

Is it Time for My Medicine?

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It is not hard to understand why many are calling for a ban on assault weapons. It is also easy to understand the arguments against such a ban. People will still be killing each other with some sort of weapon, right? So, let's get rid of the 2nd amendment altogether, then. Would that stop people killing each other? Nope.

There are no political solutions to the problem of humanity's penchant for hatred and violence. We must get back to God if we are to sort this mess out. Some are particularly good at defining and cataloging the various forms of violence as though, somehow, such knowledge of these evils makes us immune to them. But is racial violence really a different breed from domestic violence or workplace violence?

Our culture has also decided that certain acts of violence stand out as being motivated by hate and must be labeled as such. It is almost comforting to hear that even speech can be "hate speech". Do those who promote such a doctrine get that from our LORD's admonition that even if you are angry with our brother or call him a fool, we are liable to the same judgment as a murderer? (Matthew 5:21,22) Somehow, I don't think so.

It is sad that so many of our modern thinkers in rejecting the righteousness of God's Word are settling for their own righteousness as a suitable standard for behavior – theirs and ours. They hate God so they become stewards of hate, packaging, labeling, and dispensing it to the common people. They tell us which acts are prompted by hate. They can do this because they are above all of this, like gods. Those of us who love God's Word will recognize this as a new form of Phariseism. We all need to be careful not to fall into this sort of thinking because of teaching such as found in Psalm 97:9

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Christians do not deny the need for change in behavior, but God's righteousness offers the remedy for all man's problems. We need to eradicate the assault tongue, the hateful heart and the malicious mind. That takes the spirit of Christ, not the arm of the law. When Jesus was being led to His death and some were lamenting for him, he told them to worry about themselves and their children because "if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23:31)

The wood is very dry, but hearts can still change. God's Word is still powerful medicine for our hearts (Hebrews 4:12)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

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Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Teachings from the Psalms
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: March 31st at the building, 6:30pm-** we will be continuing with our study of the minor prophets. Come at 6 and eat with us before the lesson.
- **Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little, Doug and Sandy Zimmerman and Dave and Kristy Bell** hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



NEWS

- Many of us are having success getting our **Covid vaccinations**. A few have already had both shots, and some are done with their first one. **We are looking forward to not having to deal with lockdowns and restrictions anymore.**
- It would be good if **Dan Rowe**, at Elderwood, could receive a card or note of encouragement from a few of us. **His address is: 44 Ball St., Apt. 110, Waverly, NY 14892.**
- Paul will be preaching today.

PRAYERS

- **Arthur's older brother Chris** who lives in Yorkshire, England has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Pray that he will open his heart to Christ soon.
- **Pat Guthrie** has had lung cancer reoccur in his left lung. Pray for another remission.
- **Tim** has started a new job at Gutchess Lumber in Cortland. We pray that all goes well for him.
- Pray for **Don Myers** of Elmore, AL. He recently made the decision to retire from his position at Faulkner U and the family will move to MI to be near his daughter Jenny.
- **José Rivera**, Molly's husband, has been laid off work until he can stabilize his blood sugar levels. He has been somewhat successful in that endeavor. Pray that he can return to work soon.
- Pray for **Linnett Short, a former coworker of Paul's**. She has recently been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer.
- **Arthur's sister, Sue**, a two-time breast cancer survivor, is being checked for suspicious activity near her last outbreak. She will soon undergo a sonogram followed by a needle biopsy. Please pray it is negative for cancer.
- **Arthur has been diagnosed with COPD**, which causes him to cough. Pray that he is able to control it so that it doesn't lead to emphysema.
- **Pray that our sisters in Christ in Bautou, China can be encouraged to meet for worship even though they are only 3 or 4 strong. Jin, one of the sisters there, has asks for our prayers that she can carry a baby through to term.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.