

Today's Sermons

Morning: The Savior's Invitation
Evening: Trust in the Lord (Psalm 131)

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Evidences of Abiding in Christ

"If you abide in my word, then are you truly my disciples."
John 8:31

1. NOT PRACTICING SIN	_____	1 John 3:6
2. KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS	_____	1 John 3:24
3. BEARING FRUIT	_____	John 15:5
4. LOVING EACH OTHER	_____	1 John 2:10; 4:13
5. WALKING AS CHRIST WALKED	_____	1 John 2:6
6. CONTINUING IN CHRIST'S WORD	_____	John 8:31
7. FAITHFULNESS TO GOD'S TRUTH	_____	1 John 2:24 2 John 9

*To abide with Christ in Heaven,
One must first abide in Him here!*




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Times of Services:
Sunday
Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship:...11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

ENMITY AGAINST GOD

Marvin L. Weir

The Scripture reads, "Because the carnal mind (worldly mind) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). The word "enmity" means "hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition" (Strong's Greek/Hebrew Definitions). It is the opposite of agape love. One who "minds the flesh" (worldly things) is one who refuses to subject himself to the will of God. A person who is living a worldly life cannot be "walking in the light" (2 John 1:7).

The "mind of the flesh" (carnal, worldly mind) demonstrates such by practicing the "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21). To continue to possess a carnal mind is to invite spiritual death (eternal separation from God).

The carnal mind or "mind of the flesh" shows its "enmity against God" in many ways. Please consider:

The carnal mind ignores the Word of God. Man is not capable of directing his own steps (Jer. 10:23) and needs the Word of God for his guide (Psalm 119:105). Yet, countless millions prefer never to consult God's Word (2 Tim. 2:15) while indulging in "...the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride (vain glory)

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of life...” (1 John 2:16).

Hosea is correct in stating that folks will be lost because they have rejected knowledge. Their children will also likely be lost due to a lack of Godly teaching (Hosea 4:6). Those who ignore a “thus saith the Lord” will “sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7).

Paul told the Galatian brethren, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Gal. 6:7-8). In choosing to live a fleshly/worldly life, the carnal man places himself at enmity with God.

The carnal mind scoffs at the godly. We live in an age where it is more popular to be ungodly than godly. To be “politically correct” one must align himself with the voice of the world and beckon to its call! However, the Word of God instructs, “thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Exodus 23:2). It doesn’t matter that everyone is doing it—if it’s wrong (sinful) then everyone who engages therein is wrong! Jesus said, “If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (John 15:18-19).

The carnal mind ridicules the work of God. The very first words of Holy Writ declare, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). The apostle Paul told those at Rome, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20). Yet, the atheist has enmity for God as he denies His existence and the evolutionist has enmity for God as he denies His creation of the world and all that is therein. It is as Paul said, “the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Cor. 1:25).

The carnal mind rejects the plea of Christ. Jesus said, “If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). The Lord pleads for folks to come to Him (Matt. 11:28-30), but the majority refuses the tender invitation. So very many claim to love Christ while refusing to comply with His will. It is impossible, however, to love Christ while rejecting His laws! One who dishonors and disrespects the Word of God has no love for the Son or the Father (2 John 9).

Romans 8:7 does not teach the impossibility of repentance. Paul simply stresses that while living a fleshly, carnal, worldly life one cannot be devoted to doing God’s will. A person cannot travel the strait way and the broad way at the same time (Matthew 7:13-14)! It is as Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other...” (Matthew 6:24).

Those who desire to go to Heaven will not demonstrate enmity against God. Let us always strive to obey, honor, and glorify the true and living God! In doing so, we can save our souls by laying claim to eternal life.

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine” (Proverbs 3:1-10).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 29 – Song Service
- Oct 6 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- Oct 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell