
Pleasant View church of Christ
2500 Highway 49 East
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 95:1-2
“O come, let us sing for joy
to the Lord, let us shout
joyfully to the rock of our
salvation. Let us come
before His presence with
thanksgiving, let us shout
joyfully to Him with psalms.”

*“What we have done for ourselves alone dies
with us; what we have done for others and the
world remains and is immortal.”*

Albert Pike

*“We cannot banish dangers, but we can banish
fears. We must not demean life by standing in
awe of death.”*

David Sarnoff

Tethered

The word “tethered” is defined this way by Webster’s Dictionary: “to tie with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.” What tethers you? What is the thing—or many things—that restricts your movement? What are you tied to? It’s is spiritually and emotionally beneficial to be tethered to good things. It is debilitating to be tethered to negative things.

So we can end on a positive note, let’s begin with the negative restrictions.

Financial burdens can be extremely restrictive. If someone is saddled with thousands of dollars in credit card debt, overdue tax payments, and/or poverty-level income, it becomes very difficult for that person

to find relief. Being tethered to poor financial decisions that were made years ago can strain relationships and tempt someone to make further poor decisions. We tend to do better with our finances when we realize that money is a gift from God.

It is also easy to become tethered to distressful former relationships. Those might be dating relationships, family relationships, or marital relationships. Many men and women are acting poorly toward their current friends and family because they were injured by someone from their past. The apostle Paul said that he forgot what laid behind (Phil. 3:13). He refused to be tethered to negative influences and activities from

the past. He couldn’t be productive in the present if he was living in the past.

Hopefully we will be tethered to positive things. When will you cut yourself free from negative influences and anchor yourself on the righteousness and freedom that comes from Christ? When will you start making real, purposeful actions that will disconnect you from the garbage in your past? Jesus did not die on the cross so that we would live in a state of fear and regret. Repentance is not easy, but it is liberating.

James Hayes

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Tolerance

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In the 1990's, the word "tolerant" became fashionable. Popular culture promoted the notion that someone could believe anything, but someone couldn't oppose anything. "Stand up for what you believe in" was replaced by, "Everything is okay and acceptable." Tolerant became a synonym for loving, and anyone who opposed something was considered to be hateful.

The goal of the Christian is not to cater to trendy cultural philosophies but to pattern our lives after Christ. So we ask the question, "Was Jesus tolerant of any and all things, or was He intolerant of some things?"

First, we know that Jesus was intolerant of sin. After being presented with a woman who was caught in adultery, Jesus made a simple statement to the woman: "Go. From now on sin no more" (John 8:11). Unfortunately, some believe that grace is a synonym for tolerance. But Jesus did not condone what the woman did. He did not laugh it off or give the woman an excuse or validation. He didn't say, "I'm sure your husband has treated you poorly throughout your marriage; therefore, you couldn't help but cheat on him." No. He told her to stop what she was doing. In one statement, that woman understood

both the grace of Jesus and His intolerance of sin.

Second, Jesus is intolerant of actors, spiritually speaking. At the end of His Sermon on the Mount, He said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father will enter...Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matt. 7:22-23). There are many today who make strong declarations about their love of Jesus, but then they deliberately dishonor His teachings.

We should only tolerate the things Jesus tolerated.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Please pray for those who are sick or are recovering from surgery: Faye Waller (recovering at home; surgery), Amie Newell (ear tubes), Molly Gupton (rash), Marsha Johnson (Kristine Garrett's aunt; leg), Kyla Myers (Steve Buchanan's niece; surgery), Brian Obendorfer (Rose's neighbor; back), Mildred Walker, J.W. Head, Addie Farmer, Jay Newell, Carsyn Thornton.

**Easter Egg Hunt This Saturday At 2:00; Building Fund Next Sunday
Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: Billingsley. Terry Walker, Baker

Pray: M. Newell