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Loving With All We Have

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"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind"" — (Matthew 22:37)

Matthew tells about a lawyer who comes to Jesus wanting to know, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy 6:4-5. At this point in the life of Jesus, He has raised Lazarus from the dead, He entered Jerusalem for His final week before the cross. The answer here is not something new. Even earlier in Luke 10, Jesus gives the same response to another lawyer. In both cases, the questions were asked by those with agendas to promote. What does Jesus mean by loving God with all we have?

Love God with All Our Heart.

"All of me loves all of God," is what Jesus is saying. What does loving God with all look like? When we love God with all, it does not mean that God has a special place in my heart. God does not want a compartment of your heart; He wants it all. If we love the Lord with all our hearts, what is left? It may be that we may think that God is asking for something that is not possible. God does not require the impossible from man. He sent His only Son to be the propitiation for our sins. However, we must all admit that God makes it very clear and repeatedly makes this statement known. Solomon even wrote that the whole of one's life is to "fear God and Keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). So the fact is clear, God wants all of man to love Him with all.

Do Not Hold Anything Back.

To love God with all our hearts, we must not hold anything back from our service to Him. We clearly can see that God did not hold anything back from us to free us from our sins, and Jesus did not stop short of what was required to bring about our salvation. It is because of God's gift of Himself to come to earth (John 1:1-3, 14-15) that should motivate us to give ourselves wholly to Him. Because of God's sacrifice, we have the opportunity to be the children of God (1 John 3:1). God is

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Sunday	
Bible Classes	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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our Father, and we can partake of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). What wondrous love, mercy, and grace we have available to us. The opportunity to go to live with God in heaven forever and ever.

How Can I Show My Full Hearted Love for God?

We must remember that biblical love is not just mere feelings but is expressed and manifested through our actions. Why do we know God loves us? He sent His Son to die for us (John 3:16); that is active, biblical love. Our love for God will be expressed and reflected in our priorities in our lives (Colossians 3:1-3). It will be seen in the denial of myself and the allurements of the world and life as a "living sacrifice" that is acceptable to God (Romans 12:1-2). This life will be focused on the scriptures and living according to them. A life centered around the rule, reign, and dominion of Christ in my life (Matthew 6:33). There will be a difference in my life by showing worship as its focus, encouraging others in their walk with God, and telling others about the message of Jesus Christ.

God is worthy of all that we have to offer, and He alone is the One who deserves all that we have and all that we are. Yes, we live in this life, but let us not lose sight of what this life is about and the focus on which we should live.

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The Generous Samaritan

Josh Welch

"But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise" — (Luke 10:29-37)

Google "good Samaritan" and you will not only find references to this biblical account in Luke but to numerous news articles, charities, and organizations using this moniker. The original Samaritan's kindness and mercy are contrasted, by Jesus, with the careless neglect of the "priest" and "Levite" (people who should have known better). The Samaritan could have used any number of excuses to avoid helping the wounded traveler and evade responsibility. Yet, the Samaritan neglected neglect and helped anyway. Consider the simple gifts of the Samaritan which serve as a template for us even today.

He first felt the tugging of his compassion to a man in need and gave his heart.

He used his own strength to lift him onto his animal as he walked alongside.

He was willing to give food to help hydrate and medicate the weakened man.

He also offered up his animal, his transportation, to one who was too weak.

He gave of his money—two day's wages--so he could receive lodging and care.

He gave of his time. He alters his course and delays his plans to see to this need.

He may have given his clothes—the man was naked and needed bandages.

These are all simple gifts. They did not require an organization or charity application-- just the love of a generous Samaritan. Jesus says, "Go and do likewise.

~via Anderson church of Christ; Anderson, Indiana

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.



THE SICK:

Dale Adcock Margaret Carter James Adams Steve Stringer Brad Brown Betty Lovell Doris Lovell Sharon Nave Ruby Dean Ezell Jonathan Traylor Dan Lovell Shirley Miller JoAnn Gilbert

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Tommy BurnsPPeggy PepperVFreddie Mae ElmoreNAnita WheelerLJudy VaughnJeDoris ReidLCharles BurnsCKenneth FisherAMatt BassfordSLeigh Ellen ElliottVElmina McLemoreACharlotte AdamsCAnthony SuttonC

Priscilla Tucker Vicki Stringer Nikki Ogles Lona Jackson Jeanette Weir Lloyd Adams Cindy Walker Al Pollard Sadricia Wilson Wynell Romine Anthony Sutton Charlotte Griffin

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15 Connie Brock, rm. 62 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36 Brenda Wilson, rm. 77 Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 79a Ann Bush, rm. 75 Alice Roberson, rm. 49 Bobby Ogles, rm. 113 Betty Christopher, rm. 109

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Bobbie Adcock; at her son's home Nell Barksdale; at home Deanie Britton; Limestone Lodge Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville Barbara Carter; Traditions Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville Irene Inman; at home Stan Stanford; at home Jimmy Stroud; Valley View, Madison William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Brad Brown; Athens-Limestone Hospital – Linda Meeker; Huntsville Hospital –

Keith Holt; St. Thomas Hospital; Nashville; ICU *Updates:*

Brad Brown is in the Athens-Limestone Hospital and is in need of our prayers as they treat him...Bobbie Adcock was released from the hospital on Wednesday afternoon after spending several days there following some seizures she had last Saturday ... Dale Adcock went to the doctor this week and they gave her a new brace to stabilized her arm. There was a screw that was moving some and they are doing this until it heals ... Margaret Carter is doing much better now, went to the doctor this past Wednesday ... Doris McGuire's son, Tim McGuire, is to go the UAB Hospital in Birmingham on Monday. The PET scan showed that the cancer was confined... *Jimmy Stroud* has begun to have hospice helping with his needs...Debra Holt's aunt, Charlotte Adams, is not doing well at all, and someone is sitting with her around the clock ... Harold Davis' sister, Linda Meeker, is improving as she is taking therapy ... Roger & Wendy Hammonds' niece, Brooklyn Berthiaume, has received a good report that her cancer hasn't spread any more and the treatments seem to be working ... Keith Holt, the oldest son of Danny and Larry's brother, Mike, continues to be making progress in his recovery from his extensive surgery. Keep him in your prayers.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30. The class is studying *"The Christian in a Secular Age."*

CARD WRITING: The card writing group will meet Monday morning, September 12th, at 10:30 to write and mail out cards. If you would like to participate in this, please join them on September 12th

DOOR TO DOOR: On Saturday, September 3rd, we will plan to go out into the field to invite people to come to our services and especially our gospel meeting beginning September 11th. We will meet at the building at 9:00 a.m. as we go out to meet and invite others to come. Hope you can join us.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Dale Adcock* in the passing of her sister-in-law, *Linda Faulk*, on Thursday night. Her body is at the Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home and arrangements are incomplete at this time. May the Lord bless Dale and all the family at this time of sorrow.

WEDNESDAYNIGHT Q& A: For the next several Wednesday nights, I will be doing Question & Answer sessions. If your have questions that you would like for me to deal with, please write the questions or topics you are interested in hearing about and I will deal with them.

COMING TO VISIT: *Ashley Goosen*, who preaches for the church in *South Africa*, will be coming to visit with us in September. He will arrive on September 12th and will be here throughout the week. He will be preaching and reporting on the work in South Africa on Sunday, September 18th. I know that everyone will be glad to see him again and to hear about the work that he is doing there.

AWAY FROM US: *The Adams: Nathaniel, Laura & Declan* have been in Orlando, Florida this week on vacation... *The Ashes: Harold & Barb* have been in Fort Payne this week... *Tena Wells* is in Florida this week on vacation... *Kenneth Adams* is in Auburn for school... *Keenon Currier* is in Monterey, California, where he is stationed. Keenon and Kenneth's addresses are on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

CALLMESSAGESFROMMARKETSTREET:

From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delay in the start up of the message.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We are continuing to make and update pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made in the next few weeks.

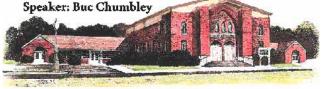
THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of August 21st:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	127
	Morning Worship	151
	Evening Worship	113
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	89



September 11-14, 2022

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Monday — Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.



MARKET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST 514 West Market Street Athens, Alabama

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements		Marty Adams
Song Leader		Hunter Cox
Prayer		
Preaching		
Lord's Supper		
Presiding		.Tommy Coblentz
Assisting		Joel Hamm
Serving	Landon Adams	Ďanny Holt
	Griffin Holt	Marvin Putman
Closing Prayer		Stephen Lynn

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	
Prayer	
Preaching	
Lord's Supper	
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams
Other Assignments for the week o	of August 28 th :
UshersLarry M	litchell/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System	

Wednesday, August 31st:

Song Leader	Clayton Hamm
Bible Reading	Griffin Holt
	(John 18:1-11)
Praver	Ierry Baker
Invitation	
Closing Prayer	Frank Melton

Sunday, September 4th:

Morning Worship

	Keith H	
Song Leader	Tommy I	Burns
Prayer	MartyA	dams
	David	
Lord's Supper		
Presiding	Larry T	ucker
Assisting	Keith H	inkle
Serving	Ronnie Locke Heath D	Dollar
	Harold Davis Russ Wulfe	
Closing Prayer	Roger Hamm	ionds

Evening Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer	
Preaching	
Lord's Supper	Larry Tucker
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus
Other Assignments for the week of	of September 4 th :
UshersDanny Jo	ohnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System	Terry Andrews