

FAMILY



NEWS

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LOVE AND EVIL

*"It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth"
(1 Cor. 13:6).*

— 1 Corinthians 13:5-6

Unfortunately, love is often defined in a shallow manner in today's culture and seen as something that overlooks the need to confront sin. Discipline at all levels is often ignored because holding people accountable is surely not the loving thing to do. God, however, never overlooks sin and wickedness, and since He is love (1 John 4:7-8), it is clear that true love is never afraid to ignore the reality of evil or make it less than what it really is. In today's passage, Paul helps us apply this idea practically, showing us how to view the evil others do as well as the sin in our own hearts.


In the first place, love does not automatically assume the worst about other people when they wrong us. Love is not "resentful" (1 Cor. 13:5). Translations such as the New King James Version render the Greek for "resentful" as "thinks no evil," revealing that love does not quickly reach conclusions about the hearts of others. Real love makes us assume that other believers have the best of intentions when they have not repeatedly demonstrated otherwise. If we fail to assume the best of another Christian, we can impute evil motives where they are absent and grow resentful. Love never focuses on the wrongs others do to us, recognizing that God alone knows the hearts of others.


There is an important qualification in all this, however. Love might think the best of others, but it is never naive. Discernment is required, and strong evidence of evil must prompt us to act properly in response (Matt. 10:16). But good discernment is possible only when we strive for impartiality in our evaluation of others.

Should we lack impartiality and assume the worst about others, we will probably violate love's demand that we never rejoice at wrongdoing (v. 6). Those who hastily impute ill motives to others invite gossip and slander. It comes as no surprise that our flesh loves to hear salacious stories and to retell another's sin or assumed motivations. Such acts evidence our rejoicing at wrongdoing, not what is good and holy.

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Dr. H.W.C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m. service** at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic "**Extravagant Grace**" based on **Isaiah 54:1-10**, and also at the **10:00 a.m. service** at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic "**Spiritual Ambitions**" based on **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m. service** at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic "**Facing the Future Without Fear**" based on **Isaiah 43**.

In addition to being wary of gossip and slander, let us also be on guard against finding joy in the act of sin itself. The remaining presence of sin means that our hearts can become rebellious at a moment's notice, and Romans 1:26-32 warns us that the rebellious heart will approve of evil. Should we let down our guard against wickedness, we might grow increasingly attracted to evil and sear our consciences.

Coram Deo

Gossip and slander are two of the most overlooked sins in our day. We are quick to condemn sexual immorality, theft, and murder, but at the same time we often relish the opportunity to hear and tell stories about what others have said or done. When others are tempted to gossip in your presence, stand firm in the Spirit and suggest that the topic of conversation be changed to something more edifying.

Passages for Further Study

Psalm 50; Proverbs 17:20; 21:23; James 1:19-21; Revelation 22:10-11

—<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/love-and-evil-2>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~17th May - 23rd May~

~Today~

Dejon Hutson - Central

Bro. Ernest Davis - Covenant

Sis. Abiola Anthony - Central

~19th~

Bro. Brian Jordan - Tyrells

~20th~

Sis. Jamelia Edwards - Covenant

~22nd~

Sis. Chauntel Jarvis - Central

Bro. Charles Richards - Central



CHILDREN'S CAMP 2015



Theme: Who is Jesus?

***Date: August 10 - August 14, 2015**

***Registration Fee: \$10.00**

***Balance: \$50.00**

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14:6

23rd Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2015

"A Biblical Analysis of the Charismatic Movement"

- ❖ HOST: Faith Baptist Church (Road Town, Tortola, BVI)
- ❖ DATE: July 4-10, 2015
- ❖ KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Sam Waldron

Earnestly pray for the success of the conference.

Summer Camp 2015



Theme:

"Almost Saved, Acting Saved, Actually Saved: Which One Are You?"



"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

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

SERIES: "READY: MINISTERING LIFE TO THOSE IN CRISIS"

Study #2—Ready To Help The Poor—Part 2 of 2
(Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

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



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. CHILDREN IN ACTION MINISTRY MEETING

All members of the Children in Action Ministry are advised of a meeting on Friday, 22nd May from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be on time.

2. 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 pen. Please be punctual.

3. 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. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen. Please be punctual.

4. YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be some exciting activities for the youth this summer. They are as follows:

Acteens Camp: July 27—August 1, 2015

Royal Ambassadors Camp: August 3—August 8, 2015

The fee for all of the above activities is \$200.00.

The theme for the camps is **“Almost Saved, Acting Saved, Actually Saved: Which One Are**

You?” (Revelation 3:15-16). Registration for the summer camps has begun. All interested persons

are asked to complete the registration forms and pay the \$20.00 registration fee at the church office. The balance of \$200.00 is due Sunday, 28 June, 2015. All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps.

5. YOUTH CAMP FUND

All members are kindly asked to invest in the life of one or more of our young people by making a generous contribution to the Youth Camp Fund. This fund is to facilitate our young people attending the annual Summer Youth Camps 2015. You may collect a

special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

6. CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All members of the Circuit are reminded of their Covenant Responsibility to attend all the stated meetings of the church unless providentially hindered by illness, unusual working conditions that do not violate the **Lord’s Day, and other such circumstances (Heb. 10:24, 25)**. The stated meetings of the church are as follows: **All services on the Lord’s Day (Sunday School, morning and evening worship)**, Midweek Prayer Services; Church Stewardship (business) Meetings; and any special meetings that the elders shall deem necessary. Please be reminded that you are expected to advise the elder who is resident at your congregation of any providential hindrances.

7. PROVE THE TITHE

All church members are encouraged to be faithful with the giving of their tithes (10% of gross income) in accordance with the teaching of Malachi 3:8-10, as well as the Missions Offering as the Lord blesses you. The former supports our local church programmes and the latter our outreach beyond the walls of our churches. Let us give cheerfully, in obedience to Christ, and keep the work of the ministry strong and efficient.

IT’S A BOY

We rejoice with Bro. Andre & Sis. Altude Exaie on the birth of their son, Junior Spencer Exaie. He was born on Thursday, 7th May, 2015. He weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces. Let us keep this family in our prayers, and may the Lord continue to bless them.

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
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 6:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
- 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. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- 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
 5:00 p.m. Children In Action Meeting: Central
 6:30 p.m. Acteens Club: Central
 6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors: Central

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. Ann-Marie Pilgrim,
 Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris,
 Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica
 Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith,
 Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta
 Gordon

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Yvonne Lee,
 Sis. Claudia Lewis, Bro. Anthony & Sis. Tamisha Browne,
 Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Nadine Smith

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Rodrick Benn, Sis. Claire Tonge,
 Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Linette Robinson, Sis. Marion
 Locker, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Diane
 Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood

SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Nicole Parker

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René, Bro. Olrich Chery,
 Sis. Briana Griffith

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards,
 Bro. Charles Richards

SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Bryan Benjamin, Thereska Joseph, Thea-
 Lee Hurst, Dave Walton, Moses Walton, Julietta George,
 Debbie Hurst, Clement Henry, Christophe Marcellus, Sonel
 Saint Jean, Sophia Morgan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis,
 Gloria Lewis, Martin Browne, Devina Browne, Chris
 Browne, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Saleema
 Anthony, Theo Blair, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow,
 Aaliyah Trotman, Royden Selwood, Tamara Selwood,
 Aaliyah Edwards

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Rivert René
 (Central—Restoration), Sophonie René (Central), Nia
 Santana (Central), Dr. Bhaskara Murikipudi (Covenant),
 Zakeem Michael (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 6:1-2
 Elementary — Romans 3:23
 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 5:9-10

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

Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

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