

APRIL/MAY BIBLE READING

MORNING	EVENING
24. Luke 18:1-23	2 Samuel 19, 20
25. Luke 18:24-43	2 Samuel 21, 22
26. Luke 19:1-27	2 Samuel 23, 24
27. Luke 19:28-48	1 Kings 1, 2
28. Luke 20:1-26	1 Kings 3, 4, 5
29. Luke 20:27-47	1 Kings 6, 7
30. Luke 21:1-19	1 Kings 8, 9
1. Luke 21:20-38	1 Kings 10,11
2. Luke 22:1-20	1 Kings 12, 13
3. Luke 22:21-46	1 Kings 14, 15
4. Luke 22:47-71	1 Kings 16, 17, 18
5. Luke 23:1-25	1 Kings 19, 20
6. Luke 23:26-56	1 Kings 21, 22
7. Luke 24:1-35	2 Kings 1, 2, 3
8. Luke 24:36-53	2 Kings 4, 5, 6
9. John 1:1-28	2 Kings 7, 8, 9
10. John 1:29-51	2 Kings 10, 11, 12
11. John 2	2 Kings 13, 14
12. John 3:1-18	2 Kings 15, 16
13. John 3:19-38	2 Kings 17, 18
14. John 4:1-30	2 Kings 19, 20, 21
15. John 4:31-54	2 Kings 22, 23
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16. John 5:1-24	2 Kings 24, 25
17. John 5:25-47	1 Chr. 1, 2, 3
18. John 6:1-21	1 Chr. 4, 5, 6
19. John 6:22-44	1 Chr. 7, 8, 9
20. John 6:45-71	1 Chr. 10, 11, 12
21. John 7:1-27	1 Chr. 13, 14, 15



**CELEBRATIONS IN
APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

Jimmy Coggins3rd

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Doug Rose.....9th

Erma Bradley.....27th

Gary Butcher.....28th

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“I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of



Service Times

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 am
WORSHIP 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM
KAYQ 97.1 FM
“House to House, Heart
to Heart” published and
mailed by-monthly

SUNDAY TV
PROGRAMS Channel 10,
Springfield, MO
“In SEARCH of the Lord’s
Way” 7:00 am
“The Living Word” 7:30 am

The Wearing of a Cross

Charles R. Rose

The following unsigned note was dropped into the question/suggestion box last week: ***“I’d like a lesson or input on the churches stance on wearing a cross. Is it a sin?”***

In the old Testament we find God’s prohibition against images in Exodus 20:2-5, and of course this has been so since the beginning of time and shall continue for eternity. Notice, *“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of **anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.**”* You shall not bow down to them (worship them CRR) or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God.” (Also read Deuteronomy 4:16-19). In the Exodus reading notice that our God tells us not to make images, then gives us the reason for that prohibition. We are not to make them for worshipful purposes.

Our question concerns the wearing of a cross as jewelry of which the Bible is silent. There is however a precedence to consider. Notice the highlighted areas of the text. Do we sometimes wear a necklace or broach with a puppy or kitten or fish or moon? **According to God’s dictate there is no difference in these and that of a cross.** Whether this is a sin or not depends on what is in a person’s heart. An image means nothing, unless we ascribe to that image some supernatural power. That offends God. But to have a picture of an animal, drawing of an animal, or a sculpture of an animal or of a cross is not wrong in and of itself. (A piece of jewelry which we wear is really a tiny sculpture). The sin occurs when we worship those images in place of the One, True God.

I once knew a person who wore one of those little gold-colored angel broaches everywhere she went. This person would give those to friends, apparently believing that it held some supernatural power to protect the person who wore it. It became an object of faith, thus an idol.

As to wearing a cross, or any of the other objects one may wear as jewelry, says nothing as to what is in that person’s heart. Therefore, I cannot tell you not to wear such, I can warn you not to allow that replica to become an object of faith to be worshipped. The Scriptures are silent on using a cross. It is not silent on the dangers of using images as religious objects.

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor’s card and drop in in the collection plate.

Prayer list: **Jody Clymer** had tests run at Monroe Hospital in KC Wednesday. She will be having more tests in the near future.

Carol Chenier’s niece, **Leah Rightsell**, due to circulation problems had her leg amputated this pass week.

Arthur Jones, Lois’ brother-in-law, had all life supports removed. He is at Clinton, Arkansas.

Please keep all those on the **Prayer list** in your prayers. (**List on board in lobby**)

Some things a man must surely know,

If he is going to live and grow:

He needs to know that life is more
Than what a man lays by in store,
That more than all he may obtain,
Contentment offers greater gain.
He needs to feel the thrill of mirth,
To sense the beauty of the earth,
To know the joy that kindness brings
And all the worth of little things.

He needs to have an open mind,
A friendly heart for all mankind,
A trust in self -- without conceit --
And strength to rise above defeat.
He needs to have the will to share,
A mind to dream, a soul to dare,
A purpose firm, a path to plod,
A faith in man, a trust in God.

by Alfred Grant Walton

Men’s Business meeting May 1 following evening worship service.

Ladies’ Bible Class on May 5, 2016 at 10:00 am. Lunch is planned for a Cinco de Mayo theme. See Diana McCorkle if you would like to help with the lunch.

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