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**Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation</b>	
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

# COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation

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**“And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God”  
(James 2:23).**

## FORGET ME NOT

Barry Kennedy

This European perennial is one of the world's most-loved wildflowers, and though the little clusters of sky blue flowers are wonderful, the romantic legend of how it got its name is even better. The plant is a streamside species, so the setting makes sense. A medieval German knight is said to have been picnicking on the bank of the Danube with his lady love. He descended the bank to the water's edge to gather some of the lovely blue flowers he saw there, but while he was near the water, tragedy struck. A "freshet" (flash flood) suddenly appeared and pulled the young man into the churning river. As he was literally swept away, he tossed the bouquet to his lady on the bank with the three now-famous words: "Forget me not!"<sup>1</sup>

It is hard to imagine anyone wanting to be forgotten. Just knowing that someone loves you and always holds you in a special place of their heart (mind) gives you a profound sense of comfort. God has the greatest capacity to remember each one of us in His heart. "What is man, that thou art **mindful** (*emph. mine BK*) of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4). When man chooses to maintain faithfulness to God, He promises that He will never forget the promised blessings He has made available. "He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be **mindful** of his covenant" (Psalm 111:5). What an awesome thought that God, the Creator of all things, could even have a thought of us "pass" through His mind; however, He has promised more than just a pass-through, we can have His undivided attention. "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18). "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him" (Ephesians 3:12).

Pointing out the fact that God is mindful of us, can we honestly say that we are always mindful of God? The prophet Isaiah informed the children of Israel that they had **forgotten** God.

*"Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips: In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow"* (Isaiah 17:10, 11).

Though it should not be so, it tends to be easy for people to "forget" God. Just think, if Israel (God's chosen people) could do it, it only makes sense that we would guard against doing so ourselves. Each of us live in this world and have countless opportunities which can distract us from thinking about God.

The first step toward forgetting about God is done through forgetting His word. Paul encouraged Timothy to take heed unto himself and the "doctrine" (1 Timothy 4:16). The Hebrew writer made clear the need to remember when he wrote, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1). Without giving "more earnest heed" we run the risk of allowing the word to slip from our minds. Usually that unoccupied space is replaced with the cares and desires of the world. Jesus told of the person who had an unclean spirit (represented today by the sinful life) removed, but failed to fill the void left behind. The end result was worse than the beginning (Luke 11:25-26). Holding fast the word of God is the ultimate defense against Satan's forces. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11; cf Matthew 4:1-10).

There is never a time when we have to say to the Lord, "Forget Me Not." On the other hand, maybe He is telling you and me "Forget ME Not!" May He always be merciful to us as we endeavor to maintain a constant remembrance of Him.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.wildflowerinformation.org/wildflowerfolklore.asp>

# EXALTING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

**John W. Moore**

Jesus is certainly worthy of praise and adoration. He should be lifted up and magnified. His virtues should be extolled. His power and authority should be recognized and His name revered and sanctified. A greater man never, nor will ever, walk the earth. He was perfect in every way. He was perfect in obedience to His Father, tireless in His devotion, and dedicated to His cause. If God "hath highly exalted Him," (Phil. 3:9; Acts 5:31) then so should all of creation. Notice the words of the familiar song by Tillit S. Teddlie:

Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer,  
Worthy of glory, honor and pow'r!  
Worthy of all our souls adoration,  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!  
Lift up the voice in praise and devotion,  
Saints of all earth before Him should bow;  
Angels in heaven worship Him saying,  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!  
Lord, may we come before Thee with singing,  
Filled with thy spirit, wisdom and pow'r;  
May we ascribe Thee glory and honor,  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Chorus:

Worthy of riches, blessings and honor,  
Worthy of wisdom, glory and pow'r!  
Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving  
Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Indeed, He is worthy of all our soul's adoration. He is Redeemer, Lord, King, and Friend. He is Ruler over heaven and earth and is without equal. His name is above every name (Phil. 2:9), and in no other is there salvation (Acts 4:12). He is truly Lord of lords and King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15). We should exalt Him in every way.

Sadly, Christ does not always receive the exaltation He deserves. Many people are exalting Buddha, Mohammed, Gandhi, humanism, materialism, etc., and all kinds of iniquity over the "blessed and only Potentate." (1 Tim. 6:15). The world must exalt Jesus now or else they will be forced to bow down before Him and thereby become the Lord's footstool on the day of judgment. They will be conquered and cast into an eternal hell, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The church, above all people, should exalt Christ now. They, too, will be cast into the lake of fire if Christ has not been utmost in their lives. Disobedience (Matt. 7:21), religious indifference (Rev. 3:15, 16), and apathetic attitudes (Rev. 2:4) reflect a negligence in extolling Jesus. Not only is it imperative that we exalt Jesus now, but we must do so with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Mark 12:30 conveys the idea of complete and comprehensive commitment and love to God. Love for God demands that we love and exalt His Son. Herein is the emphasis of the assigned topic for this portion of the lectureship. We must exalt Jesus Christ with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

