

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025

Song: 784 – Lord, Send Me

Song: 65 – A Wonderful Savior

First prayer: **Shane Upton**

Song: 99 – Night, With Ebon Pinion

Communion servers: **Chrishawn Thompson & Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: 271 – Faith is the Victory

Sermon: "The Days of Our Years" – **Jerry Brewer**

Invitation song: 453 – I Am Resolved

Closing song: 397 – I'll Fly Away

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Brian & Kim (health issues)
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa's friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark's friend)
- Mernie's sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood) – hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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 **Adam Bentley** (November 24th)!
- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 14 AM Worship – 14 Sun PM – 10 DBR – 6 Wed (11/19) – 13

Contribution – \$1527

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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CAN THE WORLD HATE YOU?

(Part One)

"The world cannot hate you" (John 7:7).

These were the words of rebuke spoken by Jesus Christ to His unbelieving brothers. It is difficult to conceive that Jesus' own flesh and blood, brought up under the same roof as He, did not believe He was the Messiah (verse 5). Yet the Lord's manner of rebuking them is similarly remarkable. One has to wonder exactly how much offense was taken at this simple statement. Consider how insulted the most popular girl in school would be if she were told, "There is nobody who does not like you."

Yet the context indicates that this was indeed a rebuke, given by the Lord to address error in the lives of His brothers. As such, any living today whom the world cannot hate likewise stands in need of correction.

Should One Desire the World's Hatred?

It is perfectly natural for each human being to desire the friendship and approval of other human beings. As our Creator said Himself, "*It is not good that the man should be alone*" (Genesis 2:18). As such, it would be very unnatural, against the goodness of God's creation (1:31), for a human being to **desire** to be hated by other human beings.

The Lord commands His people to be a positive influence upon the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Paul stated that one of the reasons the Thessalonians were to keep his commandments was in order *“that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without”* (1 Thessalonians 4:12). Prerequisite to one’s becoming an elder in the Lord’s church is that *“he must have a good report of them which are without”* (1 Timothy 3:7). While one can positively influence another who dislikes or even hates him, the effectiveness of that influence will be greatly lessened. People are more generally motivated to emulate and enjoy the company of those whom they love than those whom they hate. In this sense, being hated by the world even hinders one from serving the Lord’s purpose — to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Such things should cause one to avoid being hated by the world—when possible (compare with Romans 12:18).

God Himself never **desired** the enmity of the world—if He did, would He express disappointment and disgust at the world’s sin? (Genesis 3:13ff; Isaiah 1:4; Matthew 7:23). Would He have had a desire for reconciliation? (Isaiah 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:4). Would He have given His own Son to obtain a reconciliation that most would reject? (John 3:16; Acts 13:46; Romans 5:8). When Jesus spoke of being hated by the world, He was not speaking of a **desire** that one must have, but of a **capacity** that must exist.

Whom Does the World Hate?

The world could not hate Jesus’ brothers—*“But me it hateth”* were the words the Lord immediately added (John 7:7).

Why would the world hate Jesus, the compassionate Son of God, the Savior of all humanity, and the fulfillment of the great promise of God to bruise the head of Satan? Jesus knew the answer: *“Because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.”*

People generally do not enjoy being told or shown that they are wrong, even when it is for their benefit. Yet this is what Jesus did. Jesus was the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5);

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God (John 3:19-21).

Seeing that *“the whole world lieth in wickedness”* (1 John 5:19), “the whole world” was rebuked by Jesus. Jesus did this through preaching the truth. And as Christians are to be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14; compare with Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15-16), they are to preach the truth and rebuke sin: *“But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light”* (Ephesians 5:13).

The world hated Jesus for preaching the truth and thus rebuking their sin. Certainly the world climate has changed since the first century, but is it that much more favorable to true Christianity? We live in an age in which peace has been struck between atheists, Jews, and professed “Christians”; a peace based upon the premise, “We can agree to disagree, just don’t tell me I’m wrong.” But because sin is ever present, Christians are compelled to bear with unrelenting zeal the sword that Jesus sends into the earth (Matthew 10:34). Christians are compelled to be distinct from a world of sin, yet, *“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you”* (John 15:19). Do you strive to please your Lord in your conduct? Do you stand up for truth? Do you oppose wrong? If so, *“Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you”* (1 John 3:13).

To Be Continued

Lee Moses

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. **HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
2. **BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 8:24 – “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
3. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3 – “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” Acts 17:30 – “And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” 2 Corinthians 7:10 – “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”
4. **CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10 – “if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Also Matthew 10:32-33; see Acts 8:37 for an example.)
5. **BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16 – “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”; Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”; Acts 22:16 – “Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”; 1 Peter 3:21 – “...baptism doth also now save us...”
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58 – “Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; Colossians 1:23 – “...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”; Revelation 2:10 – “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”