

# THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

**“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16**

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II**

“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:11





## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements:** Melvin J. Bryant II  
**Opening Prayer:** Melvin J. Bryant II  
**Song Leader:** Kwame Abdul  
**Second Prayer:** Kyle Walker  
**Lord’s Table:** Melvin Bryant  
 Devin Bryant  
**Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II  
**Closing Prayer:** Devin Bryant

## Attendance

**Morning Hour:** TBA  
**Bible Class:** TBA  
**Worship:** TBA  
**Wednesday:** TBA  
**Contribution:** TBA

## Weekly Service Times

 The Morning Hour 9:00am  
 Bible Class 10:00am  
 Morning Worship 11:00am  
 Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

## The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

**Missions:** India & Childhaven

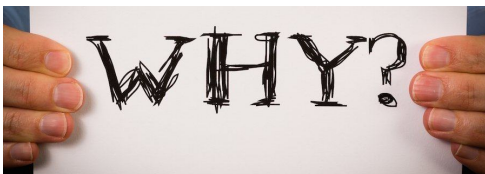
## PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30  
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10

## THE MOTIVES

**When the Temptation is ALREADY in you!**

**“What are your Motives? Is your HEART Right with God?”**



**WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?**

**WHAT IF WE...**

- ...carried it with us everywhere?
- ...turn back to get it if we forgot it?
- ...checked it for messages throughout the day?
- ...used it in case of emergencies?
- ...spend an hour or more each day using it?



*What would our lives look like?*

## ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich, Sis. Carolyn, Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister) and her family, Sis. Proctor, Anita Berger, Charlie Griffin.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **The Webb** family lost their daughter Kira. Let us keep them in our prayers.
- ▶ **Anita Berger** test result was favorable, but she is still in need of prayers for complications.
- ▶ **Kwame** is in need of prayer for his citizenship as he has applied for it.
- ▶ **Garrison Ihle**, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons had his surgery. Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Carolyn** is still in need of our continual prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers as he will be having a nuclear stress test this week.
- ▶ **Mary Matthews**, the aunt of Sis. Traci Bryant is being treated for cancer. Let us keep her lifted in prayer.
- ▶ **Brother Melvin** has a co-worker, Dondrea Clay who is in need of prayers as she was injured on the job.
- ▶ **Kaitlyn Hunter** mom passed away. Let us keep the family in prayer!
- ▶ **Jamie Franklin** is in need of continual prayers after the lost of her parents.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ✓ November Birthdays

Kirian - 1st  
Mekel Abdul - 9th  
Deborah Abdul - 14th

### ✓ Anniversaries

TBA

### ✓ Hiram Church News

Sis. Becky will be conducting a ladies class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

### ✓ Local Church News

There will be a "Ladies Day" held at the Central Church of Christ on November 2, 2019 by Heather Scarborough. All women are encouraged to attend.

### ✓ National Church News

Jack Evans Sr, passed away last Friday. Let us pray for his family during this difficult time.

### ✓ World Church News

### ✓ Traveling

The Johnson family is traveling.

### ✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal each month.

**Kaitlyn Hunter** was baptized on September 15th. Let us keep her in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

**Jonathan Reaves** was baptized on September 29th. Let us keep him in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

# “When the Temptation (or Sin) is ALREADY in You” Part II

Matthew 15:19 - James 1:12-15

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

Temptation is Powerful! It can play with your minds! It can get you off kilter. It test your character, your integrity, your self control against what the Word of God says! It will have us doing things to gratify our own desires! Now, We KNOW what to do that is RIGHT, but the “Temptation” in me compels me to do that which is WRONG!

## I. WHEN THERE IS WAR WITHIN MY MIND

- A. There is a BATTLE with many of us DAILY within our minds!
- It wars against our physicality! Paul said in verse 15 of Romans chapter 7 (by the Spirit), “For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I WILL to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.” I know I’m supposed to HATE sin, but that which I HATE, that I do!
- B. The Law of God is Good
- In verse 16, Paul shows by the Spirit that the Law of Christ is GOOD and that’s what we NEED to fight against the warring of our minds, this is why we, “fulfill the law of Christ”! (Galatians 6:2)!
  - But notice this BATTLE that’s in our minds sometimes (see Romans 7:19-20).
  - I KNOW the things that I should NOT do is EVIL, but those are the very things that I’m PRACTICING and falling Prey to! When the SIN is ALREADY dwelling in you and we KNOW that it’s wrong BUT; we PRACTICE it Anyway!

For instance:

- How many of us have done something that we KNOW the Bible condemns but because of “Temptation (or even Peer Pressure)” we do it anyway!
- But here is the question....How do we fight against it? (James 4:7).

Side note:

- NO ONE can blame their miscreant behaviors on the devil. (see James 1:13-14)! “EACH ONE is TEMPTED when he is DRAWN away by his OWN DESIRES and ENTICED”!
- Satan does not carry a conversation with us as He did with the Lord in Matthew 4:1-11! That voice you hear in your head is YOU, not satan! And did you know that there is a....

- C. Law that is EVIL that can reside in us! (see Romans 7:21-22).
- *Therefore*, if we DELIGHT ourselves in the Law of God, allowing the inner man, it will HELP us defeat the EVIL that can be present with us!
  - BUT....Here is the problem! MOST people don’t have enough of God’s word in our hearts and that’s why they fall prey to the law of EVIL since it encompasses us more than the Law of God!
  - The Law of Evil WARS against our mind! (see Romans 7:23-25).
  - *However*, God, through Jesus Christ our Lord is the ONLY ones that can DELIVER us from the WAR that we fight in this body!
  - So, don’t be fooled into thinking that we can fight this WAR without God because I tell you, we will LOSE EVERYTIME!

## II. THE HEART CAN HAVE THE WRONG MOTIVES

- A. First, allow us to define what “Motives” are!
- “Motives” are reasons for doing something especially one that is hidden and not obvious!

- The word “Motive” comes from the Latin words “motivus,” meaning “moving, and movere, meaning to move.” Think of motive as the thing that moves you to act. What “Motivated” you to do that? Why did you do it? What was your “Motive” behind it?!
- There are times when people do things (that moves them to act) and it seems to be GOOD until you find out there was a “Motive” behind it! And, God is the MASTER at exposing “Motives”!

For instance:

- B. I Kings 21 tells us of Jezebel and Ahab and the “motives” behind having Naboth killed!
- When your “motives” are NOT right, they will ALWAYS catch up with you! (cf. 2 Kings 9:30-37)!
- C. In the New Testament, Judas had “motives”! (see John 12:1-6)!
- God KNOWS our thoughts, and ANY MOTIVE that we may have hidden in our heart that’s not right, God knows it ALL together! (cf. Psalms 139:1-4).
  - Judas seemed to have people to believe that he cared for the poor, but verse 6 tells us the real reason!
- D. David, in 2 Samuel 11:1ff had the wrong “motives”!
- 2 Samuel 11 is a famous hallmark movie of stories!
  - David KNEW what he was doing, he was TRYING to cover his sin by sending for Uriah the Hittite (verse 6), asking how the war was going and about the welfare of Joab when he could have asked Joab himself by letter (verse 7)! Trying to influence Uriah to go home to his wife (verse 8) and sending a Gift of Food with him! And, getting Uriah drunk! David’s EVIL plot was NOT working, so he had the man killed (verse 15)!
  - David was WRONG for engaging another man’s wife, BUT; to cover his sins, his “motives” were equally as wrong, they were EVIL! And, in verse 27 the Bible tells us, “...**But the thing that David had done DISPLEASED the Lord.**”
  - Brethren, we don’t want to have “motives” that are wrong that DISPLEASES the Lord!

### III. IS YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD

- A. What motives do we have within us? (Acts 5:1-11)
- Last week, I cited Acts chapter 5 and told you of Ananias and Sapphira! And according to the story, their HEART was NOT right with God!
  - They made it SEEM as “IF” they gave ALL the money for the land they had sold to the church in Jerusalem! The Bible tells us they LIED to God (the Holy Spirit) and as a result of it, they died!
  - Philippians 2:2-3 tells us not to do anything with “Selfish Ambition!” Selfish Ambition is when you try to position yourself for the wrong reasons!
- B. There are people who do this even in the church!
- We had a sister (at another congregation) who was NOT faithful in her attendance but would come to worship a few Sundays before her rent was due! She would get up and repent with TEARS and say how she needed to be more faithful to God and was in desperate need of prayers for strength! BUT around the third or fourth Sunday, she had a MOTIVE for coming! She had to pay RENT on the FIRST and would ask the church for assistance and she did this often! Her HEART was NOT right with God!
- C. We see it all the time on television, 20/20, Dateline, people murdering for the wrong reasons!
- Those reasons are for money, fame, prestige and even another lover!
- D. Jesus spoke of men who had the wrong “motives” for things! (see Matthew 6:5)!
- God wants us to have the right ATTITUDE, the right HEART with EVERYTHING that we do!
  - Be encouraged brethren, until the last Amen.....