



# GEORGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Voortrekker Hall - 56 Caledon Street, George

Sunday : Main Service 10 - 11 AM

Tuesday Bible Study : 18H30

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2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 3:16-17

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## *Wounded for Me*

By - Mike Freese

**O**ne of the all time great baseball players was Babe Ruth. Up until 1974, he had hit more home runs than anyone else in the history of the game. But as time went on, his skills began to diminish and his popularity waned. In one of his last games, he made several bad plays in the field and struck out a couple of times. At one point, the same people that adored and cheered him began to yell and shake their fists at him, calling him a bum and booing him.

**A**s we look back in time, we see a similar treatment of Jesus. An innocent man treated so harshly that we wonder "how can that be?" Treated like a common criminal, beaten, mocked, and crucified. We ask, "how can people be so mean?" What is it on the inside of those soldiers that could make them act that way? What savages!

What they did was awful. But let's face it folks, the Bible teaches us that the same ugliness that's inside those Roman soldiers is inside each of us. In the news we read about three kids gang up on a student and beat him up. An innocent person is shot because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. An incident of road rage that goes too far.

**H**ave you ever lashed out in anger or frustration at someone that you go just a bit too far with your words or actions? Have you ever done something so out of character that even years later you look back and still can't believe you did it? Ever drive down the road and someone cuts you off, or your running late and the vehicle in front of you is doing 15 miles an hour under the speed limit and you start honking or shouting. Have you ever lost your cool with someone when trying to resolve a problem and customer service just isn't getting your problem taken care of? Let's

face it, there's a self centered beast within us all that we keep under control, but sometimes it gets out of control.

**T**hat is the nature of sin, it's just plain ugly. But if people are so bad, then why did Jesus come down here? He could have left us to our own destruction, receiving what we deserve. The Bible teaches us that the primary reason Jesus did it was because for all our faults, He loves us. Jesus said, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12-13) Jesus was wounded for you and me, and He did it willingly as foretold by the prophet Isaiah. "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

**J**esus gave us various commandments. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16: 16) "Teach them to observe all things I have commanded you." (Matt 28: 20) And of course, Jesus commanded us to love one another as we read in John 15:12,13. When asked by one of the scribes which is the first commandment of all, Mark records the following exchange between Jesus and the scribe, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mark 12:29-34)

Jesus gave His life for us. He simply asks that we love God and love one another. If we start with that, everything else will begin to fall into place, including mercy, justice, and faith, which Jesus says are the "weightier matters" not to be overlooked.

## Goats Among Sheep

The judgment scene depicted by Jesus has Him separating sheep from goats and inviting the sheep into the eternal kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Matt. 25:31-34). Then He explains why the sheep in His flock were invited and the goats were not.

From this we should not be surprised when there are those who portray themselves as part of the flock of God while not fully submitting to the Good Shepherd.

In exhorting elders, Peter described local churches as “the flock of God which is among you” (1 Pet. 5:2). If there are “goats” among the Chief Shepherd’s flock, there no doubt will be “goats” in local churches.

goats there are also some significant differences. To the casual observer, some goats look like sheep and are often in the same pasture, but they behave quite differently. A shepherd will guide the sheep to “green pastures” and the goats will tag along, but they are willing to eat just about any trash they find along the way. Sheep have a reputation for being submissive and willing to be led, while goats are more independent and sometimes have to be driven. Goats tend to be more stubborn and occasionally combative. To the casual observer, goats may even seem more playful, making the sheep appear somewhat boring. Of course, when it comes to “sheep” and “goats” in the church, the Lord has no problem distinguishing between them; but the task is a bit more difficult for shepherds in a local flock. Unlike the animal version, the distinction cannot be determined by appearance.

I’m not an expert on farm animals, but some research has taught me that while there are some similarities between sheep and

<b>THIS WEEK 30 September 2018</b>	<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 07 October 2018</b>
<b>AM</b>		<b>AM</b>
Leroy	<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Leroy
Hugh	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Robert
Hugh	<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Robert
Hugh & Leroy	<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Robert
Robin	<b>LORD’S SUPPER</b>	Reinhold
Danny	<b>PREACHING</b>	Danny
Leroy	<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Robin

### Today’s Songs

Song 1 (662)	Years I Spent in Vanity
Song 2 (488)	Standing On the Promises
Song 3 (563)	There Is Power in the blood
Song 4 (545)	This world is Not My Home

**Rain & Thankfulness for the current rainfall**

**Estelle & Family**

**Sheree**

**Meghan & Stephnie**

**SA Bible College**



Prayer Requests



Christine & Leroy

28 Oct



Baba Gus

29 September

Sally

06 October

Dereese

06 October

Reinhold

07 October

Lindie

19 October

Gus (jnr)

20 October

Daniel

22 October

Christine

28 October

Stephnie

30 October

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lynn will be away for a few weeks; Sheree having problems with her back,

### **Title & Opening Scripture**

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### **Other Scriptures**

•Jn 10:14-18 •Jn 14:18-23 •Josh 1:9 •Psa 9:10 •Psa 20:7 •Gen 22:1-8 ••

### **Sunday School Teachers**

30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Combined</b>
07 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Sandy</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Dereese</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Tannie Stef</b>

### **“Eats” Roster September 2018**

16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Tea</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Memorial Tea</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Tea</b>
07 <sup>th</sup> October	Antoinette, Esmerelda, Tannie Stef & Erika

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