

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



## *The Correspondent*

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### Love Covers a Multitude of sins

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I'll cover for you." This phrase can mean many things in many contexts. It may mean that someone will take your shift at work. It may mean that someone will try to hide some wrong behavior of another. What does Peter mean when he said, "above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8)

First, love covers sin in the sense that it forgives sin. Jesus commanded us to go to a brother who has sinned against us, if they listen to us we have gained our brother (Matthew 18:15). There are two implications in that passage. One, the brother repents (hears us). Two, we then must forgive them. A crucial aspect of forgiveness is that we no longer hold it against that person. The word Peter uses in Matthew 18:21 which is translated as "forgive" means "to send away" or "to let go" (Strong's). This word can even be used in the sense or context of a man divorcing his wife. To forgive is to divorce the sin from the one who sinned. True love and forgiveness does not keep a record of the sins committed (1 Corinthians 13:5)

Second, love covers sins in the sense that love conceals the sin. We see this concept in Matthew 18:15-17. This passage sets forth a three-step process in dealing with sin. First there is to be a private discussion between the involved parties. If that is unsuccessful, then two or three others are to be informed of the situation, and they all speak to the guilty party. If that is unsuccessful, then they congregation is to be informed, and they all then have a responsibility to speak to the one who sinned. If that is unsuccessful then fellowship is to be withdrawn. But what if they listen to the one they sinned against? No one ever needs to know about it. True love keeps the matter quiet and private.

Third, love does this for a multitude of sins. This is the heart with which we should approach every sin every time. This is also seen in Matthew 18:21-22. When Peter asks if there is a limit on the number of sins we must forgive Jesus informs him that there is not. No matter how many times one sins against us we continue to forgive and conceal.

Are you loving with the kind of love that covers a multitude of sins?

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#### Apron Brigade

November 18, 9:00 AM



#### Thanksgiving Boxes

November 22



*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8*

**THE NEW SELF PART 3**

Colossians 3:11-12

- Understanding our Identity- v. 11-12
  - ◇ No longer based on human distinctions- v. 11, Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:18-4:1, Romans 2:11, Colossians 3:3
  - ◇ God's chosen ones- v. 12, Ephesians 1:4-5
  - ◇ Holy- v. 12, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Hebrews 12:14
  - ◇ Beloved- v. 12, 1 Thessalonians 1:4
- Living Like It- v. 12
  - ◇ Compassionate hearts- Matthew 9:36, 9-13, Romans 12:15
  - ◇ Kindness- Galatians 6:10, Matthew 25:31-46, 1 Peter 4:9
  - ◇ Humility- Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3
  - ◇ Meekness- 1 Peter 2:23
  - ◇ Patience- 2 Timothy 3:10-12, Matthew 10:22, Revelation 2:10

**Worship Service****Announcements**

Song: 619 Take Time to Be Holy

**Prayer**

Song: 203 Hallelujah! What a Savior!

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

Song: 499 O to Be Like Thee!

Song: 761 Where He Leads, I'll Follow (Vs. 1-3)

**Scripture Reading:** Colossians 3:11-12**Sermon**

Song: 125 Do You Know My Jesus?

Song: 611 Take the Name of Jesus with You (Vs. 2)

**Prayer****Colossians 3:11-12**

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 meekness  
 longsuffering

**Colossians 3:11-12 (NKJV)**

- <sup>11</sup> where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

**Why Worship?**

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*