

Morning Worship

February 14, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Tim Waters	Piano — Sharon Waters
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Chorus # 222	"I've Come to Tell"
	Tim/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Hymn # 231	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing "
	Tim/People
Offering Prayer	Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Sharon Waters
Hymn # 4	"To God Be the Glory"
	Tim/People
Anthem	"Without Him"
	Worship Choir
Hymn # 344	"Jesus Loves Me"
	Tim/People
Chorus # 146	"O How He Loves You and Me"
	Tim/People
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading	Allan/People
Message	Allan Lane
Hymn # 312	"Softly and Tenderly"
	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Chorus of # 567	"Share His Love"
	Tim/People

Does God Really Love Me?

Malachi 1:1-2, 1 John 4:7-12

At times in our lives we may find ourselves like the people in Malachi's day, focusing only on our own problems and asking, "Does God love me?" How do we know that God loves us? This morning, we know that God loves us because ...

1) ...The Bible tells me so.

Jeremiah 31:3

One day C. H. Spurgeon was walking through the English countryside with a friend. As they strolled along, the evangelist noticed a barn with a weather vane on its roof. At the top of the vane were these words: GOD IS LOVE. Spurgeon remarked to his companion that he thought this was a rather inappropriate place for such a message. "Weather vanes are changeable," he said, "but God's love is constant." "I don't agree with you about those words, Charles," replied his friend. "You misunderstood the meaning. That sign is indicating a truth: Regardless of which way the wind blows, God is love."

1 John 4:16, 19

If we trust and accept what God says in His Word, the Bible, we will know He loves us.

2) ...His Son died for me.

Romans 5:8

God demonstrates His love for us through the death of His Son. The Bible declares that our sin separates us from a holy God and that no amount of human goodness, works, morality, or religious activity on our part can gain acceptance with God. Yet He still loves us and provided the means for us to have everlasting life through the death of His Son on the cross.

1 John 4:9-10

Perhaps you've heard the story about a man named John Griffith. John was the father of an 8-year-old boy during the 20's and 30's. John was very fortunate during those times, because he had job. John loved his son very much. He was the apple of his eye. John's son was a normal little boy who constantly wanted to go to work with his father. John decided he would take his boy to work with him one day. John was the Memphis bridge conductor across the Mississippi River. John was in charge of raising and lowering the bridge so that boats could get through and trains could pass. John's son was so amazed at the gears and all the things that went along with his father's job. They had brought their lunch to work with them that day and decided to eat their lunch on the bank of the river. John and his son was eating lunch and John had realized that in about 3 minutes the Memphis Belle carrying 300 passengers was getting ready to cross the bridge, but the bridge was not lowered. John didn't want to alarm his son so he patted him on the shoulder and told him to sit right there and he would be right back. John hustled up the stairs, he grabbed the lever to lower the bridge and he had realized that somehow his son had climbed to the bridge and had fallen in between the gears of the bridge. John could hear the train coming carrying the 400 passengers. In his mind he started going over ways he could get his son from the gears and still lower the bridge, but he knew he had to make a choice. John lowered the bridge just in time for the train to pass crushing his son in between the gears. John looked at the train passing by and saw a man reading his newspaper a woman drinking her tea and another talking to his wife. John screamed at the top of his lungs "Hey, Don't you know what I've just done for you" they didn't hear him so he screamed again "Hey, Don't you know what I've just done for you" But again they just went along with their lives not ever realizing what John had done for them. God is asking us the same question "Don't you know what I've done for you. I sent my only son to this earth for you. He died a terrible death so that you could spend eternity with me. Why are you going on with your busy meaningless live not serving me, and some of you have not even accepted me as your savior. I love you so much.

"Calvary shows how far men will go in sin, and how far God went for man's salvation. - **H. D. Trumbull.** (John 15:13, John 3:16)

3) ...He disciplines me when needed.

Vance Havner used to say, "God's chastening originates in His love."

Proverbs 3:11-12

Someone has said, "By chastening, the Lord separates the sin that he hates from the sinner whom he loves."

Hebrews 12:5-7

"The scourges by which God chastises his children are testimonies of his love." -

John Calvin

Revelation 3:19

4) ...He works for good in my life.

Sometimes we're like the little girl who wrote to her pastor, "Dear Pastor, I know God loves me but I wish He would give me an "A" on my report card just so I could be sure. Love, Theresa.

God loves us and because He does what is best for us and not necessarily what we want. This may involve some bumps, bends and breakdowns along the highway of life. But rest assured He knows what He is doing.

Romans 8:28

Sometimes love has to be cruel to be kind. Years ago, in the days before stagecoaches had been superseded by railways, a mother and her infant were the only passengers in a coach in western Montana during a bitter winter. The woman had not provided against such intense cold, and although she could protect her baby, her own life became endangered. The driver quickened the pace of his team, hoping to reach warmth and refuge before her condition became serious, but the fatal drowsiness stole over her, and when no answers to his inquiries were returned, he stopped and got down from his box. The woman's head was swaying from side to side. He took the baby from her and bestowed it as comfortably as he could in a furry bundle under the shelter of the seat; then, seizing the mother roughly by the arm, he dragged her upon the frozen ground. His violence partly awakened her; but when he banged the door and sprang on his box and drove on, leaving her in the road, she came fully to her senses and began to scream as she ran madly after him, calling, "My baby, oh, my baby." The horror of her loss and the violence of the exercise to which she was forced saved her. When her blood was in healthy circulation, the driver pulled up his horses, and allowed her to resume her place with her unharmed child.

Examples of God overriding in the affairs of life for His glory and the benefit of those He loves are seen in the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy 23:5

Genesis 50:20

Because God loves us, God wants what is best for us not necessarily what we think is best for us. **Psalm 84:11**

5) ...He made me His child .

Ephesians 2:4-6

- * In His love God made me His child (John 1:12)
- * In His love God made me a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17)
- * In His love God made me a citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- * In His love God chose me (1 Thessalonians 1:4)
- * In His love, His Son is preparing a place for me (John 14:3)
- * In His love He is coming one day to take me to be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

1 John 3:1-2

Conclusion

There is probably no greater summary of God's love than that which is found in John 3:16. John 3:16 was the verse through which D. L. Moody learned to appreciate the greatness of God's love. Moody had been to Britain in the early days of his ministry and there he met a young English preacher named Henry Moorhouse. One day Moorhouse said to Moody, "I am thinking of going to America."

"Well," said Moody, "if you should ever get to Chicago, come down to my church and I will give you a chance to preach."

Moody did not mean to be hypocritical when he said this, of course. He was merely being polite. Nevertheless, he was saying to himself that he hoped Moorhouse would not come, for Moody had not heard him preach and had no idea of what he would say should he come to Chicago. Sometime later, after Moody had returned home, the evangelist received a telegram that said, "Have just arrived in New York. Will be in Chicago on Sunday. Moorhouse." Moody was perplexed about what he should do, and to complicate matters he was just about to leave for a series of meetings elsewhere. "Oh, my," he thought, "here I am about to be gone on Sunday, Moorhouse is coming, and I have promised to let him preach."

Finally he said to his wife and to the leaders of the church, "I think that I should let him preach once. So let him preach once; then if the people enjoy him, put him on again."

Moody was gone for a week. When he returned he said to his wife, "How did the young preacher do?"

"Oh, he is a better preacher than you are," his wife said. "He is telling sinners that God loves them."

"That is not right," said Moody. "God does not love sinners."

"Well," she said, "you go and hear him."

"What?" said Moody. "Do you mean to tell me that he is still preaching?"

"Yes, he has been preaching all week, and he has only had one verse for a text. It is John 3:16."

Moody went to the meeting. Moorhouse got up and began by saying, "I have been hunting for a text all week, and I have not been able to find a better text than John 3:16. So I think we will just talk about it once more." He did. Afterward Moody said it was on that night that he first clearly understood the greatness of God's love.

The topic of God's love is truly an overwhelming subject to try and tackle in only one message. There is so much that the Bible has to say about the love of God that I doubt anyone has ever come close to fully comprehending it. **A.W. Tozer** once said, "I can no more do justice to this awesome and wonder-filled topic than a child can grasp a star. Still, by reaching toward the star the child may call attention to it and even indicate the direction one must look to see it. And so, I stretch my heart toward the high, shining love of God so that we may be encouraged to look up and have hope."

Understand God's Great Love!

What Is Love?

When love reigns, God reigns. During Oliver Cromwell's (1599-1658) reign of England (1653-1658) a young soldier was sentenced to die. The girl to whom he was engaged pleaded with Cromwell to spare the life of her beloved, but to no avail. The young man was to be executed when the curfew bell sounded, but when the sexton repeatedly pulled the rope the bell made no sound. The girl had climbed into the belfry and wrapped herself around the clapper so that it could not strike the bell. Her body was smashed and torn, but she did not let

go until the clapper stopped swinging. She managed to climb down, bruised and bleeding, to meet those awaiting the execution. When she explained what she had done, Cromwell commuted the sentence. A poet beautifully recorded the story as follows:

*At his feet she told her story,
Showed her hands all bruised and torn,
and her sweet young face still haggard
With the anguish it had worn,
Touched his heart with sudden pity,
Lit his eyes with misty light.
"Go, your lover lives," said Cromwell;
"Curfew will not ring tonight."*

George Matheson was only fifteen when he was told that he was losing what little eyesight he had. Instead of giving up, Matheson immediately continued with his plans to enroll in the University of Glasgow, and his determination lead to his graduation at age nineteen. But as he pursued graduate studies in theology for Christian ministry he finally lost his sight. His sisters joined ranks beside him, learning Greek and Hebrew to assist him in his studies. He pressed faithfully on.

But his spirit collapsed when his fiancée, unwilling to be married to a blind man, broke their engagement and returned his ring. He never married, and the pain of that rejection never totally left him. Years later, as a well-loved preacher in Scotland, his sister came to him announcing her engagement. He rejoiced with her, but his mind went back to his own heartache. He consoled himself in thinking of God's love that is never limited, never conditional, never withdrawn, and never uncertain. Out of this experience he wrote the hymn, *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."*

*O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths it flow
May richer, fuller be.*

Human love is very uncertain. All of us have experienced rejection at some point in our lives. Like George Matheson we need to learn to lean on and trust God's perfect love. His love is our hope and our goal. Being a Christian means that we learn to love like Jesus.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan
Sunday, February 14, 2016

Happy Valentine's Day

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: Steven Buckley, Ken Nice,
 Don Sharp, Fred Kerns
Alternate: Isaac Waters
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

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Sunday Nights

We will have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. We will be showing the latest movie featuring Priscilla Shirer. We will start at 6:30 pm sharp and it will not be over until 8:00 pm, but don't let that keep you from coming. See you tonight!

**Wednesday Night Prayer
and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

Financial Statements

If you did not receive a statement but need one for tithes and offerings you gave in 2015, please let us know. We are glad to help. Remember that gifts not given in an offering envelope cannot be recorded.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your recent donation to our food pantry. We appreciate your faithfulness in helping us meet the needs of others.

God Bless you,
Maggie Wall
Patee Park Baptist
Food Pantry

Food Pantry

February 21 is our collection day for Patee Park Food Pantry. You may donate monetarily or you may place your canned or boxed goods in the hallway basket any time.

**Diversicare
Nursing Home
February 28, 2016 at 2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

For the Record

Attendance: February 7, 2016

Sunday School.....	55
Visitors.....	3
Total.....	58
Contacts Made.....	9
Morning Worship.....	55
Children's Worship	21
January Bible Study.....	23
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	15

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 3,533.32

Offering Received by Mail:

February Counting Team:

Larry McKahan and Jordan Lane

February Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

February Member Birthdays:

05...Matthew Mayse

February Anniversaries

George and Brenda Burgess

February 25, 1995

Prayer Requests ...

David Schottel—knee replacement
Ken Nice—surgery recovery
Kathryn Seedorf—Sharon's mother
Joyce Izer—pray for healing
Alicia McKinnon—healing
LoLeta Middleton—eye infection
Bill Schottel—healing
Maxine and George Ferbert
Betty Anslinger—February 15 surgery
Sue Higgins—regain strength
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Bill Haskins—strength
Stacy Gray—cancer treatment
Muriel Elder—surgery recovery
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters
Grant Schottel—advanced training
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health
Bob Barquist—cancer
Lester Buck Kathryn Beavers
Louanne Laurence Dorothy Post
Allen Jennings Ann Riddle
Jim Winans Jozy Winans
Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds
Kevin Duty Kenny Duty
Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold
Susan Patten Debbie Sands
Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson
Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane
Keon McKahan Dorothy Post
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service people

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...