

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



## Walking Towards Perfection

By Mike Riley

In Ephesians 4:1 ESV, the apostle Paul urges his readers to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called” (we’ve been “called” by the gospel; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).

The question we might ask is, “How do we walk in a manner worthy of our calling?” The answer to that question is found in Philippians 1:27 ESV which states:

“Only let your manner of life [conduct – NKJV] be worthy of the gospel of Christ....”

The proper measure of our spiritual condition is the quality of our lives, which is measured by such attributes as lowliness, gentleness, and longsuffering (Ephesians 4:2).

The phrase, “bearing with one another in love” in the above verse, is a good indicator that we are gradually moving toward God’s goal for us — “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13) — that standard of measure that each Christian is to strive for — to possess the same moral character of our Savior — the idea of perfection (see Coffman) — the same goal that Paul was striving towards in his Christian walk (Philippians 3:13-16 ASV – note the word “perfect” in vs. 15).

Let’s think about it and then keep on “pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

I Timothy  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Acts of the  
Apostles  
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself  
approved unto God, a  
workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word  
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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## Shame, Conscience, Guilt and Our Society

By Mike Riley

Shame is the result of a pricked conscience brought on by feelings of guilt produced when we fail to live up to God’s moral standards (cf. Acts 2:14-37 KJV; 1 Timothy 1:12-15). Looking at the moral depravity of the past two generations, how long has it been since our present generation has felt any true shame?

Shame is to moral man what pain is to physical man — a warning that something is morally wrong and needs our undivided attention. Doctors sometimes withhold painkillers — not because they want the patient to suffer, but because they need an alert patient who can guide them to the real source of their pain.

Just as our physical body has a standard or “norm” by which it measures itself, there is a moral standard by which our spiritual self is measured (1 Corinthians 10:7-18; cf. Romans 2:29; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5). Our present-day society cannot long exist without order and regulations that are “right” for us (Deuteronomy 6:16-25; Psalm 119:7; Psalm 119:172; cf. Psalm 78:1-64).

Some patterns of conduct are established by man himself through various governmental laws (Romans 13:1-5). When violated, those who feel a responsibility toward society will feel shamed before their peers (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:14). Such standards may vary with time and customs, but they cannot be ignored without showing complete insensitivity toward our fellowman.

In like manner, those who respect God, will feel shame when they violate His laws. The healthful and proper design of shame is to bring us humbly before God, asking forgiveness and thanking Him for His mercies (Luke 15:11-21; Luke 18:9-14).

The “pain” we feel, tells us we are in desperate need for the “remedy” to our sin problem, thus bringing us to the Great Physician (cf. Matthew 9:10-13). When the moral conscience is dulled (1 Timothy 4:1-2; cf. Ephesians 4:17-19), there is nothing to tell us that something needs fixing.

The term “shamefacedness” of 1 Timothy 2:9 KJV, was originally “shame-fast,” and can be better understood by comparison with the word “bed-fast” — i.e., “bound” to the bed. Our sense of necessity can “bind” us to standards of God and society, thus aiding us in exercising proper control (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:16-27).

So bound, we become a useful integral part of society, and a worker together with God — promoting common good (1 Corinthians 3:1-9). But if we feel no shame, we “cannot blush” (cf. Jeremiah 6:15), and as a result, become a blight upon society and are doomed to spiritual death (Romans 6:20-23).

Like the society of Jonah’s day, may God allow our society to express “shame” over its sinful condition, repent, and turn once again back to Him so that He might spare us from eternal damnation (cf. Jonah 3:1-10; Jonah 4:11).

### Announcements

- Fellowship Meal following Worship Service Today
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### Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
- Scott Williams
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### Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- May - Montgomery
- June - Thrash
- July - Potts

### June Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Colton Riley - 1st
- Lillian Lovett - 3rd
- Hudson Rowell - 23rd
- Don and Marilyn Potts - 9th

Every Sunday Morning  
@ 8:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



### Sermon Notes

### Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Dwight Callens  
Scripture Reading - Job 1:8 - 12  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord’s Table - Don Potts  
Assist on Lord’s Table - Mark Potts  
Scripture Reading - Luke 23:13 - 21  
Closing Prayer - James Johnson

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