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#### OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

##### Lord's Day

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.

##### Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Class 10:00 a.m.  
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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Nursing Home  
Residents

### Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203

### NHC

Paul & Helen  
Harrison Room D14

### Pleasant Valley Manor

Madge Brown Room 207  
Marie Carpenter Room 405  
Velta Hambelton Room 107  
Charlie Ward Room 407

### West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309  
Leota Crawford Room 615  
Bobby Jo Gish Room 819  
Hazel Henry Room 712  
Lois Shelton Room 807

Members Home-  
Bound or with On-  
Going Illness

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King James Version is requested for the pulpit,  
classrooms, and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the  
power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;  
to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16



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## CONDUCT OF A CHRISTIAN

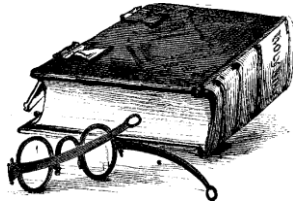
Colossians 3:12-14

*“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”*

There are eight characteristics listed which affect the way that we treat one another and the way we present ourselves to the world:

1. With our emotional heart of compassion bowels of mercy we show pity, mercy and sympathy toward those who are distressed or suffering.
2. “Kindness”, “gentleness” and “generosity” all reflect good will to others.
3. “Humbleness and lowliness of mind” is recognition that we are small and God is great.
4. “Meekness” (power under control) enables us to correctly not condemn in situations of conflict.
5. Patience (longsuffering) allows us to hold out for a length of time before reacting and not to seek revenge when wronged.
6. Toleration (forbearing one another) allows us to put up with some things. This can be applied to workload as well as angry words or insults. “Wherefore, by beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19).
7. “Forgiving one another” when we are wronged. We must be gracious and forgive the wrongdoer.
8. Charity” (love): In addition to everything else, we must love. This is not the emotional love, but it is the “Agape” intellectual comprehension which seeks the highest good for its recipients. Love helps the Christian reach the objective: The perfect bond of unity.

James Groves



## "SELF - ESTEEM"

Larry Yarber

"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

"Self - Esteem" is defined as: "self-es-teem, self e-stem, self e-stem, n. Esteem or respect for oneself; an excessively favorable opinion of oneself" (WEBSTER, pg. 873). From this we learn that while we are to respect all men, including ourselves, we should also keep this esteem under control.

Paul warned those at Philippi, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves" (Philippians 4:3). We must all guard against haughty arrogance and pride. Yet at the same time, we need to realize the value and worth of each soul, including our own. As our opening verse states, man is the only creature who possesses a soul, like God. Thus, he is the only creature who has been created in the image of God. As such, his life has more value than the life of any other creature on earth. This is why it is wrong to kill a fellow man but acceptable to kill any other animal, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Genesis 9:6). And, "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every living thing that moveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things" (Genesis 9:2-3). Each and every life of man, including our own, is so precious and valuable in the sight of God that He gave His only Son as the ransom for our soul, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Despite this, some still lose their esteem for their own soul and for the soul of others. When this occurs, murder, including suicide, sometimes follows. Some of the things which cause men to lose this self-worth are: poverty, social status or the lack thereof, knowledge, ability, and/or sin. Judas was so overcome by the guilt of his sin that he committed suicide. The Bible says, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, ... Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. ... And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself" (Matthew 27:3-5). The other things listed above have caused other to do the same. This is tragic, because whether we are rich or poor, wise or unwise, popular or unpopular, gifted or not, God still cares for us and our soul, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1st Peter 5:7).

Suicide is not the solution for low self-esteem. Neither is crime or drug abuse. God is the answer. In the verse prior to the one above, God said, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:" (1st Peter 5:6). And, Paul once said, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). The only wealth that is really important is spiritual wealth, the only friendship we

need is that with God, the only knowledge that will save is spiritual, and if we only possess one talent that is enough for God. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). **In the end, this is all that matters; this is the all important possession - the soul. And, in the sight of God, my soul is as important and valuable as your soul, and your soul is as important and valuable as my soul. Knowing this one truth should make every man beam with self - esteem!**

### SUNDAY LESSON & SERMON TITLES

**Sunday Am Class:** "A Third Sabbath Controversy"

**Sunday Am Sermon:** "Self-Esteem"

**Sunday Pm Sermon:** "The Home and Husbands/Fathers"

**Wednesday Pm Class:** "Genesis, Chapter 25"

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### *DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING*

*James 1: 1-18*

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**Ill or in the Hospital:** Paul Harrison was in OMC this past week, but has been moved to National Healthcare, Room D14 to be with Helen.

**February Potluck:** Today is the Annual Sweetheart Dinner. Be prepared to come and enjoy a meal together as the men administer this small token of honor and thanks to the women of our congregation.

**CD Requests:** If you would like to request sermon CD's on a weekly basis, sign your name in the space provided on the sheet in the foyer and you will automatically get them every week.

**Library Books of the Month:** Each month we will advertise some of the good books that we have in the library. This month's books are: "Your Best Friend"; "The Spirit of Liberalism"; "Instrumental Music in The Worship"; and "Worship That Is Right with God".

**Bible Scramble: Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. PKEE YTH TOOF WNHE UTOH TSOGE OT EHT USOHE FO OGD, NDA EB ROME YREDA OT RHEA, TNHA OT VIGE EHT SRIIFECCA FO SOOLF: ROF YTHE SRONIEDC TON TTHA YTHE OD VLIE. EB TON SRHA WTIH YTH UTOMH, NDA TLE TON TNIHE TRHEA EB YTSHA OT UTTRE YNA TNIHG ROFEEB OGD: ROF OGD SI NI VNHEEA, NDA UTOH NOPU TRHEA: TRROHFEE TLE YTH WSROD EB WFE.