

"Forgiving the Enemy"

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What is it that separates Christians from the world? There are several answers to this question, namely a unity with the Lord. However, there is another one that is of key importance: the Christian's forgiving attitude. The New Testament illuminates the fact that Christians are to have a peaceable attitude. (Phil. 2:14-15) More to the point, Christians are to be of the same mind as Christ. (Phil 2:5) This means we are to show love to everyone, even those who have done us wrong. Easier said than done, right?

Consider this though, while Jesus was preaching His famed sermon on the mount, He taught them that: 1. They shouldn't return evil with evil (Matt 5:38-42) and 2. They should love even their enemies. (Matt 5:43-48). This mindset was important to Jesus. It was important for Him to address it and teach that we should love, bless, and do good to even those who hate us.

Forgiveness is an important quality that all Christians must have. In Mark 11:25-26 Jesus taught that when we pray, we should forgive anything we have against someone. This trait is not easily developed but it is another quality that we should be practicing. (Phil 4:9) As Jesus was encouraging those hearing Him during that sermon on the mount, He called them to be perfect. (Matt 5:48) This is something that God's people have always been called to. Be perfect as God is perfect. That is something that we will never attain. Paul himself realized his own imprecations but he strived to reach that goal. (Phil 3:13-14) We must strive to be more forgiving as Christians. We must strive for perfection.



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mar.

"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

7th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lesson

BC..... Unity in Diversity?
 AM..... Together Before the Throne
 PM..... Philemon: A Case Study in Unity

Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott
 Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
 Opening Prayer.....
 Communion Leader.....Steve Deatruck
 Sermon.....Wayne Jones
 Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Our Gospel Meeting will begin next Today!
- L2L will be practicing after services. Please stick around and encourage those participating.
- Please give Corey any prayer requests or announcements.

Mar 7th – 10th Gospel Meeting w/ Wayne Jones
 Mar 13th-14th Young Men training Camp @ CROS
 Mar 14th Daylight Saving Time (Spring Forward)

Records

Sunday AM.....63	Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM.....N/A	Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Fred Johnson
- Vera Shavers
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams

Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright & Charles Wright
- Gary Berry
- Mandy Owens
- Smith Family