



We are honored and blessed to have you worshipping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.



Health - Zandra, Ebony, Donna, Francisco and Wanda, Peaches, Prince, Leola and Larry, Thom and Mary Elizabeth, Irma, TC, Sylvia and Patrick, Carol's mother Loretta, Darla, Stan's brother Dale, Blake Brass' mother Heather, Kathy's brother Gerald.

Surgery/Recovery - Lenard, Lorena, Jullian's arm, Ricky and Albert Young (Lorena's brothers), **Also** - The well being of Kevin Williams and family. Shannon's well being. The Rivera and Rodriguez families, Louie's cousin (Jacob Rivera, 38) passed away. The Beas family lost their grandmother. John and Arcy Tatge are traveling.

Today's Services

- Singing
- Opening Prayer
- Singing
- Preaching
- Invitation Song
- Communion Song
- Communion
- Offering
- Announcements
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer

Men's Training

Today 3:30



Friday 19th

5:00 PM

Spiritual Uplifting

April 22 and 25

7:00 PM



Romans 1 - 5

Test Your Bible Knowledge

Saturday April 27th

11:00 AM -

1:00 PM



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:15-16
Repent	Luke 13:3-5
Confess	Matthew 10:32-33
Baptism	1Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully	Revelation 2:10

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00
AM	
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM

Mini Gospel Meeting

April 29th - 30th



Temptation and Sin

by Royce Frederick

A person “sins” when he disobeys any law of God: “sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). To every mentally developed person, God has given a limited knowledge of right and wrong, good and evil (Genesis 2:17; 3:1-24). God has also revealed His law in its completed form in the Bible. The Old Testament portion of the Bible was God’s law for Israel until Jesus died on the cross. The New Testament portion of the Bible is now God’s law for all people (Ephesians 2:14-16; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 9:15-17). A person sins when he disobeys the basic knowledge of good and evil, and he sins when he disobeys the laws of God written in the New Testament.

To “tempt” means to test or to examine. James writes, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:13-15). This passage shows us that temptations come to us through our desires.

Some desires are sinful in themselves. For example, the desire to take a person’s life is an evil desire. Other desires are not sinful in themselves. God created humans with several kinds of natural desires. For

example, the desire for food and the desire for a mate are not evil desires in themselves. These desires can be satisfied, without sin, by working to buy food, and by marrying to obtain a mate.

Our God-given desires

can become sinful desires. They become sinful when we let them become excessive or when we direct them at the wrong things. For example, if a person has an excessive desire for food, he may soon become a glutton (Romans 16:18; Philippians 3:19). If a person desires to marry someone who is already married, he may soon become an adulterer (Matthew 5:32; 1 Corinthians 6:9). The Bible teaches us to control our desires so that they do not lead us into sin. Paul preached about “righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come” (Acts 24:25). Satan, the enemy of righteousness, tries to turn our desires into sinful directions and sinful excesses.

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, but He did not sin. After He had not eaten for forty days, He was hungry. “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:3-4). His desire for food was not sinful, but it would have been sinful for Jesus to satisfy His desire by obeying the will and suggestion of the tempter, the devil. It was not the will of God for Jesus to

Everyone Who Sins
Breaks The Law; In
Fact, Sin Is Lawlessness.

1 John 3-4

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make the stones into bread. Jesus chose to obey God rather than the devil.

Jesus desired to be spared from the agony of death on the cross, but He did not sin. “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will’” (Matthew 26:39); “who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications [petitions], with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned

obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Hebrews 5:7-9). Jesus strongly desired to be delivered from the suffering and death on the cross, but He had a stronger desire to do the will of His Father in Heaven.

Now let us consider James 1 again. He wrote, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed” (James 1:14). When I feel a strong desire, I need to think about it, to discern where it will lead me. If I see that the desire would lead me into sin, it is “decision time.” Will I follow the will of God, or will I follow my own desire? If I decide to follow my own desire, that decision is a sin. “Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin” (James 1:15). After the sinful

decision, the sinful action often follows; “and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:15).

It is not always a sin when we feel a strong desire. We are not sinning when we are struggling to control a strong desire. Yet, we do sin when we decide to follow any desire that leads us away from doing the will of God.

Jesus never sinned, but He did experience very difficult temptations. They tested His loyalty to His Heavenly Father. “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

But Each One Is Tempted
When, By His Own Evil
Desire, He Is Dragged
Away And Enticed.

James 1-14

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God Will Never Give Up!

by Max Lucado

God never gives up. When on trial before the cross, people spat in his face, but he didn’t spit back. When a whip ripped his sides, he didn’t command the awaiting angels to stuff that whip down the soldier’s throat. When human hands fastened the divine hands to a cross with spikes, it wasn’t the soldiers who held the hands of Jesus steady. It was God who held them steady. God never gives up. Not then, not now, not ever. So the next time *doubt* walks in. Escort him out. Out to the hill. Out to Calvary. Out to the cross where, with holy blood, holy hands wrote the promise: God would give up His only Son before He’d give up on you.

