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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Dave Watkins

PM: Harvey Allen

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

**“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard,
lest at any time we should let them slip. ...**

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;” - Hebrews 2:1-3

Test all things; hold fast that which is good. - 1 Thess 5:21

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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

When Love is Bad

Even though Jesus taught that love is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-40), we are also warned that there are certain types of love that are unprofitable and evil. The following are examples of love that we should not have:

Love of money – “*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows*” (1 Timothy 6:10 ASV).

Love of the world – “*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him*” (1 John 2:15).

Love of prestige – “*It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory*” (Proverbs 25:27); “*For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted*” (Luke 14:11).

Love of idols – “*Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you*” (Deuteronomy 6:13, 14).

Excessive love of self – “*For men shall be lovers of their own selves...*” (2 Timothy 3:2); “*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again*” (2 Corinthians 5:15); “*...in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others*” (Philipp. 2:3, 4).

Love of strife – “*As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife*” (Proverbs 26:21); “*But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work*” (James 3:14-16).

Love of sin – “*That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness*” (2 Thessalonians 2:12); “*Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them*” (Romans 1:32).

- Jason Hilburn, Minister, Luverne church of Christ, Luverne Alabama

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Don Blackwell, Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.

- **Stephanie** returned home Wed after surgery Monday and recovery from a severed blood vessel. She has started reconstructive surgery, and is due for another surgery Monday, and weekly thereafter as long as it takes to restore the would and for her to be rid of the infection. Keep her and Steve in your prayers.
- **Gail Allen’s mother is getting Rehab in Clinton.** Adler still having some bad days. Katie and Paula are visiting Japan. Janet is still suffering with shingles.
- **Pat Joyner** is bedridden with her dizziness. **Barbara Reeder** needs to start dialysis very soon, but it’s taking longer than expected.
- **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, that the Lord be merciful and pray also that we **all** grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." - Hebrews 13:5

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- The **new sign** is in place. Please give Ed comments and suggestions.

"Humble yourselves therefore in the sight of God, and he shall lift you up." - James 4:10

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God has told us the relationship between Belief and Obedience:

“Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,”
- 1 Peter 2:7

If you don’t OBEY ... you don’t BELIEVE!

THANKSGIVING

The traditional Thanksgiving time is almost upon us. Rather than put a picture of a turkey in the bulletin and some words reminding you to be thankful, I'd rather you took this with you:

**“When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee:
for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” - Luke 14:12-14**

Need another reason?

“... that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.” - 2 Corinthians 4:15

WHEN HATE IS GOOD

We need to hate more. Does that disturb you? Do you think it’s *wrong* for Christians ever to hate? Then carefully consider this lesson because hate is **essential** to our salvation! If we don’t hate, as the Lord has told us, then truly it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for us to enter heaven. The Lord told us this through the apostle Jude:

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” - Jude 1:22,23

I was burning leaves one time in the back yard. My son was riding his bicycle around, and as boys do, managed to fall into the fire. The next thing we both knew, he was out of the fire, flying through the air. Without thinking I had snatched him from the fire and stripped his burning coat off him. We must treat **sin** the same way. We must **hate** it and **abhor** it *so much* that without thinking we thrust it from us, or reach out to others to snatch them from it. We must be so aware, with every bit of our being, of the evil and deadly nature of sin that we reflexively react to save ourselves and others from it.

This is essential for our salvation! We **must** hate sin. We **must** abhor evil:

“Let love be without dissimulation.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” - Romans 12:9

We **must** because God hates sin. Jesus told us this:

“But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” - Revelation 2:6

Jesus didn’t hate the Nicolaitans, but he **did hate** their sin and it’s effect on others. God will **not** have those with sin in his presence. This is of such paramount importance, that Jesus had to **die** in order for us to be cleansed of our sins.

Sin necessitated Christ’s cruel death on the cross. Can we then think so little of sin so as **not** to hate it? If we don’t, then we’ll find ourselves tolerating sin in our brothers and sisters—not **hating** the garment spotted by the flesh. And then, we’ll find **ourselves** accepting sin in ourselves. And then we’ll die.

We must **know** that God hates sin so implacably—so we will strive to keep sin out of our lives, and out of the lives of our brothers and sisters. That is why this hate is **essential**, for without it, we’ll have a lackadaisical, not really important, tolerant attitude towards sin. We’ll fool ourselves into thinking that God feels this way too. Satan is happy for us to do so. And this will kill those around us and eventually ourselves also. We’ll not work to pull our brothers and sisters from sin, as God has **commanded** us to do, and many in the church will die—if we don’t **HATE SIN!!** As Jesus’ disciples, we strive to have His mind in us (Php 2:5). A perfect man will have **all** elements of Jesus’ mind. Don’t neglect this one.

—Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina