

## **GOD'S LOVE**

Everyone wants to be loved. A person wants to know that someone cares. God loves everyone. God is the God of love. He gave us the Bible so that we could learn about His love. God's love is great. Paul told the Ephesians (2:4) that God's great love was manifested in His rich mercy.

His love is a giving love. In John 3:16, we are told that God so loved us that He gave us His only begotten Son. It is because of this that we have hope of everlasting life.

His love is an everlasting love. It will never cease. In Jeremiah 31:3, the Lord told Jeremiah that He had loved Israel with an everlasting love. Because of this love, we are drawn to Him by His loving kindness.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Paul, in Romans 8:35, said that no tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword could separate us from the love of Christ.

If we are in contact with the love of God, we have no fear of the Judgment Day. The perfect love of being in Christ casts all fear of that Day away (1 John 4:16-18).

Study your Bible. Learn what God wants you to do to be in contact with His love. Obey Him. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

—Mark McWhorter, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 01/17

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## **A Perfect Heart**

“Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, so as this day” (1 Kings 8:61). These are the words of King Solomon at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem. He was wise enough to see that the blessing and security of that great building depended upon the faithfulness and spiritual integrity of those who came there to worship. He told the people to have a perfect heart. How is that possible?

Some people think of the word “perfect” as meaning “absolutely faultless.” We all know that we are weak and sinful, and therefore, to aspire to have a perfect heart in that way is a losing cause. That is not what “perfect” means in this passage.

A perfect heart is a true heart. We err from time to time, but our hearts are set on pleasing the Lord. Our faith does not waver like a wave of the sea (James 1:6). A true line is a straight line. We are called to follow a straight path (Psalms 5:8) with the Lord.

A perfect heart is a pure heart. God is holy and morally unblemished in every respect. He wants us to be holy as He is (1 Peter 1:15-16). We should be so thankful for the cleansing that we have in our Savior. The Temple that Solomon built was amazing and

glorious, but it was no more glorious than God's temple today, His holy people (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20).

A perfect heart is a well-developed heart. We are called to grow to be complete in every way, not acting like selfish little children. Solomon started out so well, and God blessed him with great wisdom. As time went by, he allowed his selfishness, pride, desire for many wives and his lack of focus on God to lead him away into idolatry. As we grow and mature, we should be drawing ever closer to God, instead of drifting away from Him.

Grant us grace to have perfect hearts: hearts that are true, pure and well-developed to serve God all the days of our lives. Developing this kind of perfect heart is possible and a worthy goal for each child of God.

—Roger Wright, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 06/18

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July 08, 2018

VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL

**"EXCAVATE, DISCOVERING THE TREASURES  
OF JESUS"**

**JULY 8-12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

# REFRESHMENTS EACH NIGHT

**53 LAKESIDE DR.  
CARTHAGE TN.**

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## **THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

### **WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**JULY 08, 2018**

Coordinator . . . . . Robert Hackett  
Announcements . . . . . George Clay  
Scripture Reading.,,John 4:23-24.Austin Clay  
Song Leader . . . . . Adam Jolley  
Opening Prayer. . . . .Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks  
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith  
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper  
Closing Prayer .....Ben Silcox  
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie  
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper  
Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
. . . . . Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon —  
PM Sermon —

### **WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . George Clay  
Song Leader . . . . . Adam Jolley  
Scripture Reading.....Isa. 25:1 Austin Clay  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Glen Reece.  
Lord’s Supper . . . . . Roger Draper  
. . . . . Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Steve Anderson

### **BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . George Clay  
Song Leader . . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.

First Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **JULY**  
Melanie Smith

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelie Cole, Susanne Tisdale  
Billy Halliburton

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

07/01/18

Wednesday . . . . . 32  
Worship Sunday AM . . . . . 75  
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . . 57  
Daily Bible Readers . . . . . 30  
Worship Sunday PM . . . . . N/A

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 1st. Smith Co. Health Care 2:00 pm  
July 1st. Elders, Deacons, Minister Meet  
July 8-12th. VBS 6:30 each night  
July 15-21st. JSCYC  
July 29th. Young men conduct service

**READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

1 Ps 116-120	11 Ps 150;	21 Eccle, 1-3
2 Ps121-123	Prov. 1,2	22 Eccle. 4-8
3 Ps124-126	12 Prov. 3-5	23 Eccle. 9-11
4 Ps127-129	13 Prov. 6-8	24 Eccle. 12;
5 Ps130-132	14 Pro. 9-11	S. of S. 1-2
6 Ps133-135	15 Pro 12-16	25 S of Sol. 3-5
7 Ps136-138	16 Pro 17-19	26 S of Sol. 6-8
8 Ps139-143	17 Pro 20-22	27 Isaiah1-3
9 Ps144-146	18 Pro 23-25	28 Isa. 4-6
10 Ps147-149	19 Pro 26-28	29 Isa. 7-11
	20 Pro 29-31	30 Isa. 12-14
		31 Isa. 15-17