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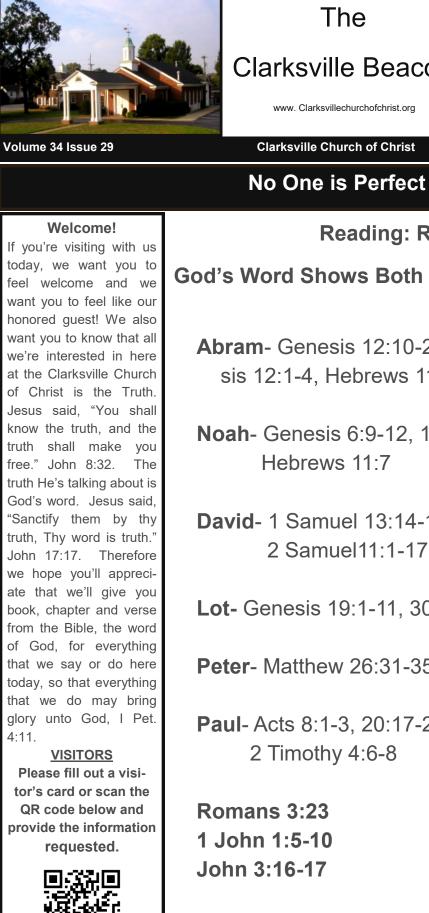
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Goals For 2022 <u>Theme</u> <u>Be Ye Imitators of Christ</u> <u>Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;</u> <u>Sunday AM: 50</u> <u>unday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30</u> <u>Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget</u> <u>Invitations: 130</u> <u>Every Member Committed To Daily Bible</u>	Prayer List Lynn Maudlin, Sharon Maud- lin, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward Les & Novema Dunn Debby Spears (Roseann's sis) Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson Gene Ward & Beth McFarland Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall
<u>Reading</u>	Debble Lewelleri, Gatille Hall
Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service	THIS MONTH: Gave Forgiveness Matt. 9:2,Jn. 3:17, Eph. 4:32,Col. 3:13
Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana Hold A Men's Training Class	Who Have You Invited To Services This week?
Hold One Gospel Meeting Like us on Facebook-View us on YouTube at Clarksvillechurch	Lord's Supper Luke 22:14-20
Mark Maudlin is preaching today	Scripture Reading AM: Rom. 3:9-10 PM: Psalm 130:5-8
We are now in week #29 of our Daily Bible Reading.	Encouragement Tally Invites this month: 6 Invites last month: 21 Visitors YTD: 9

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Reading: Romans 3:9-10

God's Word Shows Both the Good and Bad in People

Abram- Genesis 12:10-20, Genesis 14:14-16, Genesis 12:1-4, Hebrews 11:8-10

Noah- Genesis 6:9-12, 13-22, Genesis 9:20-27, Hebrews 11:7

David- 1 Samuel 13:14-15, 1 Samuel 16:1-7,17:31-51, 2 Samuel11:1-17, Hebrews 11:32-34

Lot- Genesis 19:1-11, 30-38, 2 Peter 2:4-8

Peter- Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75, Acts 4:13-22

Paul- Acts 8:1-3, 20:17-21, 31, Acts 22:9-20, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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In His Time

Reading: Psalms 130:5-8

Those Who Did Not Wait on God Israelites- Exodus 14:10-14

Israelites- Exodus 32:1-21 Abram & Hagar- Genesis 16:1-5 King Saul- 1 Samuel 13:1-4

Those Who Waited on God

Noah-Gen. 5:32, 7:6, 9:28, Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 3:2, 5:32, 7:6, 9:28, Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5

Paul-Acts 16:6-10

Abraham- Hebrews 11:8-10

David- Psalms 27:11-14, Psalms 38:15-22, Psalms 41:1-3

Jeremiah 10:23 Isaiah 55:8-9 Isaiah 40:31 Isaiah 30:18 **Romans 12:12**

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"When you forgive, you in no way change the past — but you surely do change the future" (Bernard Meltzer).

FEW ABILITIES WE POSSESS ARE ANY MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ABILITY TO **FORGIVE**. It is remarkably transformative in its power to do good for others, to change our own situation, and to open up doors that would otherwise remain closed. When we forgive someone who has wronged us, we create wonderful possibilities.

Forgiveness is not easy, even under the best of circumstances, but we sometimes make it harder than it has to be. We do this by thinking of forgiveness merely as an emotion. Finding it hard to *feel* a certain way about an adversary, we suppose that we can't forgive them. But forgiveness is a *choice*. It is a decision of the will, and it can be made even in the absence of forgiving feelings.

The best way to think of forgiveness is to think of it as canceling a debt. Henry Ward Beecher described it this way: "A forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note — torn in two and burned up, so that it can never be shown against the man." If you owe me money and I forgive the debt, that means the debt is canceled. You don't have to repay it. And similarly, if you have wronged me and I forgive you, then I am saying, "The debt is canceled. You owe me nothing. Rather than pursue payment, I am releasing you from the obligation."

Doing this, of course, requires the extension of mercy and grace. Whereas justice would demand full repayment of the debt, mercy rises above justice and forgoes the repayment. This is hard to do, as anyone who has ever tried it knows. But mercy becomes easier when we realize that no mercy will be shown to us if we have not been merciful to others. "He that demands mercy, and shows none, ruins the bridge over which he himself must pass" (Thomas Adams).

One thing is certain: if we make the choice not to forgive, we doom ourselves to an existence that can hardly be called "life." So we must decide to forgive. Having done so, resentments will creep back into our minds now and then, and the decision to forgive may have to be remade many times. This is hard work. But if we take the easy way out and wallow in bitterness, then we sell ourselves into bondage.

"Life lived without forgiveness becomes a prison" (William Arthur Ward).

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