We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**The Love of The Father [live call in: (865) 215-4337]**

Christians all agree that much that motivates us in our lives is the Love of our Father in Heaven. I hope this lesson can increase our appreciation for the Love our Father in Heaven has for us!

The bond of a Father and his son can sometimes be a very special, especially when the son is proud of his father and the father is proud of his son. We can see some of that in the event that happened in **Genesis Chapter 22:1-14**. Here we see the long awaited (25 years) only begotten son of Abraham; the child of promise from which a great nation and the Savior of the world would come; willingly obeyed his father through an event that most fathers and children would have avoided. We talk about this event often, but have we considered how proud Abraham must have been of his son Isaac?

Now I want us to consider some things that Jesus did that made His Father proud.

• With the scribes and priests (**Luke 2:45-52**)

• When he was baptized (**Matthew 3:17, Luke 3:21-22**)

• Moments of temptation (**Matthew 4:1-11**)

• Moments when He broke down barriers of man (**John chapter 4**)

• Moments when Jesus showed extreme compassion (**Luke 5:12-13, 7:11-15, John 9:35-41**)

• Heartfelt prayers to His Father, can you imagine? (**Matt 14:22-23, Luke 6:12, John chapter 17**)

• Moments of extraordinary teaching, so many examples including Sermon on Mount (**Matt 22:15-22**)

• His way of life (**John 8:29, Matthew 17:5**)

• His willingness to forgive (**Luke 23:34**)

When our child does something very special, we treasure those moments and our hearts swell with pride. Jesus was indeed a special child to His Father! And then when our child has moments where they really need our help or they sincerely ask for our help, we react by being willing to do anything we possibly can to help our son or daughter, our grandson or granddaughter, our niece or nephew, or our spiritual children in our spiritual family. Many times we go to extraordinary lengths to help them, because we truly love them!

This perfect son, Jesus, pleads for His Father’s help (**Matthew 26:37-44, Mark 14:32-36**)

And this time The Father could not help His Son (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21, 1 Peter 2:21-24, 1 John 2:2, 4:8-10**). He could not rescue His Son from the cross because He knew His Son dying for us was the only way we could be redeemed from our sins! All because of God’s extraordinary love for all of mankind!

**CLOSE** – **Ephesians 2:4-5, Romans 5:6-11**

Truly God gave the world His Perfect Only Begotten Son – Love beyond human comprehension!

What about you?

Are you willing to give your life to Him?

Are you willing to obey Him, even when it requires sacrifice?

***\*God gave use His Son and we owe Him our lives!***

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you! Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; david.barry@oakridgechurch.com, murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com; (865) 693-1416.

Our next live program is planned for March 4, 2024 when we plan to study “**Our Words Matter!**” and we hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**