

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

June 5, 2022

*Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9*

## **The Problem of Sin** by Duane Patton

God's wrath is a consequence of His utter hatred of sin. He stands eternally opposed to sin. Because of God's love for mankind, He has given everyone the freedom to choose between loving God and not loving God. This is a real choice based on man's real desire, and not some deterministic effect based only on what God wants for mankind. Man commits sin when he himself – unabettted by God – chooses to not love God as he should. God is grieved when this occurs. Here are merely a few reasons why God is so grieved.

1. **Sin puts distance between God and His creation – man cannot approach God on His own terms.** King David understood that any attempt to escape the knowledge of God is futile (**Psalms 139**). Yet, sin places mankind “at odds” with God and with man's own fellow man. Again, sin creates an unnecessary breach between the Creator and the created - a distance too far for man alone to reconcile his relationship to God (**Isaiah 59:1, 2; Ezekiel 33:11; cf., 1 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**).

2. **Sin is similar to a disease that destroys man's soul – man cannot heal his spiritual infirmity in his own way.** The life God gives man at conception is eternal – it is without end. But, over time man transgresses God's will (when he commits sin, knowingly or not) and thereby he invites progressive, spiritual destruction on himself which requires a perpetual, spiritual remedy (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**).

3. **Sin requires a payment to be made – man cannot afford the high cost of sin with his own means.** Once trust is broken between man and his Maker, restitution must be made, or permanent loss will occur. But, the price for redeeming the soul of even one man is simply too high a price for any mere human to pay. Forfeiture of God's help renders all incapable of paying the sin debt (**John 5:37-39; Matthew 23:37; cf. Hosea 7:13**).

There is a solution to the sin problem. The solution is in God demonstrating His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (**Romans 5:6-11**). Through tender mercies of God and the eternal riches of His unique Son Jesus Christ, the problem of sin can be fully resolved (**Romans 3:24ff; 2 Corinthians 8:9**)!

## Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

### Services:

#### Sunday:

9 AM Bible Class

10AM Worship

6 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

6 PM Prayer

& Bible Class

### Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home

Gulf Coast Bible Camp

Local Food Pantry

Annual Youth Events

Back-Pack Buddies

The Gospel of Christ TV

(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM, Fox 25)

### Foreign Missions:

Guyana

India

Guam

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month: Fellowship / Lunch followed by brief devotional, with no evening service.**

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## Recent Prayer Requests & Announcements



**Pearl Thigpen** is to have biopsy on Monday for her kidney. Prayer is requested.

**Darlene Ladner's** son recently passed away. Please remember her family in prayer.

**Dana Kelly** is to have cancer surgery Monday. Our prayers are being requested.

**Elaine Tanner** recently underwent surgery, and she also needs our prayers as she recovers.

**Zennie George** is to have a medical procedure on Tuesday. Prayers are being asked on her behalf.

**Frank Sentelle** is to have back surgery Tuesday. We have ben asked to pray for his health.

**Mary McDaniel** is to have tests run Wednesday to determine cause of fluid on her lung. Please pray.

**Karen Hudson and family** plan to travel to Orlando this week (they are to return late Saturday). She has asked for prayers as they travel.

**Wade Phillips** is to report on the Guam mission and to preach today, also. In lieu of regular classes all age groups are asked to meet in auditorium at 9:00 AM hour for the report.

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

*Please refer to previous Newsletter for those who need continued prayers*

Darlene Guston	Gayle Williams	Norma Jean Hart	Elsie Ashcraft
Linda Kenney	Earl Kenney	Keiundra Huddleston	Cindy Stevens
Kimi Atkins	Charlie Tanner	Judy Hinton	Liz Logan
Heath Smith	Mary Alice Kenney		

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### **Rightly Dividing the Word**

*A weekly synopsis of every book of the Bible with a memory verse designed to increase our faith*

**Job:** Written as Hebrew poetry, Job is an amazing account of one man's intense suffering for reasons neither he nor his companions can adequately explain. The reader has the advantage of knowing that the suffering is caused by a spiritual adversary who is attacking the goodness of God. Job learns that it is not absence of trouble in life that measures God's love and care for him, and that faithfulness to God ultimately results in God's blessings. Despite the harsh realities of life – many of which have no obvious, immediate explanation, we, in some ways like Job, are to be every vigilant in our loyalty to God who is our maker and redeemer, and true friend.

*This week's memory verse:*

*"For I know hat my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth. And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God."*

*(Job 19:25, 26, NKJV)*



**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ~ 2 Timothy 2:15**