

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Love Rejoices NOT in **INIQUITY**

The world teaches us that to be truly loving is to be in fellowship with those that refuse to repent of sin. However, such would be rejoicing in iniquity. Paul, by inspiration of God, informs us of the very opposite. Love "rejoiceth not in iniquity" (1 Corinthians 13:6).

By studying the nature of iniquity (wrongdoing) and its use throughout Scripture, we can understand why *agape* (love like God's love) does not rejoice in it. Let us note **seven** reasons love does not rejoice in iniquity.

1. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity is sin:

"All unrighteousness is sin" (1 John 5:17).

2. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity is not a characteristic of our greatest example of love, Jesus

Christ: *"He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him"* (John 7:18). *"Jesus did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth"* (1 Peter...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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...2:22). *“Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin”* (Hebrews 4:15).

3. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity is characteristic of one who needs to change: *“Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity”* (Acts 8:22-23).

4. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity is characteristic of those who God gives up: *“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers ...”* (Romans 1:29).

5. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity results in indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish: *“But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile”* (Romans 2:8-9).

6. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity does not dwell with God: *“Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid”* (Rom 9:14).

7. Love does not rejoice in iniquity because iniquity sends people to hell: *“But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity”* (Luke 13:27).

Love does not rejoice in iniquity. For these reasons, we should despise iniquity. Have you departed from iniquity and embraced our God of love?

—written by Clifton Angel

Southaven Youth Serving — 1 pm

- Song: Tyler Willis — *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*
Song: Hudson Byrd — *Lord Send Me*
Prayer: Micah Bloom
Song: Micah Bloom — *It Is Well*
Song: Timmy Willis — *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*
Song: Grant Gill — *How Great Thou Art*
Sermon: Tyler Willis
Sermon: Timmy Willis
Sermon: Parker Webster
Sermon: Hudson Byrd
Sermon: Michael Clarke (Invitation)
Inv. Song: Parker Webster — *Come To The Feast*
Lord's Supper: Grant Gill/Matthew Teske
Closing Song: Matthew Teske — *Who Will Follow Jesus?*
Closing Prayer: Tyler Willis



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

We weep with **Jeffrey Ferrell** and family in the passing of Jeffrey's sister, Jeanae Spencer, and his grandfather, Clyde Pruett. We rejoice that **Jared Brown** has returned home & that **Jerry Davis** is recovering well. **Wiley Tuggle**, having recurring esophagus/stomach problems; **Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**; **Far East Missions**; **Fishers of Men**; **NetCasters**.

Family & Friends

Jason Spencer, battling major health issues, now loss of his wife; **Janet Colvett**, received good reports following her treatments; **Trixie Savage**, Lara's grandmother, skin cancer removed, treatments to follow; **Bob Easley**, taken to hospital after passing out; **Frankie Burfield**, to have hip replacement surgery and kidney cancer discovered; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Laura Swayne**, Patrick Swayne's mother, uterine cancer; **Tasha Higginbotham**, on donor list for kidney transplant; **Steve Geeslin**, brain tumor; **Jason Spencer**, health complications; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**, Ashby Johnson's mother, cancer; **Frederick Bland**; **Renee Loya**, Ruth's niece, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Charles Savage**, prostate cancer; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Eli Williams**, cancer returned, receiving treatments; **Vicki Angel**; **Ray Maples**; **John & Anita Simpson**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, stage 4 cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, stage 4 lung cancer; **Joy Angel**, various health problems; **Linda Perkins**, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**; **Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Carla Carlson**.

Birthdays

3/9 Jan Daniel
3/9 Ginger Bayless
3/18 Betty Duke
3/21 Ella Brown
3/24 Johnny Bayless
3/29 Payton Jackson
3/31 Beverly Hayes

Get Involved!

Southaven Youth Visiting -- TODAY

They will be joining us for lunch, and They will be leading the 1 PM worship service

Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship

March 30 – April 3, see flyer on bulletin board

New Quarter Begins April 6

Teaching materials in back of auditorium

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- April 6

Between services

Providence Place Devotional -- April 13 -- 2 PM

April Bible Bowl -- Apr 19 -- Gen 31 – 33

5 PM at Independence, Potluck style meal

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 30

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Seth Daniel
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Assist	Payton Jackson
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Afternoon

Song Leader	Various
Opening Prayer	Micah Bloom
Sermon	Various
Lord's Supper	Grant Gill
	Matthew Teske
	Tyler Willis
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, April 2

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeremy Moore