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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Lessons from John – Lesson 10  
Unity  
(**John 17:20-23**)

##### PM Sermon

Daniel – Lesson 4

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

D. Jackson

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

The Spirit of Liberalism - Praschnik

##### The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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the **KJV, NKJV or ASV** translation of  
the Bible in classes & sermons.

## The Oologah Informer

### December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### *Thoughts from the Preacher*

##### **"Mirror"**

When is the last time you looked in the mirror? We do this to check our physical appearance. However, when is the last time you checked your spiritual appearance before God? Do you like what you see? Does God like what He sees? The latter is what matters most.  
We must be sure to look every day.

#### **JUST PREACH ABOUT LOVE**

By Jerry Joseph

In response to hearing the Truth upheld and false doctrine being refuted, some say, "Why don't you just preach about love?" Some have the notion and it is false that you cannot declare and defend the Truth and, at the same time, have love. The thinking of some is that love will never condemn sin, and if one does so, he is unloving. Some are confused about what Bible "love" really is and how it is to be demonstrated. Preaching Bible "love" in no way precludes declaring, demonstrating, and defending Bible Truth. If we are to preach "love," and we must, what is involved?

To preach "love" is to preach the LOVE OF GOD. "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). "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

To preach "love" is to preach LOVE FOR GOD. "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:36-38). "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It is not enough just to declare with our lips our love for God; our love must also be demonstrated by and in our lives. Therefore, we will (1) spend time in prayer (Colossians 4:2); (2) search and study His Word (John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15); (3) seek spiritual things first (Matthew 6:33); (4) serve him in obeying His Word (John 14:15) and (5) state and show our love for others (1 John 4:21).

To preach "love" is to preach LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD. "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalms 119:97). If we have a love for God's Word, then that will be demonstrated in what we proclaim and practice. A love for God's Word means that we will "preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2); "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15); not preach a

perverted Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9); "rightly divide the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15) and not "wrest" the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16).

To preach "love" is to preach **LOVE FOR THOSE WHO ARE GODLY AND THOSE WHO ARE GODLESS**. We are to love all mankind, including our enemies (Matthew 22:39; 5:43-44). "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21). We are to "love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:23). Love for others means that we will do what we can to help physically and spiritually (Galatians 6:1-2, 10; 1 John 3:17; James 5:19-20; Jude 23). Proclaiming the Truth to others, praying for others, persuading people to give up their sins, and to promptly obey the Gospel is demonstrating the proper kind of love for others. We cannot say that we are preaching "love" and that we genuinely love others when we withhold the saving Gospel from them and refuse to "reprove, rebuke and exhort" (2 Timothy 4:2).