

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Why Would a Loving God...?

- Renn Ferguson

One of the principal characteristics of God is His love. The apostle John wrote in 1 John 4:8, "anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (ESV) The child of God sees His love in their lives as well as throughout the scriptures.

Yet, the one who is not a child of God often fails to see His love. Why is that? Well, it really boils down to one major issue: hell. In their minds, God cannot possibly be loving if He damns someone to hell. At first glance hell and God's love seem to be at odds with one another. If we carefully study His word, however, we will see the full picture.

This viewpoint overlooks another principal characteristic of God, His justice. In Moses' song we read, "The Rock, his work is perfect, all his ways are justice." (Deuteronomy 32:4) The fact of the matter is, we have all sinned and therefore a penalty must be paid for that sin (Romans 6:23). God is not unloving because He demands a just penalty be paid.

God is undoubtedly a loving God. This is evident in the sending of Jesus to die on the cross. In discussing this very idea Paul wrote, "It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:26) Do you see what Paul is saying here? God's justice had to be satisfied. Yet, at the same time, He did not want men to be damned eternally. So, He sent His perfect, sinless, Son to pay that penalty for men. He did this to afford us the opportunity to be justified in Him and to spare us from eternal torment.

God is not an unloving God because some will spend eternity in hell. He has done all that He could, without defying His own character, to save man. He prepared the way of salvation for us. He offers it to all men freely. We can choose to reject it but we must be willing to accept the consequences of that choice.

2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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MEETING



September 29, 2024
2:00 PM

Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:6-9

- I. The Task Before Us- v. 6
 - A. They were given the task of conquering the land- Numbers 13:28, 32-33
 - B. We wage war with a different adversary- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 10:1-6
- II. Others Look to Us- v. 7
 - A. Joshua had great influence over the children of Israel- Joshua 24:15-28
 - B. Someone is influenced by your life- 1 Peter 2:12,3:1, Galatians 4:16
- III. Obedience Demands It- v. 7-8
 - A. Joshua knew Israel's history- Hebrews 3:17
 - B. Following God is not for the faint of heart- 1 Corinthians 16:13, Revelation 21:8
- IV. The Lord is with Us- v. 9
 - A. The odds were against Israel- Deuteronomy 7:1, Numbers 26:51
 - 1. Scholars estimate that the nation of Israel was about 2-3 million in population.
 - B. With God, we can have boldness- Daniel 3:16-18, Romans 8:31

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 841 Sing and Be Happy (vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

Song: 482 O Listen to Our Wondrous Story (vs. 1, 2)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 800 Zion's Call (vs. 1, 3)

Song: 544 Redeemed (vs. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:6-9

Sermon

Song: 31 Almost Persuaded

Song: 37 Angry Words (vs. 1)

Prayer

Joshua 1:6-9

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 MOSES
 FATHERS
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Joshua 1:6-9 (NKJV)

- ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.
- ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.
- ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23