

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

Song: **48** – *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Song: **194** – *Savior, Lead Me*

First prayer: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **542** – *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons** & **David Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Brian Zumalt**

Song: **653** – *The Gospel is for All*

Sermon: “*Preaching in Spirit and Truth*” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **207** – *Let Him Have His Way With Thee*

Closing song: **592** – *Near to the Heart of God*

Closing prayer: **Jeremy Thomas**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Shane & Alyssa – traveling
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

**Please continue to remember:** Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy birthday to **Brian Zumalt** (January 18<sup>th</sup>)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren ([www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495](http://www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495))

### RECORD FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2024

#### ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 11    AM Worship – 13    Sun PM – 11    DBR – 4    Wed (1/8) – 11

Contribution – \$1372

# *Yukon Church of Christ*

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Sunday Bible class: 9am    Worship 10am & 12:30pm    Wednesday Bible class: 7pm

**Matthew 9:37-38** “*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.*”

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## **AM I BECOME YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?**

Galatians 4:1-16

A careful study of Paul's epistle to the churches in Galatia is certainly a profitable study for all individuals, even in our modern day society. Paul's inspired message to the Galatians is eternal. All of accountable humanity still need to be instructed about justification from sin. Such occurs by means of the precious blood of Christ rather than through the Mosaic law.

While certainly the law of Moses was a very valuable asset to God's scheme of Redemption, the design of such was to educate humanity dealing with horribleness and terribleness of sin (Galatians 3:13-25). The Old law was thus temporary until the New Testament of Christ became operative. Since the New covenant was activated on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter two, accountable individuals are justified by the blood of Christ by faith in Christ and obedience to the gospel. Individuals still need to understand the implications of reverting to the Mosaic law for authority in religious matters, whether that item be circumcision, the observance of religious holy days, the usage of mechanical instruments of music in worship, a separate priesthood, or whatever. Therefore, the impact of this inspired written work of Paul

continues to the present. Paul's epistle to the Galatians is just as pertinent to the twenty-first century as it is to the first.

In Galatians chapter four Paul argues an inspired case affirming that of justification by the gospel of Christ. This chapter is divided into four sub-divisions: (1) A heir of God receives justification through Christ (4:1-7). (2) Paul exhorts individuals to abide in the doctrine of justification by THE faith (4:8-20). Section two is sub-divided as follows: (1) A fear that the Galatians will return to a state of bondage (4:8-11); (2) Past relationships used as a basis to appeal to the Galatian brethren to remain faithful; and (3) An appeal to continue to accept New Testament justification based upon an allegory from the Old Testament.

As we note our text we observe that those in Galatia had loved Paul to the point where they would have plucked out their eyes and given them to him to assist him in his work in the gospel.

In spite of their former love for him, these brethren had become entangled with false teachers. Was Paul now their enemy because he loved them enough to tell them the truth? May we all remember that true love is not based upon individuals telling us what we want to hear, but rather telling us what we need to know. May we develop a love for truth that will bring a genuine appreciation to all who have enough concern for our souls to give us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Requirements for telling the truth. As tellers of God's eternal truth, we must develop a realization that certain contingencies must be met in order that we may effectively present God's truth.

The presentation of the truth of God is not something that one engages within just simply to beat another individual over the head. Paul had to confront brethren because of their compromise with the false brethren who came in privily to spy out their liberties. A great deal of turmoil was created within the churches in Galatia over this heresy. Paul, out of a deep and genuine concern for all involved, acted in a controversial manner in opposing that which was sinful. His action even included rebuking Peter, a fellow Christian, preacher, and also an apostle of Christ (Galatians 2:1-14).

Telling the truth seeks the true welfare of others (Isaiah 18:1-5). Telling the truth recognizes that true liberty comes from such knowledge (John 8:32; 15:1-4). The character of a true friend is demonstrated (Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 22:31-32; John 21:15-18, Ephesians 4:15).

Why do we regard friends as enemies because of truth? There are two basic reasons why such is the case: (1) Because of the controversial nature of truth. Because truth is controversial it is not popular and often unpleasant. Note the following passages of scripture: John 8:44; Romans 2:8-11; Hebrews 4:12 (2) Because of our long-established practices and customs many find truth to be very unpopular (Romans 3:10-11; 1 Timothy 3:6; 6:3-4; John 4:6).

How reproof should be administered. In making proper correction one must use proper knowledge (2 Timothy 2:15), proper authority (John 8:26), proper time (Ecclesiastes 3:1; Proverbs 6:20), and in the proper manner (Ephesians 4:15).

How reproof should be received. When one is scripturally corrected one should love the truth (Acts 10:33), recognize the value of a proper rebuke (Proverbs 27:5), and have a willingness to receive such (Proverbs 15:5, 12; 17:10).

Concluding thoughts: Let us *always* speak God's truth--not because we desire to make enemies; however let us always speak the truth even if it does change the dearest of friends into the bitterest of enemies as a consequence of our devotion and love for God.

Kent Bailey

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10