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## Is Our Christianity Corroded?

Tuesday morning (July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019), Jim and I got up early and went out to camp Ida to retrieve some flowers that had been planted for the summer camp season. While we were there, my battery decided that it didn't want to work anymore. Since Jim had driven there separately, we hooked up my battery cables (that I always carry with me) and boosted the minivan. It started up and I got back to New Boston. The battery was under a five-year warranty and still had two years left on it, so I took it to be tested. The test came back "good." Now, why did my battery die? The auto-store salesperson said, "Corrosion may be preventing it from getting a good connection." So, I took the battery home, cleaned it up, and reconnected it. Things seemed to work just fine.

Sometimes, like my battery, our Christianity can become "corroded." When we allow the world to influence us to watch its video propaganda, listen to its music, act and dress like it does, then we will become corroded with its influence. This will drain us of true life, and we may find ourselves not "starting" very well one morning due to depression, stress, and apathy. What is the solution? We've got to clean out the corrosion, sharpen up our connections with others, and get the spark going again. How do we do that? We need to cut out the worldly activities and get more in touch with our brothers and sisters in Christ, attend more church events, and put spiritual talk into our family life. Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

God bless you, and I love you.

**Kevin Cauley** 



## September 29, 2019 Servants

Announcements: Mike Raney

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AM Prayers	PM Prayers		
Johnny Thomas	Scott Overstreet		
Ernest Shelton	Dave Conley		
Lord's Table			
Ben Dooley	Eddie Cauley		
Monty Crawford	Jimmy Smith		
PM Communion: Blake Tyndell			
Visitors Cards: Sawyer Hobson			
October 6, 20	019 Servants		
Announcements: Tommy McGee			
Am Prayers	PM Prayers		
Dave Conley	Scott Hobson		
Ben Dooley	Scott Overstreet		
Lord's	Table		
Derrell Patterson	Jim Patterson		
Mike Raney	Jimmy Smith		
PM Communion:	Derrell Patterson		
Visitors Cards:	Maddux Tyndell		

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney @ 903/559-4141 or John D. Thomas @903/490-5572 Don Grider **Doris Jones** ames Love aith Salfen Robin Upson Charles Tuck noies Curbow Billy Johnson erry Woods Sue Yarberry alerie Martin Arie Howard Vinnie Tucker lake Drinkard Robert Russell Sara Jo Vance lelda Spencer Roberta Watson eraldine Wages Arie McPherson Cimberly Smithson eith & Helen Clark cowling family stevens family

## **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

Contribution		Atten	dance
Budget	\$3,100.00	Wednesday, Sept 11	68
Sunday, Sept 22	\$3,030.00	Sunday, Sept 22	
Average	\$2,906.88	Bible Class	70
		Morning Worship	96
		Evening Worship	56

Continued from last week's article by Bryan Hodge.

3. We must speak the truth in love.

Our speech should be motivated by love, genuine love. Love motivated Paul to correct the brethren at Corinth (2 Cor 2:4). One brother has written, "One of the most unloving acts that one could do - is nothing – when he knows that a brother is being overcome by sin... Brotherly love cares enough to correct" (Jimmy Jividen, Koinonia, pp. 147, 179).

Our speech should be tempered by love. We should be in the habit of seasoning our words with salt (Col. 4:6). Yes, there is a time for bold speech (Mat. 12:34; 23:13ff; 2 Cor. 4:21). However, this should be the exception and not the norm. Jesus was very bold with His active, vocal opponents, who were trying to interfere with His work, or who were plotting against Him. This is not the way He treated most people (Nicodemus, John 3; the woman at the well, John 4; the woman caught in adultery, John 8; the rich young ruler, Mark 10). We should avoid being unnecessarily offensive, rude, or unkind.

We should try to be compassionate and demonstrate our love. Imagine two preachers. One points out sin in a member's life with a gleam in his eye and seems to enjoy it. The other points out sin in a member's life with a tear in his eye and seems sincerely concerned. Which one would you want to hear? Paul shed tears (2 Cor. 2:4: Phil. 3:18). May we "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15). Let us learn to sincerely care for people. Remember that without love, we are nothing (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

Preachers and members should remember that preaching is not just about rebuking (2 Tim. 4:2). It is also about convincing, exhorting, comforting, and edifying (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11, 14; 1 Cor. 14:26b; Acts 14:21-22, etc.)

2 Cor 9:12 We red aging cards of tha	<i>many thanksgivings unto God</i> " ceived three more encour- nks Sunday morning: ns and family, from the nd Gayle Floyd.	Birthday! Danielle Tyndell Anniversary! M/M Weaver Mills	Oct 4 Oct 4	
	New Boston Gospel Meeting			
September	with Bryan Ho	dge, October 6-9		
Pantry Items:	Family & Faithfulness			
	Sunday 9:30am	"Focus on the Cr	oss"	

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Pantry Items:	Family & Faithfulness			
	Sunday 9:30am "Focus on the Cross"			
noodles				
or	6pm "Don't Hide the Gospel"			
	Monday7pm"The Role of the Father"			
pasta sauce	Tuesday			
	Wednesday7pm "Is the Young Man Safe?"			

