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# COMPASS

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

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Alan Judd  
Ken Mears

**Missionaries:** (India)

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

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**March 17, 2019**

## SECOND QUARTER CLASSES

**Q1 Bible Classes end Sunday, March 24.**

**Between Quarter Congregational Singing**  
Wednesday, March 27.

**Q2 Bible Classes begin Sunday, March 31.**

Adult Bible Class sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer. We will have different offerings on Sundays & Wednesdays, so please sign up for both a Sunday morning class and a Wednesday evening class. Sign up soon!

Adult class offerings are:

- **Sundays**

**Alan Judd:** Ordinary Men, Extraordinary Mission  
(A Study of the Apostles)

**Ken Mears:** The Destructive Nature of Sin  
(A Study of Lamentations)

**Jon Tatum:** Lessons from Selected Psalms

- **Wednesdays**

**Alan Judd:** Press to the Prize, part 2  
(A Study of Philippians).

**Ken Mears:** The Metaphors of Paul  
(A Study of the Figurative Language Used by Paul).

**Mickey Young:** The Life & Times of Joseph.



# GLORY TO CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

Alan Judd

“To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:21)

This verse is the closing line of Paul’s prayer recorded in **Ephesians 3:14-21**. This epistle has at least eight references to glory. In chapter one, Paul mentions this concept in verses 6, 12, 14, 17, and 18. How does the church bring glory to our Lord? The book of Ephesians provides instruction to show us how to do this. Let’s study the suggestions Paul provides for us on how to bring glory to the Lord in the church.

**[1] Promote Grace.** *Ephesians 2:5* informs that by grace we have been saved. Since God is gracious and merciful in forgiving us, we should forgive one another—*Ephesians 4:32*. Our preaching and teaching must boldly declare our reliance and rejoicing on the grace of Christ that makes our salvation possible. When recipients of grace, show grace, God is glorified!

**[2] Pursue Peace.** *Ephesians 2:14* teaches that the source of peace is Jesus. It was His purpose in coming (vs. 15) and the content of His preaching (vs. 17). As people who have peace with God, we should pursue peace in all our relationships with others, and by so doing we glorify God!

**[3] Preserve Unity.** *Ephesians 4:3* is an injunction not to be ignored. Christians have been added to the one body of Christ, the church (*Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4*). Our focus must not be on self, but it must remain zeroed in on Christ, and when His will is obeyed and unity preserved, God is glorified!

**[4] Put Off Sin.** *Ephesians 4:22* is the expected procedure disciples of the Lord will follow. The old sinful self is removed, and the new self of righteousness is granted to those obedient to the Gospel. Leaving the deeds of darkness (*Ephesians 4:22-5:7*) involves more than a one-time act. It involves pursuing righteousness and sanctification day by day, and when the children of God live as children of light (*Ephesians 5:15-6:9*), God is glorified!

**[5] Passionate Worship.** *Ephesians 5:18* supplies the source for our enthusiasm. Filled with the Spirit of God through constantly studying His Word will produce hearts and minds that overflow with grateful worship and praise. Worshipping in spirit and truth glorifies God!

**[6] Proclaiming the Gospel.** *Ephesians 6:19* records the desire of Paul to continue his efforts in making known the mystery of the Gospel. Paul had spent extended time in Ephesus and had traveled weary miles throughout the region, but he was not about to quit if there were those who had not heard and believed. Today, there are still multitudes of people at home and abroad who have not heard the saving good news. When the Gospel is proclaimed to a lost and dying world, God is glorified!

**[7] Pray.** *Ephesians 6:18* affirms the regular practice of Paul and his desire for the Ephesian Christians. Prayer is appropriate and needful in any and all circumstances. God longs to hear the prayers of His people, and when we pray, God is glorified! It was a prayer that we began with and now end with: “To Him be glory in the church!” Glorify Him today!

## HEAD VS. HEART

**Derek Broome**

If you have been online a lot over the past decade, you have probably seen one of those personality quizzes that pop up online or on social media. Personally, I think these quizzes are fun, and it is a little exciting to see what the results will be each time. Most of these quizzes are designed to figure out if you are more introverted or extroverted, or to see if you rely on facts or emotions to make your decisions. Many people will get a result at one end of the spectrum or the other, and some will find themselves right in the middle. For me, the questionnaires usually come back with a similar answer. I am always somewhere in the middle. Basically, I am introverted, extroverted, factual and emotional all at the same time. I say all of this to say, each one of us is different in how we process information and how we interact with people in the world.

Growing up, I was raised by great Christian parents and was surrounded by a wonderful Church family. My parents and teachers taught me the importance of facts and truth while at the same time showed me the love, compassion, and passion that can come out of the heart of a true servant of God. While I truly believe I was taught and shown clearly what it means to be a true servant of God, it has not always been easy to be both factual and filled with emotion.

In the “Christian” culture in the United States, some people are under the impression that a true Christian is solely fact-based and never emotional. Others believe that a real Christian needs to rely more on their emotions and use facts as just a partial guide. Within the Church, there are congregations and individuals that some would label to be liberal or progressive and other congregations and individuals that others would label to be conservative or traditional. So, which is it? Should I just rely on facts? Should I mainly use my emotions? Is there another option?

In Acts 2:37-47, when the people on the day of Pentecost realized they had crucified the Christ, they were “cut to the heart”. These three thousand souls heard the Truth of the Gospel, and it changed them intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally. They repented and were baptized for the remission of their sins and were added to the Church by the Lord. As they began to live their Christian lives, they would demonstrate truth, faith, love, and passion. They were filled with the Truth of the Word as well as emotion. They hated sin but loved souls. Isn't this how we are supposed to be?

Now some of you may be thinking about your own personality. You may be more introverted than extroverted. Or maybe you are more facts-based than emotion-based. Some of you may even be like me and fall somewhere in the middle. But no matter what kind of personality you have, that does not change the facts of the Gospel nor does it change the heart and passion that we are to have as His children.

The Word of God is not to be changed or watered down to fit our emotions, and we cannot be so fearful of emotion that we take the heart out of Christianity. Our goal should not be to be known as a liberal or a conservative, but we should instead seek to be known as Christians that follow the truth of the Word and do so out of a loving and passionate heart.