



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 13, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 11 on Zoom

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
On hold

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A DEADLY SENTIMENT

“If I’m wrong, I don’t want to be right.” Those words are sometimes heard in songs, books, shows, and movies connected with some sort of activity considered scandalous or taboo. It means that a thing feels so good I’d rather just stay wrong and keep doing it. The sentiment, if not always the words, confronts us daily.

Several years ago, I was part of a Bible study designed to remedy serious issues in some lives. As the study progressed a brother closed his Bible, leaned back in his chair, crossed his arms, stuck out his chin, and commenced a speech that contained the phrase, “I know what it says, but...” several times. Each “but” was followed by a statement for why he was not going to do what “it” said. He became increasingly agitated as Scripture was cited. I still cannot think of that event without Galatians 4:16 coming to mind. *Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

The above is an extreme case, though the practice of making excuses for not doing what God says is common. In fact, such excuses need not be verbalized at all. If I have a cherished sin or two that I won’t relinquish, I tell God each time I commit them, “If doing this is wrong than I don’t want to be right!” Whenever sin enters our lives, it *must* do so as invader and not an invited guest. We must *never* grow comfortable with sin. It is not just breaking a command on a page, but fracturing a relationship with our God. Yet that very God had made it so that these failures can be corrected and forgiven immediately (Acts 8:22; 1 John 2:1).

Immediately is the key word here. The longer transgressions are permitted to stain souls the less their presence chaffs as the heart grows harder. (Hebrews 3:13). This is precisely what Satan wants. The hard heart can attend the assembly, bow in

Members Needing Our Prayers

Pat, Seabolt, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear

To Our Guests

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prayer, partake of the Lord's Supper, sing songs, and listen to sermons (or preach them!) while harboring within it that which has no right to be there. The hard heart will stubbornly exclaim, in action if not in word, "If I'm wrong, I don't want to be right!"

Can such a heart be made soft again? Yes, and in the way it grew soft to begin with. Return to the Book. Meditate upon the Lord. Marvel at God's love. Be fervent and constant in prayer. Become a servant to the brethren. If a hardened Christian will *really* do this, they will see their hearts softening again. No longer will such a heart stubbornly exclaim, "If I'm wrong, I don't want to be right!" Instead, it will humbly declare, "If I'm wrong, Lord, forgive and help me understand what's right. Upon understanding it, help me to have the courage and love to do it with all my heart."

Adam Litmer

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David Collins	Adam Daniels	
John Thompson	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

