

EASTERN SHORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 27, 2022



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Thank you for joining us today at Eastern Shore Church of Christ!
Whether you are a long-time member here or a visitor, we are thrilled to have you. Please be sure to stick around following services so we can get to know you a little better, and let us know if we can do anything for you!

Elders

Sid Chupek
Scott Kelly
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Jonathan Ling

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Sunday

Worship 10 AM
Bible Study 5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 PM

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Today's Sermon

**Where It All Ends:
The Final Chapter of Evil
Revelation 20:10**

¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20:10 ESV



We have a wide variety of events, such as game nights, trips to various local events, singings, and devotionals for all ages.

**See more
details inside the bulletin!**

Today's Events:

Lads to Leaders will have puppet practice at 4 PM. There will be a meeting for all attending convention at 4:30 PM.

Mark Your Calendar Meeting: tonight following our evening Bible Study. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

Events for this week:

Tuesday:

Men's Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

03/28 John & Sandra Sibley
04/02 David Perry
04/04 Megan Kenney
04/11 Gus Velazquez
04/15 Autumn Ling
04/22 Beatrice Sharpe
04/23 Scott & Amanda Lloyd
04/24 Jamie Langham
Travis Purser
04/25 Faye Pirtle
04/30 Phyllis Gill

Next Sunday:

Lads to Leaders will have puppet practice at 4 PM. The puppet team will perform following our evening Bible Classes.

There are sign-up sheets for food on the bulletin board for the following:

- ⇒ L2L Convention in April. Please see Cindy Hatcher for any questions.
- ⇒ Couples Shower for Kaylee Holley & Josh Sanford, April 2nd at 4 PM.

New phone number for Jane Betts is:
(251) 465-4110.

Mark Your CALENDAR

- 04/03 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM with puppet show following our evening Bible Classes.
- 04/05 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/09 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 04/10 L2L Puppet Practice at 4 PM, girls will give their speeches following our evening Bible Classes.
- 04/12 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/14-17 L2L Convention in Orlando, FL.
- 04/19 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- 04/24 Youth Area Wide at University church of Christ.
- 04/26 Men's Bible Study, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Part 1 of 2: Our Own Crucifixion

By: Bryant Evans

Have you read Galatians 5:16-26? If you've not read it recently, please pause and go and read it right now then return to this article.

This paragraph sets forth an important contrast between the flesh and the spirit. In this context, flesh is bad. It is the worldly side of man; it is against the things of God. However, the spirit is all about God. It is about goodness in our everyday lives. There are three very important takeaways that arise from Paul's words.

The Clash

Immediately, Paul observes the conflict between flesh and spirit. It is impossible to live a Godly, spirit-filled life while pursuing the gratification of our fleshly desires. To do so is like the old saying which speaks of a person with one foot in the world and one foot in the church. Such is a balancing act that is certain to end in trouble. Some of the most miserable people I have ever known have been those who tried to be godly people while maintaining a separate life in the world.

In Romans 13:14, Paul writes, *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."* Now think about that for a moment. Don't worry about the things that satisfy the body. Instead, focus on the things of Christ. That's quite a challenge! But it is in perfect harmony with what Jesus himself said, *"do not be anxious about your life..."* (Matthew 6:25). Some translations say, *"don't worry about your life."* When we worry about our lives, when we focus on trying to satisfy the things that the flesh wants, we become distracted from the important spiritual things of life.

When I spend all my time trying to earn a few more dollars so that I might have a nicer home, a nicer automobile, or the latest cell-phone, I take away time from spirit-led activities.

The Crop

Seeds produce after their kind. In the very next chapter, Paul will remind us of this unchanging principle. Whatever you plant, that is what you will reap (Galatians 6:7). This is the important law of reaping and sowing. Paul is not talking about planting peas, corn, squash, okra, or any other garden vegetable. He's talking about planting a seed that is fleshly or a seed that is worldly.

We should add that seeds don't produce immediately. Results may come years later. Sometimes, a life of good works is not seen until after the death of the worker. My father worked for years to teach his brother-in-law the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ but to no avail. About three weeks after my father's death his brother-in-law, my uncle, was baptized into Jesus.

Likewise, evil may not be recompensed until years later. The delay in righteous judgment is frustrating. Jeremiah cried to the Lord, *"Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive"* (Jeremiah 12:1)? Job was also puzzled, *"Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power"* (Job 21:7)? The psalmist, troubled at times over the successes of the wicked, understood that God would exact judgment in due time. He wrote, *"though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever"* (Psalm 92:7). They may prosper and thrive for a time, but they will suffer the consequences of their evil in due time.

Works of the Flesh

Now, back in chapter 5 Paul lists the outcome of a worldly life versus the outcome of a spiritual life. The first three products of a worldly life in Galatians 5: 19, have to do with unrestrained sexual behavior. I think you would agree that our society is marked by such unbridled behavior. Rampant fornication and adultery, militant homosexuality, and the rising acceptance of transgenderism are evidence of a fleshly lead world.

The next two works of the flesh detailed in verse 20, idolatry and sorcery, are both assaults upon the glory of God. The worshipping of idol, pagan gods was common in the Roman Empire. Worshipers ignored the creator and worshiped images made by the hands of men. Likewise, sorcery or magic was frequently practiced. Simon, in Acts 8, and Elymas, in Acts 13, are two examples of such practitioners in the Bible. Simon left his sorcery while Elymas was miraculously blinded by Paul because of his practice. The worship of pagan gods such as those in Hindu and Buddhism is spreading in the Western Hemisphere. Sorcery is somewhat prevalent in the Caribbean and South America and is gaining a foothold even here in the deep South. The practice of voodoo is well-established in New Orleans, while Santeria is found among many Cuban immigrants in Mexico and the southeastern United States.

The remaining works of the flesh, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, all reflect the corruption of the human spirit. Recall that when man was created by God, he, along with all of creation, was pronounced *"very good"* (Genesis 1:31). Like everything else in creation, man's spirit was very good. Once sin entered the world in Genesis 3, man would be lured into its corrupting influences. Hence, these works of the flesh are well known today.

These characteristics should never be named among the followers of Jesus.

To be continued.....

Please keep in your prayers:

Julie Doughty is having ongoing health problems (daughter of Jerry Doughty).

Ed Hudson is in Thomas Hospital having tests done. Please no visitors at this time.

Jane Betts is facing some new possible treatments for her health.

Please remember our friends and loved ones who are fighting cancer:

Mike Sanford, Gus Stranch (great nephew of Patti Van Iderstine), **Jeff Stewart** (friend of Jerry Doughty), **Sharon Vandevender** (wife of Donna Neu's nephew), **Sarah Kennedy, Jim Bose and Betty Carter** (friends of Patti Van Iderstine), **Darnell Jackson** (mother of Jaqueline King), **James Doughty** (brother of Jerry Doughty), **Angela Flit** (cousin of Dwight Isenhower), **Will Scott and Paul Thorkelson** (friends of Dwight & Julia Isenhower), **Aaron Bell** (Youth Minister of Valley View church & a friend of the Sanford's), **Wanda Bobinger** (cousin of Patti Van Iderstine), **Joe Smith** (brother of Sherran Brown), **Margaret Tucker** (Sister-In-Law of Linda Farris).

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

MaeBelle Perry, Lum Morrison, Elizabeth Till, James & Ann Christopher, Don & Phyllis Gill, and Jane Betts.

Privileged to Serve

Greeters:	Scott & Sandy Kelly
Usher:	Peter Verrett
Building Lockup:	Peter Verrett
Treasurer Assistants:	Jonathan Ling and Noah Evans

Sunday Morning

Lord's Table (presiding):	Scott Lloyd
Leading Prayer:	Chad Chupek Tim Ashley
Leading Singing:	Noah Evans
Scripture Reading:	Logan Ling

Wednesday Evening

Leading Prayer:	James Day Jonathan Ling
Leading Singing:	Jesse Olive

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