



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal

~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal

Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

REJECTION OF GOD CAUSES HIS WRATH?

God is love. God is forgiving. God is kind. God is too good to pronounce eternal judgment on anyone. Or, only on the really, Really, REALLY bad people will be eternally punished. But not most people. Just, you know, the Hitlers and Husseins of this world. To say that the concept of God's wrath is out of sync with our modern world is to state the obvious. Even many who claim to be staunch Christians object to and minimize any mention of God's wrath. Those folks may say that they believe it because, after all, it's in the Bible, but, they're definitely embarrassed by it. I've even heard professing Christians say, "I believe in a God of love, not a God of wrath." Sometimes such people ignorantly imply that the God of the Old Testament was the God of wrath, but by the New Testament, He had mellowed out to be a nice old guy! I've even been told that Jesus was always loving and never judgmental which leads me to always want to ask such people, "When was the last time you actually read the New Testament?"

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Not In Song Book—Holy Ground & Majesty

Song No. 116—O, Worship The King

Song No. 180—In Memory Of The Savior's Love

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Song No. 192—Savior, Lead Me

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 558—Where He Leads I'll Follow

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 159—I Gave My Life For Thee

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 737—Thank You, Lord

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •
- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

SERMON

— FINISHED! —



SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

1 Peter 1:18-20; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 4;
Philippians 4:22; John 20:30-31; Matthew 28:19-20;
Acts 1:1; John 4:34; Psalm 23; Philippians 2:8

SERMON OUTLINE:

INTRODUCTION

- I. God's Final Word On HIS Plan For Sin
 - A. Remove Man's Debt (aka The Curse)
 - B. God's Love Revealed
- II. God's Final Word On HIS Promise
- III. God's Final Word On Progress
 - A. Life Of Purpose
 - B. Life Of Focus
 - C. Life Of Obedience

INVITATION

WED NIGHT STUDY

OCTOBER 18 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— *Intro To 1 Corinthians* —



— OCTOBER 29 —

NO 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

— NOVEMBER 19 —

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal -After Morning Worship
THEME: TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

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This is common thinking in our world today. But Paul has a completely different idea about the character of God (Paul was one of the main writers of the New Testament for those who might believe that, as I stated, Jesus was always loving and never judgmental. To understand God's righteousness fully, we need to understand our problem.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has

shown it to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things” (Romans 1:18-23).

Modern “seeker” churches have drawn huge crowds by never mentioning sin and judgment, instead focusing on the more positive aspects of the gospel: “God loves you. He offers you an abundant life full of peace, joy and love. He will help you with your problems. He wants you to be happy. Won’t you invite Him into your heart?” But these same churches never seem to get around to mentioning that there is a God who is justified in His wrath against sinners. We’ve all bought into the liberal message that theologian Richard Niebur once described as, “A God without wrath [who] brought men without sin into a

kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross.”

When Paul begins to expound on the gospel that he had proclaimed, interestingly, he doesn’t lead off with the love of God. He begins with the righteousness of God and as he expounds further he still doesn’t mention God’s love - he mentions God’s wrath. Modern critics

would say, “Paul, you’re not going to win any converts by that approach! Lighten up! Maybe, much later, you can touch on that subject. But when you’re trying to win people to Christ, don’t mention God’s wrath!” If we’re going to understand

why we need God’s power in the gospel and why we need His very righteousness imputed to our account, we need to understand His wrath against our sin.

If we’re not such bad folks and if we have enough good deeds to earn points towards heaven, then we wouldn’t need God’s righteousness and Christ did not need to bear God’s wrath on our behalf. But, we are ungodly and unrighteous in God’s sight, if we have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness, and as a result are under His just wrath, then we desperately need God’s saving power through the gospel!

In the verses prior to our main text (16-17), Paul told us that God’s righteousness has been revealed through the gospel, the good news of Jesus being ruler over all things. But in revealing that God is faithful to His word to save those who are righteous, there is another side to that coin. If God is faithful to His word, then the message of Habakkuk has another, important point: God’s righteousness condemns the wicked. The righteous live by faith. The wicked do not. If God is faithful to keep His word and has promised to deliver the righteous, save the righteous and vindicate the righteous, then by necessity God is





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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

OCTOBER 15

PEOPLE/SITUATIONS FOR WHOM /
WHICH TO PRAY, NOT YET LISTED:

ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME
A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,
^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN

- ◇ Brock Family [Pat Woodard's great nephew] — Isaac Brock passed into eternity when he committed suicide. ^[1]
- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] — He is back in hospital for surgery on his foot as he's been having issues with standing on one of his legs. He suffers from several health issues, mostly heart and diabetes. ^[1]
- ◇ Noble Family [San Pedro CoC member] — David Noble passed into eternity after his battle with pancreatic cancer. ^[1]
- ◇ Smith, Betty — She's been feeling fairly poorly, off and on, as of late. ^[1]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — Early Thursday morning, she thought she was having a heart attack so, EMS was called to take her to the hospital. Blood work was normal for the "heart attack enzyme" and EKGs were "abnormal" but within bounds for someone Betsy's age (Doctor's words). As the hospital wasn't capable of conducting more in depth tests, she was transferred to a hospital in Round Rock. More tests, blood work, and X-Rays were performed/taken. The X-Ray showed excess fluid in and around her lungs (which can mimic a heart attack). Her cardiologist decided to put her on a high powered intravenous diuretic over the weekend. Good news — she was released to come home Monday evening after the removal of just over 20 pounds of fluid. Better news, *Praise To GOD*, she'll require neither a heart cath nor a chemical stress test (at this time). ^[1]
- ◇ Woodard, Sue [The late, great, Bubba Woodard's wife & Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] — She scheduled for back surgery which is to take place over a two day period. ^[1]

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- ◇ Brown, Scott [Wendell McMeans' friend] — His doctors have determined that his medications have been the cause of his health issues and it's not Lyme disease as originally thought. He's discontinued taking them and he's now feeling better. ^[2]
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — The nursing home thought she was having a stroke as her blood pressure and pulse was high. They found out she had a UTI. She was supposed to have gone back to the nursing home yesterday. ^[2]
- ◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] — He had a heart attack Wednesday. Fortunately, **Praise GOD!** they found the clot and was able to implant a stint. He was to stay in the hospital for several days for observation. ^[2]

OCTOBER 1

- ◇ Family of Cheryl Bippert — Cheryl [Roger's cousin], her husband and daughter were in a traffic accident. Cheryl sustained several broken ribs and is now wearing a brace and taking breathing exercises, her husband, Ernest, was killed and Cheryl's daughter suffered some minor injuries — mostly from the seatbelt. ^[3]
- ◇ Family of Dan Bucheit [Spouse of Art Club member] — Dan passed into eternity either late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. ^[3]
- ◇ Family of Rich Halverson [Father of Ashlee Garcia, one of the teachers at school where Tom Woodard substitutes] — Rich passed into eternity recently. ^[3]
- ◇ Family of Preston Davis [Friend of the congregation] — Preston's grandmother (age 100) passed into eternity recently. ^[3]
- ◇ Parra, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] — He had an angioplasty. Prayers he does well. ^[3]
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda's daughter-in-law, Barbara's nephew] — Doctors finally determined that his mysterious illness was a combination of

covid and a fungal infection. ^[3]

SEPTEMBER 24

- ◇ Family Of Lori Orr — Lori passed into eternity early Friday morning, September 15. Her kind, joyful and loving spirit as she dwelt among us will be sorely missed! ^[4]
- ◇ Family of Tim Haass [Watkins' brother-in-law, Wayne's brother] — Tim passed into eternity early Friday morning. He refused to go to a doctor despite having several health issues including heart. ^[4]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah — She's still in as much pain with her back as she was when she was injured even when wearing her back brace. She saw her Doctor last Thursday and this past Wednesday, September 20. He believes the pain stems from her favoring her back. He wants her to try PT before they consider a vertebroplasty (cementing the cracked vertebrae). ^[4]

SEPTEMBER 17

- ◇ Spicer, Ronda — She continues to suffer from hoarseness and a cough. ^[5]
- ◇ Vierling, Carol — She's been having issues with her eye again and has had to go back on the one shot a month regimen. ^[5]
- ◇ Villarreal, Nick [Melanie McMeans' nephew] — He has several health issues including Long Covid and just recently had to undergo emergency appendectomy. ^[5]
- ◇ Woodard, Pat — **Praise GOD!** Her incisions where the melanomas were removed are healing well and doing what they're supposed to do — heal from the inside out. ^[5]

SEPTEMBER 10 & OLDER

Barron, Pat ^[9]; Brock, Jim ^[9]; Burris, Joyce ^[9]; Clemetson, Allie ^[9]; Cook, Daisy ^[8]; Family of Bobbye Farris ^[8]; Fintel, Pam ^[11]; Hoover, Herb ^[9]; Lester, Kathy ^[12]; Orr, Myrna ^[11]; Renninger, Ruane ^[10]; Shelton, Judy ^[9]; Smith, Philip ^[9]; Sparks, Janice ^[11]; Stroud, Brenna & Derrick ^[8]; Stroud, Faith ^[8]; Vierling, Carlene ^[11]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ROMANS 1:18-23

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faithful to judge all ungodliness and all unrighteousness. The gospel, which reveals Jesus as the deliverer from sins, also reveals Jesus as judge of those who never accept his deliverance. God's wrath has been revealed. God has kept His word and His covenant; we have not. God has been just, fair and right; we have not.

Paul's point is that all people are without excuse. It's not that most people are under the power of sin, but that all people are - no one gets a pass. God has revealed Himself in the creation. Sin is the rejection of God as God. It is the transgressing of God's law. In looking about and seeing God's invisible attributes in the creation, people are expected to seek after God. We should be motivated to learn about God, to know His will, to worship Him. But humans have refused to honor God, worship God, praise God, give Him our thanks. The appropriate response should have been glorifying God and instead we have turned to foolishness. We have turned to created, physical things. Our thinking and our hearts have become warped and damaged because we are not worshiping God as we ought.

Instead of worshiping God as we should, we are foolish and have turned to the worship of our jobs, families, possessions, bank accounts and ourselves and our desires – in short anything that takes our attention away from God. Jeremiah lamented in 2:11 of his book, "Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit."

God's wrath has been revealed. It is real and stands against our unrighteousness. God's righteousness demands that He be just and execute justice. Sin is the rejection of God as God. We cannot refuse to honor God or give Him thanks – worship is the only acceptable response before Him. Brethren, let none of us exchange the glory of the immortal God for false gods, whatever they may be. **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS







Billy & Lea Strunk	October 8	Anniversary
Jim & Laura Gardner	October 10	Anniversary
Deborah Smoot	October 11	Birthday
Wendell & Melanie McMeans	October 27	Birthday (Both)

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And October 31, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 "Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday
Every Monday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.
Sun–Oct 22	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Obeying The Gospel – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Oct 29	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Jesus Is Lord – for channel: searchtv.com

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays	 VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM
4th Tuesdays	 Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM
Sun–Oct 15	National Lemon Bar & Dessert Days National Chocolate Covered Insect Day National Chess Appreciation Day International African Penguin Awareness Day
Mon–Oct 16	World Food Day World Bread Day National Veterans BBQ Day
Tue–Oct 17	National Pasta Day Pro-Life Day Of Silent Solidarity Child Poverty Awareness Day
Wed–Oct 18	National Chocolate Cupcake & Mashed Potato Days National Prayer Day
Thu–Oct 19	National Seafood Bisque Day Conflict Resolution Day Evaluate Your Life Day
Fri–Oct 20	World Osteoporosis Awareness Day International Chefs Appreciation Day
Sat–Oct 21	National Pumpkin Cheesecake & Apple Days Sweetest Day
Sun–Oct 22	National Nut (The Edible Kind) Day Smart Is Cool Day

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ♦ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ♦ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ♦ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ♦ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ♦ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ♦ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ♦ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ♦ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ♦ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ♦ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading —



Immersive —
Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Jer 29; Jer 30; Acts 16; Acts 17
MON	Jer 31; Jer 32; Acts 18; Acts 19
TUE	Jer 33; Jer 34; Acts 20; Acts 21
WED	Jer 35; Jer 36; Acts 22; Acts 23
THU	Jer 37; Jer 38; Acts 24; Acts 25
FRI	Jer 39; Jer 40; Acts 26; Acts 27
SAT	Jer 41; Jer 42; Acts 28; Rom 1

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SELECTED VERSES FROM ACTS

Acts 16:11-15 — ¹¹Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. ¹⁴Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

Romans 1:16-17 — ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

