

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND – 10:15AM

Gospel-reflecting love

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- We continue in our journey through James. Last week we considered 2:1-7 and the call to love others without partiality. This means loving in a way that reflects the glory of Jesus and in a way that values the internal more than the external. This week we continue ahead in verses 8-13 and will see more specifically the call to love others in a way that reflects the gospel.
- In responding to the call to love others in a way that demonstrates the gospel, we should remember God's mercy to us in the gospel and reflect God's love to others.

Scripture Reading: James 2:8-13

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REMEMBER GOD'S MERCY TO YOU IN THE GOSPEL

Congregational Call to Worship: Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

Congregational Song: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would've thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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REMEMBER THE GOSPEL CALL FOR YOU TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE

Remember the great commandment to love – Matt 22:34-40 [Pastor Steve]

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Remember the gospel call to love – Romans 12:9-21 [Pastor Steve]

Practically speaking, how ought believers to love others?

- Romans 12:9-21 is compressed with practical instruction and application to the gospel call to love others.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- How do we love our enemies? (Rom 12:14/II Cor 5:11-21)
- How do we love unbelievers? Our geographic community? (Matt 5:13-16)
- How do we love believers? (Rom 12:9-21)
- How do we love our spiritual leaders in the church?

Church's expression of love to a pastor – [Tim Floyd]

- Recognition of Pastor Joel's 10 years of pastoral ministry at First Baptist Church
- Prayer

Congregational Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

Message: James 2:8-13 [*Pastor Steve*]

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Congregational Song of Response: Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord,

And help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord.
We want to see Jesus.

Open our minds, Lord,
And help us to know you,
To walk in your Spirit,
And humbly obey you.
Give us your wisdom,
Your power and blessing.
Open our minds, Lord.
We want to know Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To those who are dying,
To see all around us
The needs that are crying.
Give us compassion
And love for each other.
Open our hearts, Lord,
And make us like Jesus.

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Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Steve]*

Update on debt retirement progress *[John Shay]*

Announcement on giving envelopes *[John Shay]*

Tonight – organic fellowships

Children's ministry opportunities for Fall of 2021

- Sunday School needs -
- 3-K5 Junior Church teachers – Commitments for 1 month of teaching.

Evangelism Announcement

Wednesday Night, August 25th – Last week of in-home fellowships & evangelism class

Sunday, August 29th

- 9:00am – Sunday School
- 10:15am – Special service focus on church body life, church membership, salvation testimonies, baptisms.
- Deacon Care Groups –

Closing Prayer: *[Pastor Steve]*

