

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

## Speaking the Truth in Love

AM Sermon - Daniel Schramm

### OUR FAMILY NEWS

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**Today's Scripture:** "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Galatians 4:16 (KJV (WS))

**Wisdom for Today:** "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:5 (KJV (WS))

Attendance Last Sunday:43/22. Our Record: 107  
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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear .....Romans 10:17  
Believe .....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### MEETING TIMES

##### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM  
AM Worship: 11AM  
PM Worship: 5PM

##### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

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## "I was glad when they said unto me, Let

### Speaking the Truth in Love

I remember being a supervisor and having to give evaluations to my staff. When I first began writing evaluations I was rather intimidated. The reason was that I was younger than most of the staff I had. Many of them had been doing their jobs for years, sometimes for longer than I had been living. But it didn't take long for me to realize that writing an evaluation that didn't give the employee the entire spectrum of how I saw their work was an exercise in futility. It served no good except for me to say that I did give them an evaluation, and it kept me from having to say things to them that they needed to hear but would not be well received. In the meantime, nothing changed in their behavior nor in the effectiveness of my unit.

When I finally began to write completely truthful evaluations, identifying what they had done well and where they needed to improve the first few were rather ill received by some of the employees. Especially if they were not performing to the expectations of the position they held. In several cases the previous supervisors had consistently rated their performance as "Highly Acceptable" or even "Outstanding" in order to avoid a confrontation. A truthful evaluation was not something that they expected., nor something that they wanted to hear.

The same thing often happens when we try to have a Bible study with friends or family who are not Christians. They may have been indoctrinated with denominational ideas so that telling them the truth that they are not saved is not received well. This was the similar to the problem that Paul faced, writing to the Galatian Christians. He asks them "<sup>16</sup>Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Galatians 4:16 (KJV (WS)). In this passage Paul had just finished writing to them about their tendency to return to worship the false gods that they had worshipped, or they were chasing after things that false teachers had presented. In the very first chapter he warned them rather sternly about believing "Other Gospels". "<sup>6</sup>I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto

## go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

another gospel: <sup>7</sup>Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup>As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6–9 (KJV (WS)). He then repeated a similar warning later in the letter. "<sup>7</sup>Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. <sup>8</sup>Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. <sup>9</sup>But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? <sup>10</sup>Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. <sup>11</sup>I am

afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." Galatians 4:7–11 (KJV (WS)). It was shortly after his warning that he asked if he had become their enemy because he told the truth. If Paul faced this issue from members of the church in Galatia, it should be expected that Christians and non-Christians would have a similar reaction to the truth today. So should we refrain from teaching the truth because we may make some people upset or even have them become an enemy? Of course not! The chance that they will listen and respond to the truth, and be saved eternally, is worth what risk you will take that they will be upset to the point of becoming an enemy.

Bill Beebe

### Schedule of Events

September 18	Public Bible Study	Wasilla Library
September 29	Wednesday Night Singin	Building