

Today is January 12, 2025

"What do you think of Christ?" Matthew 22:42

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I am ashamed of my thoughts of Him—they are so poor, and so unworthy of Him. He is so *great*, and so *glorious*, and so *good*, and so *gracious*—that I cannot think of Him as I desire to.

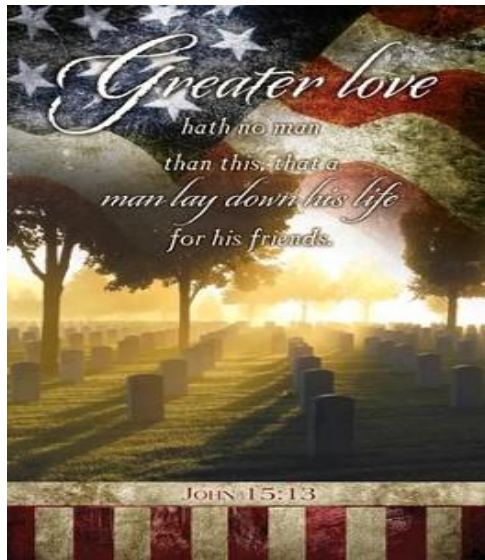
Do you inquire what I think of His person? He is the chief among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely One! He unites in Himself Deity and Manhood—

"All *human* beauties—all *Divine*,
In my Beloved meet and shine!"

Do you ask what I think of His work? It is perfect! His obedience is spotless! His atonement is complete! His work of redemption is accomplished, "It is Finished!"

Do you ask what I think of His love? Ah, here it is that I am most at fault—and no wonder, for His love surpasses knowledge! Its height and depth, its length and its breadth—are immeasurable! His love is free, unchanging, and eternal. It is unparalleled—it is *Dying* love! He loved me—and gave Himself for me! Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends—but Jesus laid down His life for His enemies!

Eph 3:19 "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."



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Our Prayer List

*"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Pray for a month old baby boy.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

Rightly dividing the word of truth.

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. (15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:14 – 15**

This passage of scripture is mostly to Ministers and Pastors; however, it is also extended to all Christians. Paul is writing to Preacher Timothy his second letter, and here he is telling this preacher to be strong in the Lord and to be a good soldier for the Lord. *"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."* 2 Timothy 2:1 The best soldier of the Lord is one that "rightly divides the word of God" The only Truth in the world is God's word, we can believe and trust it from cover to cover to be nothing less than truth. Today preachers use a lot of commentaries to gather information and to conclude the truth of a passage of scripture. However, only God's word is truth, therefore, we must take all commentaries with a grain of salt and depend only on the bible as a reliable source of truth. God said concerning our biblical teaching that it is He whom teaches us, *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."* John 14:26 There is only one who knows the deep things of God and that is God whether Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. The Prophet Daniel wrote in Daniel 2:22 *"He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him."* While great men worked diligently over their life to learn and rightly divide the truth of the bible, none, no not even the greatest of them are infallible. The only infallible Truth is the bible, and the only infallible teacher is the Holy Spirit. God told us to "study" and that word means -to use speed, that is, to make effort, be prompt or earnest: - do (give) diligence, labor. – If we are lazy and depend on commentaries to get our learning of the bible, then we failed God in His command to study so that we are not seen to be ashamed. But enlightened in our study of the infallible bible rightly dividing God's word of Truth as the Holy Spirit teaches us. This is the responsibility of every Teacher, Minister, and Pastor, but it does not stop there, it also includes every Christian. Do not allow any man to be the controller of your spiritual understanding. Acts 17:11 *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."*workman, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Pastor's Thought Continue.

So, what is a workman, he is one that has a pattern and a plan as though you are building something. And we are all building an understanding of the Word of Truth. The building project is not complete until every detail is finalized as beautiful and perfect as we can make it. While our building of God's Truth will never be complete as long as we breath air on this earth, we are to never get lazy or stop the building of knowledge and understanding of God's Truth. The bible is full of multitudes of information and of multitudes of different subjects. It is deep, deeper than anything you will ever read or study. It speaks of the past times; it is the only complete detail about creation. It tells of different customs through the timeline of the world, and ever tells us of future events that have yet to be fulfilled. It tells us of God, creation, the Trinity, the works of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but one God. It tells us of God's salvation and how it is if grace and through Jesus Christ. It tells us of the church and how it started, how it grows, and how it survives. It tells us of our live as Christians and how God expects us to live and grow in grace and knowledge. Pastors and teachers study hard, they live their lives trying to gather enough understanding to feed the sheep and make the bible understood, but our work is not enough. Every believer also need's the be a workman, needs to make a plan and build their own database of knowledge and understanding, *"rightly dividing the word of truth."* Showing ourselves *"approved unto God,"* People cannot be a good servant to God if we fail to be good workers in our study of His word every day.

Church information and Happenings

- Please be in much prayer for our dear brother in Christ Jerry Dodson as his time is limited.
- Please remember to be in much prayer for Brother Ronnie Henderson and Sister Sarah.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."