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IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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Offending and Being Offended (Part 2)

Last week we noted that an offence is when we cause someone to be upset or troubled through our actions or words whether justified or not. We also noted the following: 1) we ought to live lives void of offence to others; 2) it is impossible to live the Christian life without offending someone; 3) we will, sometime in our life, wrongfully offend someone. We then noted that the Christian will make appropriate amends upon inappropriately offending someone.

This week, we're going to look at the other side of the coin: what to do when we are offended. The Christian will not find himself only offending, but also being offended. It is equally important that we understand how we are to behave when we are offended as when we offend.

Perhaps the first question that we need to ask is this: ought we to be offended? There is a difference between an objective sin (one that is against God) and a matter of personal preference wherein one is offended. If the offence is merely a matter of opinion, then one need not necessarily take offence at such personal matters. One

may, in that regard, simply overlook such things and move on.

When I was a boy, my parents would wrap Christmas presents just from "Santa" in brown paper. This had a tremendous effect upon me as a child and I remember being so thrilled to see those presents wrapped in brown paper. I decided to do that with my children. Then, one year on Christmas morning, one of our relatives com-



mented on the "ugly brown paper." I was offended. How could this relative be so insensitive as to not understand how precious my childhood "Santa" presents were? Then I realized that this relative had no idea about my childhood. So I did nothing. It wasn't worth discussing. It was merely a personal preference in the first place and didn't need to be brought up. I

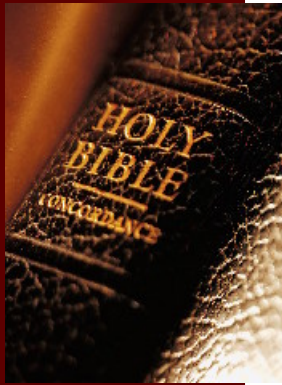
"forgave" this person and moved on. There are, however, some things which ought to lastingly offend the Christian.

The Christian ought to be offended at sin. Why? Sin offends God (Psalm 51:4). Sin is the tool of Satan to tempt men to do evil (Matthew 4:1) and evil is offensive. The Christian has the obligation to stand against sin and Satan and fight (Ephesians 6:11, 13). Are we lovers of God or lovers of men (Galatians 1:10)? If we love God, then we will be offended at sin.

The Christian also ought to be offended with those who are not offended at sin. Consider Romans 1:32; according to that verse, those who consent to sin are just as worthy of the same punishment as those who sin. The problem with many in our society today is that they have stopped being offended at sin. When that happens, they also stop fighting it. And when they stop fighting it, they succumb to it. There is a popular saying attributed to Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." To do something, we must first

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Bible Studies for the Week of January 22nd, 2006



AM Sermon..... A Simple Sermon on Sin
 Scripture Reading Romans 6:1
 PM Sermon ACTS—Pattern for Church Growth
 Scripture Reading Acts 1:8
 Sunday Class The Book of Matthew
 Wednesday Class Minor Prophets: Zechariah
 Ladies Bible Class The Book of 1 Timothy
 Nursing Home Bible Study The Book of Luke

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be offended.

The Christian ought to be offended at those who commit sin and would cause him to commit sin (Romans 16:17, Revelation 2:14). This is not to say that we hate the individual person who does the sinning, but rather, that the sin that he does is repugnant to us. John tells us who the real culprit is, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning..." (1 John 3:8). Satan is behind all sin, but some are caught in his lies. Our response should be to hate the sin but love the sinner (Galatians 6:1).

So, what do we do when we are offended? If the offence is a matter of personal preference, then the best course of action is to

do nothing. If the matter is of the sort where personal liberties are involved, we follow Paul's advice in Romans 14. For offences that involve sin, when one has been sinned against privately, Jesus told us what to do in Matthew 18:15-17. If the sin is a matter of public record, we follow 1 Corinthians 5. If the offence is disputed and we have spoken that which is right, then we take Peter's advice in 1 Peter 2:23, commit the matter to the Righteous Judge, and suffer silently. However, in all of these matters, we need to be practicing self examination constantly to ensure our own heart is right before the Lord (Matthew 7:1-5, 2 Corinthians 13:5).

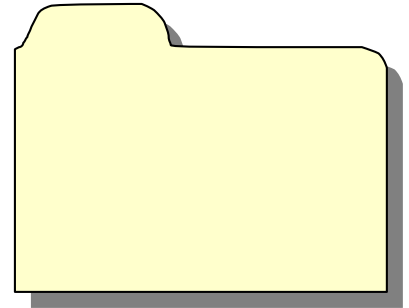
It is not necessarily wrong to offend nor is it necessarily wrong to be offended, but it could be either way.

They key to understanding when to act and when to keep silent depends upon the offence that has been committed. Let us learn to approach such situations as the Lord would and act according to what His word teaches.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:15-17)

For The Files: January 15th, 2006

Sunday Bible Class.....	62
Sunday AM Worship	76
Sunday PM Worship	56
Wednesday Night Study	41
Contribution.....	\$1666.90
Budget.....	\$1662.00



Kevin's Korner

My trip to Louisiana this past week couldn't have been better. While I was on the road I listened to sermon tapes from various different preachers. Some of those tapes were from the early 80's and provoked a strong sense of nostalgia from me about preachers from my youth. I enjoyed hearing them again. The time on the road was, in my estimation, well spent in listening and studying.

And I spent a lot of time driving. It is a nine hour drive to my in-laws house in Hemphill, Texas and from there it was another two hours to Pineville, Louisiana. I had a good, albeit brief, visit with my in-laws, Foy and Mary Forehand, who, by the way, will be visiting us sometime in March. I'm already looking forward to them being here. My only disappointment is that they won't be staying longer.

My time in Pineville was also very well spent. I got to meet Robert Luckenbill, an online preaching friend of mine, for the first time. It was a great pleasure to meet him as it was to meet all of the brethren there. On Wednesday, we were scheduled to have a preacher's luncheon with some of the other preachers in the area. I was quite blessed to be among them that day. It was enjoyable. After the luncheon one of the area preachers invited me to be on his pre-recorded 30 minute radio program. That also was an enjoyable experience.

Wednesday evening was the last night of the lectureship in Pineville and I was scheduled to speak at 8:00 PM. Another brother was ahead of me at 7:00 and there was a singing at 6:30 which all enjoyed. During both the singing and the first lecture that evening, I met a deaf woman for whom I was

able to help with the songs and interpret for the first sermon. This particular deaf woman had a dog that could hear for her. She said that he was an Alaskan; he was a BIG DOG. The dog was very well behaved though and slept quietly on the floor next to her while I preached my sermon.

I am truly thankful to the Lord for a safe trip and for the opportunity to proclaim His word to others. I'm also thankful to our eldership for allowing me the time to go and engage in this kind of work. My prayer is that the brethren were edified and that the church in that place can grow and prosper for the Lord.

My next out of town opportunity to preach will be in March. I will be going to DeLeon, TX for a gospel meeting starting on March 5th. Please pray for my efforts there.

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Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Ray Duncan, Justina Goucher, Ervin Hand, Opal Hull, Carol Murray, Glenn Quigley, John Stuckey.
- After services this morning there will be a brief meeting to discuss our plans for VBS. Those who are interested in participating are invited to attend this meeting.
- If you have not picked up a copy of the financial report for 2005 or a copy of the budget for the year 2006, those items are available on the table in the back.
- There is a new cleaning list in the back of the auditorium for those who are interested in serving in this capacity and we thank those who have served and continue to serve in this way.
- The Children's Home will be here on January 30th to pick up all of our pantry items and any change cans that you might have. Please be sure to get all of those items to the building by Sunday evening January 29th as they usually arrive on Monday morning.
- Remember our quarterly singing at the nursing home the last Sunday of this month at 2:00—that's next week!
- Also next week in lieu of our evening services there will be a congregational singing and scripture reading.
- Our pantry item is: Kool Aid.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

	<i>January 22nd, 2006</i>	<i>January 29th, 2006</i>
Sunday Morning		
Songs:	Bill Fort	Barrett Brown
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bob Moore	Leon Duncan
Scripture Reading:	Matthew Morrell	Dan Hand
Lord's Table	Bill Fort	Clay Bozarth
	Bruce Foster	Jerry Roller
(assist)	Ray Duncan	Irving Hand
	Jack Gentry	Glenn Williams
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Michael Morrell
Sunday Evening		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Ken Smith	John Gass
Scripture Reading:	Bruce Foster	Ken Smith
Lord's Table	Dale Pinkley	Jerry Roller
	Perry Foster	Clay Bozarth
Closing Prayer	Brandon Foster	George Eddings
Wednesday		
Songs:	Glenn Williams	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	Ray Duncan	Irving Hand
Invitation:	Dan Hand	Bill Fort
Closing Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Dale Pinkley

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