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Worship Opportunities
Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ
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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	2/01/15	1/25/15
Bible Classes	40	33
Worship Service	98	96
Contribution	\$2571.00	\$2192.00
Wed Bible Class	27	30
Baptisms/Placing membership	1	2

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Riches, Honor, and Life

"Riches, Honor, and Life Humility is the fear of the Lord;" its wages are riches and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4 NIV) Young people, do you see your friends chasing after riches such as Michael Kors or other labels, diamond studded phone cases, iPhone 8+, Xbox 720, etc. Maybe I am exaggerating, but I'd like to grab your attention. People will lie, cheat, steal, and fight to obtain riches, honor and life. I used to work with students who would fight in school. I would ask them "why?" Many would answer "to get respect or to be respected." I PRAY those students would get the opportunity to read this verse.

The key to riches, honor, and life are found in the beginning of the verse- "Humility." The scripture goes on to say the wage, or pay-check of working in humility are RICHES, HONOR, AND LIFE!

In conclusion, young people don't chase after riches, honor, and a foolish life. It is better to seek (chase after) humility in The Lord and allow HIM to reward you with true riches, honor and life.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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"I love you"

It is difficult to find three words that stir a greater emotional experience than "I Love You." They are music to the ears, comfort to the heart, and security to the soul.

In today's world, "I love you" usually means erotic and or passionate love. It is descriptive of the emotional feeling that couples have for each other. It is a love that excites. Chills, goose pimples, accelerated heartbeats are but a few of the symptoms that demonstrates that it is in motion.

This kind of love by itself, however, is not lasting. This may explain the divorces, the disappointments and disillusionment that are characteristic of many relationships.

Love has a deeper factor. That deeper factor is described by the kind of love that God has for each one of us and it is the kind of love that we ought to have for each other. That love is God's love for us, what the Greeks called "agape."

This "agape" love is more than emotional. It is a rational love. It is the kind of love that we can set out to develop in our lives and the kind of love we can cultivate so that it grows on us and it grows within us. This love is more a doing love than a telling love. It is also an attitude of mind that we have toward another being. Hence it can be commanded: "Jesus replied 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37, 39). This 'agape' love is the same love we are to have for our God and our Lord Jesus. It is the purest and highest form of love. It is a spiritual love that also manifests itself in physical actions and ways.

This kind of love is in great demand. It is needed in our marriages, in our families, in our communities, in our schools. It is needed every-

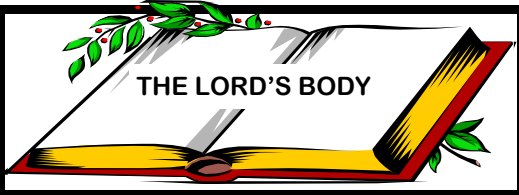
where and needed everyday. The Holy Book of God describes it this way:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (I Corinthians 13:4-8).

This love is the Christian's love. It does not take the place of the erotic or passionate love in a relationship, but must be added to it. This love means to love someone more than the love we have for our own selves. This love when extended towards others is shown without expecting anything in return; it is to be given without reserve and it is to be given without limits. It is unconditional love and when exercised by both parties will *always* make right and mend the relationship between husband and wife.

This love when incorporated in our marriages and relationships enables us to love each other deeply from the heart. This love fosters a heart felt glow, a closeness and a dearness that allows us to elevate others above ourselves. It is a love with an unconquerable benevolence and invincible good will. It is love not because of, but in spite of. When this love is applied to our spouse it says "no matter the circumstances and vicissitudes of life, I will love you with this steadfast and un-abandoning love; I love you now and I will love you always and forever."

This is the love God has for us and this is the depth we ought to attach to these powerful words, "I love you."
Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 02/08/2015

Morning Service

Song leader

Jason Harper

Welcome/Prayer

John Stallworth

Song #

578

Scripture – 1 Cor. 13:1-8

Tom Crescenzi

Songs #

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Song #

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Second Prayer

Tom Meehan

Song #

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Lord's table and Collection:

Lead

James Guiffe

Assistant

Ben Field

Assistant

Steve Lynch

Assistant

Jason Holfman

Song - Kids to class

Song #

853

Scripture - Gen. 29:16-20

Ryan Costello

Sermon -

Lancelot Watson

Invitation #

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Responses & prayer:

John Stallworth

Jason Holfman

Announcements &

Closing Prayer

John Stallworth

Closing Song #

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"I don't wanna ... resist"

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Sometimes we read this verse and immediately start feeling guilty for areas we are not doing and/or we justify ourselves with some good thing we've done.

Question: Have you seen the non-Christian world do any of these "fruit of the spirit"? How is that possible if they don't have the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)?

I'd challenge: do we actually know what these mean? Have we let the world define them for us?

What we see from Romans 8 and Galatians 5 is the battle. So often we find ourselves in the middle of it. The Holy Spirit is challenging us to be/do something, but our flesh is fighting tooth and nail to resist. Funny, God has given us the free will and power to resist, but it is NOT the Holy Spirit we are supposed to resist. Sometimes we can be convicted (made to feel guilty) by our actions, lack of action or someone exposing us. What to do? Fight or argue? Or is it time to submit and grow? A good rule to live by: "If someone asking me to do something good, why not just yield." If we don't yield, we are probably resisting God and saying, "I don't wanna". Our dad is going to try and help us grow and will send us challenges and messages to make us grow. Sometimes through his word, sometimes through the preacher, sometimes through our spouses and even sometime through what we'd consider a heathen. He will use his Spirit to help us be who we need to be, IF we keep in step. Do you know what the Spirit is calling you to do? Just do it!

Jam. 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (MEMORIZE this verse and share it with someone)

Over the coming weeks I'd like us to examine the Bible meanings of some of the virtues mentioned in Galatians 5.

LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD

Treasure the Miracles in Your Life

When I was diagnosed with late stage lymphoma I was told to start treatment quickly. Two choices; the old method with a long track record, or a new with promise but long term concerns. I asked for odds I will live. The guess was better than 50/50 due to youth.

Being analytical I made a pro and con list. The list for each treatment was about even. People tried to offer opinions. I prayed. Soon a friend mentioned a friend whose sister was high up in a California oncology center.

Then Merry Joy (true name) called me. She knew the head of oncology, and those whose expertise I would normally never have access to. She spoke on my behalf, told of my situation, and called me; "He says go with the old treatment. He feels strongly." But recent data seemed to disagree.

A friend said to me; "Ben in life you are adrift on an ocean; it is dark and stormy. Once in a while God will let you see a buoy so you know you are OK, but otherwise you have to trust and hold on."

I talked to God and told Him "I am going to do the old treatment unless You stop me. Stop me if I am wrong." Six weeks of nausea, amnesia, fatigue, hair loss, announcements to friends and students...and soon came the test to see if it is working. If I'm responding there's a chance and if not I likely die. I broke down the night before— writhing on the couch — enraged, scared, and furious with the fear of a helpless subjection to what I viewed to be my impending life/death sentence the following day.

"Looks like there is a reduction. We will keep going..." the doctor said. But I wanted a miracle...My wife insisted we go out to dinner and I capitulated. When we got back there was a message; "Ben it is Dr. Kolitz — I was reviewing and there is a 70% reduction in your tumors -not what I thought before. This is the best I could hope for. I wanted to let you know." Cartwheels and a dancing white guy....

A few moments later Merry Joy calls. "I was thinking about you and wanted to know how you are doing." It was that moment I knew I heard from God directly and my jaw dropped. He smiled at me just for a moment - sent a message to let me know it would be OK, that He was in charge, and had heard me. That the next 5 ½ months would be tough but OK. Merry Joy brought tidings of merry joy, and a buoy. There is just enough to believe, and just enough to deny as coincidence; as He always does... It was the best day of the rest of my life. I will forever know and treasure that in that moment He communicated to me.

ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Is God Your Valentine?

What does it mean to love God? Examining the biblical command quoted in Luke 10:27: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" provides some ideas.

Love God with all your heart: The heart is the place from which our emotions come. Our emotions involve our desires and our passions. God wants us to be passionate about Him. Our hearts determine what we want passionately, and what we treasure. Loving God with all our hearts means we want to be with Him, do things for Him, cling to Him, and treat Him as a treasure.

Love God with all your soul: The soul is the religious part of us, or the part that motivates us to worship or express devotion. So Loving God with all our soul means we commit our lives to faithfulness to the Lord, serving Him with devotion and a determination to do everything He requires of us.

Love God with all your strength: Strength is often seen as a physical property — we exercise and lift weights to build physical strength. Synonyms for strength include might and power. If we love God with all our strength we commit all our abilities to Him, with the resources gained through these abilities. Included in the Encarta Dictionary definition of strength are the terms: physical power, persuasive power, resistance, defensive ability, asset, or quality. Loving God with all our strength means using these personal attributes to the utmost in our service and devotion to Him.

Love God with all your mind: It is with our minds that we learn, gain and process knowledge. Our minds enable us to use reason and logic, and also to imagine. We love God with our minds when we study the scriptures to increase our knowledge of Him, and our understanding of His will. Loving God means using reason, logic and imagination to apply our knowledge and understanding to our daily lives.

God wants to be our Valentine and He has told us how we can be. Let us be passionate about Him, be devoted in worshipping Him, commit our abilities and resources to Him, and study diligently to know Him and apply that knowledge to our lives.