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 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Worship.....6:00 PM

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 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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Goals For 2021  
Theme  
 A Church with a Mind to Work  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Brian Anderson is preaching today**

***We are now in week #31 of our Daily Bible Reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin's father  
 Pam Caudill  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas

**Love: John 13:34-35, I John 4:7-8, 11**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Matt. 26:26-29

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: I Cor. 13:1-13  
 PM: Matt. 22:35-39

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 0  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD: 14

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**Bible Love**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**Intro:** This month we're going to spend some time focusing on Love. There are all kinds to misperceptions on Love today. Let's take a look at Bible Love this morning.

**I. Love Is A Command**

Matt 22:37-40, I Jn 4:19, 11

**II. The Importance of Love**

I Cor. 13:2-3, 13, I Pet. 4:8, I Jn 4:8  
 Col. 3:13, Eph 4:2

**III. Love As Jesus**

**-Humility**

Phil. 2:5-8, 3

**-Service**

Mk 10:45, Jn 13:14, Gal. 5:13

**-Action**

Jn 10:19, Lk 19:10, I Tim. 1:15, I Jn 3:18

**-The Undeserving**

Rom. 5:7-8, Eph. 2:4-8, Lk 6:27ff

## Loving God With All of Your Heart, Soul and Mind

**Intro:** *“Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* **Matt. 22:35-39.** Let’s talk about loving God this evening.

### I We Think Of \_\_\_\_\_ as an \_\_\_\_\_ We Can’t Control

Mt 22:37-38

### II How We \_\_\_\_\_

Matt 22:37, Lev. 19, Jn 14:15:23

### III. Why \_\_\_\_\_?

Mt. 22:37-38, I Cor. 13:13

### IV. Why \_\_\_\_\_?

Mt. 22:37, I Jn 4:19, Jn 3:16, Rom. 5:8  
I Jn 4:7-8, Js 1:17

### V. Why \_\_\_\_\_?

Eph. 1:4-5, Jn 1:11-12, Rom. 8:17, Gal. 3:26-27  
2 Pet. 1:4

## Agape Love

It is remarkable how we most often use the word “love” to describe an emotional feeling. When we use the expressions like “falling in love,” “falling out of love” or “I don’t love him anymore,” we are limiting the meaning of love to the emotions which are stirred within us. The Greek language had many words to describe the many facets of love. Our failure to understand one of these words, the Greek word agape, keeps us from properly dealing with others and robs us of one the great blessings of Christianity.

As a child, I always thought of love as an emotion, so when I read Jesus’ words about loving your enemies, I struggled to obey him. My emotional attitude toward my enemy was so far removed from any concept I had of love. (By the way, this struggle is also found in many marriages where a husband or wife is always mistreating their mate). What emotions does one have when people around him are mocking, verbally abusing or insulting him? It is to emotionally respond with anger and the desire to respond in kind to what they are doing—to hurt them like they are hurting us. How can you “love” those who wrong you? Does God really expect me to “love” them?

The answer is found in realizing that when Jesus talked about love (agape) he was not talking about the emotional response we had toward them, but about how we treated them. Agape love has far more to do with how we treat others than how we emotionally respond to them.

Paul discusses this in the closing verses of Romans chapter twelve. Christians were soon to be the objects of scorn, and Nero was about to blame the Christians for burning Rome. In addition to this persecution from the pagans, the Christians had been and were the focus of abuse and persecution from the Jews. What reaction did God expect from the citizens of His kingdom?

It was not a reaction of retaliation. The clearest direction can be summed up in Paul’s words. “Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.” The gravest danger we face is that when others treat us in ungodly ways, we feel we have a right to respond and repay them. Someone once said, “It is never right to do wrong,” and these words capture the apostle’s thought. Enemies are under the eternal judgment of God. Why should we ever join them in doing wrong!

Our response? What does agape love demand of us? Not an emotional response, but simply to treat them with kindness—to respond as Jesus did toward His enemies. But how do I deal with the anger? I turn it over to God. Paul reminded them that vengeance is God’s, and He will always repay. We win when we overcome evil with good!