

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM NOV. 30, 2014

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1 John 4:16-18

“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.”



John knows that in the matter of loving others, it's easy to be hypocrites. It's easy to sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus," while at the same time our homes are a battle zone. We put on our spiritual masks at church, but in our hearts we harbor bitterness toward a fellow Christian who has wronged us. So John once more hits this vital matter of practical love for one another. John is saying, love that comes from God gives us confidence in the day of judgment and must be expressed in love for others in obedience to God's commandment.

Of all of the important matters in life, none is more vital than the one that John mentions in verse 17-having confidence in the day of judgment. But we need to make sure that our confidence is based on biblical reasons, not on false hope. Polls show that at least 60 percent of Americans believe in hell, but only four percent think there's a good chance that they will go there. Since we're talking about eternity in the lake of fire, you need to be sure of where you stand! Since John tells us how to have confidence on that coming day, we all should pay close attention.

From beginning to end, the Bible is clear that there is a coming day of judgment. Jesus spoke often about the judgment to come. The apostle Paul, preaching to the philosophers in Athens, declared (Acts 17:31) that God "has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." When he talked with the Roman governor Felix, Paul discussed "righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come".

Our source of confidence is that we have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood as the propitiation for our sins. It is only His blood, not our works, that atones for sins. But, how do we know that our faith in Christ is genuine, since it is easy to be deceived? One evidence of genuine faith is when we see God's love flowing through us to others, especially to others that we would not naturally love. The more you see God's love surfacing in your life, the more you will *"have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming"* (1st John 2:28).

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Emmanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/o/c/o/ocomocom.htm>

http://www.hymntime.com/tch/mid/v/e/n/veni_Emanuel.mid

Words: Combined from various antiphons by an unknown author, possibly in the 12th Century (Veni, veni Emanuel); translated from Latin to English by John M. Neale, Mediaeval Hymns, 1851. Neale's original translation began, “Draw nigh, draw nigh, Emmanuel.”



John M. Neale (1818-1866)

The lyrics echo several prophetic themes. The title comes from the well known Isaiah 7:14: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Immanuel is Hebrew for “God with us.” The “Rod of Jesse” refers to Isaiah 11:1: “There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse”; Jesse was the father of David, second king of Israel. “Day-Spring” comes from Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, in Luke 1:78: “The dayspring from on high has visited us.” “Thou Key of David” is in Isaiah 22:22: “The key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder,” which in turn refers to Isaiah 9:6: “The government shall be upon His shoulder.”

Music: Veni Emmanuel from a 15th Century processional of French Franciscan nuns (the setting for the funeral hymn Libera me); arranged by Thomas Helmore in the Hymnal Noted, Part II (London: 1856)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel.

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on
high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

3. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people
save,
And give them victory over the
grave.

Refrain

4. O come, Thou Day-spring, come
and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night,
And death's dark shadows put to
flight.

Refrain

5. O come, Thou Key of David,
come,
And open wide our heavenly
home;
Make safe the way that leads
on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain

6. O come, O come, great Lord
of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's
height
In ancient times once gave the
law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

7. O come, Thou Root of
Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on Thy mercy call.

Refrain

8. O come, Desire of nations,
bind
In one the hearts of all
mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions
cease,
And be Thyself our King of
Peace.

Refrain

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE December 2014



Advent

DECEMBER 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Nov 30	8:45 a.m.	1st John 4 verses 17 to 21 <i>Facing the Judgment with Confidence</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Second Hour
Dec. 2	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in 1st Thessalonians
Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
Dec. 7	8:45 a.m.	1st John 5 verses 1 to 5 <i>How Are Your Vital Signs?</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Second Hour
Dec. 9	7:00 PM	Bible Study in 1st Thessalonians
Dec. 12	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
Dec. 14	8:45 a.m.	1st John 5 verses 6 to 13 <i>Is Christianity Merely Psychological?</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Second Hour
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in 1st Thessalonians
Dec. 19	6:30 p.m.	SUNRISE CHRISTMAS PARTY- Fireside Room
Dec. 21	8:45 a.m.	Christmas Message
	10:30 a.m.	Second Hour
Dec. 23		No Bible Study- Christmas Break
Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.	Westminster Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25		Celebrate the Savior's Birth
Dec. 26		No Friday Night Activities
Dec. 28	8:45 a.m.	1st John 5 verses 14 to 17
		Confidence in Prayer
	10:30 a.m.	Second Hour
Dec. 30		No Bible Study
Dec. 31		New Year's Eve
Jan. 1		New Year's Day



Federal court stands up for religious liberty in small Texas town

[HTTP://WWW.BREITBART.COM/](http://www.breitbart.com/) By BOB PRICE 26 Nov 2014

Federal Judge Andrew Hanen prevented the Town of Bayview, Texas from stopping the town's only church from operating on its own property by issuing a preliminary injunction against the town. The Town of Bayview attempted to stop the Cornerstone Church by the Bay from expanding its church and plans for a school by re-interpreting a zoning ordinance. Liberty Institute represented the church in its legal battle with the town.

Cornerstone Church by the Bay was gifted property in Bayview and made a request to the town council for permission to use the property for a church and school. Prior to this, the church rented space in which to hold its services. In June, 2014, the Bayview Board of Aldermen denied the church's request and later voted unanimously to ban churches and schools from the area where Cornerstone's property sits. This was done in spite of prior precedence allowing non-religious institutions in the exact same area according to a press release from the Liberty Institute obtained by Breitbart Texas.

"We are very encouraged by the Court's ruling," said Jeff Mateer, Liberty Institute General Counsel. "It is a victory for our clients and for the religious freedom of all Texans. We are thankful that the court recognized that it is unlawful for the Town to interfere with the church's use of its own property."