

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Earl Miller
Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Dan Marton
Reader	
Prayer	Don Coen Sr
Speaker	Ed Roberts
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Tim Henderson
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Blake Headen
Reader	
1st Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Speaker	Dan Marton
Communion	Ken Prager
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

Wednesday

Announcements	Don Coen Jr
Class Prayer	Ken Prager
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Travelling:

- The Henderson's are in Alabama. Tim will be holding a meeting at the Elgin Hills congregation October 11-14.

Recovering:

- Cary Lancaster
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

Prayer Requests:

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Belinda Porter's mother, Melissa Alley
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Chris Shane
- Monty Wallace, Charissa Wallace's father

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:
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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." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Preachers:

AM: Ed Roberts

PM: Dan Marton

Audio CD's are available free of charge in the foyer.

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www.truthandright.org*

If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, please feel free to ask

Fighting the Undertow

Gary Henry

"Peter answered and said to Him, 'Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.' Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times'"

Matthew 26:33,34

We set out to "swim" toward the Lord, but sometimes the undertow gets us. Peter's example shows how easy it is to profess love for the Lord in our words and then fall short in our deeds. As long as we live in this world, the devil will always make sure that we meet resistance in carrying out our good intentions.

When we're tempted to sin, there is always a "way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13). However strong the undertow may be, we never have to give in to it. The positive choice is

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always possible.

But though the way of escape will always be provided, it has to be TAKEN before it will do us any good. The benefits of the Lord's protection and help are not automatic or involuntary — they have to be appropriated by a free-will choice to say "No!" to sin.

Without God's help, of course, we would be hopelessly lost. But even so, we have to exert ourselves to overcome our obstacles. We have to fight the undertow. And many are the scriptural exhortations to that end. *"Put to death your members which are on the earth"* (Colossians 3:5). *"Put off ... the old man"* (Ephesians 4:22). *"Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts"* (Romans 6:12). The point should be hard to miss.

But whatever sinful forces are out there, the face of the worst one can be seen in the mirror. As Walt Kelly said in *Pogo*, "We have met the enemy and he is us." The "old man" that Paul said must be put to death is not a nice person, and each of us needs to be very honest about the "me" that we would be without God. This person has to die. If not, the new person that Christ can create will never have a chance to live: *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"* (Galatians 2:20).

*God harden me against myself,
This coward with pathetic voice
Who craves for ease, and rest,
and joys.*

*Myself, arch-traitor to myself
My hollowest friend, my deadliest foe,
My clog whatever road I go.
Yet One there is can curb myself,
Can roll the strangling load from me,
Break off the yoke and set me free.
Christina Georgina Rossetti*

The Heart Can Help Gary Henry

"The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!"
Psalm 21:1

Since in any contest between the "head" and the "heart," the heart almost always wins, it is very important that our hearts be given to God. God gave us all three of the parts of our minds — our intellect, our emotions, and our will — and our emotions cannot be safely neglected. If we don't bring the positive power of our emotions to bear upon our spiritual lives, we will find it difficult, if not impossible, to serve God faithfully and consistently. If our feelings have gotten out of hand, they can be our enemy and pull us away from God. But that need not be so. There is no good reason why our feelings can't be our ally. Working WITH the intellect and the will, the heart can HELP us.

In his prayer, David said that *"the king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice."* It is a joyous thing indeed to contemplate God's strength. But there is another side to this truth. The very joy that we are able to have in God's strength is also the main source of OUR OWN STRENGTH! As Nehemiah said to the people of Jerusalem, *"Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"* (Nehemiah 8:10). Strength of character is always more than the product of raw intellect or brute will power. Our affections must be involved also. And if it is SPIRITUAL strength we're interested in, then the feeling of JOY is especially important. There is no stronger person than the one who fully feels the joy that can be found in God.

There will certainly be times when commitment to God will require us to say "No" to unworthy thoughts and words and deeds. But

the key to doing this consistently is not simply the development of a stronger will. In the long run, we won't be able to say "No" to what is wrong if we don't have a bigger "Yes" burning within us for what is right. We must WANT what is good, and we must want it with all of our hearts. Like our Lord who *"for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross"* (Hebrews 12:2), we must be moved primarily by joy and by hope. The prospect of one day seeing God's face must be the main part of our strength.

"It is vain to contend with anything that hath the power of our affections in its disposal; it will prevail at the last"
John Owen

Traces of God! Gary Henry

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" Romans 1:20

Everywhere in God's creation there are "traces" of God Himself. The *American Heritage Dictionary* gives this as the most basic meaning of the word "trace": "A visible mark or sign of the former presence or passage of a person, thing, or event." Surely, we are surrounded by traces of God. God has not left Himself without "marks" or "signs" that He has been here. So telling are the tokens of His creativity, we can hardly come into contact with anything that God has done without being reminded of the power of His existence

and the richness of His love.

God's Existence. The all-important fact that "God is real" is announced to us by the marvels that He has left behind. If we fail to see this truth, it is not because it has not been made plain to us: *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."*

God's Benevolence and Beauty. As important as it is for us to recognize the traces of God's EXISTENCE, it is even more important for us to see what the creation says about God's NATURE. Just as surely as any work of art ever revealed the heart of the artist, God's creative work tells us that He is a God of love. A world like the one we live in could not have been made by a God who did not take delight in beauty and joy and even good humor. The Alps and the Grand Canyon surely make some kind of comment on God's nature. But so do the dandelion and the duck-billed platypus!

Our Purpose as Vessels to Receive God's Joy. Surrounded by so many traces of God, how can we take in the wonders of the world and miss what these wonders say about US? The very fact that we have the ability to meditate rationally on these things and appreciate their significance ought to persuade us that we were made for something more than mere existence. We were made to be RECEPTACLES: vessels into which our Father wishes to pour His delight.

"As the hand is made for holding and the eye for seeing, You have fashioned me for joy. Share with me the vision that shall find it everywhere: in the wild violet's beauty, in the lark's melody, in the face of a steadfast man, in a child's smile, in a mother's love, in the purity of Jesus" A Gaelic Prayer