

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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## Services

Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service.....11 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

## News @ NSD

### WELCOME VISITORS!

#### Prayer List

- **Ken Holloway's** is home from the hospital, recovering from a recent stroke. Please pray for **Martha** also, keeping her heart condition in mind.
- **Ernest Peoples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Jason Henderson** – travelling for work.
- **Dema Franklin** – fractured spine needs care and rest.
- **Danielle Austin** – out of town; will return with **Darcy** on Tuesday.
- The **Martinez** family – in Northern California attending a relative's funeral.
- **Cassandra Fredrickson** - away at college.
- Please continue to pray for **Samantha Wilson**.
- Marie Adams –recovering at home from hip surgery.
- Jeanne Lynne – in recovery from cancer treatments.

**Congregational Meeting Today** - immediately after the worship service. Members are encouraged to stay for the financial report.

**Sunday Class**  
Studies in James

**Wednesday Class**  
Bible Character Studies: Eve

## Let Your Speech Be Gracious

*Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

### Colossians 4:6

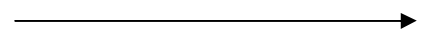
Most of us are very well acquainted with the above noted passage, but more often than not we want to limit its scope to those things relative to Bible classes. However, the implication is much broader if one sits back and considers the word "always", it is not subjective in any way. It does not mean we have the right to pick and chose when to have our speech to be gracious and when not to. Great care must be employed when we speak inasmuch as that which we speak reveals what fills the heart. So one is left to question if the love of God is made manifest by what is said. By our speech and the love of God being made manifest therein, it should serve as an invitation to others that they can share their struggles with us. However, far too often they don't because we have told them we are not interested! What's that? You say you'd never do such a thing? Well perhaps you have and weren't really aware of it.

Have you ever found yourself in a conversation with somebody when you decide to "go off" on another person who has made some dubious decisions in their life? In the process you may resorted to calling this individual all sorts of names and expound on just how vile and reprehensible her or she, really is. Now think about it for a minute, what IF the person you were talking with was struggling with a situation similar to the one you went "off on"? How likely would it be for that person to reach out to you for help in overcoming sin? You got that right, not likely. Why? You have already expressed what you thought of somebody who was caught up in the same sinful snare. Makes it pretty hard then to do as James directs in the fifth chapter of his epistle.

*Therefore, confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. "*

### James 5:16

When we are involved in communication with someone, we don't know what struggles they may be battling. Keep in mind all of us have committed sin of one kind or another at some point in life. The way in which we communicate about those sins and the people who have committed them reveals to those we come in contact with just how forgiving and compassionate we really are. We need to be easily approachable.



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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

Has His mercy ceased forever?

Has His promise failed forevermore?

Has God forgotten to be gracious?

Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah

And I said, "This is my anguish;

But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

I will remember the works of the LORD;

Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

I will also meditate on all Your work,

And talk of Your deeds.

*Psalm 77: 8-12*

His name is Jesus

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Oh how he loves you and me

Oh wonderful Savior

Sent from the father

Oh how he loves you and me

His name is Holy

His name is Holy

His name is holy to me

Oh wonderful mystery

How he could love me

His name is holy to me

*Max Wheeler*

## [Let Your Speech Be Gracious]

Don't misunderstand, we are not suggesting overlooking sin, nor to offer up a compromise. But when we "snap" and begin to belittle, mock, dress down and disparage those caught in sin (regardless of what "flavor" the sin might be) it tells them that we are not so approachable and forgiving as we let on.

*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, ... will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

**1 Corinthians 6: 9-11**

The brethren in Corinth escaped from a wide variety of transgressions as seen set forth in the sixth chapter and verses nine through eleven of 1 Corinthians. Some of which, even from a worldly standpoint, were and are untenable, however it was pointed out that they were "washed", "justified" and "sanctified" in the name of Jesus Christ. What we need to be communicating in our speech is that there is real help available in order to deal with sin.

It shouldn't really matter to whom we are talking. Our speech should always be seasoned with grace. In us, those with which we come in contact need to see God's love being reflected. You never know what is going on in that person's life and how vital it might be for them to see that at that precise moment.

*The Bulwark, May 3, 2009*

### UNWANTED INTRUDER



### A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 NIV

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