Surrendering One's Will

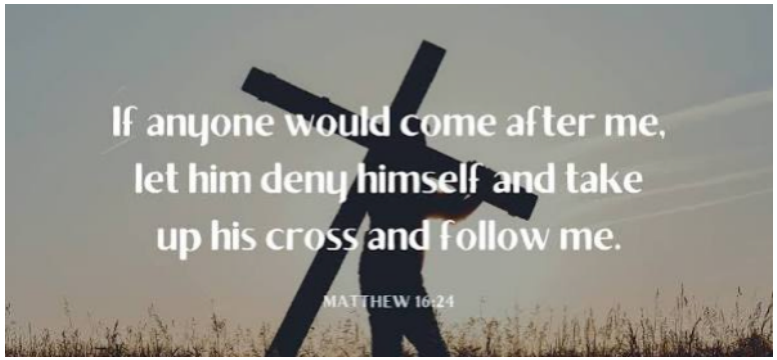
By Mike Riley

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

Few people, it seems, realize that self-denial has anything to do with their religious doctrine. It does, nevertheless. One of man's most stubborn inclinations is to exercise "his own will" in religion (Colossians 2:23), as in everything else. This must be denied when one is obedient to Christ (Matthew 16:24).

Christian worship must be according to truth (John 4:24). Since God's Word is truth (John 17:17), God's Word must determine the "means of expression" as we worship Him. God wants our devotions, but he delights in them only when they are in obedience to His Will (1 Samuel 15:22).

If any man will come to the Lord, let him "deny himself" (or his own will) and learn what the Bible teaches him to do to be pleasing to our Heavenly Father (Matthew 7:12,21,22,23; Matthew 16:24; Romans 12:1; Revelation 22:14).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell
Opening Prayer- Paul Simpson
Communion- Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer- Jacob Freeman
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers
Opening Prayer- Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Wayne Fowler
Closing Prayer- Caden Lillo
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Sterlington Gospel Meeting:** September 18-20th, **Next Friday evening through Sunday morning,** is our Gospel Meeting here at Sterlington. See the flyer in the foyer.

—**Lunch and Lectureship next Sunday afternoon:** After AM Services, SCOC will provide lunch, followed by our One-Day Lectureship beginning at 1:30 PM. Members are asked to provide desserts only. There will be no PM services that evening.

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held **September 22nd, at 2:00 PM**, and will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

Scan the QR code to visit our website.

—**Check the Bulletin Board:** There are several Gospel Meetings and Ladies Days happening in our area. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

Please Pray For:

Katie Matheny, Lee Brantley, Debbie Jones, Steffan Wahington, Jimi Carol Futch, Rick Cook, The Freeman Family, Joanie Franklin, George Johnson, Mary Jo Burns, Shayna Smith, Carlon Hollis, Marilyn Thomas, Charley Buckley, Adrian Barnes.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

David & Elaine Reppond, Joyce Frith, Terry Atwood, Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Debbie Walker, Jessica Simms, Larry Brooks.





September Birthdays

9 - Carlon Hollis
12 - Terry Atwood
16 - Tyrese McFarland
17 - Sherry Miller
18 - Wanda Simpson
19 - Linda Herlong
22 - Jodie Chisley
23 - Maddie Magee
27 - Caden Lillo
27 - Shirley Goodwin

September Anniversaries

5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

