

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Caleb Lowry

Scripture Reading: AM- J.J. Marcum PM- Bob Patterson

Song Leader: Dennis Thomas

Opening Prayer: AM- Blake Grimes PM- John Dyer

Closing Prayer: AM- Larry Clamon PM- Chandler Osborne

To Serve Communion: Doug Guinn Bo Graham
Joel Ray Adam Dyer
Colt Rollins Ethan Graham

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Cain and Abel: The Rebellious and the Righteous"
PM- Psalm 23

Sound: John Hamilton

Greet Visitors: Tom Trull

Count Contribution: Landry Gammon Jim Gammon

Attendance Cards: Braden Marcum Braxton Marcum

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Scripture Reading: Caden Thomas /II Corinthians 8:1-7
Devotional: Bob Patterson
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

Records for week of June 14, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 81 Worship PM: 70
Worship AM: 115 Wed 6/10: 95



June 21, 2026

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Tyler Thomas, Tom Trull

Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

Bible Study & Worship

Sundays: Bible Class 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Worship 5:00pm

Wednesdays: Bible Class 7:00

A STUDY IN LOVE P.T. 1: LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY LAW AND DISPENSATION
 By Anthony Scherffius

If you were to summarize the whole Bible into one word, what word would it be? The Bible is the mind of the Almighty God, the Creator. It reveals the most powerful Being ever to exist in book form for us to read and learn about. How could you summarize the mind of an infinite God? Many may say hope. Some say redemption. Others suggest faith, belief, obedience. Others indicate grace and holiness. All of these are crucial to the story of the Bible, but they are not the essence of the mind of God. They are simply extensions or results of the main point.

There are many consistent themes taught throughout the Bible, but there is one that is consistent in every book and perhaps even every chapter. You will find a common thread throughout every single book. This common thread appears in the mind of God, the story of Redemption in Christ Jesus, the story of man's fall, the mystery of the Gospel and plan of salvation, the Promise and Seal of the Spirit offered to all mankind but accepted by few. It is this one word... *Love*.

It's the overarching theme of almost every single thing mentioned in Scripture. Every point said about God points to the idea of love. If you examine the evidence, inspect the turning points in Scripture, observe the key themes and passages, and read the different accounts and types of literature, you will see that love is either the foundation, most mentioned, implied, referred to, given, rejected, or commanded the most. We will begin a series of articles discussing this Bible theme. Each article will focus on one point concerning love in Scripture. In this article, we will see how love is the foundation of every law and in every dispensation.

Patriarchal—From the very beginning, God made sure to give man what they needed in order to be pleasing to Him. Before the Law of Moses was given, it is said by Paul that the people had a law unto themselves (Rom. 2:14). We see throughout

Genesis and the book of Job how they offered up sacrifices and were pleasing to God (Gen. 4:4; Job 1:5). How did they know what to do? Paul says faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17), and "by faith," the Hebrew Writer says, they were accepted (Heb. 11). So what was the foundation of that Law? We are told by the inspired writer John: **"For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous."** (1 Jo. 3:11-12). John tells the first century Christians that even from the beginning the teaching was to love one another. He would later say these laws have a foundation of love in 1 John 4:7-12, saying **"for God is love."**

Mosaic—450 years after Abraham, the Hebrews are given a new law—the Law of Moses. If you look at the Ten Commandments, they can be broken down into two categories: Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. Right before the Jews enter the Promised Land and take it, Moses tells the people they must understand the Law. In order to get it right, they must obey the most crucial instruction among the 613 laws: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Deut. 6:1ff). In fact, Jesus would say these are the greatest commandments (Matt. 22:36-39) and that on these hang all of the Law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40). Israel kept failing because they loved self more than God.

Christian—We are not under the Patriarchal Law, nor the Law of Moses. Jesus said He came to fulfill the Law and the prophets (Matt. 5:17ff). So why does this matter to us? When Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, He had the authority to issue a new covenant—the perfect Law of Liberty (Jas. 1:25). Jesus, when He conversed with His disciples, gave clear instructions on what the new commandments would contain and require. He says **"If you love Me you will keep My commandments"** (Jo.14:15). Later on in the

conversation Jesus clarifies what "the commandments" are when He says, **"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you"** (Jo. 15:12-14). Jesus tells us explicitly what Law is all about—it's about love. He even showed us what the Law looks like in action (Jo. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Phil. 3:4-8).

The Bible, broken down into three dispensations (Patriarchal, Mosaic, and Christian), points to the idea of love. If we truly want to be approved of by God, we must fulfill the law of Christ and imitate God (Eph. 5:1-2) and walk in love for He is Love.

Remember in Prayer

Alan Haack had his knee replacement on 6/12. He has some complications and is recovering at home.

Rex Parker completed 6 rounds of treatment and will have surgery June 22nd. **Chris Lowry** is suffering with disc pain in his back.

Roger Elam will have surgery to remove his eye on June 26th.

Jim Milam had a stroke and be moved to Meadows of Corsicana for rehab.

Louis Thomas had a bone marrow biopsy Friday, June 12th. He expects results 6/18.

Donna Roberts, sister of Bobbi Guinn, is still improving. Bobbi said your prayers are appreciated.

Archie Underwood will be scheduling radiation treatments with his oncologist.

Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Chris Calvin, Luanne Patterson, Scott Koeler, Trinity McCarley, Donald Johnson Jr., Charlotte Baune, Nancy Underwood, Sharon McMillan, Steven Coates

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 21 -All morning Bible classes will meet in the auditorium due to rooms being under construction for FBS.

June 21- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00

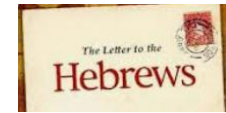
June 25- NH Birthday Party/2:00

June 28- Last class of quarter

July 1- Singing Night

July 5- Bible Class Promotion / New quarter begins

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Men: If you would like to take part in the men's teaching rotation for next quarter on Wednesdays, there is a sign-up sheet available. See Tom Trull. Study books are located on the front pew. Lessons will cover studies in the book of Hebrews.



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WANTS YOU
TO KNOW
ABOUT...



Yard signs are available to post around town and flyers are ready to share with others!

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If you would like to contribute \$\$ for Family Bible School snacks, please give to Marie Osborne or Jennifer Graham.