

You Must Be Right!

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Suppose you receive the sudden diagnosis of a fast-moving, unstoppable disease. Suppose a tornado rumbles through. Suppose an accident occurs. Or what if Jesus comes back today? Will you be ready?

You know you need to be right with God. Do you also realize that to be right with God, you have to do your best to be right with people?

Listen to John, the apostle of love. “Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling” (1 John 2:9-10). Loving others keeps you basking in God’s light. Antagonism toward another locks you in the darkness.

When love is not your attitude toward another person, you’re more like the first murderer, Cain, than you might think (1 John 3:11-12). “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:14-15). Who has grabbed hold of eternal life? A Christian who keeps loving others. But a person full of animosity is in the grip of death. He is a murderer. Impenitent murderers are headed nowhere but for the eternal lake of fire (Revelation 21:8).

Surely the Lord doesn’t expect you to love someone who has hurt your feelings terribly, does he? What if the estranged person has done something even worse to you? “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers” (1 John 3:16). Jesus didn’t lay down his life for you because you had been so good to him; it was the opposite.

Will it suffice simply to make an inner adjustment to the hostile feelings in your heart?

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:17-18). If it doesn’t reach out to the alienated person, it’s not love. Love is more than a feeling, even more than words. Love will do what needs to be done.

How can you have confidence before God about salvation and his answer to your prayers? You lean on his grace, keep his commandments and do what pleases him (1 John 3:19-22). Any commandments in particular? “And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, just as he commanded us” (1 John 3:23). If you are not even willing to speak (and speak humbly and calmly) with the other person, can you have any confidence before God?

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:7-11). What will it cost you to be reconciled to the person who has become your enemy? Nothing like the bloody price paid by God to reconcile you to him.

Can you go to heaven mad at someone? Why try to presume upon the grace of God? To be right with God, you must do all you can to be right with other people. Are you doing your best?

Danny Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Steve and Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Steve and Irma Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Wilbur Dabbs, Betty Fogarty, Joe and Teresa Freund, Gaele Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney. Cheryl Williamson.

Kay Anderson spent some time in the hospital last week and needs prayers and encouragement for her health challenges.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a local family. The wife had to have surgery. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts will meet Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Start your day with food, fellowship, prayer and song. 

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Please complete the **involvement form** and return it to the office or welcome desk.



Today's Sermons

- A.M. *The Solution to Sin*
(1 John 2:1-2, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Simon, Simon*
(Luke 22:31-34, Danny Boggs)

Starting next Sunday all **worship leaders** (song leader, prayer leaders, communion leader) will meet together in room 7 for a prayer meeting before morning worship services begin. This will allow the leaders to get in the right frame of mind and help set the tone for worship.

The Hillcrest **Lads to Leaders** Convention is this Saturday. The participants and their families will be involved in activities all day. They would like to invite the rest of the congregation to join them from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They will demonstrate their speeches, song leading, and Bible readings, Come show your support and encourage our young people!



During our gospel meeting, we will be sharing **meals** together on Sunday after morning services and before services each evening. Please sign up in the foyer so that the hostess groups can make plans for food preparation.



April 11-14 is our **gospel meeting** with Tim Lewis. It is time to start praying for this event, making plans to attend, and inviting others. Flyers are on the welcome desk.

Camp is back! **Green Valley Bible Camp** week 2 is June 13-19. Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com. The theme this year is *All About Love*. We are looking forward to an excellent time this year.



Dear Church Family,
We wanted to thank you for the wonderful way you blessed us with gifts before and after Syla arrived. The gifts, cards, encouragement and meals have made us feel so loved. Thank you for blessing us. In Him,
Taylor, Victoria, Sophie and Syla Keith

Dear Ladies at Hillcrest,
Thank you so much for the beautiful gift basket! It was just full of goodies and we're still enjoying them. You all are so special to me and I always love spending time with you. I pray our paths cross again. In Christian Love,
Donna Taugher

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Carl Thomlinson
AM Closing Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
Communion Prayers: Kaed Thomas

PM Opening Prayer: Trace Wilson
PM Closing Prayer: Alec Fehring

Announcements: Bryan Reiboldt
Singing: Casey Flint
Invitation: Jason Giebler

Opening Prayer: Ethan Murray
Closing Prayer: Darren Pierce

RECORDS

3-21-21

3-22-20

Bible Study	139	
AM Worship	191	
PM Worship	128	
Wednesday	122	
Contribution	\$12,246.24	
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15