

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 19, 2017



“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

The Three Dimensions of Love

Part 2

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). In this passage, Jesus gives us three dimensions in which love is to be expressed. We want to notice the first of those directions together.

First, love reaches *upward*. “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...’” Luke’s account and Mark’s account both add the word strength to this all-encompassing equation. Jesus says that we are to love God with all of our being.

By engaging the heart, Jesus references the emotional side of man. Christianity is not an emotionless religion. The sacrifice of Christ should stir our emotions. The sins of the world should sadden us. The prospect of salvation should cause great joy within us.

By mentioning the soul, Jesus references that eternal nature of man. The part that is truly us, not the outward shell, but the inward man. Solomon told us the body would return to dust and then the soul would return to God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Loving God with your entire mind requires the intellectual side of man. Just as Christianity is not an emotionless religion, it is not a thoughtless religion either. Christianity is logical; it is a religion based upon evidence.

Finally, Jesus calls to mind loving God with all of our strength which is the physical side of man. Christianity is a religion that requires work on my part. “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4).

If we will love God in this way, everything else will fall into place. First, love reaches upward! Next week will notice the second direction that love reaches.
~Justin

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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for November 12th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 106
Sun. AM Worship – 134
Sun. PM Worship – 76
Wed. Night (11/15) – 75

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Devotional – David Bridges

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Larry Carden
Lord's Supper – (S) Raymond Neal
(S) John Dennison
(N) Darrell Smothers
(N) Robert Anderson
(N) MacArthur Watkins
Closing Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Security – Frank Carmack

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – Kenneth Roark
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
Lord's Supper – Raymond Neal
Closing Prayer – John Dennison
Security – Frank Carmack

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Justin Paschall
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Steve Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

Door Greeters for November

South – Steve Carmack
Center – David Snell
North – Joe Hunt

Communion for November

Bret and Johanna Carmack

November Birthdays

- Mammie Watkins – 2
- David Bridges – 7
- Sydney Carmack – 9
- Patti Jolicoeur – 11
- W.L. Sandlin – 12
- Johanna Carmack – 13
- Gunnar Carmack – 16
- Kailyn Carmack – 16
- Dana Carmack – 20
- Debbie Barnett – 28
- Josephine Latham – 30



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Nov. 16th** – Ladies' Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 6 pm.
- **Nov. 23rd** – No Ladies' Bible Class due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **Dec. 10th** – Christmas Party here at the building following the evening services.

What Are My Children Studying?

- **Nov. 19th** - Lesson 101 - Jesus Speaks of Overcoming the World - John 16
- **Nov. 22nd** - Lesson 102 - Jesus' Prayer for Himself, Apostles, and All Believers - John 17
- **Nov. 26th** - Lesson 103 - Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane Followed by His Arrest - Mark 14:32-52

Memorials Received

Memorials have been received in honor of Jeff Colvin and Ann Clement.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Robert Taylor will have a pacemaker put in in the very near future. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham fell a couple of weeks ago and is having some problems due to that. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Juantia Stanley (Rita Hartman's mother) is having difficulty breathing, and doctors are unsure of what is causing it. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Roark had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Melba Sutton (Ted Sutton and Doris Sandlin's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Drexel Reed (Gale Shaw's son) had surgery, and the doctors were able to remove most of the infection and are confident that they can remove the rest. Please keep him and Gale in your prayers.
- Mike White had partial knee replacement on Thursday (11/9) and everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Penny Gaines' bladder cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatments.
- Judy Dunaway (coworker of Cynthia Hunt and friend of the Bates) had cancer surgery on Thursday (9/28) and will begin a treatment plan soon. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) has liver cancer again. He has started chemo and will need surgery again, probably in November. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton is currently dealing with shingles and is doing rehab on her shoulder. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joyce Dunaway (Mike White's mother) fell and fractured her neck. She has been moved to Dyersburg for recovery and rehab. Also, his stepfather, Jay Dunaway, was taken to the hospital due to internal bleeding. Please keep them both in your prayers.
- Betty McNeal (Rita Hartman's aunt) has been moved to JMCGH on the hospice floor. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton has a broken vertebra in his neck. Please keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin has returned to his treatments and will be unable to attend services regularly as a result. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Brenda Sutton, Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lille Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Brenda Belton, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.