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Truth and Right

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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philipians 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Thinking of Quitting?

By: Bill Hall

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." - Ephesians 5:1,2

We are called to love our Lord. Indeed, we are *commanded* to love Him. Yet this is no ordinary command. While it requires us to do something, our duty is not so much the *doing* of something strenuous as it is the *allowing* of something wonderful. In the matter of love, we should see God as taking the initiative and ourselves as having the opportunity to respond to Him.

The apostle John wrote, *"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins"* (1 John 4:9,10). When we're tempted to doubt God's intentions toward us, we need look no further than the Cross to see what His desire for us really is.

In one way or another, sin always amounts to a refusal to let God love us. It's a pushing away of the good that He desires us to enjoy, a selfish resistance to His goodwill. And this is great folly. Nothing in life is more foolish than to reject our Creator's love because we think we can get a better deal somewhere else. The wiser we are, the sooner we'll let Him love us.

Paul's prayer for his Christian friends in Ephesus was this: *"that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:17-19). To *"know the love of Christ"* and to be *"filled with all the fullness of God"* ought to be our highest aspiration.

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And we come closest to this aspiration when we're "*rooted and grounded in love.*"

So then, what does it mean to pursue the love of Christ? More than our pursuing Him, it means allowing ourselves to be pursued by Him. It's the choice to accept His benevolent will, ceasing to run away from the great love that He has desired to give us for so long. To learn what real love is, we must lay down our rebellion.

"Surrender to the love of that heart which was pierced to purchase your redemption." ~Charles Haddon Spurgeon~

Today's Sermon:

Challenges For Young People

Halfheartedness

*By: Gary Henry
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"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

Revelation 3:15,16

God is steadfastly patient when our hearts are weak, but when we indifferently give Him only half our heart, we insult His love and invite the fury of His judgment. Of all the things we may do, perhaps none is more serious than to drift into complacency and carelessness concerning God. If God were our enemy, we would at least give Him our full attention, but when we are halfhearted, we simply don't care enough to make up our minds whether we love Him or hate Him. As conditions of the heart go, lukewarmness is one of the very worst.

There is more hope and more possibility for us when we're actively fighting against God than when we're only halfhearted. God saw, for example, more potential for good in Paul, the firebrand and persecutor of the church, than in Paul's more complacent colleagues, most of whom were probably so wrapped up in their respectable routines that they saw nothing about Jesus Christ to get excited about one way or the other. When Christ appeared to him on the Damascus Road, He said, "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads*" (**Acts 9:5**). As long as he was kicking against the goads, Paul had a chance to feel the sharp consequences of his deeds. But those who neither devote themselves to God nor kick against Him are content. They feel nothing and are dead in the very worst sense of the word.

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In the end, of course, there is no such thing as indifference to God. Jesus said, "*He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad*" (**Matthew 12:30**). When it comes to God, there is no safe territory between love and hatred. Halfheartedness is simply one form of hatred, and it is the most repulsive as far as God Himself is concerned. For this reason, Jesus wishes to disturb us. "*I did not come to bring peace but a sword*" (**Matthew 10:34**). He came into the world not only to comfort the afflicted ... but to afflict the comfortable.

"God will have all, or none; serve him, or fall down before Baal, Bel, or Belial; Either be hot or cold. God doth despise, Abhor, and spew out all neutralities." ~Robert Herrick~

A word of thanks to all those who helped in the removal of the old sidewalk and steps and the installation of the new sidewalk and steps.

Sidewalk Removal—Harold Marshall, Chuck Isinghood, Don Coen, Jr., Nathan Marshall, Dan Marton, Brooklyn Henderson, Austin Henderson, Anna Henderson

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Pouring concrete—Harold Marshall and Ken Prager



News N Notes

Remember these in your prayers:

- Mary Jane Myers recovering from surgery
- Phyllis Coen recovering from pneumonia
- Sue Prager, Ken Prager's mother, recovering from surgery
- Terry Smith
- Earl Miller
- Trudell Tennant
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Audrio Gaudio, Nancy Morris' great-granddaughter
- Marie Roberts, & Ed's father, Jim Roberts.
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Cary & Grace Lancaster

Nursing Home:

- Pauline Sellers
- Ethel Mahan

Shut-ins:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap