

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

November 21, 2021

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:11-13

The Sin of Ingratitude *by Duane Patton*

We understand the value of gratitude in this life. For instance, when someone does something for us that we cannot otherwise do for ourselves – something that we truly need – the most natural and easiest expression of gratitude is to say “thank you.” In fact, a general lack of thankfulness is one of the several sins listed among the Gentiles which Paul wrote about in his letter to Christians at Rome.

“...For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, **although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Romans 1:18-21, NKJV, emphasis mine, DP).

We may not give much thought to whether anyone says “thank you” to us for a kind deed done to them; or, it might bother us some. Yet, “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven” against those whose dark hearts are characterized by ingratitude. We ought to be thankful in both word and deed for God’s marvelous creation, His infinite power (especially with respect to the soul-saving power of the Gospel of Christ), and for the written word of God that reveals His eternal plan for our lives both here on earth and in the world to come!

On this Thanksgiving occasion this year, let’s be ever mindful of all the good with which God has so freely enriched our lives. Let us remember one another and the privileges we have as God’s children to pray for one another, encourage one another, and promote the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace! Indeed, God has done something for us that we could have never done ourselves.

By grace have ye been saved through faith...it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

<u>Services:</u>	<u>Local Works of Faith:</u>	<u>Foreign Missions:</u>	<u>Subscribe to these on YouTube:</u>
Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	Sunnybrook Children’s Home Gulf Coast Bible Camp Local Food Pantry Annual Youth Events Back-Pack Buddies The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25) (Every Sunday at 6:30 AM)	Guyana, South America India <u>Local Wi-Fi Network Access:</u> SSID: 2Wire029 Key: 3995723302	<i>Vancleave Church of Christ Digital Ministries</i> <i>The Mississippi Gospel Minute</i>
Wednesday: 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study		<u>E-mail:</u> vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org <u>Web Site:</u> https://www.vancleavemschurch.org	

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Prayer Requests:

- ➔ **David Hines:** Now in physical therapy. He is also still dealing with a severe blood problem.
- ➔ **The Tran Family:** Let's be mindful of this family as their father has recently died of cancer.
- ➔ **Joan Martin:** Has been diagnosed with Brain Cancer. Our prayers are welcomed at this time.
- ➔ **Cindy Stevens:** Has upcoming doctor visits (24 November and 3 December), please pray for Cindy.
- ➔ **The Father of Mr. Hunt's daughter-in-Law:** Recently endured quadruple bypass and needs our prayers.

Please Continue to Remember These in Prayer

Tonya Organ Harvey Goldensup Jack Hayes Roy Corbin Mike Kenney
Mary Culbreth Gayle Sexson Mark Damron Lou Dick

Have requests or other announcements? Send email to vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ➔ **Fruit Baskets** are being assembled today in the fellowship room. Ladies class will not be meeting today but are invited to attend adult Bible class in the auditorium. Ladies class will resume next Sunday.
- ➔ **This Wednesday (Nov. 24th)** we will gather for our traditional Thanksgiving assembly. All age-groups will gather in the main auditorium. This is the Wednesday evening just prior to Thanksgiving Day.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Our thoughts can be similar to God's thoughts when we learn to think like Jesus. No wonder Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ."

"If there is anything praiseworthy...think on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021

Week 45

- MONDAY** **Mark 13**
Jesus warned about the AD 70 destruction of Jerusalem. He commanded the disciples to "watch." Why?
- TUESDAY** **Matthew 24**
Does this passage frighten you? Today, we are given great confidence regarding the coming of the Lord.
- WEDNESDAY** **Matthew 25**
What might the oil in the lamps signify to we are alive and awaiting the second coming of Jesus?
- THURSDAY** **Matthew 26; Mark 14**
Have you ever denied Christ? What might you do differently to prevent a further denial of Christ?
- FRIDAY** **Luke 22; John 13**
Do you think Jesus was advocating secular pacifism when He told Peter to put away his sword?
- SATURDAY** **John 14-17**
How prepared do you think you will be if you are some day called upon to die for Christ, physically?
- SUNDAY** **Matthew 27; Mark 15**
The resurrection of Jesus may be the greatest of all miracles He performed. Why might this be?

"...they received the word with all readiness of mind..." (Acts 17:11)