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## I AM FORGIVEN

...By Pastor Phil

How many times have you asked God to forgive you of some sin you have committed? How many times has God forgiven you of those sins? Most of us believe that God will forgive us of our sins if we ask. The Bible says He not only forgives, but keeps no record of our sins.

Most of us have no problem with God's forgiveness, but when it comes to us forgiving someone else, we sometimes have a huge problem.

**We want Total Forgiveness from God, but we are not willing to give Total Forgiveness toward others.**

Have you been wronged by someone and not forgiven them? Look at what Matthew 6:14-15 says:  
*"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."*

This sounds like forgiveness is not optional for Christians. These passages come right after the passages we call the "Lord's Prayer" when Jesus was asked to teach us how to pray. I think it is interesting that he only elaborated on verse 12, *"and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."*

Jesus thought forgiveness was important enough to explain it further. I think that is because he knew how hard it would be for us to forgive our fellow man.

**Jesus knew everything about forgiveness...He died so our sins could be forgiven.**

When you think about it, forgiveness is what the Christian faith is all about. If you don't want or need forgiveness, then you don't want or need a Savior who died to forgive your sins. If you don't need a Savior, then you don't need Jesus Christ. Without Jesus there is no gospel and without "the good news" that Jesus died for our sins, there is no Christianity.

As Christians, we do need the gospel and we do need a Savior who died that we may be forgiven. As Christians we need to forgive those who have wronged us because God forgave us and He says we must forgive them. Remember when Peter asked Jesus about forgiveness? We find it in Matthew 18:21. *"Then Peter came to him and asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"*

Jesus gave up His life so God could totally forgive me of my sins. How hard is it for me to forgive my fellow man of his sins? Ask Jesus to give you the power to totally forgive today so that we may live at peace with one another and with our Loving and Forgiving Heavenly Father.

**WHO HAVE YOU FORGIVEN TODAY?**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

I hope everyone is well, safe, and healthy. This summer is different than normal, and it is crazy to see how rapidly everything is changing. I still find it difficult to adapt to the new norm of wearing masks, but it is a small price to pay to keep us COVID-free! Due to the increased COVID-19 cases, Master's Camp 2020 was cancelled. This was hard news to hear, as our youth were looking forward to spending time together at Alto Frio. However, this decision was made prayerfully, and under the circumstances, it was the best action to keep our youth safe and healthy.

Unfortunately, this also means that our TV fundraiser will be put on hold until we return back to church. We will have the drawing 2-3 weeks after we return and give people a chance to still participate. All funds will be used for youth activities and/or Youth Camp 2021.

Our school situation for this year looks different as well. Most schools are starting in mid-August with virtual instruction. For example, my son's school will be online for the first three weeks and have the option of online attendance, physical attendance, or a combination of both after that period. This isn't the school year that anyone pictured, but know this troublesome season is only temporary.

Remember, our Lord has never left our side and will continuously be with us as we take on these new situations and their challenges. Psalm 118:6-8 says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me."

Isn't it wonderful knowing such truth?

This month MDO Children will be having a mini sports camp. I will be working with the elementary children on prayer and with the youth on devotions.

This may not be a typical summer given the circumstances, but I think we can agree on one thing—this Texas heat has not changed! **Wear your mask, keep social distancing, and try to stay near an A/C!**

Have a blessed day!

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 Bertha Vargas  
6 Maxie Neal  
6 Doris Stacer  
8 Art Stacer  
11 JM Preslar  
12 Stefan Sanchez  
15 Elmira Flores  
16 Mildred Archer  
16 JoNell Haschke  
23 Isaac Onion  
28 Andrew Cain  
30 Heather Onion

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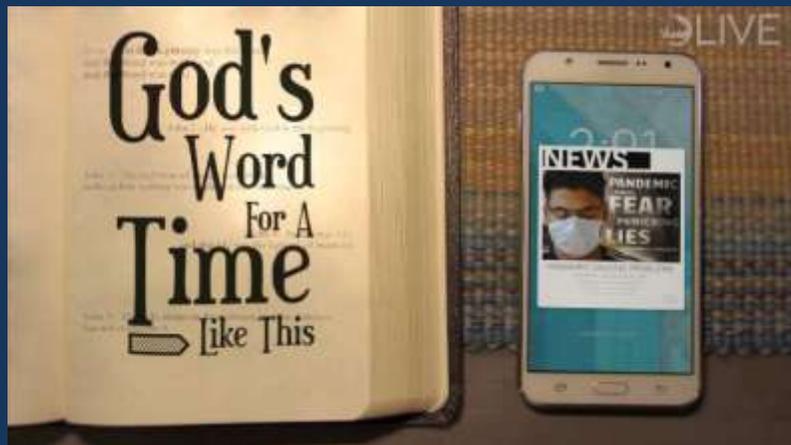
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**GOD IS GOOD  
ALL THE TIME**

**PSALM 56:3 (NLT)  
BUT WHEN I AM AFRAID,  
I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.**



## Musical Moment ... Billie Schneider



Did you ever look in the mirror, and just for a split second, wonder **WHO IS THAT?** Perhaps your features have slowly changed and you didn't even notice it. You still feel like that young, alert person with unlimited energy – and dark hair. Who is this person in your mirror with wrinkles and gray hair? It might even be a less dramatic change in appearance, but you just don't recognize the person you've become.

The Bible tells us right at the beginning, Genesis Chapter 1 in fact, that God said He was going to make us in His image. Some people might find a long argument in that, saying we all look different so how can we look like God.

**I firmly believe that in some way we probably do look like God physically, but God was referring primarily to His characteristics.**

When I tried to look up the characteristics of God, I found a fairly lengthy list so I'll only refer to a few here. There are examples of each in multiple locations in the Bible.

**UNIQUE** – There is only one God. (1 Kings 8:60)      **LOVING** – God is love. (1 John 4:8)

**GIVING** – Gives us everything we need. (1 Timothy 6:17, James 1:17)

**STABLE (UNCHANGING)** – God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. (Malachi 3:6)

**HONEST (TRUE)** – God cannot lie. (Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2)

Now let's go back and look in the mirror. We can easily agree with the first characteristic; we are definitely unique, not like anyone else. (Even twins can be very different.) Let's take inventory on the rest of that list. As Christians we certainly want to be an example of God, or "in His image". Does your mirror show a loving, giving, honest person? We might see some of those attributes, or see them some of the time. We have to constantly work at being an earthly image of God – an example of his characteristics to our fallen world.

Every few days for breakfast Bill cooks me an egg with a face. He carefully places little pieces of bacon in the skillet for the eyes, nose and mouth and cracks the egg on top. However, through no fault of his, the features shift under the weight of the egg making it look entirely different than he intended. It seems that's what happens to us. God made us in His image, capable of the best characteristics, but through the pressures of the world around us and our own stubborn will, we become something totally different than He intended.



**We need to study His word, pray and constantly work to be Christ-like in every way. Sing a song to help you focus:**



**Deacon  
Of The  
Month  
James Cain**



**AUGUST**

## BONNYE'S BIBLE STUDY

Bonnye Vidal has just finished her Bible Study on the book of Acts. We previously shared with you that she had finished a Bible Study in Exodus. We are including a portion of Part 1 Study of Acts today --- if you are interested in receiving more of Bonnye's Bible Studies, please email her at [gillowtex@hotmail.com](mailto:gillowtex@hotmail.com) or email the church office.

BONNYE'S BIBLE SHEET

### A Study on the ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Intro: Who is He?

Matthew 28:19; Luke 11:11; John Chs. 14,15, 15; Acts 1:4

I was about to begin my study on Numbers, when I had an urge to read Acts. After reading it through fairly rapidly, I had the urge to re-read it again, slower. Then I was amazed to begin hearing different radio series and various sermons on the book of Acts. I concede that it has become apparent to me that God's timing is not my own, so here I begin my study on The Acts of The Apostles, and I am forced to rely on its main character—The Holy Spirit—and a good study Bible with Scofield notes, to get me started.

The book of Acts focuses on the actions of the apostles and believers of the Church, newly organized after the death of Jesus. It is true their actions are recorded in Acts, however, in this study you will find that I am going to emphasize "The Acts of Christ by The Holy Spirit"—the third person of the triune God. To clarify who The Holy Spirit is, let us turn to Scofield's notes on Matthew 28:19 which states:

*"In the progress of revelation the one true God appears clearly in the N.T. as existing in three divine Persons: named here "the Father," and "the Son," and "the Holy Spirit." Each of these divine Persons possesses His own personal characteristics and is clearly distinguished from the other Persons. Yet the three Persons are equal in being, power; and glory; each being called "God"; each possessing all the divine attributes; each performing divine works; and each receiving divine honors. With reference to the order of their activities, the Father is first, the Son is second, and the Holy Spirit is third; the general formula being as follows: from the Father; through the Son, by the Holy Spirit, and to the Father. Even so, however, no one of the Persons acts independently of the other Persons; there is always mutual concurrence, as our Lord said, "My father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working" (Jn. 5:17); and, "The Son can do nothing by himself" (Jn. 5:19); and again, "I and the Father are one" (Jn. 10:28-30). ... we can guard against error by holding fast to the facts of divine revelation: that (1) with respect to His Being or essence, God is one; (2) with respect to His Personality, God is three; and (3) we must neither divide the essence, nor confuse the Persons." [Note: Reference verse sites were omitted. See Scofield's Study Notes for a complete reference list.]*

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we got to know the Person of the Son. Here in Acts, we will get to know the Person of the Holy Spirit. **We will come to understand the importance of this—as Christ is working by that same Holy Spirit in our own lives each day.**



**God is  
In Control**

  
**1 JOHN 1:7**  
**BUT IF WE WALK  
IN THE LIGHT**  
AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT,  
WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP  
WITH ONE ANOTHER,  
AND THE BLOOD OF  
JESUS CHRIST HIS SON  
CLEANSES US  
FROM ALL SIN.

**THE DEACONS WILL BE MEETING AUGUST 1 AND WILL DISCUSS COVID-19 AND WHEN IT MIGHT BE PERMISSABLE TO REOPEN THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP SERVICES.**