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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (11) "I AM A SINFUL MAN"

"When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken." (Luke 5:8-9).

Jesus was described as one who did no sin. No guile was found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return. When he was persecuted he did not threaten. He committed himself to the Father who judges righteously (1 Peter 2:21-25). And although he did no sin, he was in all points tempted as we are; this enabled him to be a faithful high priest touched by our infirmities (Hebrews 4:16).

We are not to be miserable about life, discouraged about life, gloomy about living. We should live in happiness, peace, and joy. But a reality to life is that we have infirmities. More than this, we have faults. Put exactly, we sin. We err. We do wrong; at times unintentionally, unaware, but most times, intentionally. It takes honesty in men and women for this truth to be admitted. It takes maturity to accept this reality. It takes humility to want to do something about sin.

The awareness that we sin need not to be taken as an appeal to be down on ourselves. There are realisms and truths that benefit how we live. To learn, for example, that we will all die one day is not license to disdain life, destroy life, nor terminate life. It is encouragement to live life to its fullest. To admit that we sin is not to invite guilt complexes, self pity, mutilation, and destruction. It is admonishment that says one should live a good life, an ethical life, a moral life and a godly life. But we must first get to the acknowledgment part before we can enjoy how this truth blesses our lives.

The exact moment in a person's life when the person realizes that the potential to do wrong is as real as the desire to do right is not known. At some time or another, however, everyone must come to grips with his potential for both wrong and evil. We would like our reality to be different; the truth is, it is not.

Equally elusive is the pinpointing of the time when we determine to do something about what faith teaches us is our sinful nature. We sin. What can we do about this truth? Some determine to do better by shying away from what is wrong. Others decide that all wrong is not so wrong. And the wrong that will help to achieve the person's objectives will be used when necessary. The ends will justify the means. Still others determine to see their desires through to the end. Regardless of how evil, how many persons are hurt, how destructive that behavior is to the person, the man surrendering to sin will see the sin to the end.

There are also religious options. And our world has many different religions from which to choose. Many of these religions seek to develop a relationship between the divine and the mortal. It is these religions' contention that all sin and wrong are only so before the divine. When there is no God, there is no wrong.

Christians acknowledge God. They confess that they learn of his existence through his word. They learn of life that comes through his Son, Jesus Christ. They know that he knows of their sins, yet he does not destroy them. This realization causes them to cry out, "Amazing Grace!" God knows we are sinners, yet we are alive.

There are wonderful texts in the Bible that treat the subject of our sinfulness and God's desire to have fellowship with us still. Luke 5:8-9 is one such text. We know that sinners deserve to die (Romans 1:32). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). We know that sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). And Peter recognizes that man as sinner is unworthy to be in the presence of a man like Jesus of Nazareth. He begs Jesus to depart (Luke 5:8).

The gospel of Luke records another incident of Jesus encountering a man. This

man had an unclean spirit. And it was that spirit that Jesus confronted. The demons say, "*Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God*" (Luke 4:34).

Compare the evil spirit's words with the words of Peter: "*When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord*" (Luke 5:8).

A man with a demon and a man in sin in the presence of Jesus come to the same conclusion. The divine is too holy to dwell among sin. But the response of Jesus is different to a demon with no hope of repentance and men and women whom he calls to repentance: "*And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Holy thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.*"

Jesus gives hope to men and women who come to acknowledge his presence and their sinfulness. He comforts Peter, "*Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men*" (Luke 5:10). Jesus not only does not condemn Peter to a devil's abode; he also recruits him to join in the mission of seeking and saving the lost.

We should remember this episode of God's answer to man's sinfulness. Rather than leave Peter in the abyss of sinfulness, dark depression, bitter despair, and frustrated hope, Jesus invites Peter to share in a godly mission. Peter is a sinner. This is certain. But Peter, sanctified by God, is fit for the Master's use. We need to remember that in spite of our sin, God provides a way for us to become worthy of his fellowship. He is the God of grace. And this grace is known throughout the Bible.

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on November 15th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

.Continue to check here for happenings around the brotherhood!!!

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Our Men's and Ladies' Bible class will meet November 22nd at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.



Southwestern Christian College Lectureship

November 22nd— 26th, 2015



KURIAKOS HOUSE

Don't forget to visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for events and happenings. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336)767-4201 if you have any questions or need additional information.



Any students who made Honor Roll 1st Quarter, please sign the list in the foyer and turn in a copy of your Report Card to Bro. Roy Oliphant or Bro. Adolphus Coplin. Honor Roll Recognition will be held December 6, 2015.



ALL VISITORS! YOU ARE OUR HONORED GUESTS!

CORNELIUS CORNER:

Special Adaptive Housing (SAH) grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used to adapt a home to the special needs of a disabled veteran, build a home on land already owned or apply the grant against the unpaid principle mortgage. Check it out at www.benefits.va.gov.

Men's Social Outing Atlanta, GA
December 5, 2015 Sign Up in Foyer!!
Please sign up by Nov. 29th

2015 MEN'S RETREAT

DECEMBER 10TH – 12TH
CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN RD., SOPHIA, NC



Registration Information located in foyer.



NATIONAL EVENT

National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcc2016.com for more information.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st, Justun Green; 5th Eric I. Nelson;
7th Cleveland Reed; 8th Joshua Caruthers, A.J. Crim; 10th Chelsea Cook; 14th George McNair; 16th Courtney Thomas; 17th Adolphus Coplin; 18th Tevin Loyd; 19th Kolbe Adkins; 20th Cynthia Judge; 23rd D.J. Crim; 25th Howard A. Brown, Tomisha Gaither; 28th Kim McNair, Elizabeth Oliver

Clothing Bank Open House
December 13, 2015 following morning worship service. Come and walk through to see what is available.



YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari Club celebrates **Native American Heritage Month** on **Saturday, November 21, 2015** beginning at 10:30 am. Children ages 2-12 are invited to enjoy 2 hours of fun reading activities, pinch pot making, Native American folktales, and a hot lunch! Safari activities will take place in the Frank W. Dulin Fellowship Hall. Bring your book tags, a smile, and a friend! Watch for the Safari Flyer for more details and follow us on facebook! -- Your Safari Guide, Sis. Caruthers



38 years– Roy & Edelina Oliphant– 5th
3 years- Arnold & Wendy Thomas– 8th
36 years- Marion & Hazel Gordon– 17th
55 years-- Johnny & Shirley Correll– 24th
29 years- James & Angela Miller– 29th

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
 Sis. Immogene Bray
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper
 Bro. Everette Jones
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR NOVEMBER

John Foxworth
 (336) 918-6359

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 6:16 – Eph. 1:3

READER: And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy and upon the Israel of God.

CHURCH: From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

READER: Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

CHURCH: Paul , an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

READER: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

UNISON: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

PRAYER

Father in heaven, ever make us thankful for all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Sherry Johnson, Sis. Sylvia C. Martin,
 Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Carol McDowell,
 Sis. Diane Heap, Sis. Alicia White, Bro. Jeff Patton,
 Sis. Brenda Hill, Bro. Roger Conrad, Bro. Justin Curry,
 Sis. Alfreda Howell, Bro. Eddie Waller, Bro. Walter Weathers,
 Bro. Leroy Nelson, Sis. Lillie Nelson, Bro. Everette Jones,
 Sis. Barbie Jones, Bro. Howard Brown



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER Randy Dulin
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans
 INVOCATION Thomas Loyd, Sr
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin
 SCRIPTURE Ron Jessup
 RESPONSIVE Adriel Hall
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Bernard Terry
 LORD'S SUPPER Roscoe Burgess
 READER Simon Johnson
 CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
 SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver
 RESPONSIVE READING Timothy Pilson
 PRAYER John Foxworth
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Tevin Loyd
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins
 CLOSING PRAYER Doug Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:7)

Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Curtis Conner	William Scott
A J. Crim	Braxton King	Jeff Patton
Isiah Black	Kwali Bunker	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	James Cherry	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

Michael Terry · D.J. Crim
 Elijah Gibbs · George Eichelberger



COMMENTARY CORNER

There are visions of this grace dating back to the days before the flood. When God could have destroyed all men and women, Scripture teaches, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8). Why did Noah find grace? Was there something different about Noah? The answer is certainly that he had the same capacity for sin as did others. He would later become drunk (Genesis 9:21).

We learn from God's reflections after the flood, "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done (Genesis 8:21). We have the truth: we are sinners. God is

holy, yet God provides a way for our fellowship with him.

Jesus explains the way: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). We come to the Father through him. The moment in a person's life when he realizes sinfulness as a reality is not a time to throw life away. It is not a time to shrink from the presence of God, to hide from God, avoid God, or run away from God. And there are many people who choose the above approaches. The realization of sin is opportunity to follow Jesus, to trust in him, to obey him, to serve him, to love him. Anything different puts us in the category of the demon who has no hope.

Jesus still says to us, "fear not." You have done wrong, fear not. You have hurt others unintentionally and intentionally, fear not.

You have lied and cheated and deceived, fear not. You have hurt, and broken, and destroyed, fear not.

"Fear not" is accompanied by a "henceforth" a "from now on." Every person should embrace his "henceforth," her "from now on." There is no need to live lives that we are ashamed of, that we regret, that eventually could condemn us to eternal punishment.

Jesus makes our fellowship with God possible. Jesus provides opportunity for us to be productive in the kingdom of God. He knows the power of temptation and sin, yet he is without sin. He is a faithful high priest who pays the cost of sin so that each can live out his henceforth in service to the Father.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)

(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)	

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Walter Weathers



BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.

Thursdays @ 2 P.M.

1340 AM

1400 AM

103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9, 10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

1st	Howard & Saroya Brown
8th	Howard & Saroya Brown
15th	Diane Foxworth & Veronica Sides
22nd	Tamah & D' Asia Williams
29th	Leah Adkins & Sherri Pilson

NURSERY DUTY

1st	TBA
8th	Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
15th	Treva Loyd & Edelina Oliphant
22nd	Tonya Bellanger & Maegan Gomez
29th	Shundra McLaurin & Valerie Coplin

NOVEMBER GREETERS

1st	Kim McNair Shundra Mc Laurin
8th	Lillie Holmes Devonda Holmes
15th	Linda Burgess Frances Mason
22nd	Meredith Boyd Willie Mae Cherry
29th	Raymona Brown Theresa Rucker

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Edelina Oliphant



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Lillie Holmes
Wanda Jones
Shanita Green

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