

GOD'S LOVE FOR US



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO...

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

1 John 4:9-10



-TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF-

MY NAME IS _____

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AT THIS CAMP ___ YES ___ NO

I AM _____ YEARS OLD. MY BIRTHDAY IS _____

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO IS _____

MY FAVORITE SONG IS _____

MY FAVORITE T.V. SHOW IS _____

SOMETHING I AM GOOD AT IS _____

I LIKE PEOPLE WHO _____

TO ME, CAMP SHOULD BE _____

I CAME TO CAMP BECAUSE _____

TO ME, A CHRISTIAN IS _____

I AM A CHRISTIAN ___ YES ___ NO ___ I DON'T KNOW

ARE YOU READY TO TRY THINGS GOD'S WAY? _____

I READ THE BIBLE ___ SOMETIMES ___ OFTEN ___ NEVER

I PRAY TO GOD ___ SOMETIMES ___ OFTEN ___ NEVER

I GO TO CHURCH ___ SOMETIMES ___ OFTEN ___ NEVER

I GO TO CHURCH/DON'T GO TO CHURCH BECAUSE _____

IF GOD ASKS ME WHY HE SHOULD LET ME INTO HEAVEN, I WOULD SAY _____



Did you know that the United States Treasury Department has a special group of people whose job it is to track down counterfeiters?

So these people REALLY need to know a counterfeit bill when they see it!

DO YOU KNOW HOW THEY LEARN WHICH BILLS ARE FAKE?

DO THEY SPEND TIME LOOKING AT FAKE BILLS? YES NO

DO THEY SPEND TIME LOOKING AT REAL BILLS? YES NO

DO THEY SPEND TIME MAKING REAL BILLS? YES NO



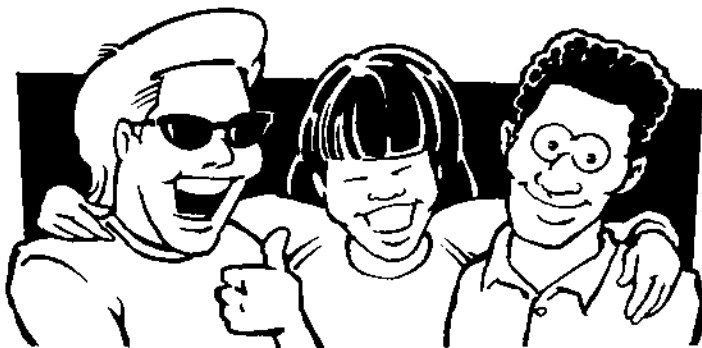
If you have read this far,
you know that they know a counterfeit bill
by knowing what a real bill looks like and feels like!

This week we are going to spend some time seeing what 1 John 3 has to say about a counterfeit person; a person who says that he is a Christian but really isn't, and what the Bible says is a REAL Christian.

WE ARE WARNED IN 1 JOHN THAT IN THE WORLD TODAY THERE ARE COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANS!

LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 3:10 TOGETHER

A CHILD OF GOD
PRACTICES RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND LOVES OTHER CHRISTIANS NO MATTER WHAT!
IF YOU HAVE READ THE FIRST 2 CHAPTERS
IN THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN,
YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THE PROOF
OF BEING A CHRISTIAN IS REVEALED
IN YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
AND THAT THE FRUIT OF THAT FELLOWSHIP
IS SHOWN IN THE PRACTICING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND IN YOUR LOVE FOR OTHERS.



LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 3:6,9 TOGETHER

IN VERSE 6 IT SAYS WHOEVER ABIDES IN CHRIST DOES NOT SIN,
AND IN VERSE 9 WE ARE TOLD
WHOEVER HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD DOES NOT SIN.

NOW LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 1:8,10 TOGETHER

IN VERSE 8 IT STATES THAT WE DO SIN,
AND IN VERSE 10 WE ARE TOLD IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SINNED,
WE MAKE GOD A LIAR, AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US.

HOW CAN BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS BE TRUE?!



IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE...

THE WORD "SIN" HERE MEANS "TO LIVE IN SIN."

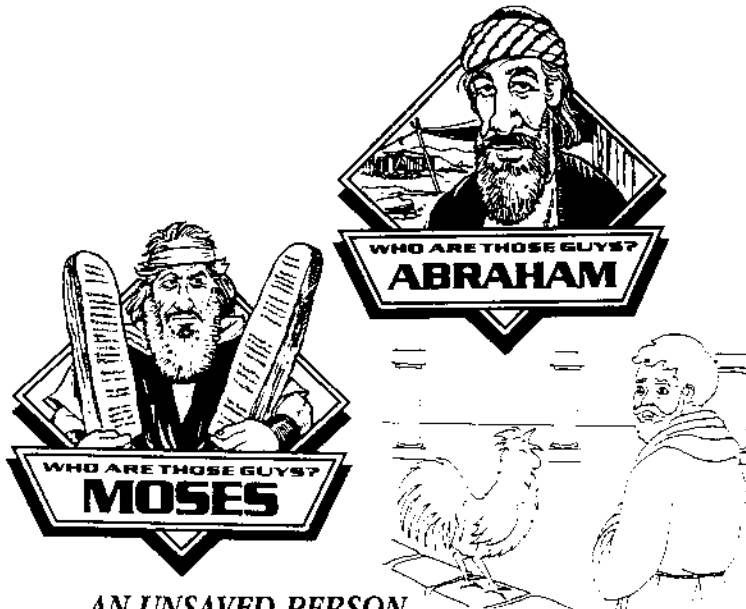
**SO WHAT 1 JOHN 3:6 SAYS IS,
"NO ONE WHO ABIDES IN GOD LIVES IN SIN;
NO ONE WHO LIVES IN SIN HAS SEEN GOD, OR EVEN KNOWS GOD."**

**WHAT 1 JOHN 3:9 SAYS IS,
"NO ONE WHO IS BORN OF GOD LIVES IN SIN...
HE CANNOT LIVE IN SIN *because* HE IS BORN OF GOD."
SO THE PERSON WHO LIVES IN CHRIST DOES NOT GO ON SINNING.**

**I JOHN 1:8-9 EXPLAINS THAT THERE WILL BE TIMES IN OUR LIVES THAT WE WILL SIN,
BUT IF WE CONFESS AND REPENT FROM THE SIN, GOD WILL FORGIVE US.**

**SO TO LIVE IN SIN IS TO SIN AS A WAY OF LIFE.
IT DOES NOT REFER TO COMMITTING AN OCCASIONAL SIN.
IT IS CLEAR THAT NO CHRISTIAN IS SINLESS (1 JOHN 1:8-10),
BUT GOD WANTS A TRUE BELIEVER TO SIN LESS AND NOT TO SIN HABITUALLY.**

A WAY OF LIFE



**WE READ ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE
WHO AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER SINNED.
SUCH AS WHEN...**

**ABRAHAM LIED ABOUT HIS WIFE (GEN 12:10-20),
MOSES LOST HIS TEMPER & DISOBEYED GOD (NUM 20:7-13),
AND PETER'S 3 DENIALS OF THE LORD (MATT 26:69-75).**

**BUT THEY DIDN'T LIVE IN SIN AS A WAY OF LIFE.
YOU COULD SAY THAT THOSE WERE INCIDENTS
WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THEIR LIVES,
BUT THEY WERE TOTALLY CONTRARY
TO THEIR NORMAL WAY OF LIVING.**

**AND WHEN THEY SINNED,
THEY ADMITTED THEIR SIN
AND ASKED GOD TO FORGIVE THEM!**

**AN UNSAVED PERSON,
(EVEN IF HE PROFFESSES TO BE A CHRISTIAN, BUT IS COUNTERFEIT),
LIVES A LIFE OF HABITUAL SIN-
SIN IS THE NORMAL WAY OF LIFE FOR HIM.**

**A TRUE BELIEVER DOES NOT LIVE IN HABITUAL SIN.
HE MAY COMMIT SIN- AN OCCASIONAL WRONG ACT,
BUT HE WILL NOT PRACTICE SIN- MAKING IT A WAY OF LIFE.**

**THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT A TRUE CHRISTIAN KNOWS GOD.
A COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIAN MAY TALK ABOUT GOD AND GO TO CHURCH,
BUT HE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW GOD.**

**A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN "BORN OF GOD" THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST
KNOWS GOD AND BECAUSE HE KNOWS GOD,
HE LIVES A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE- HE DOES NOT LIVE IN SIN.**

**DO YOU
KNOW GOD?**

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT MONDAY AFTERNOON'S BIBLE STUDY

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

GOD'S GOAL FOR YOU
IS...

ABUNDANT LIFE

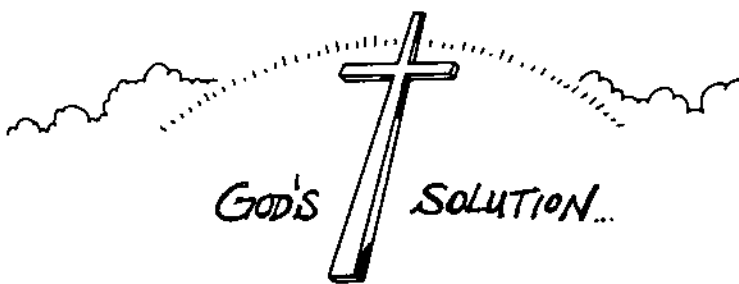
GOD GAVE PEOPLE FREE WILL.
THAT MEANS THAT EACH ONE OF US
CAN CHOOSE TO REJECT GOD'S LOVE AND TO DISOBEY GOD.
THIS DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD IS CALLED SIN.
SIN MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BE CLOSE TO GOD.
THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT EVERY PERSON HAS BEEN DISOBEDIENT TO GOD.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." ROMANS 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death (separation from God)." ROMANS 6:23

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET RID OF THE HABIT OF SINNING?
GOD HAS THE SOLUTION!



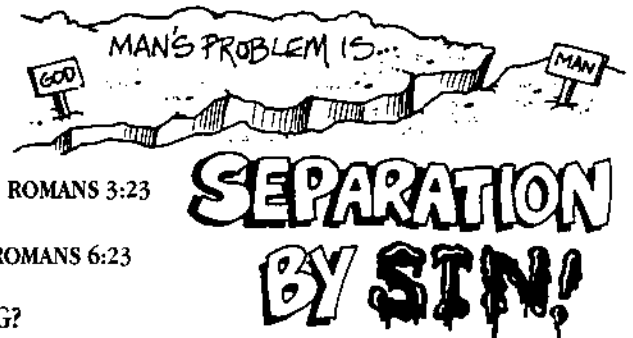
JESUS CHRIST

GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE, SAYS:

"For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not
perish but have everlasting life." JOHN 3:16

"I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have it more abundantly."
JOHN 10:10

SO WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE
FROM ENJOYING AN ABUNDANT LIFE?



THE ONLY WAY TO BE FREE
FROM THE SIN THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD IS JESUS CHRIST.
JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SIN.
JESUS' DEATH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US
TO CROSS THE GAP THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us." ROMANS 5:8

"Jesus said to him,
'I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"
JOHN 14:6

JESUS DID NOT FORCE HIMSELF ON US.
WE MUST EACH CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT
WE WILL ACCEPT THE SOLUTION
TO THE SIN THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD!

WE MUST PERSONALLY INVITE JESUS
TO COME INTO OUR LIVES AND TAKE CHARGE.

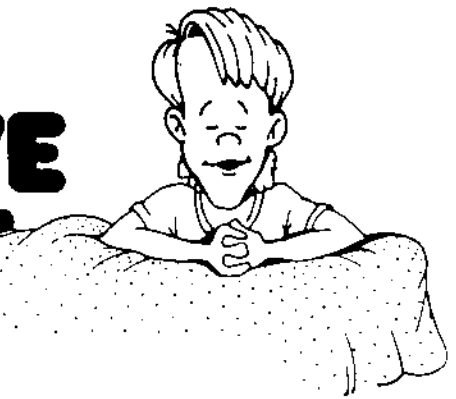
THE BIBLE SAYS:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and dine with him,
and he with Me." REVELATION 3:20

"As many as received Him,
to them He gave the right to become children of God,
even to those who believe in His name." JOHN 1:12

MAN'S RESPONSE IS...

**RECEIVE
CHRIST**



DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY? HERE'S HOW:

1. ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.
2. BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST LOVES YOU SO MUCH HE DIED FOR YOU SO YOU CAN BE CLOSE TO GOD.
3. BE WILLING TO BREAK YOUR SINFUL HABITS AND BUILD GOOD HABITS BY OBEYING GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE. THE BIBLE CALLS THIS "Repentance."
4. ASK GOD TO LIVE IN YOU THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, TO FORGIVE YOU AND THE SINFUL THINGS YOU HAVE DONE AND TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE.

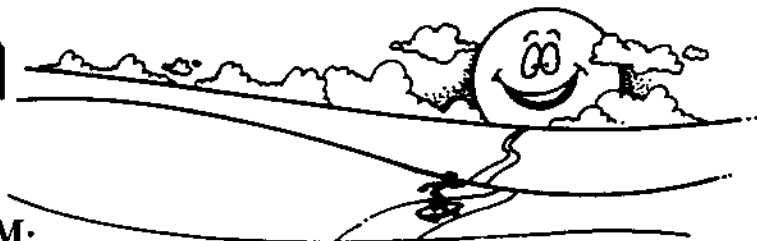
HOW TO PRAY:

SIMPLY TALK HONESTLY TO GOD. GOD KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE THINKING AND FEELING. HE IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE WORDS YOU USE. IF THE PRAYER BELOW SAYS WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY, THEN PRAY IT RIGHT NOW:

"Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I need You to help me break my sinful habits. I believe that You died for me and I want You to come into my life and take charge. Please help me become the kind of person You want me to be. Thank You for loving me and forgiving me."

WHEN YOU ASK JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE, HE PROMISES TO DO JUST THAT!

YOU'VE JUST BEGUN A NEW LIFE!



NOW KEEP GROWING IN HIM:

1. GET INTO THE BIBLE AND READ WHAT HE HAS TO SAY TO YOU.
2. TALK TO GOD DAILY.
3. SHARE THIS WONDERFUL NEWS ABOUT JESUS WITH OTHERS.
4. GET INVOLVED WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO LOVE JESUS IN A CHURCH WHERE JESUS IS LOVED AND HONORED.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE BIBLE STUDY!

"If (since) you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who _____ righteousness is _____ of Him.


Behold what manner of _____ the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be _____ of God!

Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Beloved, now we are _____ of _____; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

And _____ who has this _____ in Him _____ himself, just as He is pure." 1 JOHN 2:29-3:3

READ THESE VERSES TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS:

L  K up and read HEBREWS 1:8-9

"...A scepter of _____ ..." and "You have loved _____ and hated _____"

IN 1 JOHN 2:29 WE ARE TOLD... WHOEVER PRACTICES RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A TRUE CHRISTIAN.

LIST 3 THINGS THAT WOULD BE PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT YOU COULD DO AT CAMP:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

NOW, THINK ABOUT THOSE 3 THINGS AND ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION, "DO I PRACTICE THESE THINGS AT HOME OR SCHOOL?"

JOHN RELATES DOING RIGHTEOUSNESS TO BEING BORN OF GOD.



PRACTICE
RIGHTEOUSNESS

DO YOU KNOW THAT A PERSON DEMONSTRATES WHO THEY ARE BY WHAT THEY DO?

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE DO?

- A FIREMAN BUILDS WALLS FIGHTS FIRES
- A SCHOOL TEACHER WATCHES FOR AIRPLANES TEACHES
- A COACH TEACHES SPORTS SINGS OPERA

**WE DEMONSTRATE WHO WE ARE BY WHAT WE DO!
MANY PEOPLE TALK THE RIGHT TALK, BUT DON'T WALK THE RIGHT WALK.
(THEY ARE COUNTERFEITS- NOT THE REAL THING)**




Let's L  K up and read JAMES 1:21-25

**THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE ARE TO BE _____ OF THE WORD.
WE ARE TO PRACTICE WHAT GOD SAYS!
THE BIBLE SAYS THAT IF WE DON'T DO (PRACTICE) THE WORD,
WE ARE DECEIVED!**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DECEIVED? _____

WHAT HAPPENS TO SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN DECEIVED? _____


WE ARE TOLD OF PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE WHO ARE DECEIVED.

Let's L  K up and read MATTHEW 7:13-23

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

**WHO GOES TO HEAVEN?
A COUNTERFEITER WILL SAY:
"EVERYONE GOES TO HEAVEN!"
WHAT DOES GOD SAY?**

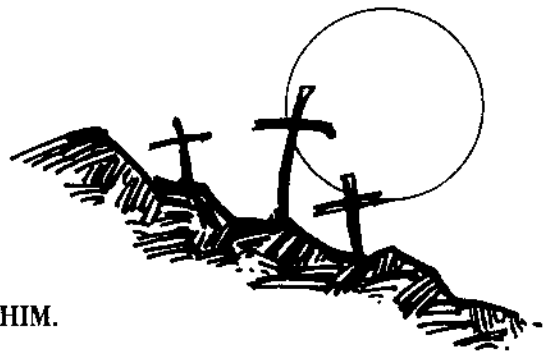
**WOW! THIS NEXT PART IS REALLY EXCITING!
1 JOHN 3:1 TELLS US OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.**

Let's L  K up and read ROMANS 5:8

DO YOU GET IT?!

**GOD SENT HIS SON TO TAKE THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS
(THOSE THINGS THAT SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD)
AND GOD DID THIS EVEN BEFORE YOU EVEN CARED ABOUT HIM.**

**WHEN YOU WERE DOING BAD THINGS,
WHEN YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT BEING GOOD,
WHEN YOU WERE AT YOUR WORST- GOD LOVED YOU THEN!**

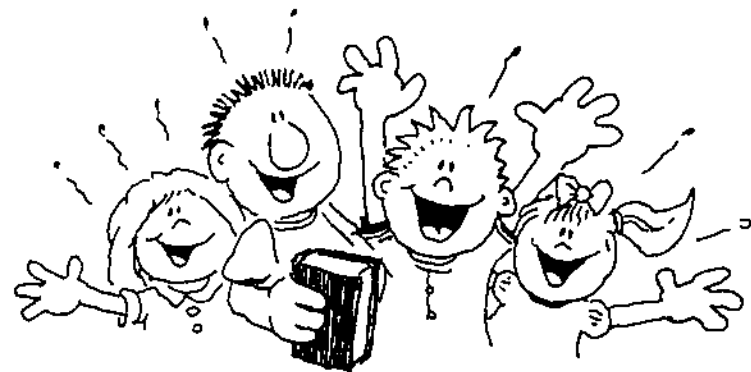


**GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH
HE WANTS TO ADOPT YOU INTO HIS FAMILY!**

THINK ABOUT IT!

**THE ETERNAL GOD,
THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE IN WHICH WE LIVE
WANTS TO ADOPT US INTO HIS FAMILY.**


**YOU HAVE A FATHER IN HEAVEN
WHO LOVES YOU SUPREMEY!**



GOD JUST WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU AND TO ENJOY YOUR COMPANY.



PAUL, WHO WROTE THE BOOK OF ROMANS, UNDERSTOOD THIS.

L  **K** up and read ROMANS 8:15-17

"...but you received the Spirit of _____ by whom we cry out _____, _____ . The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are _____ , and if _____ , then _____ - heirs of _____ and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." ROMANS 8:15-17

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS- REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS? GOD WANTS YOU FOR A SON OR A DAUGHTER. HE WANTS TO RECEIVE YOU AND ME INTO HIS FAMILY!




L  **K** up and read REVELATION 21:7

"He who overcomes shall _____ , and I will be his God and he shall be My son."



SO HOW CAN YOU BE ADOPTED?

Check out the "HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN" pages... then come back to this page.

NOW **L**  **K** up and read 1 JOHN 3:3

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOPE FOR SOMETHING?

THE BIBLE SAYS,
IF YOU HAVE THIS HOPE IN HIM,
YOU WILL PURIFY YOURSELF, JUST AS HE IS PURE.

HOW DO YOU PURIFY YOURSELVES?

WHAT HOPE?

THE HOPE THAT JESUS WILL COME AGAIN FOR US
AND WE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH OUR FATHER!



DO YOU HAVE THAT HOPE? JESUS IS COMING SOON!

MONDAY AFTERNOON BONUS PAGE!

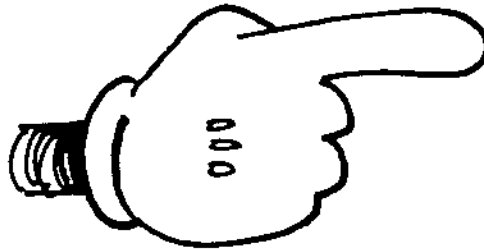
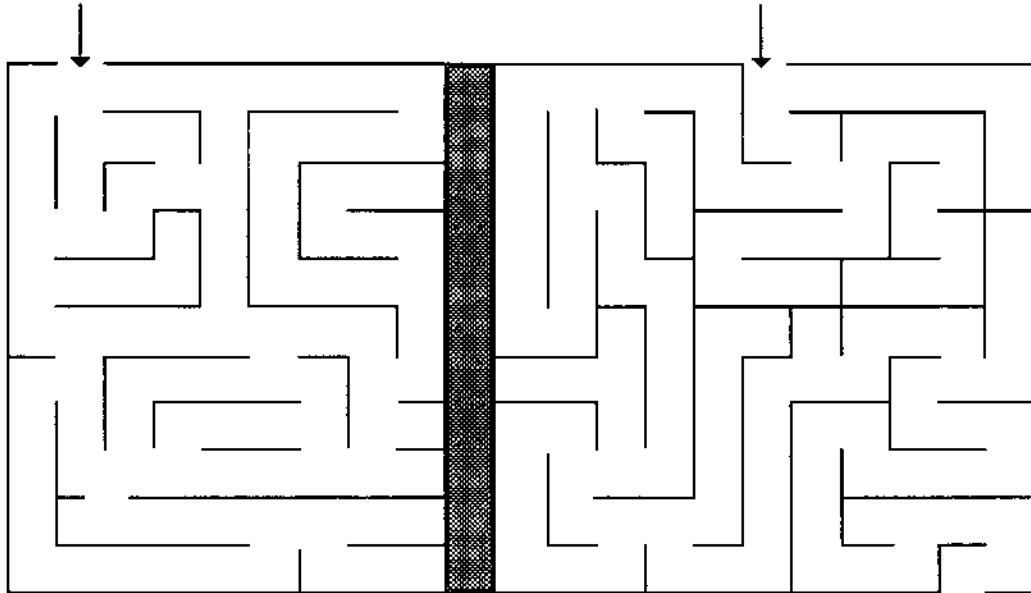
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DOING MY WILL

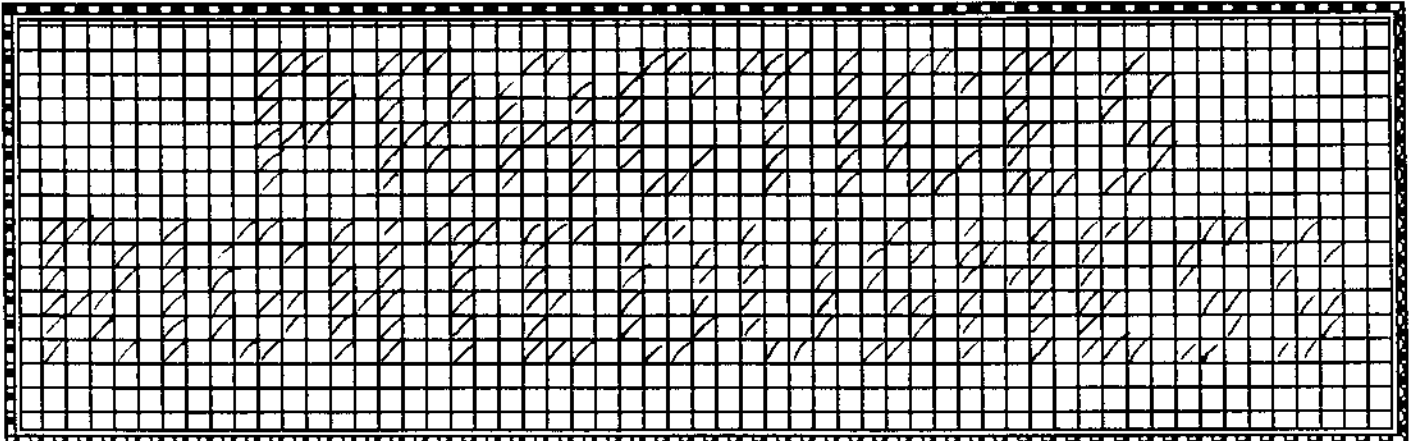
DOING GOD'S WILL



Eternal Life

Adopted as a
Child of God

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

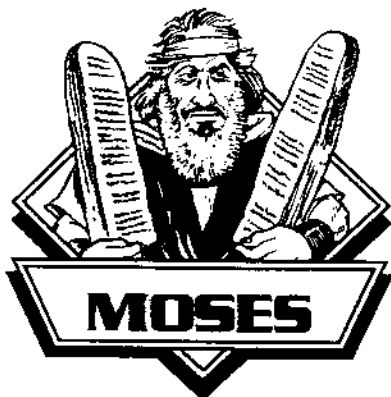
"Whoever _____ sin also commits lawlessness, and _____ is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to _____ our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever _____ has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one _____ you. He who _____ righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous." 1 JOHN 3:4-7

CHECK THESE VERSES OUT, READ THEM TOGETHER THEN FILL IN THE BLANKS!

WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE DO WE HAVE
WHEN WE CONTINUALLY COMMIT SIN?

- WE ARE WILLING TO DO GOD'S WILL AND NOT OUR OWN
- WE WANT TO DO OUR OWN WILL

THE IDEA HERE IS THAT THOSE WHO COMMIT SIN
ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO DO THEIR OWN WILL
MORE THAN DOING WHAT GOD WANTS THEM TO DO!



HEY, WHAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE?

AS A CHILD OF GOD I MIGHT SIN,
BUT IT IS NOT THE WAY I AM ALWAYS LIVING.

THE LAW TELLS US CERTAIN THINGS
WE SHOULD BE DOING IN OUR LIVES
AND IF WE DO NOT DO THOSE THINGS
WE ARE TRANSGRESSING THE LAW OR
"SINNING".

LET'S LOOK AT ONE OF THEM.

L  K up & read EXODUS 20:1-3

"YOU SHALL HAVE _____ OTHER _____ BEFORE ME."

NOW L  K up & read MARK 12:28-30

HOW DOES JESUS ANSWER
THE QUESTION OF THE SCRIBES?

"There is no greater commandment"

IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN,
WHAT PLACE SHOULD JESUS CHRIST HAVE IN YOUR LIFE?

- 1ST
- 2ND
- 3RD
- I DON'T KNOW

IS THERE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN JESUS CHRIST?
THINK ABOUT IT! READ MATTHEW 16:24-25

WHICH WAY ARE YOU GOING?

GOD'S WAY OR YOURS?

SIN IS REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND IF YOU LIVE IN SIN, YOU ARE CONSTANTLY IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD!

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." 1 JOHN 3:4

LIST SOME WAYS PEOPLE MIGHT LIVE THEIR LIVES IN REBELLION TO GOD:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



TODAY, SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DECEIVED! THEY THINK THAT GOD WILL OVERLOOK THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING.

THEY THINK THAT GOD DOESN'T REALLY MEAN WHAT HE IS SAYING.

THIS IS NOT SO!

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." GALATIANS 6:7

L O O K up & read EPHESIANS 5:6-8

BUT HERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS!

L O O K up & read 1 JOHN 3:5

WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

"TO _____ OUR SINS!"

L O O K up & read 1 JOHN 4:9; 1 PETER:2:24

GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE LOVE HE IS OFFERING TO YOU?



HOW ABOUT YOU?

ARE YOU LIVING IN A WAY THAT IS IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD? THINK ABOUT IT!

IF YOU NEED TO, YOU CAN ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU RIGHT NOW!

NOW WHAT DID WE SAY WAS THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN LIVING IN SIN AND SINNING ON OCCASION?

LET'S NOT FORGET WHAT WE READ IN 1 JOHN 1:8,10


L  **K** it up & read it.

THERE WILL BE TIMES I SIN,
BUT I WON'T BE LIVING IN SIN IF I AM A CHILD OF GOD.




YOU CANNOT ABIDE IN CHRIST AND BE LIVING IN SIN!
"Whoever abides in Him does not (practice) sin."
1 JOHN 3:6

SO IF YOU ARE CONSTANTLY DOING SOMETHING
GOD SAYS NOT TO DO,
YOU CANNOT BE ABIDING IN HIM!

L  **K** up & read JOHN 3:6

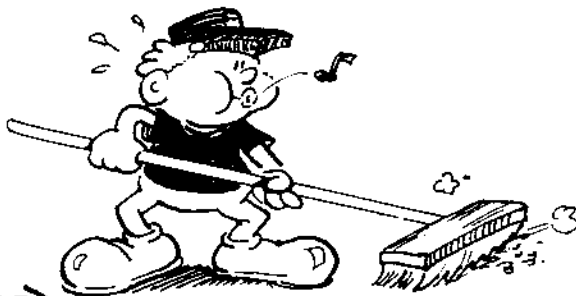
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L  **K** up & read ROMANS 6:13

L  **K** up & read ROMANS 12:1-2

THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS...

WHAT ARE YOU USING YOUR LIFE FOR?
ARE YOU PRESENTING YOURSELF TO GOD?
ARE YOU ABIDING IN CHRIST?



L  **K** up & read MATTHEW 7:21-23

WHO ENTERS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE...
THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE DOERS.
THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE HEARERS ONLY.

WHICH PERSON ARE YOU?

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO PRAY AND ASK GOD TO ENABLE YOU TO BE A DOER OF HIS WORD!

ARE YOU ABIDING?

MANY PEOPLE THINK THEIR GOOD WORKS
WILL GET THEM TO HEAVEN.

THEY THINK THAT IF THEY GO TO CHURCH,
OR GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL,
OR JUST BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN AMERICA
OR BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS ARE CHRISTIANS,
THAT MAKES THEM CHRISTIANS... NOT SO!

BE A DOER!

TUESDAY MORNING BONUS PAGE!

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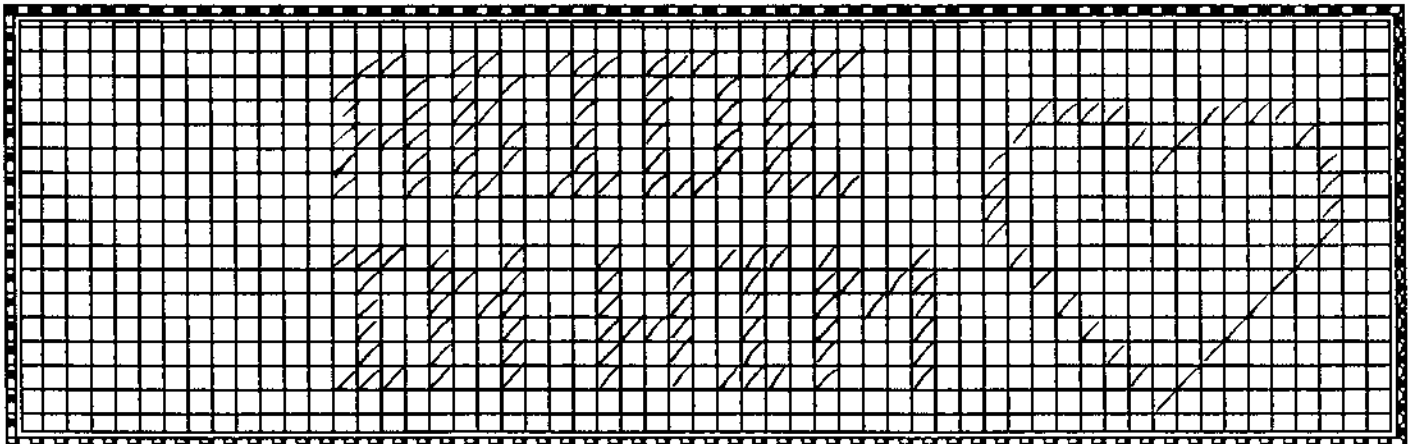
1 JOHN 4:7

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FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK THESE VERSES OUT AND READ THEM TOGETHER THEN FILL IN THE BLANKS!

"He who _____ is of the devil, for the devil has _____ from the beginning. For this _____ the Son of God was _____, that He might _____ the works of the devil. Whoever has been _____ of God _____ sin, for His seed remains in him; and he _____ sin, because he has been born of God." 1 JOHN 3:8-9

HERE WE READ THAT THERE IS A DEVIL.

OFTEN PEOPLE WILL SAY,
"OH, YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THERE IS A DEVIL DO YOU?
THAT IS JUST SOMETHING SOMEONE HAS MADE UP.
IT'S NOT REALLY TRUE!"

BUT WE READ HERE THAT THERE IS A DEVIL.

THE BIBLE CALLS HIM BY DIFFERENT NAMES:
SATAN, ADVERSARY, THIEF, ENEMY, LUCIFER,
ACCUSER, DESTROYER, AND THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD.

HE'S REAL

AND HE'S A THIEF!

WHATEVER NAME YOU CALL HIM,
KEEP IN MIND WHAT HIS TRUE PURPOSES ARE.

L^{OO}K up & read JOHN 10:10

LIST 3 THINGS THAT THE THIEF HAS COME TO DO:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SATAN'S CHIEF ACTIVITY
IS TO OPPOSE CHRIST AND GOD'S PEOPLE.

L^{OO}K up & read 1 JOHN 4:4 & 2 THESS 3:3

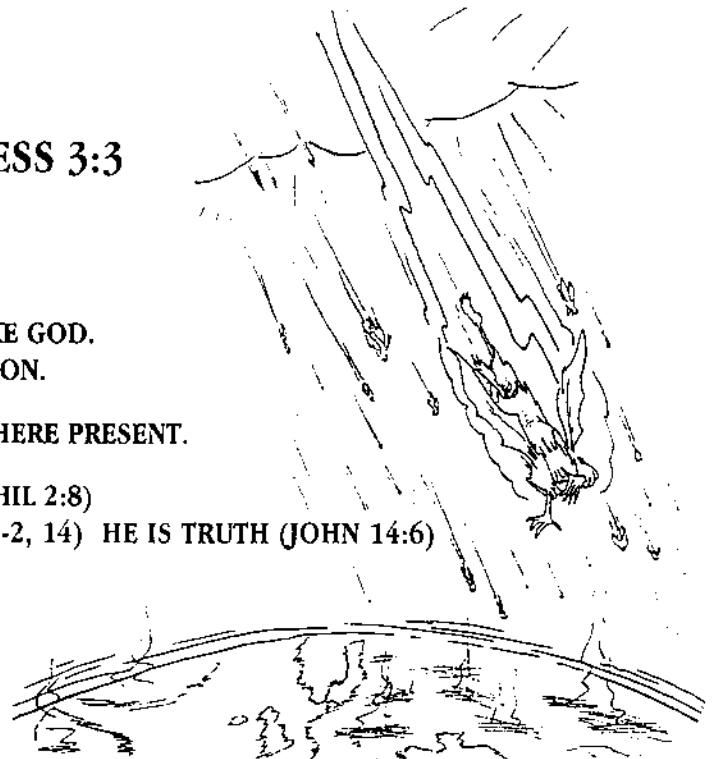
GOD IS ETERNAL, SATAN IS NOT,
FOR THE ENEMY IS A CREATED BEING.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT SATAN IS NOT LIKE GOD.
HIS PRESENT NATURE IS THE RESULT OF HIS PAST REBELLION.


GOD IS ETERNAL, ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING, EVERYWHERE PRESENT.

JESUS WAS AN OBEDIENT SON AND HUMBLED HIMSELF (PHIL 2:8)
HE IS THE CHRIST (JOHN 10:22-38) HE IS GOD (JOHN 1:1-2, 14) HE IS TRUTH (JOHN 14:6)

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEVIL IS A REBEL.
HE IS A CREATED AND FALLEN ANGEL.
HE IS FULL OF PRIDE. (ISAIAH 14:12-16)



QUESTION: WHEN DID THE FIRST SIN HAPPEN?

L  K up & read ISAIAH 14:12-14 and fill in the blanks below:

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [How] you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: '_____ ascend into heaven, _____ exalt my throne above the stars of God; _____ also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; _____ ascend above the heights of the clouds, _____ be like the Most High.'

UNDERSTAND THIS:

IF A PERSON KNOWS GOD, HE WILL OBEY GOD.

IF A PERSON BELONGS TO THE DEVIL, HE WILL OBEY THE DEVIL.


L  K up & read MATTHEW 12:30 and ROMANS 6:16

DON'T BE DECEIVED!

ONE OF THE REASONS THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN WAS WRITTEN WAS THAT BACK IN THE DAYS OF JESUS, PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO DECEIVE OTHERS INTO BELIEVING THAT A CHRISTIAN COULD BE LIVING IN SIN AND BE SAVED.

THIS WAS NOT TRUE!

1 JOHN 3:9 TELLS US,
"Whoever has been born of God does not sin..."
WHAT DOES IT MEAN, "BORN OF GOD"?

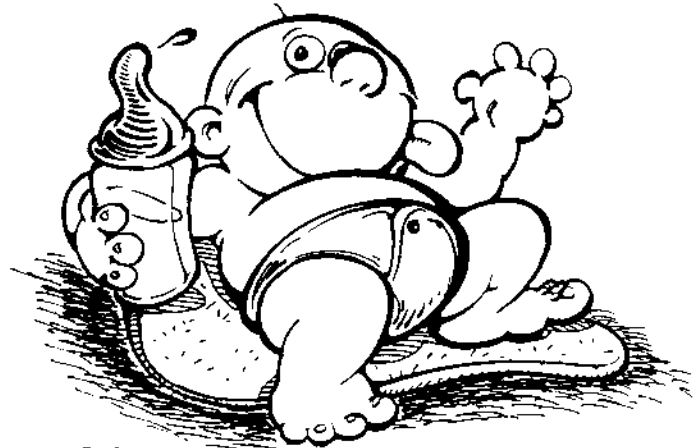
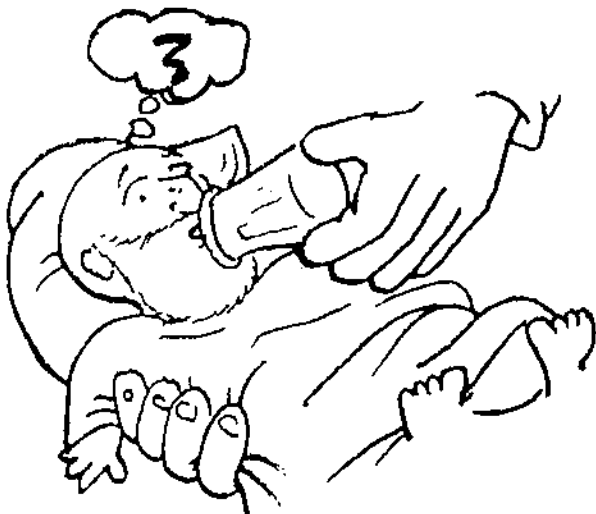
L  K up & read JOHN 3:1-21


WE ALL HAVE EXPERIENCED A NATURAL BIRTH-
THE BIRTH OF THE FLESH.

WE MUST ALSO HAVE A SPIRITUAL BIRTH!


WHEN ADAM SINNED BACK IN THE BEGINNING,
IT WAS HIS SPIRIT THAT DIED.

IT IS IN THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT
THAT MAN MAKES CONTACT WITH GOD.




L  K up & read JOHN 4:23-24

OUR SPIRITS CAN BE MADE ALIVE! HOW?

L  K up & read 1 PETER 3:18 & EPH 2:1-2

JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED ONCE FOR SINS
SO THAT OUR SPIRIT CAN BE MADE ALIVE!

SO HOW CAN A PERSON BE BORN AGAIN?

L  **K** up & read JOHN 1:12-13

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT YOU WILL EVER BE ASKED IS,
"HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?"

L  **K** up & read 1 PETER 1:23 and fill in the blanks:

"...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through _____
_____ which lives and abides forever."

PROOF?

**SO WHAT'S THE PROOF
THAT A PERSON HAS BEEN BORN AGAIN?**

1 JOHN 3:9 TELLS US THAT THE PROOF IS
THAT WE ARE NO LONGER
LEADING A LIFE OF LIVING IN SIN!

IF YOU WANT TO...
YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN RIGHT NOW!

WE ARE TOLD HOW WE CAN HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN, HOW WE CAN KEEP FROM LIVING IN SIN.

L  **K** up & read PSALM 119:9-11

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN,
"TO HIDE IN MY HEART"?**

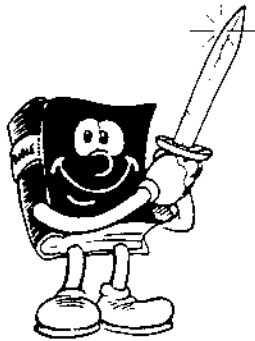
MAYBE, IF YOU ARE HAVING A PROBLEM
WITH A SIN IN YOUR LIFE,
YOU ARE OVERLOOKING WHAT PSALM 119:9-11
TELLS US WE NEED TO BE DOING.



**SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD'S WORD
IS HIDDEN IN MY HEART?**

L  **K** up & read PSALM 40:8

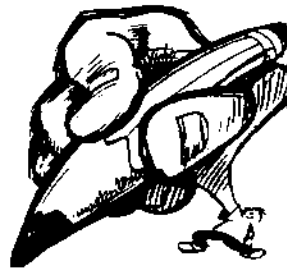
IN ORDER FOR YOU TO KEEP FROM LIVING IN SIN,
YOU MUST BE READING, LISTENING & HEARING
GOD'S WORD!



MAKE A PLAN
HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DO THIS
WHEN YOU GET BACK HOME FROM CAMP.

LIST THE WAYS YOU CAN DO THIS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



MAKE A LIST

TOMORROW'S BIBLE STUDY WILL DEAL WITH ANOTHER PROOF TO WHO IS BORN AGAIN.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BONUS PAGE!

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY CROSSING OFF THE LETTERS "C-H-I-J-K-L-M-P-Q-S-T-V-W-X & Z"

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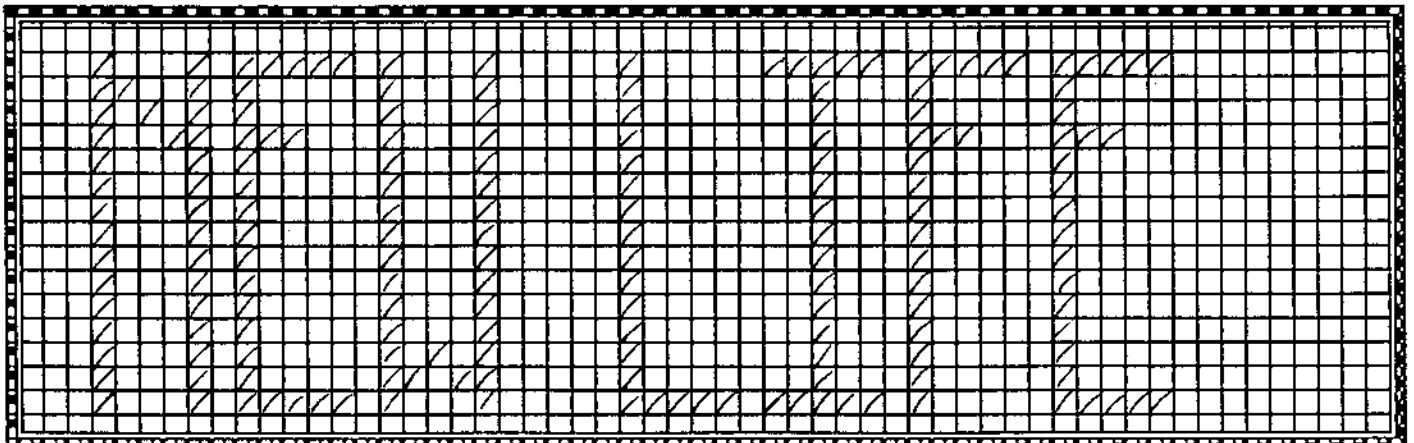
1 JOHN 3:9

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FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES, READ THEM TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS


"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor [is] he who does not love his brother. ¶For this is the _____ that you heard from the beginning, that we _____, not as Cain [who] was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you." 1 JOHN 3:10-13

YESTERDAY WE TALKED ABOUT
ONE OF THE PROOFS OF BEING A CHRISTIAN:
WE DO NOT LIVE IN SIN- WE DO NOT PRACTICE SIN.

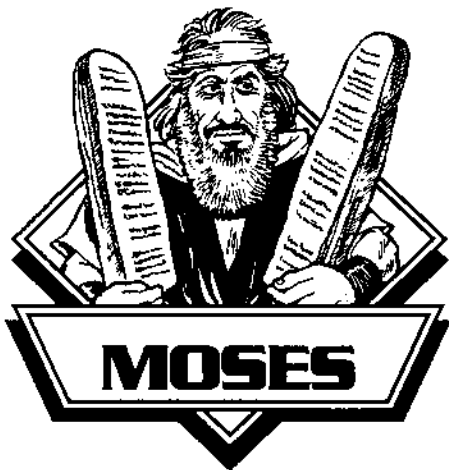
A CHRISTIAN IS SOMEONE
THAT GOD THE FATHER HAS ADOPTED INTO HIS FAMILY-
THE FAMILY OF GOD.

THEREFORE, BEING ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY,
WE SHOULD TAKE ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHILD OF GOD.



Let's L  K up & read again 1 JOHN 3:10-11 WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?

"That we _____." (v.11)




DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE WORD "HISTORY" MEANS?
ANSWER: "HIS STORY"
HISTORY IS THE STORY OF JESUS CHRIST!

WE READ "THIS IS THE MESSAGE
THAT YOU HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING."

WHEN WE SPEAK OF "FROM THE BEGINNING",
WE MIGHT CONSIDER IT TO MEAN,
"BACK AT THE TIME THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES."


SO THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES EARLY
IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

L  K up & read LEVITICUS 19:18 (WHAT DOES THE END OF VERSE 18 SAY?)

"You shall _____."

WHAT DID JESUS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT?

L  K up & read MATTHEW 22:34-40

"You shall _____." (v.39)


THIS IS THE MESSAGE: WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

YET THE LAWYER HAD ANOTHER QUESTION FOR JESUS.


L  **K** up & read LUKE 10:25-37
SO WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR? _____

- IS YOUR NEIGHBOR SOMEONE WHO IS KIND TO YOU? YES NO
- IS YOUR NEIGHBOR SOMEONE WHO IS MEAN TO YOU? YES NO
- ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS BOTH
- THOSE ARE KIND AND THOSE WHO ARE MEAN TO YOU? YES NO



L  **K** up & read MATTHEW 5:43-47 for answers to these questions.

BECAUSE LOVING ONE ANOTHER
IS ONE OF THE PROOFS THAT WE ARE CHRISTIANS,
LET'S CONSIDER SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE.

L  **K** up & and read 1 CORINTHIANS 13
LET'S READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER!

NOW LET'S LOOK RIGHT AT VERSE 4

"LOVE SUFFERS LONG"

CAN YOU LIST 2 WAYS THAT YOU MIGHT SUFFER LONG IN LOVING SOMEONE?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

"LOVE IS KIND"

CAN YOU LIST 2 WAYS THAT YOU CAN SHOW KINDNESS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

L  **K** up & and read 1 JOHN 4:7-8

"He who does not love does not _____."

DO YOU KNOW GOD?


"LOVE DOES NOT ENVY"

CAN YOU LIST 2 WAYS THAT SOMEONE MIGHT REVEAL ENVY? (GALATIANS 5:26)

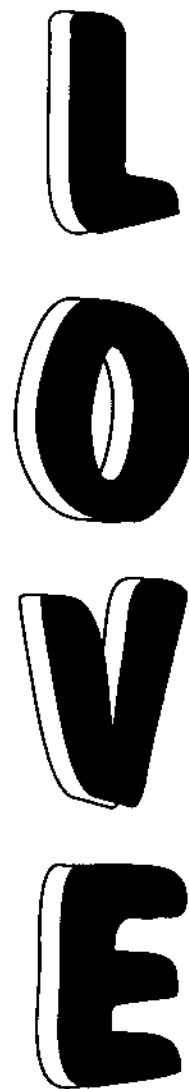
- 1. _____
- 2. _____

"LOVE DOES NOT PARADE ITSELF"

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PARADE?

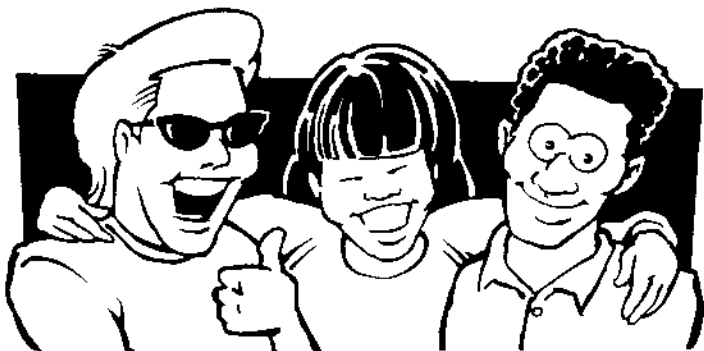
L  **K** up & and read 2 TIMOTHY 3:2

THESE ARE THINGS WE ARE NOT TO BE DOING!



**AS CHILDREN OF GOD,
WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER!**

L  K up & and read 1 JOHN 2:9-10



**IT'S NOT ONLY WHAT YOU SAY THAT COUNTS,
IT'S WHAT YOU SAY AND DO THAT COUNTS!**

**ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION...
"IS THE LOVE OF GOD DEMONSTRATED IN MY LIFE?"**

**DO NOT FORGET,
ONE OF THE PROOFS THAT WE ARE IN THE FAMILY
OF GOD IS OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
*READ MATTHEW 7:16-20***

**HOWEVER,
WE DO NOT MAKE OURSELVES CHRISTIANS
BY LOVING THE BRETHREN.**

IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

**WE PROVE THAT WE ARE CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER!**



**NOW THE WORLD LOVES ITS OWN, BUT IF YOU ARE
A CHILD OF GOD, YOU ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD.**

L  K up & read JOHN 15:18-20

**REALLY, IT IS NOT YOU WHO THE WORLD IS REJECTING
EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SEEM THAT WAY.**

IT IS GOD WHOM THE WORLD IS REJECTING!

L  K up & read LUKE 10:16

**DOES A CHILD OF GOD LOVE THE THINGS
OF THIS WORLD OR THE THINGS OF GOD?**

**ASK YOURSELF,
"Is my life different from those who love the world?"**

**IF WE'RE IN GOD'S FAMILY,
THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENCE!**



***TAKE SOME TIME TODAY
AND TRY TO MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 3:14
BEFORE THE DAY IS THROUGH.***

WEDNESDAY MORNING BONUS PAGE!

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY CROSSING OFF THE LETTERS "A-C-D-F-J-K-L-M-P-Q-T-V-X & Z"

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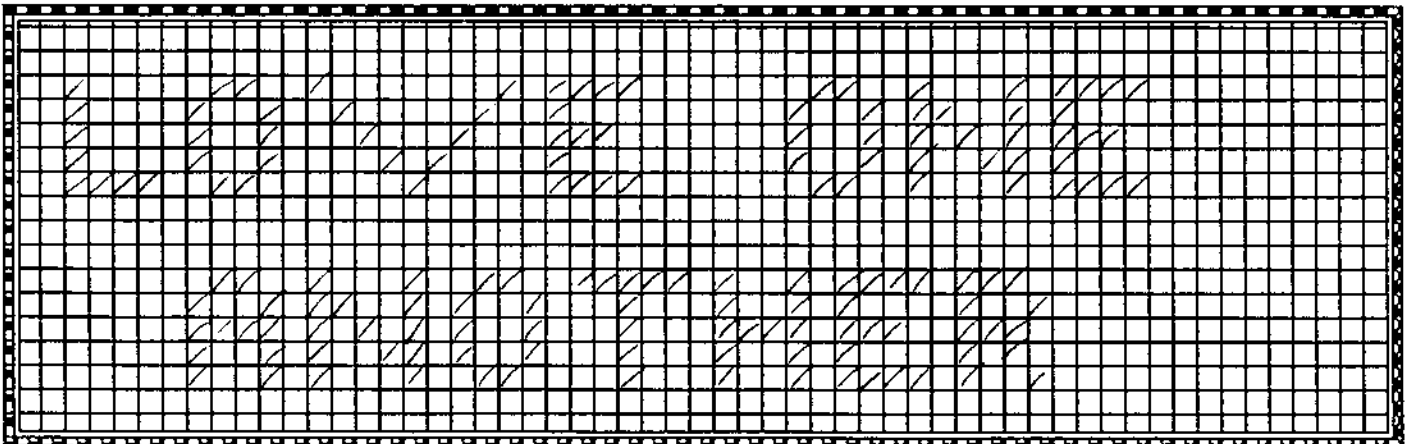
1 CORINTHINS 13:4

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V J C H E Q B S L U R U U Z B E P F K B

FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up..."


FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES, READ THEM TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

"We know that we have passed from death to _____, because we _____. He who does not _____ [his] brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." 1 JOHN 3:14-15

L  K up and read JOHN 15:12

WHAT IS ONE OF THE WAYS
WE CAN KNOW WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE?
(FILL IN THE BLANKS)

Because we _ o _ e o _ e a _ o _ _ e _.

LOVE

LOVE

LET'S CONTINUE TO DEFINE LOVE.

IN OUR MORNING STUDY WE CONSIDERED-
LOVE SUFFERS LONG, IS KIND & DOES NOT ENVY.

LET'S TURN AGAIN TO 1 CORINTHIANS 13
AND READ VERSE 5.

"LOVE DOES NOT BEHAVE RUDELY."

THAT MEANS IF SOMEONE ACTS IN A RUDE WAY TO ME,
I AM NOT TO BE RUDE BACK TO THEM.

THAT CAN BE TOUGH!

"LOVE DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN."
(TALK ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS)

"LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED."
CAN YOU LIST 2 WAYS SOMEONE MIGHT PROVOKE YOU?

1. _____
2. _____

A COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIAN MIGHT SAY,
"TO LOVE IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT,"
BUT IT IS *VERY IMPORTANT* FOR A CHRISTIAN
TO LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS!

LOVE

LOVE

HERE IN 1 JOHN 3:14 WE ARE TOLD,
"We know that we have passed from death to life,
because we love the brethren."

THIS IS SOMETHING
FOR EACH OF US TO CONSIDER!

YOU MAY ASK,
"WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE SOMEONE?
HOW CAN I LOVE THEM?"

YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND,
WE ARE NOT CALLED TO *LIKE* THE BRETHREN,
WE ARE CALLED AND COMMANDED TO LOVE THEM!

BUT WE CAN CHOOSE TO LOVE
OR WE CAN CHOOSE NOT TO LOVE.



YOU MAY BE ASKING OR THINKING,
"HOW CAN I DO THIS?
HOW CAN I LOVE LIKE THIS?"

The 1st Key to answering the Questions:

L  K up and read JOHN 15:5

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

"Without Me you can do _____."
WE NEED GOD'S HELP!

The 2nd Key to answering the Questions:

L  K up and read PHILIPPIANS 4:13

(WRITE OUT THE VERSE)


WHERE DOES OUR STRENGTH TO LOVE COME FROM?

OURSELVES

OUR PARENTS

OUR FRIENDS

OUR LORD

L  K up and read JOHN 15:4 together



LOVE LOOKS PAST THE THINGS IN A PERSON'S LIFE
THAT IT DOES NOT LIKE AND SEES THE PERSON.

IF THIS WERE NOT SO,
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
FOR GOD TO LOVE SINNERS (US).

L  K up and read ROMANS 5:8

SO TO LOVE THOSE WHOM WE DO NOT LIKE
MEANS THAT WE TREAT THEM AS IF WE DO LIKE THEM.

WE CHOOSE TO ACT KINDLY TOWARD THEM,
EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT EVEN LIKE THEM!



KEY

WHAT IS THE KEY WORD IN JOHN 15:4?
YOU'RE RIGHT! THE KEY WORD IS "ABIDE"!

TO "ABIDE" MEANS "TO REMAIN, TO CONTINUE TO BE,
TO ENDURE, TO LIVE, TO LAST, TO REMAIN AS ONE."

OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM ABIDING IN JESUS!
BUT HOW DOES A PERSON "ABIDE" IN CHRIST?

1st- JOHN 15:3 TELLS US WE ARE CLEAN
BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD.


SO WE NEED TO STUDY THE WORD DAILY!


Do you study the word daily?

2nd- TO "ABIDE" IN CHRIST MEANS
CONSTANT COMMUNION WITH HIM
ALL THE TIME- ALL DAY LONG!

Do you "hang out" with Jesus
all the time- all day long?

3rd- WE NEED TO CONFESS OUR SINS TO THE LORD.
THAT MEANS WE DESIRE AND AGREE TO CHANGE
FROM DOING THINGS OUR OWN WAYS TO
doing things God's way!

4th- L  K up and read 1 THESS 5:17
We need to do this too!

5th- WE ARE TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.
L  K up and read PSALM 119:9-11
Obedience is essential to abiding!

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JESUS SHARED THESE WORDS WITH HIS DISCIPLES
CONCERNING THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH:
(LOOK UP THESE 3 SCRIPTURES)

- A. JOHN 16:5-11
- B. JOHN 14:16-18
- C. LUKE 11:13

WE NEED THE _____ TO
HELP US LIVE A LIFE WHICH IS PLEASING TO GOD.

WE NEED TO GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT
FREEDOM OVER OUR LIVES.

REMEMBER- LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

L  K up and read JOHN 13:34-35

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BONUS PAGE!

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY CROSSING OFF THE LETTERS "A-C-F-G-J-K-M-P-Q-S-U-W-X-Y & Z"

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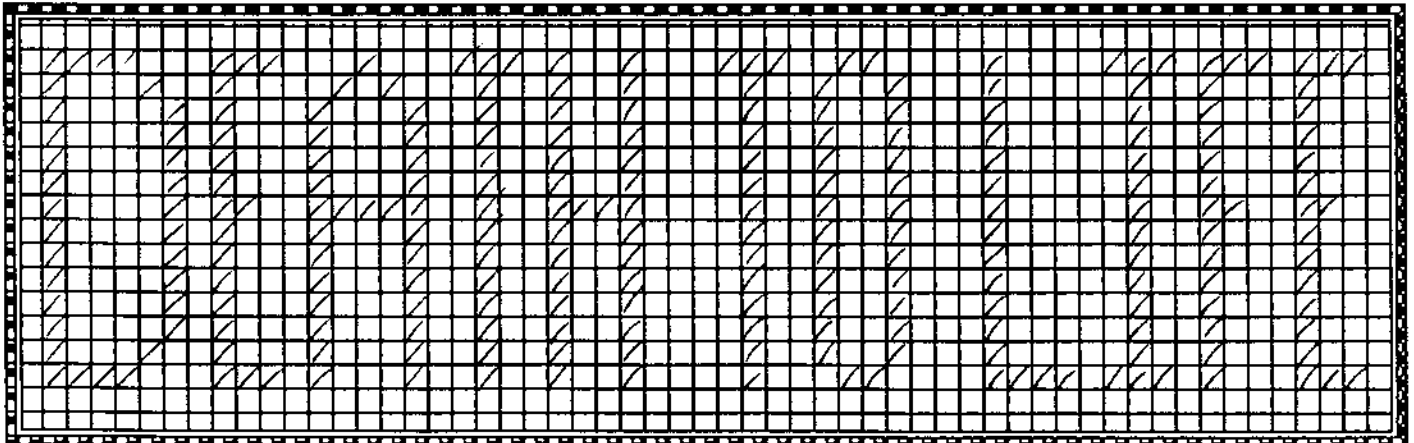
JOHN 15:5

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FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."


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THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES, READ THEM TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

"By this we know _____, because He laid down His _____ for us. And we also ought to lay down [our] _____ for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the _____ of God _____ in him?" 1 JOHN 3:16-17

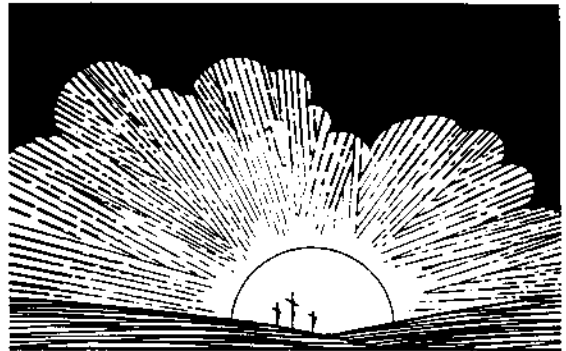
L  K up JOHN 15:13 and JOHN 3:16

THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE ARE NOT SURE OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

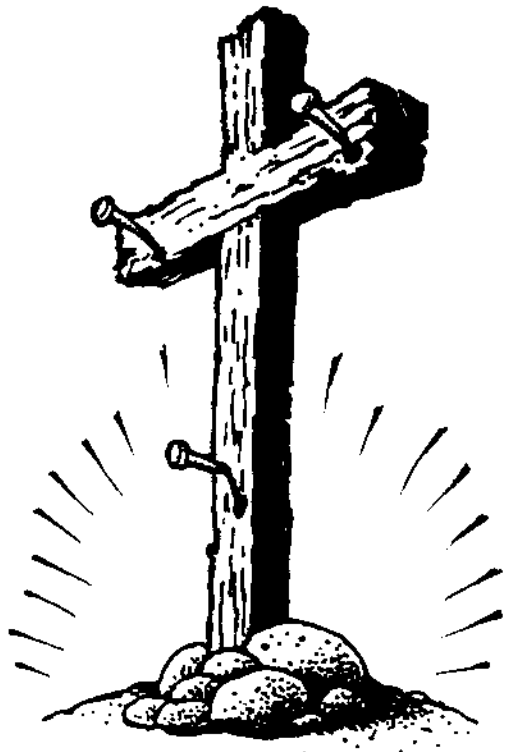
YOU MAY ASK, "DOES GOD REALLY LOVE ME?"

WHEN THIS QUESTION IS ASKED OF GOD, HE RESPONDS BY POINTING TO THE CROSS.

AT THE CROSS, WE ARE SHOWN HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US!



L  K up 1 JOHN 4:9-10



WE NEED TO STOP AND THINK ABOUT THIS...
JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND ME!

THINK ABOUT IT:
*HE WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS
BECAUSE OF YOUR SIN.*

*HE TOOK ALL OF THE PAIN
FOR YOU.*

*IT WAS YOUR SIN
THAT PUT HIM THERE.*

*IT WAS HIS LOVE FOR YOU
THAT PUT HIM THERE.*

*HE SUFFERED FOR YOU-
SO YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER FOR YOUR SINS.*

*HE DIED FOR YOU-
SO YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO DIE FOR YOUR SINS.*


*HE REDEEMED YOU FROM THE POWER OF SIN
SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE A CHILD OF GOD.*

"BY THIS WE KNOW THE LOVE,
BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US!" 1 JOHN 3:16

"GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." JOHN 15:13

WE MUST NOT FORGET-
HE DID NOT HAVE TO REDEEM US FROM OUR SIN.
HE IS THE LORD.
HE DID THIS BECAUSE HE LOVES US!



L  K up 1 JOHN 4:8 and read it together.

1 JOHN 3:16 GOES ON TO SAY,
"AND WE ALSO OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN."

REMEMBER-

1 CORINTHIANS 13

GOD WANTS YOU TO DO THE SAME AS HE,
BY LOVING THOSE AROUND YOU.

REMEMBER- LOVE SUFFERS LONG, LOVE IS KIND,
LOVE DOES NOT ENVY, LOVE DOES NOT BEHAVE RUDELY,
LOVE DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN.

YOU MAY SAY,
"WAIT A MINUTE! I CAN'T DO THAT!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE LIKE THAT!"

YOU'RE RIGHT!

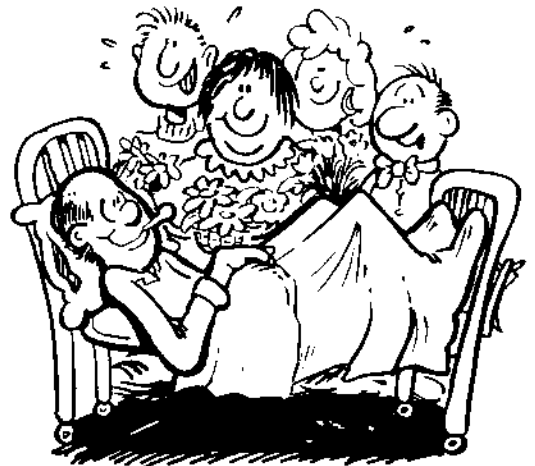
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS YOU CAN'T!
BUT THAT IS WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO.

YOU MIGHT SAY,
"ONLY GOD IS LOVE. ONLY HE CAN LOVE LIKE 1 CORINTHIANS 13."
RIGHT AGAIN!

BUT GOD STILL WANTS YOU TO LOVE AS HE LOVES.

REMEMBER, GOD IS LOVE
AND HE DESIRES TO SHOW HIS LOVE TO OTHERS THROUGH YOU!

GOD WANTS US TO BE WILLING
TO SURRENDER AND YIELD OUR LIVES TO HIM
SO THAT HIS LOVE
(WHICH IS ALREADY IN OUR HEARTS IF WE ARE BORN AGAIN)
CAN BE RELEASED TO OTHERS THROUGH US.




L  K up and read JOHN 12:24-25 (FILL IN THE BLANKS)

"He who _____ his life will _____ it, and he who _____ his life in
this _____ will keep it for _____." (V25)

YOU NEED TO REALIZE

YOU HAVE ONLY TWO CHOICES!

1. TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO GOD AND TO DO WHAT HE WANTS
- OR
2. TO FOLLOW AFTER THE ENEMY (AND WE KNOW WHO THAT IS) AND DO WHAT HE WANTS.

L  K up and read MATTHEW 12:30

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE THIS CHOICE,
EVEN NOW,
YOU CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS
AND ALLOW HIM TO SHOW HIS LOVE
TO OTHERS THROUGH YOU.



1 JOHN 3:17 TELLS US
IF WE CHOOSE TO LOVE AND TO FOLLOW GOD,
THERE WILL BE PROOF IN OUR LIVES.


WHEN WE SEE PEOPLE IN NEED,
WE WILL ALLOW GOD TO LOVE THEM
THROUGH US.

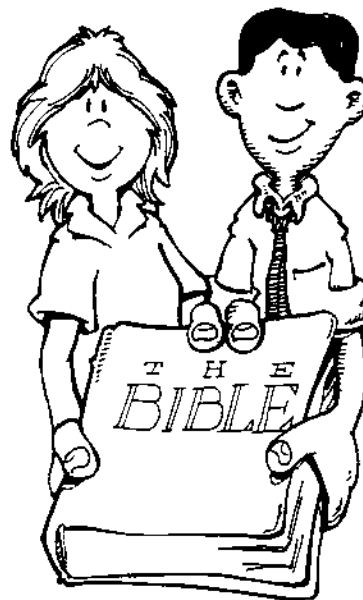
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS
YOU CAN ALLOW GOD TO LOVE OTHERS
THROUGH YOU HERE AT CAMP:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

L  K up and read 1 JOHN 4:20-21

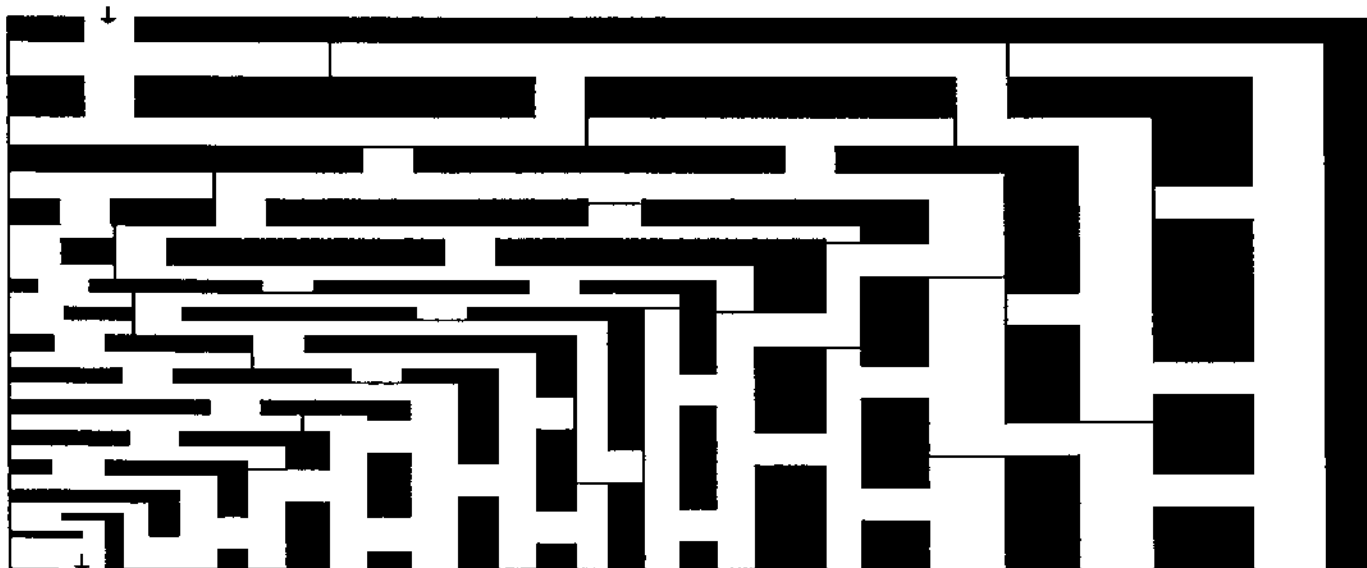
ONE MORE TO LOOK UP...

L  K up and read 1 JOHN 4:7-10
(READ IT TOGETHER 3 TIMES)



REMEMBER- LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

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THURSDAY MORNING BONUS PAGE!

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY CROSSING OFF THE LETTERS "A-B-C-I-J-K-N-P-Q-X-Y & Z"

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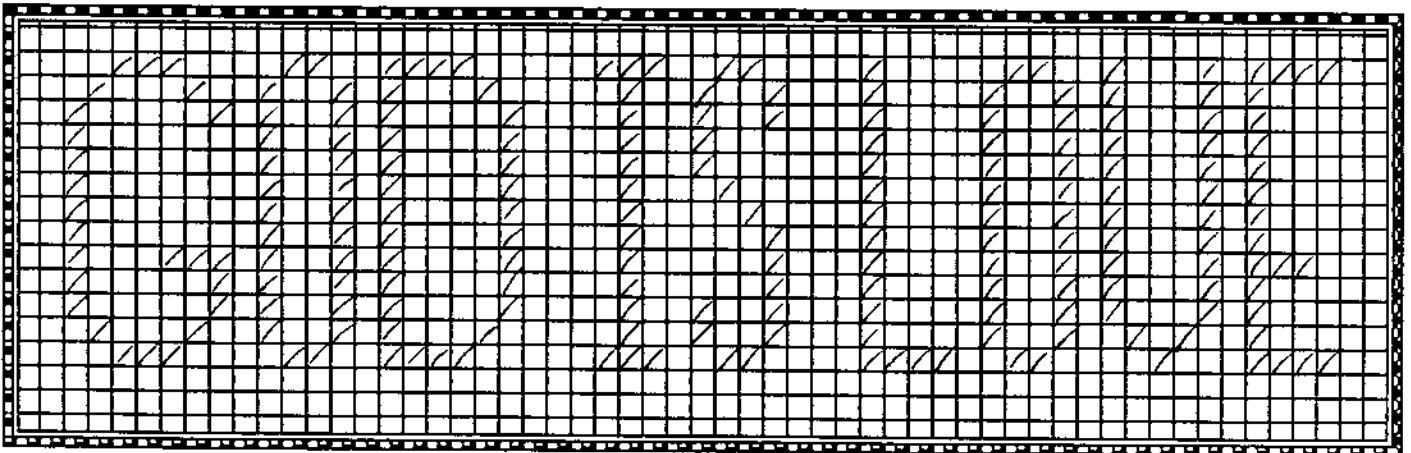
JOHN 15:13

K D S T L S D L G V G A M S N B J B I H
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I I U F F K W D A V A K I C T V E I C V
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J S F V D Z V Z Y L K R Q C B C P P R W
R E J J G J J H O Z G L V U B E Q C V F
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V A S I P A P K C W U H F B H B U K N I
O L P V L E Q B Q Z C F F T H J S L T H
R E C D W R P D D J N B U S V B L Q H Q
N N W D R G D Q B A Y A Q W A U Q F N Y
T P L A P O C F B Q H P J U M I E S E W
O M N L O B B I K R C G Y J O K M C G W

FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES, READ THEM TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

"My little children, let us not _____ in word or in tongue, but _____ in _____. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our _____ before Him. For if our _____ condemns us, God is greater than our _____, and knows all things. Beloved, if our _____ does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are _____ in His sight." 1 JOHN 3:18-22

IN 1 JOHN 3:18 WE ARE TOLD NOT TO "LOVE IN WORD OR IN TONGUE, BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH."

1 JOHN 3:18

FIRST, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE OPPOSITE OF "IN DEED" IS "IN WORD", AND THE OPPOSITE OF "IN TRUTH" IS "IN TONGUE".

LOOK up MATTHEW 25:42-45 to see an example of what it means to love "in word".

NOT JUST WORDS

TO LOVE "IN WORD" MEANS SIMPLY TO TALK ABOUT SOMEONE'S NEED, BUT TO LOVE "IN DEED" MEANS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MEETING THAT PERSON'S NEED!

TO LOVE "IN TONGUE" MEANS TO LOVE INSINCERELY, BUT TO LOVE "IN TRUTH" MEANS TO LOVE GENUINELY FROM THE HEART.

LOOK up MATTHEW 25:35-40

WRITE ONE EXAMPLE OF LOVING "IN DEED"

WRITE ONE EXAMPLE OF LOVING "IN TRUTH"

IN

DEED & TRUTH

IF YOU LOVE "IN DEED" AND "IN TRUTH", YOU MIGHT FIND LUKE 6:38 VERY INTERESTING. LOOK IT UP AND READ IT TOGETHER. SO, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO LOVE "IN DEED" AND "IN TRUTH", WHAT IS THE PROMISE IN THIS VERSE? _____

1 JOHN 3:19 REMINDS US
THAT LOVING THE BRETHREN IS A PROOF
THAT WE ARE "OF THE TRUTH".

LOOK AT THE LAST 2 WORDS OF 1 JOHN 3:19.
(WRITE THOSE 2 WORDS) " _____ "

THAT IS PRAYER! PRAYER IS COMING BEFORE HIM!

WHEN WE PRAY,
WE ARE ACTUALLY AND LITERALLY
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD!

AND WHEN YOU GO TO GOD IN PRAYER,
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD,
YOU START TO UNDERSTAND
THE IMPORTANCE GOD GIVES TO LOVING THE BRETHREN.



TO HAVE COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL!

PRAYER IS VITAL TO LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE!

YOU MIGHT SAY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WITHOUT PRAYER
IS CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE!

BUT WHO CAN COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD?
L O K up and read PSALM 24:3-4a



HOW OFTEN ARE WE TO PRAY?

L O K up and read LUKE 18:1

WE ARE ALWAYS TO PRAY!
WE ARE NOT TO LOSE HEART!

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN "TO LOSE HEART"?
HOW DO WE KEEP FROM LOSING HEART?

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE IN PRAYER?

1 JOHN 3:20-21 DEALS WITH
CONFIDENCE IN OUR PRAYER LIVES;
"WE HAVE CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD."

L O K up and read HEBREWS 4:16; 10:19; 10:22

WHAT ARE THESE SCRIPTURES REFERING TO?
"B _ _ _ _ _ " IN PRAYER!


WHEN WE HAVE THE TRUE ATTITUDE OF PRAYER,
WE ARE SUBMITTING TO GOD.

WHEN WE HAVE THE WRONG ATTITUDE IN PRAYER,
GOD DOES NOT EVEN HEAR IT.

L O K up and read LUKE 18:10-14



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE CONFIDENCE WITH SOMEONE?

L  **K** up and read PSALM 66:18

(FILL IN THE BLANKS)

"If I _____ in my _____, the _____ will _____ me."

THE LORD HEARS ME

THE LORD DOES NOT HEAR ME


DO YOU HAVE THAT CONFIDENCE?

TO HAVE THIS KIND OF CONFIDENCE,
I NEED TO KNOW THAT
GOD IS MY FATHER AND I AM HIS CHILD.

DO YOU HAVE THAT CONFIDENCE?

JESUS TELLS US OF ANOTHER WAY
TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR PRAYERS.

L  **K** up and read JOHN 15:7, 16

Now **L**  **K** up and read 1 JOHN 3:22

LOOK AT THAT!

"WHATEVER WE ASK WE RECEIVE FROM HIM."

YOU MIGHT SAY, "HEY! I CAN ASK FOR ANYTHING AND GET IT!
JUST ASK GOD AND HE WILL GIVE IT TO ME!"

TIME OUT!

DON'T FORGET THE REST OF THE VERSE.
"...BECAUSE WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS
AND DO THOSE THINGS
THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT."




TIME OUT!

WHAT THIS VERSE MEANS IS...

IF YOU LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,
IF YOU'RE REALLY LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN THIS WAY,
THEN YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR LIFE IS BEING LED
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THEREFORE YOU KNOW THAT
ANY PETITIONS OR DESIRES YOU MAY HAVE,
HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHIN YOU BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AND BECAUSE YOUR PETITIONS AND YOUR DESIRES
ARE PRODUCED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL BE ANSWERED.

L  **K** up and read ROMANS 8:26-27

L  **K** up and read LUKE 22:42

WHOSE WILL DID JESUS WANT? HIS SUPREME DESIRE WAS TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER. WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHOSE WILL DO YOU WANT? NEVER FORGET WHEN YOU PRAY THAT YOU HAVE GONE "BEFORE HIM". WHAT A WONDROUS THING THIS IS- THAT WE COME BEFORE HIM, THAT WE HAVE AUDIENCE WITH THE KING, THAT WE CAN SPEAK WITH THE LIVING GOD!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BONUS PAGE!

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY CROSSING OFF THE LETTERS "B-C-F-K-L-M-P-Q-R-V-X & Z"

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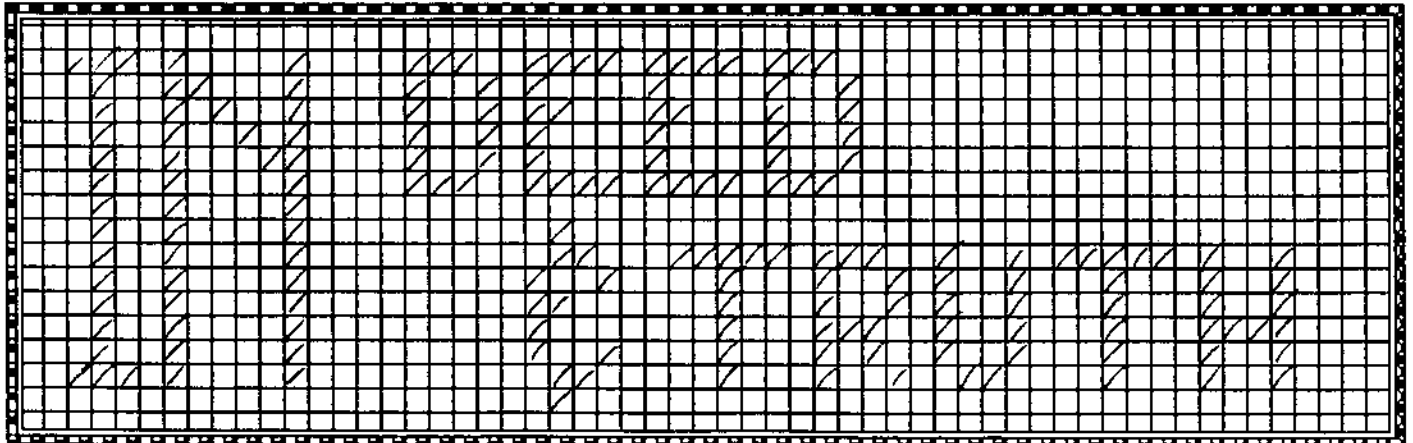
1 JOHN 3:22

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T G C O J Z R A U U J B C T R G F M G O
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B J N O G I Z D Q W Z T S E I K B A C I
T C Z B J K G W K E U G F M T T E C A B
I T Y Z V W E Y K C P R M D E M R E B B
T U I Z I B C F V B O B E N H P N B P A
L N W V N N J Z H M F G Z A I U S B N S
K Y Z P H N H W H C Q A B M B R A N B M
W T L B L K B I S J N L O M O P G I I U
Q F M O E E M G S T B L E O E T U M B Z
I U O A A C A Z T S Q V B C J Y W Q G O
E Y B O T H P S O H I V V I L W O F A B
Q Z D H E P D T I E C G D J B Y W W H H
G M R B H U J T C N J C H G N D T E Q W
A M C W D M P E L H G B H T Z S H A Q C
D H B B I J R J S L Y B Q P Z T Z S Y E
B W R K L E D G T Z C B B C Q T N K C R
D V N Y W B Q A R R T F K Q B W M U L Z
L V V N Q O A Z B L G H Q I B N B N V B

FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED




FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES, READ THEM TOGETHER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

"And this is His _____: that we should _____ on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and _____ one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that _____ in us, by _____ whom He has given us." 1 JOHN 3:23-24

THIS IS OUR LAST STUDY TOGETHER AS A CAMP FAMILY.

NOW, JUST BECAUSE IT IS THE LAST BIBLE STUDY DOES NOT MEAN IT IS THE LEAST! AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT STUDY WE HAVE DONE THIS WEEK!

L  K up and read 1 JOHN 2:3,7-10

WHAT COMMANDMENTS ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT IN THESE VERSES?

THE ANSWER CAN BE FOUND IN THESE SCRIPTURES:

JOHN 13:34; JOHN 3:36; MARK 12:28-34; JOHN 15:12

TWO WORDS DESCRIBE WHAT THE COMMANDMENTS ARE:

1. _____
2. _____



**DO
YOU
BELIEVE
?**

THIS WEEK WE HAVE LOOKED AT
WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE,
BUT WHAT DOES THE WORD "BELIEVE" MEAN?

*IF YOU BELIEVED THAT
THE SPOT WHERE YOU ARE SITTING ON RIGHT NOW
IS GOING TO SINK DEEP INTO THE EARTH IN 2 MINUTES,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?*

*IF SOMEONE TOLD YOU THAT
THE FOOD ON YOUR PLATE WOULD MAKE YOU SICK
IF YOU ATE IT AND YOU BELIEVED THAT PERSON,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?*

*WHAT IF SOMEONE VERY RICH TOLD YOU THAT
IF YOU PICKED UP TEN PIECES OF TRASH
AND THREW THEM AWAY HE WOULD GIVE YOU \$50.00
AND YOU BELIEVED HIM,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?*

THE POINT IS, IF YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING,
YOU'LL TAKE SOME ACTION TO DO SOMETHING!


DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF GOD'S ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST"?

L  K up and read 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

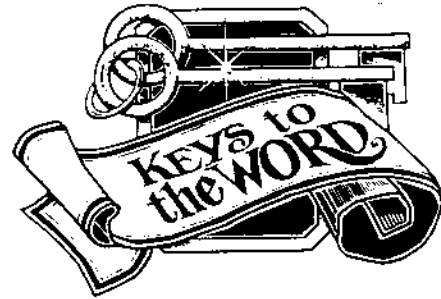
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS SAYS?

L  K up and read 1 JOHN 3:23 MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE COMMANDMENTS!

L  K up and read 1 JOHN 3:24

WE ARE TOLD,
IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, WE ABIDE IN HIM.

AND THE PROOF THAT WE ABIDE IN HIM
IS THAT HE HAS GIVEN US HIS SPIRIT.



REMEMBER IN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON'S STUDY
THE PROMISE IN JOHN 16:5-11 WHEN WE TALKED
ABOUT OUR NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
TO LIVE A LIFE WELL-PLEASING TO THE LORD?


SO WE KNOW WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS
BECAUSE WE ABIDE IN HIM.
AND WE KNOW WE ABIDE IN HIM
BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS SPIRIT.

BUT WHAT IS THE PROOF THAT WE HAVE
THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVING INSIDE OF US?

WE ARE TOLD IN GALATIANS 5:22,
"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE."

WHEN A PERSON IS OVERFLOWING
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD'S DIVINE LOVE COMES RUSHING OUT
LIKE A MIGHTY TORRENT OF LIVING WATER!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE

L  K up and read JOHN 4:5-15

LOVE (AGAPE) IS DEFINED FOR US IN TWO PLACES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

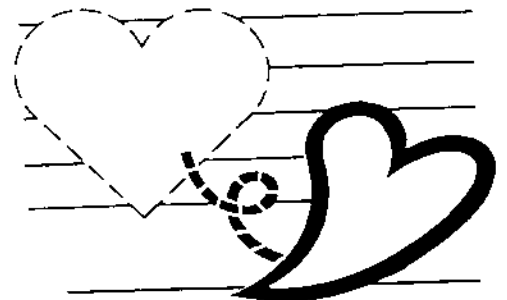
WE HAVE ALREADY LOOKED AT ONE OF THE PLACES IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13,
NOW LET'S LOOK AT THE SECOND DEFINITION OF LOVE.

L  K up again GALATIANS 5:22-23 and read it.

THIS IS THE KIND OF LOVE
GOD WANTS TO FLOW FORTH FROM YOUR LIFE;
A RIVER OF LIVING WATER!

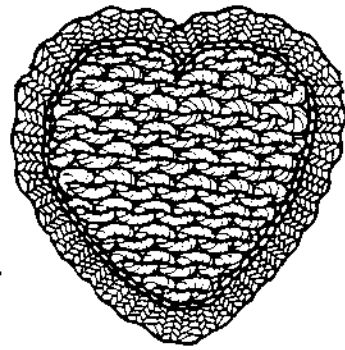
AND THIS IS THE KIND OF LOVE
THAT WILL BEAR WITNESS TO THOSE AROUND YOU
THAT YOU ARE INDEED A CHILD OF GOD.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE.



LOOK AT 8 ASPECTS OF LOVE:

1. THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF LOVE IS _____
2. THE NATURE OF LOVE IS _____
3. THE ATTITUDE OF LOVE IS _____
4. ANOTHER ASPECT OF LOVE IS _____
5. THE AFFECT OF LOVE IS _____
6. _____ IS THE RESULT OF GOD'S LOVE IN MY LIFE.
7. _____ IS THE Demeanor OF LOVE
8. _____ IS THE SAFETY-VALVE OF LOVE



EACH ONE OF THESE 8 TRAITS OF LOVE SHOULD SERVE AS A MIRROR IN FRONT OF YOU.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THE PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE IS LOVE.

"And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us." 1 JOHN 3:24

DOES THE DESCRIPTION IN GALATIANS 5:22 DESCRIBE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE?

THIS WEEK AT CAMP WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF A CHRISTIAN, A PERSON WHO LOVES GOD AND LOVES OTHERS.

A COUNTERFEITER MIGHT SAY, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT OTHERS. JUST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF."

BUT GOD'S MESSAGE TO US IS THIS, "THAT WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER." 1 JOHN 3:11



THE GREAT THEME OF THE BIBLE IS THAT OF GOD'S LOVE TOWARDS US.

THE PROOF THAT WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST IS THAT WE LOVE HIM AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

GOD DESIRES TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.

HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING NEEDED TO ALLOW YOU TO HAVE THAT FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.

JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!

HE WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE, TO ABIDE, TO OBEY AND TO LOVE.

MAY GOD HELP EACH ONE OF YOU TO LOVE; TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

GOD BLESS YOU!



FRIDAY MORNING BONUS PAGE!

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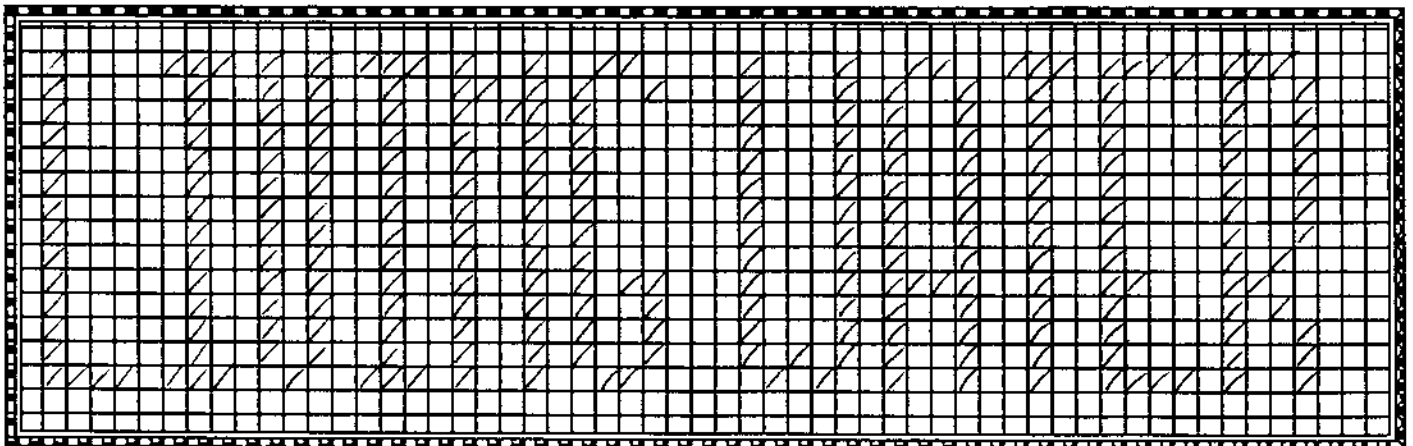
GALATIANS 5:22-23

F E E W U W M S S E N E L T N E G N R K
V R E W B P L P E V O L Q R D Y S Q V G
P K U P O Y T U I T C W V B O M W V B O
T B D I E V T U Y A B C H T F H J O Y E
I Z C Z T A J R W L T W K W W W N A I N
H B C O F O C D Y S E O P X D N O B V U
N G L B Y A F E M K J E W A U E U F V Z
N O N A D Z I T R J M U G N I L H R O P
S R G I A Y T T H B G O O D N E S S Y H
K B G W R S H Y H E H U Q P B I G I S S
Y B B V U E H M F F S E V M T Z F J E P
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N C S Z Q S G F I Q O L I H A Y R W F Y
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D T S B C G V E K C I F O D Q F Y Z R M
C Z W O E L F A L G C K O L W Z Z U O M
V D A J O O O O R C K S A J I M I I L E

FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW IN THE WORDSEARCH ABOVE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

FILL IN THE BOXES BELOW WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED



YOUR ONE DUTY

God has given you but one simple responsibility: to believe in His promise. You can enjoy the blessing of a relationship with God even though you may not pray enough, or give enough, or sacrifice enough because of your faith in what God has already done for you.

God made Jesus to be sin for you that you might be made the righteousness of God through Him. Jesus imparts to you His righteousness when you simply place your faith and trust in the work He has done for you. His work is all of grace.

Paul opened his letter to the Galatians with the salutation, "Grace to you." He closed it with, "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." His benediction takes on a rich depth of meaning in light of the letter's sharp focus on the glorious grace of God. The grace of Jesus, not the law of Moses, was the Galatians' greatest need. To walk in the power of His Spirit, not in the vain efforts of the flesh, was their calling.

How did the Galatians respond? We are not told. Perhaps this is because the question raised in Galatia is always an open one. Will you rely on your own righteousness, or will you trust in God's gracious provision? Will you remain in the simple message of salvation by grace through faith? Or will you add your own list of righteous works to the finished work of Christ? Will you walk in the flesh or in the Spirit? Will you glory in the cross of Christ alone? Or will you seek the approval and rewards of this world so that you may glory in your flesh?

These are issues that every believer in every generation eventually must wrestle with. The answers you stand for will spell the difference between peace and fear, pride and true humility, even spiritual life and death.

May you stand without wavering for the grace of Jesus Christ. May you not be moved by the deceptive desire to please me. May you be so heavenly minded that you are of the greatest earthly good, holding out the word of life in an increasingly dark and hopeless world. And may you glory this day in what Jesus has done for you, and in that alone.



MY SUMMER CAMP DIARY PAGE

I AM IN FAMILY # _____

MY COUNSELOR AT CAMP IS _____

THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE IN MY CAMP FAMILY ARE _____

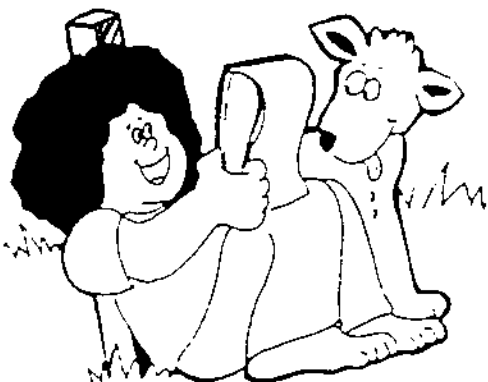
THE MOST FUN CAMP ACTIVITY IS _____

THE BEST CAMP MEAL WAS _____

MY FAVORITE CAMP SONG IS _____

FRIENDS I'VE MADE ARE _____

SOMETHING I'VE LEARNED ABOUT GOD IS _____



MY FAVORITE CAMP GAME IS _____

I LIKED CAMP BECAUSE _____

