

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

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If there is a God and if there were a newspaper with universe-wide circulation, this would be the front page. For now we'll have to be satisfied that God's message is at least global and that Jesus' great joy is to elevate everyone who bends the knee.

People's reaction to God span a wide spectrum.

- Most are immediately serious and respectful.
- Some are fearful, so fearful that only desperate circumstances drive them to seek an audience with the Almighty.
- Some carry residual anger for heart-rending losses or injustices that God, in their opinion, could have and should have prevented. Theirs is the ancient question of why a good God would allow bad things to happen to good people.
- Some are dismissive. Not rude or blasphemous, just uncertain God exists or, if He does exist, that He is detached from what happens. In other words, He's above it all.
- Some – a few – are disrespectful, and whatever the underlying cause, it ultimately becomes a display of arrogance.
- Some – hopefully the smallest number – are antagonistic. To be antagonistic one must believe that God exists and should be defeated. In other words, God is a threat to our freedom and development as a species. Anyone truly convinced of this is either insane or evil. There aren't too many other options.

What's missing from this list are those who react to God as a Father and a Friend. The capital letters indicate a unique status, one described by the Bible and by the deepest desires of all humans. Unique because some kind of barrier exists between God the Almighty Creator, Immortal, Invisible and us. We are the created. Very mortal and very visible. He is Greater; we are less. And thinking of Him as Father and Friend elevates us to an almost unthinkable place.

And yet that is exactly what Jesus came to do – elevate us, restore us from the tragic state of the prodigal to the celebrated son of the estate. How? A simple moment of epiphany when we come to our senses and realize that we both need and want Jesus to do that for us.

Welcome!

February 3, 2019



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer in our homes

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services



SERMON NOTES

DAUBING OF OUR WALLS WITH LOVE

TEXT: Ezekiel 13:12-16; 1 Corinthians 13:13

Women's Bible Study – February 7th at 6:00 pm at the church. We will be studying Gideon. Come and learn from this man of God.

Offering – There is an offering box as you enter the sanctuary on the right side just inside the door. Thank you for your giving faithfulness.

Sunday Evening Prayer – will take place in our homes during the winter. Let intercede for a real move of God.

Wednesday Bible Study – the Book of Romans and our children's program. Come study God's Word while your children enjoy learning together.

Promoting Our Church – please take a flyer on the table in the foyer and use it to promote our church. God bless our efforts!

Free For The Taking – in the basement next to the last room we have some items donated to the church. Please stop by and see what you might want and take it. We also have a crib, portable crib and stroller along with some other items for children in the foyer under the coat rack. If you can use any or know of someone who can, please take them.

Mission's Sunday – the 24th of February we will be enjoying the ministry of the Benecasa family, missionaries to Italy.

Iron Sharpens Iron – April 6 – Saturday from 8:30 to 4:55. Men, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. More to come!

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I. AN _____ – Luke 10:25-37

In other words, _____ is the _____ of acceptance. _____ doesn't count unless loving _____ it.

Matthew 7:21-23; 8:20

II. AN _____ – Luke 10:30

A. The _____ – a man traveling to Jericho.

B. The potential _____ – Luke 10:31-34

C. The _____.

“If you want eternal life, you have to do _____ things, love Me and love your _____.”

It is one thing _____ that we love Him but totally something else to put love into _____. 1 John 4:20-21

III. AN _____

A. The Good Samaritan = _____

B. The innkeeper = the _____

C. Goods to care for the lost = the 2 _____

We give according to the _____ and out of the _____ that God has given us. Malachi 3:10

A _____ for the lost that makes a _____ over and above what selfish Christians are willing to do.

2 Corinthians 12:15