

## LOVE IS.... By Arthur Barry

Attributes of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

✦ **It is not irritable or resentful.**

Love is not resentful. This is the way the English Standard and the Revised Standard versions of the Bible read. The KJV says "...thinketh no evil". You might be more familiar with the reading that says love "keeps no record of wrongs" (NIV). That seems to be more powerful, and we can actually visualize someone writing down every wrong deed that another person does. The idea is that we should refuse to think badly about a person. Mothers often love their children to a fault, meaning they refuse to acknowledge any wrong, or make excuses for bad behavior. God, however, definitely calls for correction, discipline and rebuking if necessary, and God Himself will hold us to account for what we have done (Romans 14:12). If God is love, how can He be keeping a record of what I do?

God ultimately judges us on whether we are faithful to Jesus. God acknowledges that we are imperfect, and that is why He sent Jesus to represent us. Our faith is a way of life that calls for the perfect behavior of Jesus Himself, but also provides a way of repentance when we fall short. Seeing as how we all fall short, none of us can judge another one of us. God can, and will, judge us, however, and at the time of judgment we apparently will be very much aware of just how gracious He has been to each one of us. Those who have been faithful will rejoice about that grace and those who have not been faithful will mourn about it. In the meantime, God is encouraging us all to "finish the race". He grants us repentance and furnishes us with the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Because of His love we can overcome our shortcomings, and because of our shortcomings we love Him more.

We are to be like Him in that regard, aren't we? But so often we hold grudges for things people have done to us. Worse than that we take a dislike to someone and, not only do we keep track of their mistakes, but nothing they do is right. Even when they do something positive it angers us, and it seems they should be punished for that. That is resentment. It is a disease that eats you alive, and I believe it is the disease that is eating Satan in his hatred of everything that God does. The incredible thing about Jesus is that He takes all of that hatred and still wants the best for us. He holds no grudges; He bears no resentment. Pride and resentment are twins in the same way that love and grace are twins.

We see a lot of the P & R twins in our world, and they get into the Church as well. They were there at Corinth. However, if we listen to, and obey, Jesus we will always make room for the L & G twins.



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Looking into the Heart of God**

Arthur will be preaching today

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:21-28**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul is starting a study of the book of James.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** June 29<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will continue in Chapter 10 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class -Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Lesson 9, Day 3.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- July 31st.**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>**



### MAGI BOXES

Lists of needed items are posted upstairs in the auditorium and also downstairs in the fellowship room. We will need **plastic bins** and **cardboard boxes** to organize the donations, and **money** toward items we order in bulk. Remember that we are now collecting things for **ages 11+ (about size 12, or 10-12)**. **It's summer now, so let's look for flip-flops (size M 5-7Y) and sunglasses, boys' shorts (size 10-12), and other hot weather items.** Hygiene items are always on sale somewhere.



## PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!**
- **Miki's daughter Heather** is recovering from covid.
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They are currently in Los Angeles for treatment of Mike's dementia. There's a possibility that Mike has a heart problem, which could interfere with his surgery.

- Please pray for **Henry Rounsville**, a friend of Paul's who recently had cancer surgery in Rochester. Pray that he and his sister who lives with him can manage his medical needs.
- Please pray for **Steve Noble**, who recently received a lung transplant has been in and out of ICU with complications.
- Pray for **Jerry Lowe** who is recovering from a heart attack while living with his son in Las Vegas, NV. His daughter Rhonda says he now uses both a walker and oxygen all the time. Also pray for his friend and ours, **Gail Westerhold**, who misses him.
- **Darlene's singing partner, Debbie's father** had a stroke last week.
- **Richard's young friend Olivia** asked for prayers for **her teacher, Mr. Meade**, who had a heart attack.
- **Pray for the Endless Mountain's church which currently meets in the Rivera house in Nicholson, PA. They need support for a preacher and place to meet.**
- **Pray for the mission trip to Honduras from the church in Kittanning, PA.** Pray for **Pat Gutherie**, who is with them although on chemo for lung cancer.
- Pray for **Arthur**. He has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and will have a heart catheterization on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for:
  - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
  - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
  - **Dan Myer (lung cancer, needs chemo)**
  - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
  - **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's and possible Parkinson's, needs cataract surgery)
  - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
  - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
  - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer, still working and baptizing people)

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