

2020
With God We Can

Follow the God of Light
I John 1:5-7

A Real _____?

- _____ Test – what do you _____ –
- Ethical Test – How do you live –
- Relational Test – Whom do you love –

God Is _____ (1Jn. 1:5-7)

- Can't separate _____ from _____ –
- It's about what we do with our _____ not just what we do with our _____ –
- It's not just about _____; it's about _____!
- Truth is not just something we _____, but something we _____!
- Christians don't just _____ their faith, they _____ their faith!

Walk As _____ Walked (1 John 2:3-6)

- We have come to know Jesus if we _____ His commands.
- If we claim to know Him, yet are not obedient we are a _____!
- Know and truth are _____ –
- Whoever claims to live in Him was _____ as Jesus walked!
- Question – what would Jesus do if He were _____?
- Knowing and doing go _____!

Do What Is _____ (1 John 3:7-10)

- You're either in the _____, or you're in the _____!
- Only God knows a person's _____ –
- You know that you are living your faith when your _____ and _____ are taking you closer to Jesus!



Something to think about!

In just three short months, just like He did with the plagues of Egypt. God has taken away everything we worship. God said, "you want to worship athletes, I will shut down the stadiums. You want to worship musicians, I will shut down Civic Centers. You want to worship actors, I will shut down theaters. You want to worship money, I will shut down the economy and collapse the stock market. You don't want to go to church and worship Me, I will make it where you can't go to church". "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will heal their land"
Maybe we don't need a vaccine. Maybe we need to take this time of isolation from the distractions of the world and have a personal revival where we focus on the ONLY thing in the world that really matters. JESUS.

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Class	10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.
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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Discipline comes through self-control. If you do not conquer self, you will be conquered by self!

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

~ 1 Corinthians 9:25

Moved by Memories

“Precious Memories, how they linger...”

Each time I hear this song it serves as a reminder that like all *precious* things, memories must be given proper care. Each has a ‘bank’ of memories that we can draw from, and they make us either richer or poorer, *Memorials* are those happenings that keep remembrances alive. There would be no memorials without memories. I heard a woman remark, *“I wish I didn’t have a memory.”* I may understand what she was saying, but even with things I wish I couldn’t remember, I don’t desire no memory! People we love, stories we hear, places we go, truth we share, all carry memories with them. Imagine having no memory of family or friends.

MEMORIES THAT ARE SHARED– As we desire to deepen our spiritual lives, a great help is memory (1 Tim. 2:8; Cor. 11:24-25). As we honor those who made the *supreme sacrifice* for our freedom from sin, and as a country, memory is essential. Faith can be broadened and reinforced by our memories. They help resolve not to let such calamities occur again. *“I can’t forget what happened”* can be good or bad. Freedom costs, and woe to those who don’t remember its price or value. May the *parade of memories* be strong and lasting. Sacrifice must be remembered!

MEMORIES THAT ARE PERSONAL– This contributes to us not being a carbon copy of everyone else. Our memories help us focus on what has been done and what we desire and must get done. They recall family traditions, faces from the past, love shown, encouragements offered, gifts given and received, decisions made, words spoken and losses suffered. There was our graduating class or military unit, father and mother, brothers and sisters, that favorite aunt or uncle, and years of many memories which surround each. These remembrances may serve to call us back to our *commitments* made and *promises* spoken, and *“our first love”* (Rev. 2:4). The personal memories held are important!

MEMORIES THAT ARE PAINFUL– The pain of memory is why many want to forget. The pain may be failures, abuses, undeveloped potential, losses, unresolved conflicts, unforgettable hardships, etc. We should not be so Pollyannish as to suggest all memories are good ones, but we should know that when some ‘dark’ memory comes to mind we can *choose* to remember someone has been there ahead of us who has overcome and has won the victory (1 Cor. 15:37, Phil. 3:13-14). We can master the painful, grievous, and hurtful memories and harness them. What we sometimes need is healthy ‘forgetting.’ What this means is we don’t remember them to our undoing and defeat. May we not let memories keep us from going and growing forward (1 Pet. 2:1-2; II Pet. 3:18).

Jerry Kendall

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-**Loretta Bower** is healing well from her procedure. Please remember her in your prayers. **Tracy** got back to the states and is self-quarantining for the prescribed 14 days. Please keep her in your prayers as well.

-Please keep the **Bliss family** in your prayers as they return from Arkansas. They bring good news! **Erin** is engaged! It was so great that they were able to celebrate with her and **Zachery**.

-**Lynn Nothstein’s** brother in law **Larry**, is in Lompoc hospital with pneumonia and is bleeding internally. He is awaiting test results and will have surgery soon. Please keep him in your prayers

-Please continue to keep **Charles & Judith Scharnagel** in your prayers.

-Please continue to keep **Kerrol Williams** and the **CCC** in your prayers as they are on lockdown due to the virus.

-Please continue to remember **Dorothy & Bill Cunningham** in your prayers as she waits for a transplant.

-**Debbie Nelson’s** grandson **Clayton Greco**, is still in need of our prayers. He is going through a very tough time.

-**Daniel Donaghe** continues to need prayers for his ongoing health issues.

-Continued prayers for **those affected by the COVID19** virus for recovery to be swift and that their family members will be safe through this as well. Please keep those **on the front line** in your prayers. We have many in our own congregation who are or have family in the nursing field or are among the first responders.

-Please keep the **Bridge House** in your prayers. They are on lockdown as well. Our monthly service there has been cancelled at this time.

-Our **Ladies for April** has been cancelled.

-**Our lesson** will be a video next week on Facebook. The outline shown on the previous page will be our study. Please tune in!

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Holy Kisses, Holy Hugs, and now Holy Elbow Bumps!

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples because you love one another.” (John 15:35) Love is seen in the way we react to each other as we meet and then as we later leave. The love of the father for the prodigal son was visibly seen as he rushed toward him. What did the father do to the barefooted son in ragged clothes who had been among the swine? He embraced him and kissed him. Contrast this with how the older brother reacted.

When Paul spoke of greeting one another with a holy kiss, he was not instituting a new form of greeting. Some focus only on the kiss, while Paul’s emphasis was on the nature of the kiss. The kiss of Judas in Gethsemane was far removed from being holy—it was hypocritical.

Greetings vary in different cultures. Some reverently bow toward the other person with folded hands. In other places, there is kissing on the cheeks—either one or both. Then, there are those where greetings are shown by rubbing one’s nose against another’s. How each of these is done can show respect, honor or love. Paul’s emphasis was not on the kiss, but its genuine sincerity. Culture often determines the nature of the greeting. The heart determines how sincere it is.

We see genuine brotherly love so often. Think of what spontaneously happens after one is baptized and is welcomed into the kingdom. You see it again when one is restored. It is seen in the compassion at funerals.

In recent days, we have experienced new ways of greeting. In view of the contagious virus, there are still shaking hands or embracing others. Far more will bump fists—where did that come from? Who would have ever thought Americans would ever greet by bumping elbows! Remember there are holy kisses, holy hugs, holy fists, and holy elbows. It is what follows the greetings that matters!

R. Senior