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WALKING IN LOVE

Ephesians 5: 1-6

What does it mean to 'walk in love'? Paul expresses it both positively and negatively. Positively it means to follow the example of Christ's love, demonstrated on the cross. True walking in love means giving oneself to and for others. This is an unalterable principle of living in the will of God. Martin Luther used to say that the trouble with man is that he is incurvatus in se –turned upon himself. He has distorted the purposes of God for his life by living for himself. But grace changes this, and works to change it more and more, in order to produce Christlikeness in us. Walking in the will of God means living as an offering to God and as a living sacrifice for others (Rom. 12:1-2).





Paul also expresses walking in love negatively. That is arresting in our modern climate of opinion where it is so superficially assumed that the one thing that love never does is to say 'NO'. This is a radically mistaken view. You will notice that in these opening verses in Ephesians 5, Paul provides a substantial (but still not exhaustive) list of all practices to which love will say 'NO'. Walking in the ways of God means refusing other ways! Why should this be? It is because love is the fulfilling of the law. Love therefore turns from breaking the law. Love knows that there are many activities over which it will write 'No-No' (Rom. 13: 8-10).

Have you ever noticed how clearly this negative emphasis appears in Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13?

- Love does *not* envy
- Love does *not* boast
- Love is *not* proud
- Love is *not* rude
- Love is *not* self-seeking
- Love is *not* easily angered
- Love does *not* keep records of wrongs
- Love does *not* delight in evil

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"The Art of Burden Bearing"** based on **Galatians 6:2-3**.
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Standing For The Truth"** based on **Daniel 3:1-30**.
-  **Pastor Dr. H.W.C. Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"Responding To The Cross"** based on **Luke 23:47-49**.
-  **Dr. Jonas** will also preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Spiritual Disaster Preparedness"** based on **Luke 13:4-5**.

It is for this reason that Paul describes covetousness as idolatry in Ephesians 5:5. We do not usually associate these two things together quite so closely. But in the New Testament's way of thinking, the opposite of love for God is love for self. And love for self is a form of idolatry, just as it is the root of covetousness. Guidance, knowing and doing God's will, as we are now beginning to see, is a moral, not merely an intellectual issue. Just so, love is also a moral issue. It is not merely a matter of feelings. It involves decisions of the heart. To be walking in the will of God implies that some measure of this quality of Christian love is being exhibited in our lives. At the very least, if we say we desire the will of God we must make love our aim (1 Cor. 14:1).

- Sinclair B. Ferguson

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer Warrior Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm**, from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading *Prepare for next week...*

Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon
Question 39: What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgment? (Concluded)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. —II Timothy 2:15



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~2nd February - 8th February~

~Today~

Sis Nelseta Gordon - Central
Sis. Pamela Walcott - Tyrells
~4th~

Sis. Suzette Dowdie - Central
~6th~

Andrew Michael - Central
~7th~

Bro. Ashby Andrew - Central
~8th~

Bro. Roderick Benn - Central

Save The Lost



1. Win a soul!

2. Bring a child or youth to church!

3. Invite someone to church daily!

Matthew 28:18-20



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BELIEVER'S BAPTISM AT 5:30 P.M.

All members are advised that we will be observing the ordinance of Believers' Baptism this afternoon at 5:30 p.m. at the Tyrells Baptist Church. Please be in your places by 5:15 p.m. to support and encourage these new converts.

2. JOINT SERVICE TONIGHT

All church members are advised that this evening's service will be a joint service of the Baptist Circuit of Churches—ECBM at the Tyrells Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Avail yourself to this means of grace.

3. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please be punctual.

4. MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP MEETING

All church members are reminded of the monthly Circuit Stewardship meeting that will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Each member is expected to attend this important meeting.

5. NEW MEMBERS' FORUM

All members who have not completed 12 months of membership in our churches are expected to attend the New Members' Forum to be held on Saturday 8th February, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.

6. ECBM MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP

All married couples of the Baptist Circuit of Churches are encouraged to participate in the second Annual ECBM Marriage Fellowship on Saturday, 15th February, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Baptist Retreat Centre. It will be an exciting evening in celebration of Christian marriage. It is guaranteed to be a memorable time of food and fun. The non-member spouses of church

members are welcomed to participate. Make the date with your spouse. The dress code is casual elegant.

7. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.

8. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

9. EVANGELISM THRUST

All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

**Lord's Supper
This Morning**



BELIEVERS BAPTISM



*Today
5:30 p.m. @ Tyrells*

This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 5:30 p.m. **Believers' Baptism**
 6:00 p.m. Worship: Joint Service: Tyrells
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting: Central
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Acteens Club: Central
 6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
 7:00 p.m. **NewMembers' Forum**—Central Fellowship Hall



ECBM DIRECTORY

Central Baptist Church	462-2894
Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
Covenant Baptist Church	561-4022
Baptist Academy	462-2894
Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801

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Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	728-9556

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Earl W. F. Skerritt	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957

BE EARNEST IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries
"Sovereign Grace Hour" (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Jean Edwards,
 Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt,
 Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Cheryl
 Sims, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Pamela Walcott
 PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Bro. Marc &
 Sis. Aline Salien, Bro. Andre & Sis. Altude Exaie,
 THANKSGIVING: Sis. Muriel Martin, Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline
 Salien, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Jean Edwards, Sis. Maxime
 James, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Abiola
 Anthony, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Norma Grant
 NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker,
 Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst
 Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph,
 Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salien,
 Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard,
 Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Juliette Smith, Bro. Orville
 Joseph, Sis. Linnette Robinson, Sis. Genevieve Leo,
 Bro. Shamoy Carty, Bro. Wayne Friday, Bro. Rene Rivert,
 Bro. Jamil Ambrose, Sis. Christine Marcellus, Bro. Devon
**McCoy, Sis. Clytie Francis, Sis. Akiela Simon, Sis. T'Schea
 Stevens**
 WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards,
 Bro. Charles Richards
 SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Christophe Marcellus, George Browne,
 Khalid Browne, Shawn Frederick, Vivian Mason, Clarifoster
**Lewis, Michelle Paige, Annette Paige, Vaughn Aska, J'Quan
 Aska, Arissa Aska, Lawyne Kesto, Michelle Nicholas, Sam
 Nicholas, Theo Blair, Kiz Nathaniel, Saleema Anthony,
 Martin Browne, Devina Browne, Chris Browne, Leah
 Browne, Ajani Dowdie, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria
 Lewis, Nalda Streete**
 NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Jamie Robinson (Central),
 Rickeshia Willock (Tyrells), Stacey Hector (Covenant),
 Tamisha Carr (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 46:1
 Elementary — Psalm 121:1-2
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 23