

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Correction

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Alice Stone is being referred to UW Cancer Research Center for assessment, please pray for her! Mia, Shila, George (Danesa's family). Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety. Neil Kelly is in rehab and is walking some, but both she and Charles still need prayers. Wayne Ezell continues to need our prayers.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety and for a successful season.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness," **2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)**

Wisdom for Today: "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:" **Proverbs 3:11 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 84/58: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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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
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"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
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Giving and Receiving Correction

All of us can understand correction! Those of us who have children or have raised children understand the need for correction well. Those in school also understand correction, usually it is done to our homework in red ink so that we never miss the point that the instructor is trying to impress on us. Also most of us understand correction when teachers or parents apply the paddle (or hand or belt) of education to the seat of learning as I was told once. And many of us have vivid memories of some of the correction we were given then.

I remember several times when I was given correction, some by parents, some by aunts, some by family friends, and some by teachers. And while I do not remember the exact thing that I did to earn those lesson, I remember well the result of them. The last bit of correction my dad ever gave me was when I came home with a "D" on my report card. He simply looked at my card, and said "Go to the bathroom, I will be back soon." There was no misunderstanding of what he meant and I never had a "D" on any report card since then. His correction was effective and to the point. The lessons that I learned from my youth in receiving correction helped me to give it when I had children of my own. For it to be effective it needs to be understandable. The person receiving the correction needs to understand why they are being corrected. It needs to be timely, waiting too long to give correction reduces its effectiveness.

But what does these lessons have to do with our Christianity? A lot, actually. Although the word "correction" appears only once in the New Testament, in **2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)** "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The idea is taught in several passages. Pauls instruction to Timothy was that the scriptures provided by God are useful for "doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". Then he tells Timothy why, **2 Timothy 3:17 (KJV)** "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." God wants our understanding of the scriptures to be complete (perfect) so that we can continue in good works. It is by studying His word that we come to understand what His will for us is and how we ought to act as Christians.

We receive correction from the word of God when we study and come to understand that we have to hear the gospel (Romans 10:14). Hearing carries with it the fact that we hear and understand what we have heard. That passage tells us that we can not call on the Lord unless we have believed, we can't believe unless we have heard and we can't hear without a teacher (preacher). When we hear all of what the Holy Ghost wanted us to hear, by a thorough study of the New Testament we recognize that there are other things we must do as well. We are told in **Mark 16:16 (KJV)** "He that believeth and is baptized

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shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."; **Acts 2:38 (KJV)** "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." and **Matthew 10:32 (KJV)** "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.". So the false doctrine of salvation by faith alone is corrected and we understand that we, like the heroes of faith described in Hebrews have to have a faith that results in obedience and that obedience requires action on our part.

But there are other types of correction taught in the New Testament as well. In James we are told **James 5:19-20 (KJV)** "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Here James is telling us that when we see a brother headed in the wrong direction and we correct him, we will save his soul from death and cover a great deal of sins. And Peter tells us in **1 Peter 4:7-8 (KJV)** "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." that our love for each other should be strong enough to cover the multitude of sins. Taken together, we correct our wayward brother and sisters because we fervently love them. Christian correction should always be done with love. Even when we take the ultimate step and disfellowship a member because of their sins due to an unrepentant heart, it must be done in love with the hope that they will see what their actions have caused and repent. If you or I are the ones that is receiving correction from our brothers we must accept it with love, understanding that they have only the wellbeing of our souls in mind. We must remember Paul's instructions to us in **Romans 8:28 (KJV)** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." and **Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)** "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

So when we give correction, we must do it in love. When we are receiving correction, we need to remember that it is being given in love. In either case, love; true Christian brotherly love, is the thing that binds us together along with our love for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.