



**Sunday Worship Times:**  
**8:30 am online on**  
**Facebook Live & 10:30**  
**am in-person service**

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## *The Anchor: NCCU News*

## May 2021

Pastor Michael's Message:

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"If you love me, you will obey what I command." These are words that Jesus spoke in John 14:15. These are words that I have always tried to live by, but lately, they have taken on a deeper meaning for me.

As I have been teaching through the letters of 2 & 3 John, I have realized the importance of these words. In 2 & 3 John, the apostle John is writing to a church that is experiencing a great amount of division and strife. They are a divided and bickering church. And the reason they are fighting and bickering and deeply divided is because some are not willing to follow the truth of Christ. There are some in the church that desire their own way and will over the way and will of Christ. They put their own preferences, opinions, and desires above the truth, or commands, of Christ.

The truth of Christ are the commands of Christ, and the commands of Christ are truth to live by. When Jesus tells us that the test of our love for Him is to follow His commands, He is really telling us that the test of our love for Him is our willingness to follow the truth of Scripture. I used to view the commands of Christ as I would the Ten Commandments – the "dos and don'ts" of Scripture. As long as I stuck to those commandments of Scripture, I would be showing my love to Jesus – or so I thought. But this is a limited and short-sighted view of the commands of Christ because what Jesus is really saying is that if you love Jesus, you will love the truth – all of the truth, not just the commandments.

The truth of Scripture is so much more than the commandments of Scripture. The commandments are based on truth, to be sure, but the truth is so much more than the commandments. To love truth means to love what is right and just and fair. It means a commitment to doing the right thing in every and any circumstance in life, even when there is not a specific commandment that I can bring to bear upon the circumstance. It is not just about following the law; it is about following the truth – it is about following Jesus.

The pharisees wanted to be right before Jesus so they asked Jesus what the greatest commandments were – what the law was. They knew they were law keepers, and this made them feel righteous. Jesus answered them by saying that the greatest of the commandments, and that all of the commandments, could be summed up with this: love God and love others. Jesus told us that rightness before God did not depend on keeping the law but upon loving the truth of God. And this, the pharisees did not do. They did not love God because they did not love His truth – Jesus. They followed their own set of truth as defined by the law, but they did not accept God's truth, as found in the person of Jesus.

How often we do that today. We say we love Jesus, yet we do not love the truth of Jesus, but rather our own version of the truth. Or we obey certain truths, but not all the truths of Scripture. We still want to live and define truth in our own way. This is not loving Jesus. This is loving oneself above Jesus. If we are to say that we love Jesus, then we need to love and obey the truth of Scripture – all of the truth of Scripture.

If we claim to love Jesus, we must set our desire upon walking in the truth of Jesus above all else.

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael



**Reminder:**  
**Masks are Mandatory Statewide.**  
**Show you care about**  
**others...wear one. Yes, even with**  
**the vaccine.**

**Join us 8:30 am Sunday at**  
<https://www.facebook.com/NCUnion/>

**for services online.**  
**Join us in-person**  
**Sunday's at 10:30 am.**

**All on Facebook Live:**

**Monday Messages with Del**  
**10:00 am**

**Join Prayer with Lola**  
**Wednesdays at 10:00 am.**

**Thursdays watch**  
**Fireside Fellowship at**  
**10:00 am.**

**Watch The Journey**  
**the first**  
**Saturday at 10:00 am.**

**Watch the Forge the**  
**second & third Saturday's**  
**at 10:00 am.**

**Watch Moments the fourth**  
**Saturday at 10:00 am.**

**Visit our website**  
<https://thenccu.org/>  
**for daily devotionals and**  
**to tithe with PayPal or a**  
**credit card.**

**Want to become a member?**  
**Call to get your Membership**  
**Covenant and become an**  
**active member of NCCU.**  
**360-898-7855**

**Game Time**  
**Noon**  
**Last Wednesday of**  
**the month...**  
**Worship Center**

**Looking to become**  
**baptized? Sign up in the**  
**office for baptism in July**  
**or August.**



*Our Purpose:  
Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim  
the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and  
sanctification of all people.*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Accepting Food Bank donations ONGOING						1 The Journey 10:00 Facebook Live Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm Zoom
2 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am Communion	3 Fundraiser Kay Shin 360-801-2662 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live	4 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	5 Hands For Christ 11:00 am-1:00 pm Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live	6 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live	7 Prayer Group 9:30 am ZOOM	8 The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live
9 Worship 8:30 ONLINE Facebook Live In-person service 10:30 am	10 Monday Messages with Del 10:00 am Facebook Live Loss of a Loved One Grief Support 3:00pm-4:30 pm	11 Transformative prayer 11:00 am contact Ron Wood 253-732-6703 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	12 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live	13 Fireside Fellowship 10:00 Facebook Live	14 Prayer Group 9:30 am ZOOM	15 The Forge 10:00 am Facebook Live
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