



SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class 9:30am Worship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Class 7:00pm

resume in September

<u>5 Reasons Racism is Ridiculous</u> continued from last week Eric Lyons

#4—LOVE IS NOT RACIST

Whereas racism is fueled by earthly ignorance and hate, the Christian is filled with the fruit of Heaven's Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The child of God is directed by an omniscient, omni-benevolent Father Who expects His children to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). To the Philippians Paul wrote, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (1:9-11, emp. added).

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In two of the more challenging sections of Scripture, Paul wrote: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV). "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.... Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.... Repay no one evil for evil.... If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:9-18).

No Christian can be a racist, and any racist who claims to be a Christian is, in truth, a liar. As the apostle John explained, "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21).

"[W]hatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to its neighbor [regardless of his or her color and ethnicity—EL]. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:9-10, NIV).

To be continued next week...

Order of Service

| Opening Remarks Song Leader | Clay Bond Don Petrosky, Jr. |
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| Song | |
| Song | |
| Prayer | Sam Phillips |
| Song | |
| Communion | Chris Windham |
| | Logan Hodge |
| Song | |
| Song | |
| Sermon | Clay Bond |
| Song | |
| Offering | |
| Closing Remarks | Clay Bond |
| Song | |
| Dismissal Prayer | Sam Tarbet |
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Upcoming Events:

- Today! Potluck Fellowship after morning worship.
- Sept. $15^{\text{th}} 18^{\text{th}}$ Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope

Wednesday Devotional

| Sept. 4 th | Holton George |
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| Sept. 11 th | Dylan Petrosky |
| Sept. 18 th | Gospel Meeting |
| Sept. 25 th | Russell Haydon |

...Prayer List..

Gay Kyle, Tyler, Gary, Tom Barr, Don & Sherri Blackwell, Melvin Wright, Tammy Whitman, Sean Bothwell, Nan Phillips, Kenneth & Laura Snyder, Logan & Amanda Godfrey, Pete Medina Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 31 PM: 31 Wednesday: 32 Contribution: \$2022.13