

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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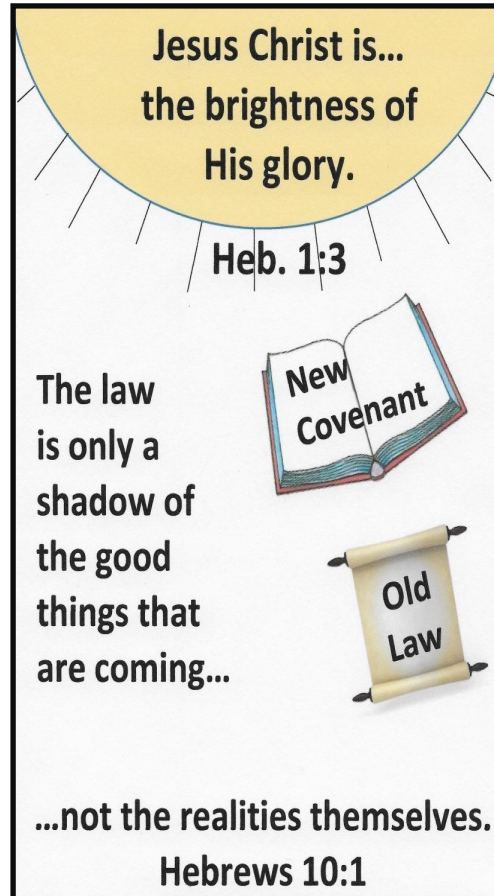
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ASPECTS OF SACRAFICE PART2 ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

If you will indulge me for just a moment, I would like to share with you, again, something from last week's article. Our calling, in this life, as living sacrifices, is to imitate God (Ephesians 5:1), walking in this life, just as He did (1st John 2:6). The one-another verses we are learning about are "aspects of sacrifice" in a disciple's life. I hesitate to say that, because the urge to create that list lurks within me. But what if I view the one-another verses as a sort of mosaic picture of Jesus, as He walked this earth? These verses then become a means by which I can better understand what it means to imitate Him. Thus, they are no longer used as a check list, but instead, as building blocks from above, as God molds me into His image.

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love...

Ephesians 4:1-2



I so desperately want to "walk worthy of the calling," but sadly must admit that at times, the things I know I should do, I don't always do (Romans 7:19). Just recently someone lovingly told me how I frustrate them at times, by the things I do. I lay claim to the hope that is in Christ and don't mention these things to in any way diminish the joy of my salvation that I have because of Christ; still, I am, at times, painfully aware that I am a work in progress. May the "power that works in

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
MID-WEEK STUDY
TUESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)

Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

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(207)286-0514
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(207) 432-2272

Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

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AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12 ~

Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on March 11th.

Thank You,

Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 39 Contribution: \$ 1503.27

ASPECTS OF SACRAFICE PART 2 (CONTINUED)

us" (Ephesians 3:20) help us in that progression towards the likeness of Christ.

Part of "walking worthy of the calling" involves longsuffering: that is, *slowness in avenging wrongs*. This involves the sometimes-arduous task of "bearing with one another in love." Bearing here means *to endure with equanimity*. Gene Getz writes, "Some people have the most difficulty accepting the weaknesses in others that remind them of the same weaknesses in themselves." Wow, that hurt a little, because for me, there is some truth behind it. Maybe that is why "all lowliness and gentleness" needs to be involved.

As we journey forward, there will be the need to bear with one another through longsuffering. This is not tolerance of sinful behavior; but instead, an enduring and forgiving attitude that grasps the reality that we are works in progress. And as long as we are genuinely seeking to progress toward the likeness of Christ, we need to be willing to give each other the same patience God gives to us. This is just another aspect of a Christian willingly living a sacrificial life for Christ.

Dennis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're on Facebook– Biddeford church of Christ is on Facebook! There is a profile, which is public, and there is a closed group, for current Biddeford church family only, where we can share photos, prayer requests, announcements, etc. The public cannot see posts in the BCOC FB group. Only members can.

Men Leading in Worship - The men who serve in worship are asked to meet in the cry room or, if it is in use, a classroom promptly at 10:30 to confirm assignments and go to God in prayer.

Building Lights - If you are the last person leaving the building, please be sure to turn off all the lights, check that all windows are shut, and the doors are locked.

Bulletin /- Prayer List - If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Mike Wickwar at 432-2272 or email him at mickwick@yahoo.com by Friday of each week. Anything given after Friday may not make it into that Sunday's bulletin.

Reminder: Please turn off your cell phone or place it on vibrate during Bible study and worship.

We care what you think - If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to write them down on a piece of paper, then sign it and place it in the box. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Monthly Bulletins– One per family, please. If you would like another copy, you can find it on our website, biddefordchurchofchrist.com. You can also listen to sermons on the website.

Updating the Prayer List - Please review the prayer list. If there is a prayer request initiated by you, it is important you contact Mike Wickwar with updates. Thank you.

Upcoming Events - Please check your calendars

Make Note Wednesday Night Study has been moved to Tuesday night starting February 28.

Life Groups– March 5th & 19th

Congregational Breakfast - March 11th at 8:30 a.m.

Potluck - February 12th

Singing Nights - Tuesday March 21st (7 p.m. Biddeford)

Happy Birthday! Lisa Sampson February 28th

John Carter March 1st

Brad Shaw March 12th

Gavin Sampson March 24th

Angel Velez March 24th

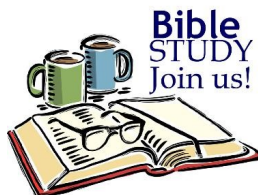
Kelly Bureau March 26th

Happy Anniversary! Stephen & Glory Parker March 17th

Building Usage - Our building will be in use Saturday 3/11 from 2PM to 5PM. Please note.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford
Wednesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.



Sanford
Thursdays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song #800 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Joe Romano

Song #768 *Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You*

Song #129 *Amazing Grace*

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Chris Stephenson, Antonio Balsamo

Song #148 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him*

Contribution

Song #76 *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer - Abraham Damuth

Song #490 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
Colossians 3:12-14

Lesson - Dennis Godin
With Longsuffering
Lesson Text: Ephesians 4:1-2

Song #969 *Don't You Want To Go To That Land*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Barbara Lemay

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Mike Wickwar, Rufilo Lawrance,

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

WELCOME VISITORS



We here at the Biddeford church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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