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Instant Rice Instant Oatmeal Pop-Tarts/Breakfast Bars  
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*"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."*

## The 'Syndrome' Syndrome

by Travis L. Quertermous

The concept of sin has all but disappeared in our society. We have become quite skilled in justifying our sins. It seems we can always find an excuse or a person to blame our lack of self-control on.

People are often told they're not responsible for their sinful choices because they're sick or have an addiction or a syndrome of some kind. In other words, we have a 'syndrome' syndrome!

Adam and Eve blamed each other, God, and the serpent (Gen. 3:8-19). Aaron (Ex. 32:21-24), King Saul (1 Sam. 15:13-15), and the Jews in Babylonian Captivity (Ezek. 18:1-3) all played "the blame game" and pretended to be victims instead of sinners, exposing the true sickness within themselves.

Ezekiel declared, "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him" (Ezek. 18:20). Paul taught, "For we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The only cure for sin is godly repentance coupled with the blood of Christ.

Let each of us be responsible for our own choices seeking forgiveness and transformation from God. Let us not play the blame game with each other and God, nor become 'victims' of the 'syndrome' syndrome. This is a glimpse of healthy spirituality that could help move churches to greater spiritual growth and stability.

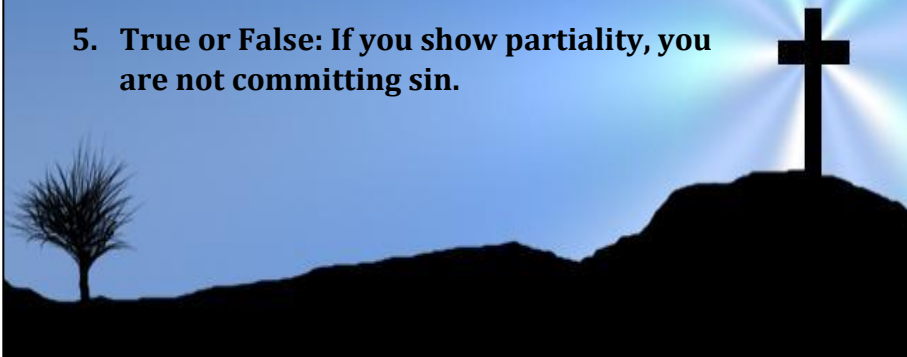
	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	David Brightwell	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
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**Self-Served**

### Bible Quiz: James 2:5-9

1. "Has not God chosen the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world to be \_\_\_\_\_ in faith and \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom..."
2. True or False: God has promised the kingdom to those who love Him.
3. Those who oppress Christians blaspheme that "\_\_\_\_\_ name by which you are called."
4. What does James call the principle, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself?"
5. True or False: If you show partiality, you are not committing sin.



<b>Prayer List</b>			
<b>Military:</b> Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington, Blake Johnson			
<b>Officers:</b> Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe			
<b>Health:</b>	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Nick & Mary Kosmitis	Bob & Arlene Davidson		
<b>Nursing Home:</b> Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper			

<b>August Birthdays</b>		
Ashlyn Beebe 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melba Gillihan 4 <sup>th</sup>	John Smith 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lucille Linn 9 <sup>th</sup>	Charlene Langston 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tiffany Webb 10 <sup>th</sup>
Holly Cooper 12 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Beebe 13 <sup>th</sup>	Brent Qualls 15 <sup>th</sup>
Abe Cooper 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Love 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Vest 20 <sup>th</sup>
Diane Zook 20 <sup>th</sup>	Madeline Sipe 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jimmie Young 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Dottie McWherter 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jordan Kimble 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ramona Qualls 26 <sup>th</sup>
Roby Cooper 26 <sup>th</sup>	Laine Wagoner 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sarena Young 28 <sup>th</sup>
Shawna Teegarden 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 <sup>st</sup>	

<b>August Anniversaries</b>		
Doug & Madeline Sipe 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Ronnie & Sallie Adkisson 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 <sup>rd</sup>	David & Joyce Clark 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**2 Peter 1:5-8, "Applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. If these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful."**