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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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The Source of Our Problems

Text: James 4:1-10

The church is a spiritual institution that is perfect because of Christ, but made up of imperfect individuals. Therefore, sometimes, we find ourselves in situations that are unpleasant and cause strife among the congregation. But where do all of these situations stem from? Is it something that is innate in us or is it something that we choose to happen by not being the people that God desires us to be?

As we get into the text, we see very quickly that James states that the wars and fighting that are among us stem from our desires for pleasures (sinfulness) that are in our members. We are speaking about the individual members of the congregation. This means that what we are and do as an individual, WILL affect the church entirely. If we find ourselves not being the people that we need to be, then it will cause problems and situations that could be avoided if we only chose to be the right people. We have to realize that God desires PEACE, UNITY, LOVE, and HEALING in a congregation (Rom. 14:17-19, 1 Cor. 13). James just spoke that peace comes from those who make peace (3:18). We cannot expect to be ungodly and then be what we need to be in the church. Those two characteristics do not mix, nor CAN mix (2 Cor. 6:14, Eph. 5:11). If we want there to not be problems and situations in the church, we must first CHANGE OURSELVES from that which is against the way that God wants us to be and be the people that God wants us to be. This is the reason for James

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making the statement “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (4:4). We have to choose who we are going to be in friendship with and who we are not!

The main culprit in every battle and situation in the church is PRIDE. Notice what he says in **James 4:6** “But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Pride is the arrogance to have things their way, to be right in their situations, taking your thoughts as the most important over others. Pride causes us not to work well with others and eliminates the POSSIBILITY of having unity among the church. Where God stands on pride is very evident within scripture (Jms. 4:6, Matt. 23:12, Lk. 14:11, Lk. 18:14, 1 Pet. 5:5). We even see that the one who causes division, God hates (Prov. 6:16-19). God is totally against the one who is prideful for the simple fact that it goes **TOTALLY AGAINST** everything that Christ died for. We are commanded to **CRUCIFY OURSELVES** when we obeyed the gospel (Romans 6:3-4, cf. Lk. 14:27). We must be willing to knock down our prideful self when we see it rise its ugly face so that we can have peace, love, and unity that God desires us to have.

God gives us the remedy to conquer every battle, situation, and fight and if we were to follow this remedy, then we can avoid situations, battles, and fights. It all comes down to **HUMILITY**. Notice that he says that if we are willing to submit to God, resist the devil, draw near to God, cleanse our hands, purify our hearts, and lament over our sinful actions of pride we can all become the people that God wants us to be for Him and also be what each member **NEEDS** for us to be. It can all be summarized in one word: **HUMILITY!**

Are we humble or do we have pride?

- Wes Garland



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

October 23 - 1 Tim. 3
October 24 - 1 Tim. 4
October 25 - 1 Tim. 5
October 26 - 1 Tim. 6



October 27 - 2 Tim. 1
October 28 - 2 Tim. 2
October 29 - 2 Tim. 3

OUR SICK

Please Remember Your Prayers

Erica Stewart's Father, Rosemary Clemmons, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*



Roger Allen is at home, improving slowly. Please pray for him.

Tim Allen has been having trouble with his eye, please pray for him.

Angel Russo, a friend of will Lucas, has been in a car accident. It would be appreciated for prayers in his behalf.

Al Lawson's sister, **Carolyn Cox**, is at home now with Hospice Care. Remember in your prayers.

LaDonna Gordon - Jim and D.J. Harrison's oldest daughter. Please keep her in your prayers.

Karen Clemmons sister, **Holly Tatum**, has a large mass of cancer of the stomach. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep **Tish Clarke** in your prayers as she is at home recovering from brain surgery. She is the wife of B.J. Clarke.

Kathleen Warner requests prayers for her friend, Natalie. Please pray for her.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Ashlyn and Daniel Henderson** who have a baby boy named **Hunter Gray Henderson**. Also, to Great Grandparents, **Gina & Buddy Strickland**, and Grandparents **Gaye and Gene Ruark** of **Hunter Gray Henderson**.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

EVENTS AT WARNERS CHAPEL:

November 5th - Warners Chapel will have our yearly Chicken Stew in the Annex to begin at six p.m.

November 27-30 - Warners Chapel Gospel Meeting. The speaker will be Eric Owens. The theme: "Getting to know God"

Sunday A.M. Bible Study - 10:50 A.M.
How Can Know God?

Sunday A.M. Worship - 10:50 A.M.
Learning God's Character

Sunday P.M. Worship - 6:00 P.M.
God Is Just

Monday — 7 P.M.
Can My Ways Be God's Ways?

Tuesday — 7 P.M.
How Can I Be Saved?

Wednesday — 7 P.M.
Can I Know I'm Going to Heaven?



PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE ROY FAMILY

"The Lord giveth and taketh away"

It's with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our son, **Robert Edward** at 16 weeks gestation. Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated at this time.

In Christian Love,
Nathan & Bethany Roy

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

October, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER: ALLEN KNIGHT

DEVOTIONS FOR: OCTOBER

SCRIPTURE

October 2 - Wayne Allen
October 9 - Mark Minor
October 16 - Andy Santiago
October 23 - Rodney Brown
October 30 - Johnny Spillman

SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
David Shoaf
Gene Southern

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Al Lawson
Wes Garland
David Moore

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: OCTOBER

SUNDAY A.M.

Oct. 2 - Randy Warner
Oct. 9 - Rodney Brown
Oct. 16 - Steve Tesh
Oct. 23 - Carl Cooper

SUNDAY P.M.

Mark Minor
Adam Warner
David Moore
Charley Belch

WEDNESDAY

Oct. 5 - Andy Santiago
Oct. 12 - Bob Tesh
Oct. 19 - David Shoaf
Oct. 26 - Charley Belch

SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY & MARK MINOR

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR : OCTOBER

SUNDAY A.M.

October 2 - Tristan Roy
October 9 - David Shoaf
October 16 - Wayne Allen
October 23 - Charley Belch
October 30 - Triston Roy

SUNDAY P.M.

Wayne Allen
Charley Belch
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Youth Led Sve Coordinator-Adam

WEDNESDAY

October 5 - David Shoaf
October 9 - Steve Tesh
October 19 - Wayne Allen
October 26 - Charley Belch

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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