

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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They That Mourn

- Clifton Angel

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matt 5:4). The late V.P. Black organized mourning into three categories: natural, unnatural, and godly.

Natural mourning is the result of suffering in this world of decay: "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men" (Rom 5:12). Many may assume Jesus is speaking of natural mourning at Matthew 5:4. Truly God is the God of all comfort (2 Cor 1:3-4) and He knows and cares about our natural mourning (cf. 1 Cor 10:13; Rev 21:4); however, at Matthew 5:4, Jesus is not speaking of natural mourning.

Unnatural mourning includes worldly sorrow, ungodly fear, and unnecessary guilt. Worldly sorrow is insincere and selfish. If not repented of, it leads to spiritual death (2 Cor 7:10). It is the person who is only sorry because he got caught. Ungodly fear is deceptive, futile, and destructive (cf. Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:4-9; 2 Tim 1:7; Rev 21:8). Unnecessary guilt happens when we will not forgive ourselves for something for which we've already been forgiven (cf. 1 John 1:7-9; 3:20). Certainly, it is not unnatural mourning Jesus is speaking of at Matthew 5:4.

Godly mourning is the result of an honest heart recognizing sin and the consequences of it (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 6:23). It is connected to being "poor in spirit," since the person who is poor in spirit recognizes he is in need when he sins, and he is nothing without God. King David's godly mourning is evident in the words of Psalm 51: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:1-3).

What does it mean to be among them that mourn? It is the grief felt and expressed over the acknowledgement of one's sin and its consequences. The blessing is that with proper direction, this soul will be comforted. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

- Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

- Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com.

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2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Spiritual Blessings: Part Two

Ephesians 1:3-14

- I. Holy and Blameless- v. 4
 - A. There is none righteous- Romans 3:9-18,23, Ephesians 2:1-3
 - B. Through Christ can we be pure- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 John 3:7, Revelation 1:5, Hebrews 8:12, 1 John 4:17
- II. Adoption- v. 5
 - A. All people are God’s children- Acts 17:26-28, Matthew 5:45
 - B. There is a special relationship for those who have been adopted- 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 John 3:1, Romans 8:15, 16-17
- III. Redemption- v. 7
 - A. An Old Testament concept- Exodus 6:6, Numbers 18:15
 - 1. The term redeemed means “a deliverance, a releasing effected by payment of ransom.”
 - B. Through Christ we have been redeemed- Matthew 20:28, 1 Corinthians 6:20, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:23

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 627 The Gloryland Way

Song: 141 Father of Mercies

Prayer

Song: 310 In Gethsemane Alone
(chorus at the end)

Lord’s Supper and Contribution

Song: 970 Step by Step

Song: 824 I’ll Fly Away

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:7-10

Sermon

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home (vs. 3)

Prayer

Ephesians 1:7-10

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REDEMPTION
MADE
GATHER
FORGIVENESS
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CHRIST
PLEASURE
MYSTERY
PRUDENCE
TOWARD
BLOOD
ACCORDING
WILL
THROUGH
WISDOM
RICHES
PURPOSED
GOOD
FULNESS
EARTH
HEAVEN
GRACE
TIME
SINS

Ephesians 1:7-10 (NKJV)

- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,
- 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,
- 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth --- in Him.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23