

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
November 2, 2014 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 12:14-16 (on opposite page)

Psalm 45

Scripture

Prayer

Hymns 226-228

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 429 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Message Love Covers Exodus 20:14

Commandment VII Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Question 32: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

Answer: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Scripture: Romans 8:30; Ephesians 1:5; I Cor. 1:26

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS—Happy 10 Years!!!

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck

Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin

Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am - Margaret Was

Prayer and fellowship Thursday at 9:30am see Elsa Peters

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Bible Conference with Dr. Gary Cohen November 9-12

Romans 12:14-16 ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Verse 14 reminds us of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7.

Verse 15 reminds us of the life of the Lord Jesus—rejoicing with those who rejoice; weeping with those that weep. At the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, Jesus rejoiced with all those attending. Later, Jesus stood beside the grave of Lazarus and wept with all those who wept. He identified with people, and Paul says here so should we!

Verse 16 points to another aspect of love. We should not cater to the high and mighty, but rather condescend to people of low estate. Love does not refuse to mingle with those of a low estate. Hudson Taylor identified so well with the people of China, and treated both high and low with equal respect. Unfortunately, many in the China Inland Mission had that White Man's Burden idea (superiority of British culture) that would bring great resentment against the West, a resentment first felt with the Boxer Rebellion in 1898, with the Communist takeover of China in 1948, and the Cultural Revolution of 1967. The British missionaries spread the gospel, but did not need to spread British culture.

Jesus is again the example. When He as God came down, He made Himself of no reputation as it says in Philippians 2:6-7. Jesus did not hang on to His high position, but condescended to take on Him our flesh and blood and walk in the midst of sinners. By the mercies of God, He came down. Let's thank God for His mercies as we begin a new week.