

What Does the World Need?

As time moves on, I am thankful for Jesus and the church. While having an attitude of gratitude, I also have a feeling of concern. I am concerned about the world really not knowing Jesus or having an understanding of the church. I know this is not a new concept, but our concern for others should not be diminished. John 3:15-17 tells us that God sent His Son so we may have eternal life and through Jesus, the world "might" be saved. God loves us and He wants us to demonstrate that love to others, as we are "ambassadors for Christ."

Imagine if those outside Christ and the church could understand the love God has for us! In his book entitled, *Love More, Sin Less*, Aubrey Johnson says, "The call of the gospel is a call to love. We are summoned by God's love to share in the fellowship of loving spirits in heaven and on earth (Philippians 2:1-2). Making a commitment to the love-based life is the best decision one can ever make."

As Christians, we live in a world that is known more for "self" instead of "selflessness." Generally speaking, this worldly attitude on love creates challenges for us. As we seek to put others first, others may not reciprocate this mindset. Therefore, we must be persistent and not be pushed back when loving our fellow man as Scripture directs us. Let us remember:

- ◆ We must love one another—**John 13:34-35.**
- ◆ We must serve one another—**Galatians 5:13.**
- ◆ We must abound in love—**1 Thessalonians. 3:12.**
- ◆ We must love our enemies—**Matthew 5:44.**
- ◆ We must remember love is patient—**1 Corinthians 13:4.**

As we engage an embattled world, may we equip ourselves with the love of Christ. Colossians 3:14-15 says, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

The world needs love, the world needs teaching, and the world needs Jesus!

- Allen Jones, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (via *Bulletin Digest*) -



Man was lost by believing the devil; he is saved by believing Christ.

News & Notes

BIRTHING KITS: Monetary donations are being accepted to purchase items to make the Malawi Project Birthing Kits. If you would like to donate, cash or checks made out to the church, please give to MaClay Toomey.

PANTRY: Canned sweet potatoes & small turkeys.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Trinity West. Steubenville - ICU: Linda Lemasters (wife of Larry Lemasters - McKinneyville). **At Home:** Melissa Rosohac, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox - Chastor:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETING

Bridge St., N. Martinsville ----- Nov. 12-15 ----- - Phil Sanders

Our Unchanging God

Ernest S. Underwood

"For I am the Lord, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). We serve an unchanging God.

We live in a society today that has adopted a philosophy of political correctness, making whatever changes it has to in order to please as many as possible. In such a world of changes, it is good to know that we have a God who does not change. Let's look at some ways in which He does not change.

- God is unchanging in His Attributes: righteousness, power, benevolence and wisdom.
- God is unchanging in His attitude: toward sin; toward the sinner; toward His faithful people.
- God is unchanging in His demands: for submission; for love and loyalty; for character; for service.
- God is unchanging in not showing respect of persons. He saves those who obey Him, but He condemns those who fail or refuse to obey (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

Are you prepared to meet this unchanging God?

- *Gospel Gazette* online -

Sunny Side Up

A sunrise is God's way of telling us...

- ...to lighten up,
- ...and brighten up, and start each day anew
- ...to heighten up,
- ...enlighten up, and take the sunny view.

- Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY -
(via *Bulletin Digest*)



"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22, 23 (NASB)