

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brad Shaw's brother Steve-health issues.
- ◆ Sonny Witham - Sonny recovery
- ◆ Lindsey Barnes - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - In Hospital.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Ana Bouchard - Serious shoulder injury.
- ◆ Lisa Sampson having health issues.
- ◆ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Relocation/Depression
- ◆ Marescot Family - Kesha recovery.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Sister Carmen Ear Infection.
- ◆ Sarah Small - Recovering from surgery

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song ??? Unknown

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Song ??? Unknown

Song ??? Unknown

Lord's Supper - Chris Stephenson,
Matt Sampson, Lenny Spano

Song ??? Unknown

Contribution

Song ??? Unknown

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song ??? Unknown

Scripture Reading - Tony Balsamo Jr.
Romans 2:14-15

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Guilt, Real and Powerful

Lesson Text: 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Song ??? Unknown

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$1629

THE BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

Jesus Christ is...
the brightness of
His glory.

Heb. 1:3



The law
is only a
shadow of
the good
things that
are coming...



...not the realities themselves.
Hebrews 10:1

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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.

This Week's Events

Today 5/21: Life Groups

Tuesday 5/23: Singing

Monday 5/29 Memorial Day Church Picnic

Happy Birthday!

May 24 Brenda Butler

May 31 Jon Erichson

Happy Anniversary!

May 18

Mike & Maria Wickwar

May 20

Rufilo & Candis Lawrance

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Erik Cote,
Rufilo Lawrance

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Guilt, Real and Powerful

When it comes to emotions, the feeling of guilt is powerful. Our world today seeks to devalue it with statements like this, "Guilt is a destructive and ultimately pointless emotion." Another writes, "Guilt is a useless feeling. It's never enough to make you change direction – only enough to make you useless." This seems to be the growing attitude in our society. The question is, are they right?

If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 5:17

To understand guilt, we need to separate it into two areas of thought. In the above verse, as well as Leviticus 6:4, the idea of guilty means to commit an offence, do a wrong. In one case, the person is unaware of his or her wrong doing, even so, they are guilty...they have sinned. The Mosaic Law, or any law for that matter, is a constant reminder of our rebellious tendencies and there is the point, at least in part, of law. Paul wrote, "I would not have known sin except through the law" (Romans 7:7). Martin Luther wrote, "The law's true function, then, is to show us our sins, to make us guilty, to humble us, to kill us, to bring us down to hell, and finally to take away all help and all comfort..." This speaks of the other aspect of guilt; that is, a feeling of responsibility or remorse for some real or imagined offense.

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance.

For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

2nd Corinthians 7:9-10

Instead of guilt, the Holy Spirit guides Paul to use the words "godly sorrow." The word speaks of sorrow, pain and grief attributed to an awareness that one has hurt God and His people (Note Leviticus 6:1-4). Someone once said, "When you are guilty, it is not your sins you hate, but yourself." This guilt would drive the worshipper to sacrifice under the Old Law, which would include making restitution when necessary. Today, the pain of guilt is intended to lead us towards God with a repenting heart, for when we do, salvation is at hand and regret can be replaced with grace and mercy. Thank you God, for making hope through Christ possible.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
