the rope.*

When shame and disgrace have cast you into a pit of despair and no one seems to care,  
*pull on the rope.*

When death has come and robbed you of someone near and dear,  
*pull on the rope.*

When you must finally come to face your own mortality,  
*pull on the rope.*

## *News & Notes*

### **THE SICK:**

Marvin Putman	Fay Ferguson
Noah Ghadimi	Crutcher Harbin
Gwen Bullock	Robert & Mot Beasley
Essie Hardison	Matt Poff
Charlotte Keenum	Charles Burns
Joey Hinkle	Joan Stanford
Eli Williams	Elizabeth Kate Miller
Carol Locke	Ava Brooke Campbell
Abby Gilbert	David Holt
Jerry Taylor	Una King Carrier
Phillip Harwell	Elizabeth Howard

### *In The Hospital:*

#### *Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:*

Nelva Reed, rm. 75      Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102  
Dorothy Draper, rm. 97      Mattye Murray, rm. 2  
Mable Crafts, rm. 100      Gayle Mills, rm. 15  
Robert Johnson, rm. 18      Mildred Frantz, rm. 31  
Judith Groce, rm. 63

#### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Albert Norton, rm. 36      Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B  
Jack Cannon, rm. 95      Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

#### *Limestone Lodge:*

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

#### *Limestone Manor:*

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

#### *Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:*

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

#### *Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home - Huntsville:*

Albert Bowers, rm. 115-C

#### *Shut-In:*

Reba Adams, at home

Wynell Casteel, at home  
 Lola Colwell, at home  
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The **Somerville Road church** in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting this week and it will continue through Friday night. The speaker in this meeting will be *Rick Duggin of Murfreesboro, Tennessee...* The **Brookhill church** in Killen is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Alan Yeater of Lafayette, Indiana...* The **Jackson Heights church** in Columbia, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with *Don Truex of Tampa, Florida* preaching.

**DAVID L. RICE (1926 – 2014):** It is with sadness that we note the passing of David Rice. David had attended the Market Street church for many years. He and his family moved here in 1960 and he became associated with the good brethren here. He loved all the people at Market Street. Due to his failing health and the health of his wife, Martha, they moved to Mobile 3 years ago to be near their daughter. His funeral was Friday afternoon. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery. May the Lord bless his family during this time.

**OUT OF TOWN:** **The Morris':** *Marcus and Bonnie* have been in Florida on vacation this week... **The Barksdales:** *French and Nell* are in Florida on vacation... **The Beasleys':** *Robert and Mot* have gone to Winston-Salem, North Carolina stay for several months to see doctors and therapist there.

**YOUNG ADULT CLASS:** Beginning today, there will be a young adult class beginning. **Jordan Lovell** will be teaching the class. This class will meet in the West Auditorium.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Hazel Brooks and all the family** in the passing of Hazel's brother-in-law, **Arnold Brooks**. He passed away last Monday. He was laid to rest in the Evans Cemetery.

**WORK GROUPS:** **Work Group Three** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance for the week of April 27th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes..... 163  
 Morning Worship ..... 208  
 Evening Worship..... 131

**Wednesday:**  
 Bible Classes..... 114

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, May 4th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
 Song Leader ..... Hunter Cox  
 Prayer ..... Dan Reed  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Assisting ..... Larry Mitchell  
 Serving ..... Ronnie Locke ..... David Terry  
 ..... Tyler Cox ..... Steve Usery  
 Closing Prayer ..... Nathaniel Adams

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Terry Andrews  
 Song Leader ..... Stefan Fudge  
 Prayer ..... Marcus Morris  
 Preaching ..... Jordan Lovell  
 Lord's Supper ..... Dwaine Allfrey  
 Closing Prayer ..... Norman Brown

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, May 4th:

Usher ..... Delmer Carter  
 Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams

### Wednesday, May 7th:

Song Leader ..... Tommy Burns  
 Bible Reading..... Mark 14:12-21  
 ..... Danny Johnson  
 Prayer ..... Ross Melvin  
 Invitation ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Closing Prayer ..... James Johnson

### Sunday, May 11th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblenz  
 Song Leader ..... Joel Hamm  
 Prayer ..... Jerry McGlocklin  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper  
 Presiding ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Assisting ..... Bonnie Sutton  
 Serving ..... Nathaniel Adams ..... Mot Dollar  
 ..... Keenon Currier ..... Landon Adams  
 Closing Prayer ..... Kenneth Smith

#### Evening Worship

Announcements ..... Tommy Coblenz  
 Song Leader ..... Todd Williams  
 Prayer ..... Hunter Cox  
 Preaching ..... David Cox  
 Lord's Supper ..... Keith Hinkle  
 Closing Prayer ..... Steve Usery

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, May 11th:

Usher ..... Russ Wulfekuhl  
 Work Sound System ..... Marty Adams