

Sermon Outline: **RIGHTEOUSNESS: IT'S A LOVE / HATE THING**

Reading: Heb 1:1-9

_____ "I did what I did not for reasons of hate. I hated no one"

Died: Nov 28 1994 _____: May 10, 1994

Jesus enjoys gladness (**Heb 1:9**) because He _____ righteousness and hated _____. He looked forward to joy after the cross (Heb 12:2); a joy that is different from just staying in Heaven.

Only God loves perfectly (God is love – **1 John 4:16**) and that means He loves even those who hate Him (**John 15:24, 25**)

Perfect love endures hatred. Jesus endures the hatred of evildoers for the sake of those who love Him, (**Hebrews 12:2 cf. 9:28, John 6:40**)

He will eventually come to destroy evil, however (**Rev 6:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-8**)

If you love righteousness you will hate evil and you will long for justice but vengeance is _____ (**Rom 12:19, Heb 12:29**)

Paul has much to say about love / hate and evil / good in Romans.

Rom 3:8 *And why not do evil that good may come? — As some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.*

Rom 7:19 *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

Rom 7:21 *So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.*

Rom 12:9 *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

Rom 12:21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Rom 14:16 *So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.*

Rom 16:19 *For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.*

Read Micah 3:1 – 4:5

There is ugly language in chapter 3 about just how cruel evil can be. How would you like to have a son like _____? Chapter 4 has different language when God speaks as the Father of Jesus.

He does not just love righteousness and He does not just hate evil. If we love righteousness we will take a stand against evil. If we hate evil we will demonstrate righteousness. There is a special anointing of joy for such people.



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November 20, 2016

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

Gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Joel 2:16

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On this day in 1947 Princess Elizabeth married Phillip Mountbatten.



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### **Today's Sermon: *Righteousness: It's a Love / Hate Thing***

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**Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1-9

**Hymns:** TBA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Next potluck: December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are using Human and Holy by Michelle Goff. We are preparing chapter 10 for Tuesday.
- Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted! **NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK! IT'S THANKSGIVING.**



- Two couples from the Kittanning church will be traveling up here the first weekend in December for the purpose of preparing and serving a Thanksgiving meal to as many of us as can come on that Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 
- **TODAY** is our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday potluck. Please come and join

in the fellowship!  It's Italian!

- Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle. Thank you to all those who have been so eager to help with this work.



Please read the calendar posted on the office window to

see who has a birthday coming up. 



GIVE THANKS!

## PRAYERS...

- Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, from the Plattsburgh, NY church, who has lung cancer. Pray that a new drug that is being tested will be the cure she needs. We are thankful that her cancer has shrunk.
- "Rocky" Perry of Sayre asked for prayers for struggles he is trying to overcome in his life, and pray that his Bible study will lead him to the Truth.
- Pray for Patty and Ruthie as their stepmom, Claire, passed away with cancer. Also pray for Patty as she is in charge of settling Claire's affairs.
- Darlene Elsbree has been having trouble with her vocal chords. Pray that she can continue to sing professionally.
- Remember to pray for Matthew Lowe.
- Remember to pray for Richard Beiber, Darlene's father.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher.
- Continue to pray for Sandy and Arthur's brother in law, Ken Wilkins, of Gray, TN.
- Aidan Barry's grandmother, Edna Jarrett, of the Bronx, has cancer of the linings of her blood vessels.
- Help us all to be thankful for all we have and the many privileges we enjoy in this great country. Help us to see where we can use what we have to help those less fortunate.
- Lord, we pray for immediate help for the starving people of north eastern Nigeria.
- Pray for comfort for those from war-torn countries who have no homes and are not safe and have lost friends and relatives in the violence that surrounds them.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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