

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD" . . . A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The Believer's Three Relationships in John 15

Testify to the World — John 15:18-27 Pew Bible — Page 589

(Large print edition available at the table on both sides of the Worship Center)

In John 15 Jesus sets forth 3 prevailing categories of relationship and a prominent focus for each one.

Verses 1-11 — Believer and Christ — "Abide"

Verses 12-17 — Believer and Believer — "Love"

Verses 18-27 — Believer and World — "Hate"

THE WORLD HATES AND PERSECUTES GOD'S CHOSEN, EVEN AS IT DID JESUS. THE FATHER WILL SEND THE SPIRIT TO TESTIFY TO THE WORD AND WORKS OF JESUS THESE DISCIPLES WITNESSED FROM THE BEGINNING. JOHN 15:18-27

"The World" Loves or Hates Verses 18-19

"The world" represents the fallen world system and those living by _____ worldview and under the curse of _____ (Genesis 3:14-19).

Verse 19 verifies that the hatred of the world is a _____ rather than a possibility.

Before creation God _____ His disciples to be drawn away from the world into His salvation and to be holy and blameless in His sight and loved by Him. Ephesians 1:4-6

The World Persecutes Those It Hates Verses 20-23

God never offers lost people what they envision when they come to Him. The Spirit convicts them of what they _____. John 16:8

The servant's life _____ the life of his master.

Those who reject God hate Jesus' name and will persecute those who testify about Him. To claim to love God and reject Jesus' words (Verse 22) and signs (Verse 24) is to hate and reject God as well.

The World's Hatred is Sinful and Without Excuse Verses 24-25

The hearts of the lost are increasingly being revealed as guilty and deserving of _____ through the proclamation of God's truth and the revelation of God by His Church throughout the earth.

The Holy Spirit Provides Supernatural Courage to Testify Verses 26-27

We can find _____ knowing Jesus sent the Counselor as the Spirit of Truth to comfort the Church and to testify against the world.

Both testifying against the world and drawing the lost to Christ are works of the Spirit which disciples have been instructed to fulfill.



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God

MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

September 20, 2026



Night of prayer

September 27 | 5:00PM | Worship Center

FOUNDATIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

A SPECIAL TWO-PART SERIES EVENT FOR NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS AS AN IN-DEPTH INTRODUCTION TO FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

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OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ Central desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E³ Central for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

Minister of Contemporary Worship Adam Turnbo is leading our blended worship music today while David Mace is on vacation. We appreciate Adam and his leadership.

Safety/Security Team

Our Safety/Security Team will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. All team members are needed to attend.

November 3 Election

Your bulletin insert addresses frequently asked questions concerning registering to vote and voting. The November 3 election is approaching and we encourage everyone to register and to vote. Information about registering to vote and voting are at a Community Impact Team table in the Worship Center foyer today and will be in coming weeks.

Children's Bible Drill

Children's Bible Drill is for grades 4th - 6th meets 4:00-5:30 in room 524a of the FLiC. Contact Pam Morath at 940-632-9509 with questions or just come today and join us!

Christmas Choir

Christmas Choir is at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room each Wednesday. We need your voice in choir with us or you playing your instrument in our orchestra! Contact David Mace in the Church Office for additional information, and plan on joining us. Christmas Orchestra rehearsals will begin in October.

To assist in contributing to our church as God leads you:



Experience God Together with Us

8:00 a.m. Streaming of last week's sermon available online

8:15 - 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Parent Room is available to assist parents with restless children and is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

Faith Fellowship Supper

Our Wednesday night meals are at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Wednesday's menu is beef enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and dessert. Cost is \$5/person (\$20 family maximum for immediate family members) and \$2 for college students. Tickets are available each Wednesday in the Family Life Center starting at 5:15 p.m. with serving starting at 5:30 p.m.

Reach Texas State Missions Offering

This annual mission offering is a way for us to participate in the Great Commission across Texas as more churches are started and more people are reached for Christ. Prayer guides and envelopes are available at the tables on both sides of the Worship Center. 100% of funds contributed goes to missions and ministry with no administrative costs deducted. Thank you for praying and giving.

Foundations Sunday

The next Foundations class will meet Sunday, October 11 during Sunday School at 9:45 and then again that evening at 5:30. This class includes an opportunity to meet staff and leadership and is required for all new members but is also open to those just seeking more information about Faith Baptist. A delicious breakfast and dinner are served during the two sessions and reservations can be made by checking the appropriate box on the tear-off form of this bulletin and placing it in the offering stands or taking it to the **E³ Central** desk.



Our 9th annual Operation Christmas Child packing party will be Wednesday, October 14 from 6:30-7:30 in the FLiC. Collection bins are located in the Worship Center foyer, by the Church Office and in the FLiC hallway. Items to be collected are: **Personal Items** (combs, washcloths, toothbrushes etc.), **School Supplies** (pencils, crayons, notepads, etc.), **WOW toys** (soccer balls with pumps, stuffed animal/doll, **Small Toys** (cars, yoyos, jump ropes, small balls, etc.) All items must fit in a shoebox. No food/candy, war-related toys, or liquid items (including toothpaste). Shipping for 1 box is \$10.00. If you would like to help pay the shipping, be sure and mark your donation for OCC shipping. Last year we filled 396 boxes. Check out our Operation Christmas Child Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code or going to this link: <https://a.co/0bWo5jcp> .



E³ Central is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.

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Brett Storseth - Minister of Discipleship • David Mace - Minister of Blended Worship • Adam Turnbo - Minister of Contemporary Worship/ Evangelism
John Tunnell - Interim College Minister • Mandy Ratliff - Preschool/Children's Director • Justin Green - Media and Tech Coordinator