

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



*Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM*



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God Is Greater

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For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything” 1 John 3:20, ESV.

Some interpret this passage as a warning. If we know that we have sinned, God does too. This is correct. Solomon taught that God will bring every secret thing into judgment (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Others (myself included) view this as a comforting message. 1 John 3:19 states, “By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him.” What is the “this” under consideration? Back up one more verse, “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth” (V. 18). Assurance of our salvation comes from genuine love.

Paul wrote in Romans 13:8-10, “Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘you shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling the law.” We see that genuine love does behave itself in harmful ways towards others. Jesus had previously defined genuine love in John 13:34-35, “a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” True love is more than avoiding harm, it is seeking the good of others.

The unfortunate truth is that we do not always love as we should. No matter how hard we may try. This is when 1 John 3:20 comes in. We are ever aware of our failures and that creates tension in our hearts. We want to do what is right but find ourselves doing wrong. The great news is that God is greater than our hearts. This is not a cheap cop-out or excuse of sin. It is assurance that God knows where our desires truly lie. He knows that if it were possible we would always do what is right.

If we pursue true love both in attitude and action we can reassure our hearts before God.

Gateway Area Bible Camp

July 12 to 18

At the Little Prairie
Bible Camp Grounds



Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

July 16

11:30 AM

Red Apple

Apron Brigade

July 28

9:00 AM

THE PRICE OF SALVATION

I. The Price God Paid.

- A. The price the Father paid- John 3:16, 1 John 4:9, Hebrews 11:17, Luke 8:40-42
- B. The price Jesus paid- Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 27:46, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 3:18, John 15:13, Romans 5:6-11

I. The Price We Must Pay.

- A. A life of commitment- Mark 12:30, Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 6:24,33, Genesis 6:5-8
- B. A life of submission- Matthew 26:39, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:17, Romans 14:8, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- C. A life of sacrifice- Luke 9:23-27, 14:25-27, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 438 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Vs. 1, 2, 3)

Song: 708 Walking in Sunlight

Prayer

Song: 384 Lead Me to Calvary (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 9 A wonderful Savior (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 800 Zion's Call (Vs. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:57-62

Sermon

Song: 389 Let Him Have His Way with Thee

Song: 810 Jesus Loves Me (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer**Luke 9:57-62**

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WHEREVER
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BURY
FATHER
PREACH
KINGDOM
GOD
FAREWELL
HOUSE
HAND
PLOW
LOOKING
BACK
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Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

- ⁵⁷ Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
- ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head."
- ⁵⁹ Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
- ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
- ⁶¹ And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house."
- ⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23