

Sorrow For Souls

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10 a.m. Sunday
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9 a.m. Sunday
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In this 21st century, we each face an array of difficult and complicated emotions. 2,000 years ago, the apostle Paul was not immune from these same difficult emotions of life. In fact, once he learned the truth of the gospel and became a Christian, some of his emotions were exacerbated due to the knowledge he possessed. Paul said, “I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh” (Romans 9:1-3). Since Paul now knew the truth that his Jewish brethren were eternally lost from God if they did not submit to Jesus, he gained great sorrow and unceasing anguish. This sadness led him to even wish that he could switch spiritual spots with his lost brothers in the flesh.

Do you, like Paul, ever wish that you could spend eternity in hell so that all of your lost family and friends could spend eternity in heaven? That would be quite the sacrifice, wouldn't it? Truly, we all know that such is not how salvation works. Yet, if you are **hypothetically** willing to make that sacrifice to go to hell, are you also **realistically** willing to make the sacrifice to reach out to your family and friends with the gospel?

Christianity is a taught religion (John 6:45). One becomes a disciple of Christ through first being taught about the gospel and then being obedient to it (Romans 10:14-17). That is how salvation works. Sadly, some Christians seem to be more willing to go to hell before ever having to share the gospel with another person, but I hope you aren't one of those people.

What's worth more to you? Going to hell for eternity, along with your lost friends and family? Or, going to heaven for eternity, knowing that you at least did your duty and planted the saving seed in the hearts of many hearers (I Corinthians 3:6-7)?

I have great sorrow and anguish for my family and friends constantly. I hope the anguish and sorrow that I have on this earth will help prompt me to help them not have worse anguish and sorrow in eternity. If you have similar sorrow for the lost, use that for good.

If you are living a life unpleasant to God, I can't die for you, even if I tried. A man named Jesus did that for you long ago and He wants you to come to Him (Matthew 11:28-30). He wants to save you (I Timothy 2:5). He wants you to receive eternal life in heaven with Him (I Peter 1:3-5). If you have any questions about Jesus and your eternal soul, feel free to contact me at pngpng32@gmail.com.

Luke Yates



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.



We share the joy of heaven over the baptism of Emma Tribbey into Christ during Green Valley Bible Camp!

Dear Hillcrest Family,

We want to let you know that we are SO grateful for all the offers of help and the friends and family that have been out to help us after the flood.

Without you we would still be a long way from getting back to normal around here. There are so many selfless servants at Hillcrest and we are very fortunate to be working and to have been a part of the work here with you!

In Christian Love,
John & Kristie Deffenbaugh
Don & Mary Deffenbaugh

Thank you to the ladies who came and brought me food recently. It was great.

Love, Belle Sinden

To the 40s-60s Sunday morning class: Thanks so much for all the cards!

Joyce Clarkson

A GREAT **BIG** thank you from cabin 6 girls and counselors! Our care package was awesome and so fun!

In Christian Love,
Ken Collinsworth, Rachel McElroy, Kaylee, Emma, Amelia, Ellie, Grace Deree, and Eden



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *This Is a Christian: Steadfast*
(1 Peter 4:16; Danny Boggs)

P.M. *The Business Of Boycotting*
(Luke Yates)



Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need. Every "One" Counts! These past couple of weeks we are helping someone in our congregation who could use some financial help. Thank you to all who have contributed to this great ministry!



Men's BBQ Night: Meet at 6:00 this Thursday night at the Hillcrest parking lot for a trip to Woody's Smokehouse.

Mark your calendar for our **vacation Bible school** **I ♥ VBS** **July 23-26** and see Luke to find out what role you can play.

Summer Youth Series: The schedule for youth devotionals is on the bulletin board. Sign up if you would like to host one on a Thursday night this summer. Please see Luke for more information.



Youth and parents are invited to **ride the bus to Sparta Sunday night at 3:15** to help the church there learn new songs and enjoy time at the park.



Thanks to everyone who helped to make a great week at Green Valley Bible Camp last week! From tag-alongs to campers and counselors, 113 of us enjoyed an uplifting week together with kids and adults from dozens of congregations. Overnight campers from here included Elijah Boggs, Grace

Boggs, Amelia Collinsworth, Ellie Collinsworth, Jackson Collinsworth, Jr. Collinsworth, Leo Collinsworth, Sam Collinsworth, Kailyn Daniels, Hannah Fehring, Ashley Freund, Brylee King, Kaden King, Noah Reiboldt, Kaed Thomas, Karson Thomas, Emma Tribbey, Kinley Wilson, and Trace Wilson. Some of them brought friends, too. Counselors from here were Zechariah Anderson, Jessica Boggs, Charlie Collinsworth, Keri Collinsworth, Alec Fehring, Julia Fehring, Josh King, Jaime Leonard, Belinda Pope, Whitney Thomlinson, and Luke Yates. We worshipped often, learned a lot, and had tons of fun together. Seeing Emma Tribbey baptized was a thrill! You would be proud to see all that the kids did and accomplished during the week. Thanks to the folks who paid for a few kids to participate, and thanks to Bobbie Wolgamott and all the ladies who made care packages. Did they all have air freshener in them, or just mine?

Danny Boggs

ASSIGNMENTS

Prayers Sunday, June 25

- AM Opening: Mike Kidwell
- AM Closing: Glen Honeycutt
- PM Opening: Miles Wolgamott
- PM Closing: Charles Phillilps

Scripture Reading Sunday, June 25

- Psalm 24, Wayne Douthitt
- Prayers Wednesday, June 28**
- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Harold Speir

RECORDS	06-18-17	06-19-16
Bible Study	116	147
AM Worship	180	212
PM Worship	122	136
Wednesday	103	89
Contribution	\$8,383.62	\$6,682.84
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67